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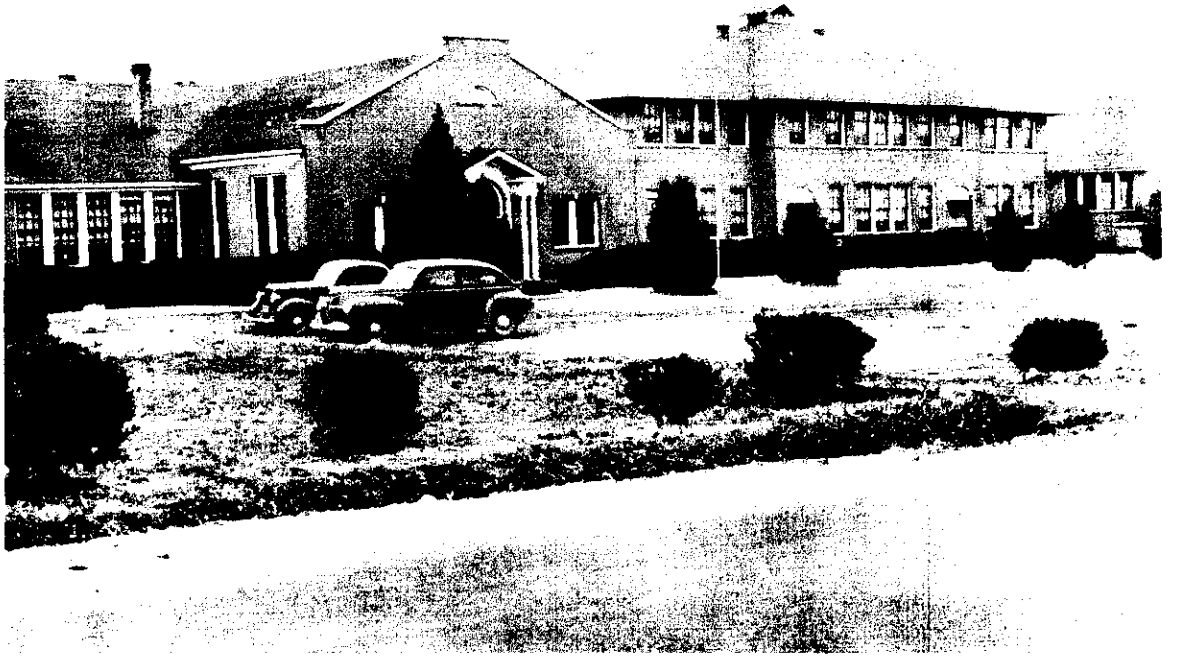

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CARROLL, EASTERLING, RYLANT JOIN TEACHING STAFF

Miss Katherine Carroll, Mr. Charles Easterling, and Mrs. Sue Rylant will be the new teachers instructing Blythewood students during the coming year. Mr. John Wilson will be serving in the math department until a teacher can be secured.

Miss Carroll, a Winthrop College graduate, is from Rock Hill. She was an English major and has taught in the Atlanta City Schools.

Mr. Easterling was an English and music major in college. He expects to begin work on his masters degree at the University of South Carolina soon.

A graduate of Alabama State College, Mrs. Rylant will be teaching the first grade. She has taught in Alabama and Texas. Her husband is in the Armed Forces and is stationed at Fort Jackson.

Mr. Wilson, a Blythewood graduate, is a senior at Harvard College in Boston. He plans to major in engineering.

TEACHERS NEEDED!

Blythewood is in a desperate need of a history and math teacher for the 1967-68 school year.

Mr. W.C. Rorer, principal, and Mrs. Eleanor Hull, director of instruction for the district, have been working all summer trying to secure teachers to fill these positions.

The situation at Blythewood is typical of all schools. The search is being persued relentlessly and will continue until these positions can be filled.

BLYTHEWOOD WELCOMES YOU!

The staff and sponsors of BLYTHE-WORDS would, in this abbreviated issue, like to welcome the new students and teachers to Blythewood High and to wish for them a rewarding and satisfying year. To those who are more familiar with large schools, life at Blythewood High will be a rather unique experience. New students encounter a situation in which everybody knows everybody else, a situation which leads to better understanding among students, and among students and teachers would likely discover more opportunities to develop qualities of leadership than they would discover at a larger school.

The staff of BLYTHE-WORDS would like to urge all students, both old and new, to start immediately to make this year a successful one. It would be well for each student to remember that he can gain no more from the year than he puts into it. This applies to athletics, clubs, and most significantly, to educational development.

However, while striving for a successful year, let's not omit one important element. Let's make this an enjoyable year!

INDIANS CLASH WITH RS-M IN SEASON'S OPENER

On Thursday nite at 8 P.M., Blythewood's spirited Braves will lay their reputation on the line when they attempt to calm the Ridge Spring -- Monetta Hurricanes and start another winning season. Led by Herman Boney, Randy Chitwood, Tommy Lancaster, and Ernie Rollison, returning seniors, and Don Crone and Taussig Moak, the team includes 12 lettermen.

"Our strongest point," commented Tommy Lancaster, "is teamwork. We're not as good as last year but we will be trying. Coach is doing his best to make this a winning season and gives more than is expected of his time and effort."

"Our biggest rivals are Irmo, Olympia and Cardinal Newman."

Blythewood has had two scrimmages, losing to Winnsboro 0-12, and winning from Bethune 24-13.

Monday - August 28

8:30 - 9:00	Main Room
9:00 - 9:45	Registration
9:45 - 9:50	Break
9:50 - 10:10	1st period
10:10 - 10:30	2nd period
10:30 - 10:50	3rd period
10:50 - 11:10	4th period
11:10 - 11:30	5th period
11:30 - 11:50	6th period
11:50	Dismissal

Tuesday - August 29

8:30 - 9:45	Book Rental
9:45 - 9:50	Break
9:50 - 10:10	1st period
10:10 - 10:30	2nd period
10:30 - 10:50	3rd period
10:50 - 10:55	Break
10:55 - 11:15	4th period
11:15 - 11:35	5th period
11:35 - 12:00	6th period
12:00	School dismisses

BLYTHEWOOD FUTURE HOMEMAKERS PRESENT SKIT

Recently the Blythewood chapter for Future Homemaker of America presented a skit entitled "Planning Our Year's Work" at a district meeting of home economics teachers.

Participating in the skit were Brenda Lewis, Gwen Haygood, Donna Johnson, Susan Brown, Mary Nell Smith, and Mrs. Billie Mackey, advisor.

The program was presented as an executive committed meeting, taking place sometime during the summer. The girls stressed the national objective of F.H.A. and also its two projects.

"Leisure Time--Constructive Time," and "Making Your Money Behave," illustrating them with some very unique posters.

Committees and their goals and projects were outlined as well as the programs for the twelve monthly program meetings held during the year. Plans for completion of the yearbook were also discussed.

Mrs. Mackey completed the skit by adding, "We hope that wherever you are small town or big city, you will strife to make this a wonderful year for FHA."

CHEERLEADERS PREPARE FOR FOOTBALL SEASON

"We're gonna fight with all our might we're gonna win Thursday night!" rang out this year's B.H.S. cheerleaders during one of their many summer practices. The cheerleaders have worked hard since their practices began early in June.

Cheering for Blythewood this year will be Brenda Lewis, head cheerleader, Debbie Owens, Judy McLean, and Shirley Chavis, all seniors; Mary Nell Smith, Betty Peavy and Marquerite Wilson, juniots; Bonny Amaker, Jeanie Owens, and Christin Meetze, sophomores and Mrs. Mackey, is their sponsor.

The Sqaws have developed new and colorful cheers which will aid school spirit and add enthusiasm to pep rallies and games. Plans are being made for a booklet of cheers to be sold to the students.

Jeanie Owens and Bonny Amaker attended Camp Pla-Mor, a cheerleader camp at Windy Hill Beach, these girls secured many new ideas from other schools concerning cheers, pep rallies and money raising projects.

"In addition," Bonny said "We got sunburned, blisters on our feet and plenty of aching muscles."

A cheerleader must be a rising sophomore and have a C average to qualify.

LEWIS ATTENDS CONVENTION

Brenda Lewis, Senior Co-president of F.H.A., attended the F.H.A. National Convention in Los Angeles, California, from July 8-July 16.

The headquarters for the convention was supposed to have been the Biltmores Hotel but because the hotel was occupied with members of another convention, FHAer's went to another hotel that had been vacant for ten years. But the stay was only one night.

Sunday brought a busy day of sight-seeing for Brenda. A tour of Beverly Hills was scheduled. Then on Monday the convention began and lasted until Thursday. Paul Peterson, who plays Jeff on the Donna Reed Show, was one of the quests. Paul did not impress Brenda.

On Friday the group went to Disneyland and stayed at the Disneyland Hotel.

Saturday morning Brenda met Snow White, Commenting on Snow White Brenda Said, "She was very pretty and she looked the way you would picture her to." Before returning to Blythewood, Brenda went on a shopping spree and bought a mini dress and shoes. Saturday she left at one o'clock and returned home Sunday night.

MRS. HUNT CROONS LULLABY

"Lullaby and good night" croons Mrs. Carole Hunt to John Britt Hunt, the newest addition to her family. Britt, who weighs eight pounds, two ounces, arrived at the Providence Hospital on Tuesday, August 9, at 8 a.m.

Mrs. Hunt reports that Britt is the "nicest baby in the world." Many people feel that Britt looks exactly like Mrs. Hunt except for his black hair.

For three years Mrs. Hunt taught English and art at Blythewood and was cheerleader sponsor.

The faculty and students at Blythewood congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt.

BLYTHEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL--
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Homecoming Set For Tonight

Blythewood will observe its annual Homecoming tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Eau Claire football field with the Indians meeting Spartanburg Day School.

Contestants for Homecoming Queen will sponsor for the senior and junior football players: Debbie Owens for Herman Boney, Marguerite Wilson for Randy Chitwood, Jeannie Owens for Don Davis, Brenda Lewis for Tommy Lancaster, Mary Hammons for Ernie Rollison, and Ruth Rimer for Elbert Branham.

Also, Mary Ellen Raines for Erwin Branham, Shirley Chavis for Troy Branham, Mary Nell Smith for Donald Crone, Marvie Peake for Larry Freeman, and Lynn Wilson for Kyle Meadows.

Robin Bush, former all-star guard and student body president from Blythewood, will serve as Master of Ceremonies, and Mr. Havird and Mr. Rorer will crown the new Homecoming Queen. The mascots, Donna Jean Roddey and Edmund Monteith, will also participate in crowning ceremonies at halftime.

The classes of 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, and 1967 will have their reunions in a designated portion of the stands.

The Block "B" Girls and Boys will sponsor a drop-in after the game at the home of Ronnie Huggins.

HOMECOMING 1967

Carl Muller Elected District II Chairman

Carl Muller was elected chairman of District II of the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association at a meeting held last Friday at the Eau Claire High School. District II includes Richland, Lexington, Calhoun, Orangeburg, and Bamberg Counties.

Carl is vice-president of the junior class and the Library Club, secretary of the Senior Beta Club, and a member of the Drivers' Club.

"No Time For Skirts"

"No Time for Skirts", a comedy in one act, will be one of the highlights of the Harvest Festival to be held on November 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The setting of the play is the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Horst (Inky Morris and Mary Nell Smith) and their teenage children (Brenda Price and Carl Muller).

For the complete story of who is in the play and what each does, come see it on November 10.

Teachers, Parents Announce Festival Plans

Teachers and parents, working co-operatively on each committee, are planning the following activities for the Harvest Festival; country store, pitching pennies, spook house, food booth, bingo, fish pond, basketball throw, milk bottle throw, pastry shop, girlie show, and a rock & roll show. A special children's movie will be shown in room #4.

The evening will be high-lighted by the crowning of the Harvest King and Queen, for the high school and elementary school.

R.W. Harrell, Jr., will be the Master of Ceremonies.

CAMBRIDGE COMMITTEE CHOSES DISTRICT II FOR STUDY

Dr. Paul F. Ross and Dr. Charles C. Halbower recently completed a survey of the schools in District II. District II was one of eight districts in the nation selected for study.

These two men are representatives from Arthur C. Little of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Their purposes were to observe teaching practices, to learn what changes have been made and what brought about these changes.

In the hour and a half interview with eighteen teachers and staff members, the representatives expressed an interest in the South Carolina closed circuit television network and also the reading program that is now offered in all District II schools. Dr. Ross was impressed with the amount of freedom the teachers have and the co-operation they get when trying out new and different teaching methods. Dr. Ross stated that in New York, as well as other northern cities, the teachers had to have special permission to deviate even the least bit from standard practices.

A summary of this report will be given in January.

Miss Anne Rorer represented Blythewood in the survey.

Students Queried On Blythe-Words' Content

By Jackie Lee

Students at Blythewood were asked recently, "What would you like to read in BLYTHE-WORDS?" Here are some of the comments from several of the students.

Lynn Wilson, president of the junior class, notes, "I like to read interviews about things which are of interest to the teenagers of today. Articles about people who have done something outstanding at school also interest me.

Mary Hammons, a newcomer at Blythewood, says, "Things which happened in school ten or more years ago would make interesting reading, I believe."

"I would enjoy feature articles and amusing anecdotes," states Inky Morris, junior class reporter.

Debbie Davis, treasurer of the student body, explains, "I enjoy reading the most outstanding incidents that happen at school and also those things which interest today's teenagers."

Is Rock-And-Roll Here To Stay?

By Lynn Wilson

"Is rock-and-roll music here to stay?" was asked of many Blythewood students during a recent poll of student opinion. They expressed varied views.

Susan Brown, a newcomer at Blythewood, comments, "I like the records of today. As the world changes, I feel music will change, too, but rock-and-roll will still be 'the thing'.

"I enjoy rock-and-roll music, and I think it will stay around as long as there is a younger generation," replies Ronnie Wilson, Student Council president. He adds, "The songs get old fast, but the style and beat of the music will be around many years."

Gwen Haygood, junior president of the FHA, states, "I think some of the records today are pretty 'neat'. In my opinion, teenagers will always prefer this type of music."

Judy McLean, Girls' Block "B" president, answers, "I like today's sound and I believe rock-and-roll will remain as long as there are teenagers."

"I feel rock-and-roll music will always exist in one form or another," says Jackie Lee, vice-president of the Student Council. "This music has rhythm and beat and I enjoy it," continues Jackie.

Ronnie Huggins, a junior, disagrees. He explained, "I prefer rock-and-roll, but I don't thing it will continue to be as popular as it it today."

PEP CLUB

Boosts School Spirit

To promote school spirit, the Pep Club has been sponsoring a spirit banner contest this week. The banners will be used at the Homecoming festivities.

Each homeroom will contribute a banner which will be judged on neatness, originality, color content, and boldness of print The homeroom of the winning banner will receive a gift.

Recently, the Pep Club elected new officers for the coming year. They are as follows: president, Brenda Lewis; vice-president, Lynn Wilson; secretary Debbie Owens; treasurer, Brenda Price.

Brenda Lewis Presents Program

Brenda Lewis, state parliamentarian of the FHA, presented a program to the FHA concerning her trip to the national FHA convention in Los Angeles. She showed slides of various points of interest she saw in California and told about several of her experiences.

Serving as officers of the local FHA chap. are Brenda Lewis and Gwen Haygood, co-presidents. Mary Nell Smith, vice-president, Bonny Amaker, secretary, Carolyn Hall treasurer, Betty Peavy, parliamentarian, Judy McLean, chairman of recreation, Shirley Chavis, reporter, and Marguerite Wilson, chairman of projects. Mrs. Billie Mackey is sponsor.

EXCHANGE PAPERS LISTED

BLYTHE-WORDS is exchanging school papers with ten schools this year in addition to THE STUDENT PRESS BULLETIN in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Barton, Cureton and Blair of Columbia.

Three out of state papers are from Cleveland High School, Cleveland, Oklahoma, Tomah Senior High, Tomah, Wisconsin, and Silver Lake High, Silver Lake, Kansas.

The schools in South Carolina are as follows: Chapin High, Swansea High, Fort Mill High, Seneca High, T.L. Hanna High, Winnsboro High and Dillon High.

The exchange papers are in the typing room and the students are welcome to read them.

Some of the things students do elsewhere are new to the Blythewood students but sound interesting. . . Many activities are the same.

FROM THE EDITOR

A Word Spoken For Driver Education

"Hey,Dad,what about letting me have the car Friday Night? There's this girl in history class that I want to date."

"Well, I don't really think you've had enough driving experience yet, son; I think perhaps you should wait awhile 'til I've had a chance to help you more."

Boys, did you ever get an answer like this? Well, beginning next year you may have something to back up your claims of being an expert driver.

All secondary schools in South Carolina must have a driver education program next year: It will be purely elective,and will include both classroom instruction and behind the wheel training. With a driver-training course under your belt,insurance rates will go down, and maybe your Dad's concern for your safety will too.

Driver education will be a one semester course; car dealers will furnish cars for student use with the school's only cost lying in the gasoline, maintenance, and insurance.

Ranking near the top of the nation in accidents and highway deaths, South Carolina is finally attempting to decrease her fatalities. The South Carolina legislators should be commended for this wise move.

A final word: Maybe if you,the students can manage neither to kill nor be killed during the next year, you will learn enough to enable you to survive your adult years. Perhaps during your lifetime South Carolina will become a leader in accident prevention rather than the state which holds down the bottom.

Is It Worth The Price?

"Man, did we have a blast the other night! Me and a bunch of the guys went out to the fair and got so drunk we couldn't see straight. And old Tom! You should've seen him driving his car home! He was weaving all over the road. He had as much control over that car as you've got over the temperature. We told him he was on the wrong side of the road and that dunce believed us.About that time we met a car. Was he scared! We laughed so hard we almost died."

Is this similar to something you have heard during the past several weeks? Do you and your friends take this attitude toward drinking and driving? If you do,it is time for a thorough examination of your attitudes and values.If you get your kicks out of damaging your health and risking your life, at least try to do it in a way that will not endanger others.

Alcohol is useless; it wastes money, impairs mental facilities,and poisons the body. History recounts the sad stories of scores of men who had enormous potential in writing,music,and science,but who used alcohol as a crutch. They destroyed themselves trying to solve their problems by resorting to the bottle.

Mixing drinking with driving has as much future as skydiving without a parachute. If you or your friends make a practice of going on cute little trips like one mentioned above, later accounts may well go something like this:

"Did you hear about the awful accident? Tom and the boys went out and got drunk. On the way home, Tom lost control of the car and ran head on with an oncoming car. He is the only one alive, and the doctors say he may not ever have the use of his legs again.I figured something like that would happen sooner or later."

As a certain song goes, "It's your life and you can do what you want" with it. However, you'd better be sure that's the way you want it.

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COACH POLCARI:

Recognizes Staff

Coach Ralph Polcari, who has coached at Blythewood for many years, commenting on his staff and managers, expressed a great deal of pride.

Mr. G.W.Styles has been on Mr.Polcari's staff for four years and has attended nearly every football game that Blythewood has played during those years. Mr. Styles began aiding Mr. Polcari when his oldest son Jerry, who graduated from Blythewood last year, began playing for the Indians. He keeps such records as the fumbles lost and gained, passes attempted and passes completed and yardage statistics.

Coach Polcari has also given much credit to his managers.They are Houston Cook, Donnie Ray Bass,Larry Branham,Edward Entzminger,and Jimmy Sharpe.To have an organized football squad, these boys must execute tape ups, take water to the players at time outs and shine the game balls.

Others who have assisted Mr.Polcari are Carl Brown and William Huthchinson.

GIRLS' BLOCK "B" HAS FIVE NEW MEMBERS

Betty Peavy,Ruth Rimer,Sara Cooper,Marguerite Wilson,and Marvie Peake, all juniors, are new members of the Girls' Block "B" Club. They were initiated into the club at the end of the last school year.

Serving as officers this year are Judy McLean, president, Mary Nell Smith, vice-president, Brenda Price, secretary, Mary Ellen Rain[illegible] treasurer, and Marvie Peake, reporter.

The girls, assisted by the Boys' Block "B" Club,are helping with Homecoming.

WANTED: Enthusiastic Fans

Betty Peavy

"Pep,pep you gotta have pep,"chants the cheerleaders.What gives a team pep?One vital ingredient is a well-filled stadium of enthusiastic fans!The shrieking cheerleaders need some more volume that is derived only from loyal supporters with strong vocal cords.

Where are the Indian boosters? One can tell there is no spirit when the bleachers are bleakly staring at the playing field. Their spirits may be present but their bodies are not visible.

Real school spirit prevails during losing and winning seasons and regular game attendance.

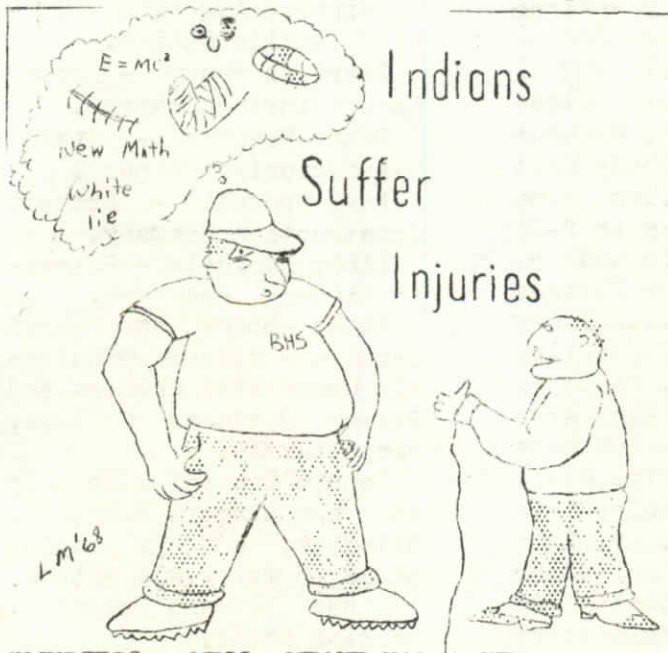
Mr. Easterling, music teacher, pleads, "Cool it,troops,and come out to the game!"

Our Cheerleaders

(The Greatest Show on Earth)

By Eugene Jones

Up and down! Twist and shout!
In blue and white the cheerleaders come out.
They cheer us on as you can see;
They're the greatest, yessiree!
Com'on Fight! Com'on Team!
See them lead a war whoop scream.
See 'em jump; See 'em yell;
Com'on team let's fight like--well.
The game is over; we have won--
And the yelling and cheering were part of the fun.
But let's give thanks--'cause there's none sweeter
Than our own wonderful, cheering, cheerleaders.



INJURIES?...WELL, WE'VE HAD A FEW.....

Indians Suffer Injuries

Numerous injuries ranging from sprained ankles to severe shoulder dislocation have done much to reduce the effectiveness of the Blythewood football team.

Ernie Rollison,after receiving a shoulder injury in the Blythewood-Swansea game was taken to the hospital where,after undergoing surgery, was bed-ridden for two weeks. Ernie will not be able to play any more this year.

This is a blow to the team because Ernie was one of its best running backs. He had above average speed and ability as a ball carrier.

Last year, Ernie averaged eight yards a carry and so far this season had scored two of the team's few touchdowns.

Luckily, injuries sustained by Randy Chitwood in practice have healed after he had missed a few weeks of play.He has returned to his position of guard and center.

"Punkin" Did Not Attend State Fair

For the first time in five years, "Punkin" did not attend the State Fair.

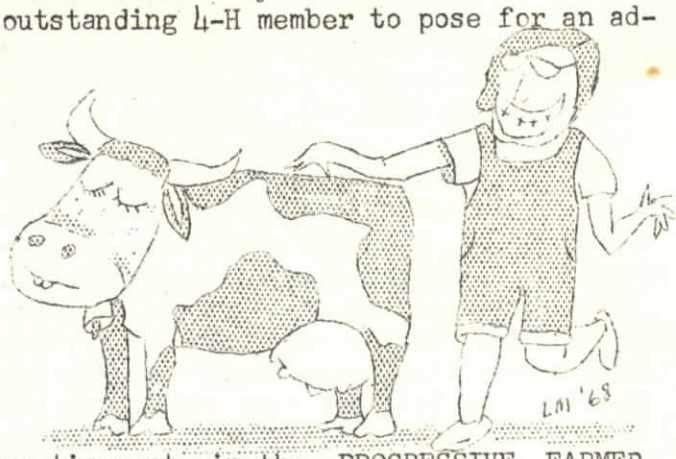
"Punkin", who is a proud winner of 28 ribbons and two trophies,is the prize cow of Brenda Price, an active 4-H member.

"Why, she is just like one of the family," commented Brenda when asked her feelings towards her cow. "I spend so much of my time with her--feeding and grooming her--I really wouldn't know what to do without her."

Becoming interested in 4-H at the age of ten, Brenda has worked for the past six years to make 4-H a better organization. "Punkin" has been her main project.

Brenda and "Punkin" have become somewhat of celebreties. To promote National 4-H Week, R.W. Bailey, county agent,asked 4-H members to exhibit their projects at Richland Mall. Brenda and "Punkin" were one of the main attractions.

When Mr. Bailey was asked to secure an outstanding 4-H member to pose for an ad-

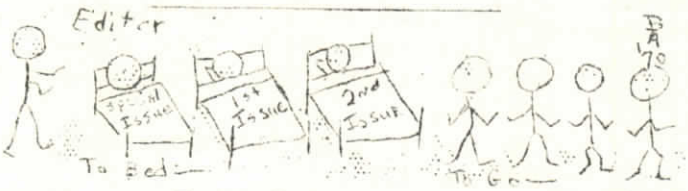


vertisement in the PROGRESSIVE FARMER, ELECTRIC CO-OP,and SOUTH CAROLINA FARMER, he chose Brenda and her cow.

"There's always next year," sighed Brenda; "and, who knows? Maybe we'll be back again, greeting our State Fair friends."

STUDENT DIRECTORY

Students who contributed articles to this issue of BLYTHE-WORDS are Marguerite Wilson, Inky Morris, Ronnie Huggins, Kyle Meadows, Betty Peavy, Lynn Wilson, Brenda Lewis,Peggy Bacon, Jackie Lee,Carl Muller,Hilda Schmit, Brenda Wright, Sandra Davis, Stanley Wilson, Shirley Chavis, Carol Sloan, Hal Reeves, Lee Muller,Jean Riley, Buck Hagood Jeannie Owens,Mary Nell Smith, Judy McLean Bonnie Amaker,Ann Mitchell, Christine Meetze,and Marvie Peake.



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1967 Graduates Secure Employment

Blythewood gratuates of 1967 who have secured jobs are as follows:

Wilbur Wise - Bagnal Builders Supply Company.

Ralph Desso - Bagnal Builders Supply Company.

Jerry Styles - Sloan Construction Company.

Herbert Freeman - Nylflock Division of Heplon.

Blake Branham - Allied Chemical.

Tim Mattox - Walker Heating and Plumbing.

Margaret Anderson - Economy Textile Outlet.

Patricia Peavy - Stone Manufacturing Company.

Betty Branham - Stone Manufacturing Company.

Levi Brazell - Brazell Construction Company.

Libby Langdale - Palmetto Finance, Beaufort.

Linda Boney and Cheryl Faust are attending Columbia Commercial College and Palmer Business College, respectively.

Donnie Lancaster is helping her sister, Delcie L. Swindler, and is making plans to marry Tim Mattox.

Linda Legrand Wright is keeping house.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS
NOVEMBER 23-27

BLYTHEWOOD ADDS PORTABLE CLASSROOM

An air-conditioned classroom, occupied by Mrs. Frances Riley and her first grade, is an addition to the Blythewood campus.

Last year's graduating class has contributed a sign with the school's name; the class of '67 left money for this project and their donation will be used in erecting the sign.

The school has purchased a curtain and cyclorama for the stage as well as a projector for the entire school.

Youth Corps workers painted different areas of the school during the summer.

Rev. Griffith Speaks To Class

The Reverend John Griffith, pastor of the Upper Richland Methodist Charge, was guest speaker at a recent homeroom program of the sophomores.

Mr. Griffith used the Sermon on the Mount as his scripture. He said that each day a person is building--building for an eternity in heaven with God or for an eternity in hades with Satan.

"You are going to have to live in your building, and if you have built a house with a good foundation, you will be living with God in heaven; if you have built a house with a weak foundation, you will never reach God. You, and only you, can make your decision."

Last Friday the program committee of the class presented a film, "Stay Alive", which stressed the importance of driver education in schools. Statistics prove that youths who have had driver education have fewer accidents. According to the film, about seven out of every ten high schools in the county have this training.

Miss Carroll To Be Council Adviser

Miss Carroll is the new Student Council advisor for 67-68.

Activities planned for the near future are installation of the new officers, intramural ball games, the sale of book covers and decals.

The officers for this year are Ronnie Wilson, president; Jackie Lee, vice-president; Diane Thornton, secretary; Debbie Davis, treasurer; and Judy McLean, reporter.

Seniors Receive Rings

Friday was a day of excitement for the members of the senior class. The cause of this excitement was the arrival of class rings.

The rings are smartly designed bearing the Indian emblem and a blue spinel stone upon which an "Old English B" is centered in gold. A few of the seniors chose to have a cut stone with no lettering.

HOME EC II HOLDS DISCUSSIONS

Recently, the Home Economics II class held a round table discussion concerning teenage dating.

The girls invited several guests to join in their discussion. They were the Reverend John Dowling, Mrs. Lellan Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, Mr. R.W. Harrell, Don Davis, Michael Rushing, Stanley Wilson, Lee Muller, Donald Crone, and Shirley Chavis.

Many interesting topics, such as mini-skirts were discussed and some of the answers were surprising. The male members thought that if a girl looked nice in a mini-skirt, she should wear it; but they would not want their wives to wear extremely short dresses.

MRS. HINNANT GIVES LIBRARY REPORT

Blythewood High School has 2129 books and the elementary school has 2115, according to Mrs. Estelle Hinnant, librarian.

High School students made 8838 visits to the library last year and had in circulation 4412 books, making the number of books per student for the year nine plus.

In the elementary grades the students made 11,062 visits to the library, having in circulation 10,062 books, making the average number of books per student eight plus.

Library Club officers include Stanley Wilson, president; Carl Muller, vice-president; Jeannie Owens, secretary; Debbie Owens, treasurer; Lee Muller, historian, and Jackie Lee, reporter.

Former Graduate Receives Honor

Linda McLean, a former Homecoming queen and 1965 graduate of Blythewood High School who was valedictorian of her graduating class, recently received the 1967 Mallineknobt Award at the South Carolina Baptist Hospital. The award is given on the basis of outstanding performance, character, and personality.

Linda received her training at the S.C. Baptist Hospital. At the graduation ceremony, when she received the award, Linda was shocked as they announced that she had been selected for this honor. She was thrilled to accept the award, yet completely surprised.

During the reception following the graduation, Linda was proud as she heard one of the doctors say that they want more girls from Blythewood to enter the profession as their previous experiences have been pleasing ones.

MARINE SPEAKS TO SENIORS

Gunnery Sergeant George Tideman, Jr. of the United States Marine Corps spoke recently to the senior class. With him was his associate, Staff Sergeant John R. Bercain.

Gunnery Sergeant Tideman, a native of Brooklyn, New York, entered the Marine Corps in 1948. The seniors found him to be a most impressive speaker as will as a man of many talents.

"Finish your education first," he advised. "A young man or young lady should continue his or her education if there is an opportunity. But," he added, "if this isn't possible, then the Marine Corp offers everything anyone could desire.

"The Marine Corps is a tough organization of military-minded people. Drill instructors have a difficult job of turning 75 different individuals into a uniform platoon of 'spontaneous obedience' during a six to eight week period of rugged training. The women's training is very similar to the men's. It is not a bed of roses," Gunnery Sergeant Tideman stated in all due fairness.

He ended his informative talk with compliments to all branches of the service stating that "all services are striving for the same goal and it is unfair to think that there is only one branch of service or the face of the earth."

4-H Member Finds New Experience

"I find woodwork a profitable and educationad experience," declares Charles Ballentine, senior 4-H member of the Marguerite Summer Chapter.

Charles chose woodcraft as his chief project among the many projects available to 4-H members.

Making tables is Charles' speciality. As a result of much practice, Charles, takes only three hours to assemble and finish a table.

Charles makes utility, coffee, end, and radio-magazine tables and chests, bird houses, and napkin and letter holders.

Charles displayed his projects at Richland Mall during annual 4-H Week.

STUDENTS PRESENT P-TA PROGRAMS

Brenda Lewis, Carol Sloan, and Stanley Wilson, members of the Senior class, presented a program at the October meeting of the PTA.

Brenda Lewis told about her trip to Los Angeles, California, where she attended the National FHA Convention.

Carol and Stanley gave talks on their experiences and various activities at Girls' and Boys' State. Brenda and Carol attended Girls' State held at the University of South Carolina and Stanley attended Boys' State in Charleston at the Citadel.

Beta Members Write Constitution

Brenda Lewis, Lee Muller, and Mary Nell Smith compose a committee appointed by Stanley Wilson, president, to formulate a constitution for the Blythewood Beta Club.

Carol Sloan, Jennifer Price, and Barbara Brown are eligible for membership in the club.

The Beta Club is continuing its practice of conducting devotions each morning.

Serving with Stanley as president are Mary Nell Smith, vice-president; Carl Muller, secretary; Lee Muller, treasurer, and Brenda Lewis, reporter.

FFA MEMBERS PRESENT TV PROGRAM

Jimmy Sharpe, J. B. Legrand, and R.W. Harrell, Jr., sponsor of the FFA, appeared on a WNOK television program during State Fair week and commented on their impressions of the fair and their activities. Mr. Harrell was in charge of the dairy barn and Jimmy and J.B. helped to take care of the cattle.

The FFA led by Ernie Rollison, president; Elbert Branham, vice-president; Jimmy Sharpe, secretary; Ronnie Wilson, treasurer; Buck Hagood, reporter; and Gene Trapp, sentinel, are planning the initiation of the green hands and the election of an FFA Sweetheart.

Students Take Test

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test was administered to ten students on October 14. The PSAT is a predictor of College Board scores, and possible scores range from 20 to 80.

Sophomores who took the test were Donna Johnson, John Loner, and Diane Thornton. Juniors were Carl Muller, Marguerite Wilson, Lynn Wilson, Kyle Meadows, Donald Lovett, Ronnie Huggins, and Mary Nell Smith.

Results of the test will be received in December.

Drivers' Club Names Officers

Raymond Lancaster will head the Drivers' Club. Don Lovett is vice-president; Christine Pullen, secretary; Don Davis, treasures; Ann Mitchell, reporter, and Hal Reeves, historian.

Bus drivers are Herman Boney, Randy Chitwood, Raymond Lancaster, Tommy Lancaster, Mike Rushing, Hal Reeves, and Ronnie Wilson.

The Drivers' Club is composed of the bus drivers and students who drive cars to school.

~~Mrs. Taylor~~

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Christmas Approaches

Blythewood students will observe the Christmas season.

School will be dismissed on December 15 at 3:15 p.m. and will be resumed Tuesday morning, January 2, 1968.

Junior Betas Serve As Monitors

Junior Betas will serve as hall monitors on a trial basis, beginning with second semester. They will work with the teachers in trying to keep hall traffic to a minimum.

John Eargle, Eddie Morris, Susan Peake, Barbara Sharpe, and Steve Wilson are the new members, and they will be inducted into the club next week. Tommy Eargle, president, will preside over the candlelighting ceremony.

Following the induction of the new members, the entire club will entertain their parents at a drop-in in the library.

Mascots Chosen

Donna Jean Roddey and Edmund Monteith, Jr. were recently chosen as mascots for the senior class.

Donna Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roddey and Edmund is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Monteith.

The mascots will participate in various senior class activities during the year.

Sandra Davis Is Chosen To Receive DAR Award

Sandra Davis has been named recipient of the annual Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award. This award recognizes a senior girl for the qualities of dependability, leadership, service, and patriotism.

As Miss DAR of Blythewood High School, Sandra will receive a certificate from the National Society. She also has a chance of being chosen as a district, state, or national winner.

Sandra is business manager of BLYTHE-SPIRIT, senior class reporter, and business manager of BLYTHE-WORDS. She is also a member of the Drivers' Club and of the Pep Club. After graduation Sandra plans to become a secretary.

Mary Hammons Reigns As Homecoming Queen

Mary Hammons, a new student at Blythewood this year, will reign as the 1968 Homecoming Queen. She was selected by popular vote of the student body and was crowned by Superintendent C.O. Havird, Principal W.C. Rorer, and Patricia Peavy, 1967 Homecoming Queen, during the halftime festivities of the Blythewood-Spartanburg Day School football game.

Mary is a junior who formerly attended Winnsboro High School.

Sponsoring for Ernie Rollison, she wore an orange plaid wool suit with a matching sweater. She had contrasting accessories.

Brenda Lewis, sponsoring for Tommy Lancaster, was selected first runner-up, and Jeannie Owens, sponsoring for Don Davis, was chosen second runner-up.

CHORUS PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Led by Mr. Charles Easterling, the chorus presented a Christmas program for the P-TA Monday night.

The students joined in singing "White Christmas", "Green Cathedral", "O, Come All Ye Faithful", "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day", and other songs of inspiration.

Various members of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes who are members of the fourth period music class comprise the chorus.

The custom of the Christmas tree was introduced into the U.S. by Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of Zion Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Student Council Sells Decals

The student council is selling decals in order to raise money for its projects during the year. The decals may be purchased from the council officers and homeroom presidents for 65 cents each.

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Student Council Officers Are Installed By Principal

Ronnie Wilson, Jackie Lee, Diane Thornton, Debbie Davis and Judy McLean, President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter, respectively, of the Student Council were installed by Principal W.C Rorer at a chapel program on Tuesday.

Stanley Wilson gave the devotions, and Tommy Lancaster led the student body in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

After administering the oaths to the officers, the members of the Student Council, and the student body, Mr. Rorer challenged each member of the student body to do his best to serve the school.

Alma Mater History Reviewed

"Tired of hearing other schools' alma maters and concerned over Blythewood's not having one, Mr. George Smith,a former Beta Club member and a 1945 graduate of Blythewood, wrote our present alma mater," stated Carl Muller during an assembly program presented by the Beta Club last Friday.

The former Gertrude Lomas,now Mrs. Lester Bates, Jr., adapted the tune from a high school alma mater in Florida. Originally, Mr. Smith wrote one stanza but early in the 1960's he wrote a second stanza.

An unusual and an outstanding person,Mr. Smith, played basketball for Blythewood and wrote a play which his senior class produced.He was also one of the first students to complete the twelfth grade at Blythewood.

Stanley Wilson,president of the club, gave the requirements of membership in the National Senior Beta Club which are to reward scholarship,character leadership,and achievement to deserving students.

Carol Sloan and Barbara Brown were then inducted into the club and given a certificate of membership and a Beta Club pin.

Brenda Lewis and Christine Pullen listed the accomplishments of former Beta Club members. Becky Price attends Palmer Business College and is secretary to the administrative assistant of School District II. Nell Branham is doing well at Winthrop and is also active in extracurricular activities.Robin Bush, a senior at the University of South Carolina,plans to graduate in June.

Johnny Wilson is a senior at Harvard and has made the Dean's List each time.

Smith Speaks To Student Body

"Traffic laws are to help you not hinder," quoted Sergeant H. Smith when he spoke to the student body at an assembly program sponsored by the Drivers' Club. He also stated that 968 people were killed last year in South Carolina in traffic accidents.

Reflectorized signs are now being used on highways to lower the rate of traffic accidents. Day time speed is 60 mph; the signs change to 55 mph at night.

"About 5% of boys like to show off," Sergeant H. Smith added, "Everyone makes mistakes, but we should try to make fewer."

Concluding his remarks on a very somber note, Sgt. Smith said,"The hardest part of any patrolman's job is to inform parents of the death of their son or daughter. Statistics show that racing is a contributing factor to accidents.There is no place today in complex traffic for races -- races that often end in death."

JUNIORS ATTEND COLLEGE DAY

"I learned many new and interesting things about different colleges, and their academic requirements," says Jackie Lee, a member of the junior class who attended College Day at Dentsville recently. This was also the opinion of ten other juniors--Marguerite Wilson,Don Lovett, Carl Muller, Mary Nell Smith, Marvie Peake, Inky Morris, Debby Davis,Donald Crone, Ronnie Huggins, and Kyle Meadows.

These students left Blythewood at 9:00 a.m. and arrived at Dentsville School at 9:20 where each student had the opportunity of talking with three different college representatives.

Inky, who plans to major in music,commented:"I visited the representatives from Furman, Brevard, and the University of South Carolina.The scholastic requirements of Furman and Brevard impressed me very much. The music department at the University seems excellent."

Students visited representatives from Clemson University, Newberry, the Citadel,Spartanburg Junior, Lander, Winthrop, Furman, Brevard,Columbia, and Hollins.

To enroll at the University of South Carolina,one must have a minimum score of 750 on the College Board and three years of English and two years of math.

Brevard requires that a student have some musical training.

Furman requires students to have four years of English,two years of history, three years of math, and two years of a foreign language.

Hollins was the most selective college represented. Girls should have a score of 1200 or above on the College Board and an excellent high school record.

Think A Little; Then Thank A Little

Ever stop to think how Blythewood School has gotten some of its more modern and helpful features? Probably not; it's human nature to take for granted the little extras that improve or facilitate our living conditions.

However, at least occasionally we should depart from our ingratitude to recognize some of our benefactors. One such patron, the Parent-Teacher Association, has worked for many years to serve our school.

Surpassing its basic function, to promote mutual understanding between parents and teachers, the P-TA played a large role in the paving of sidewalks and the planting of shrubbery around the school grounds. Other past projects include purchasing a piano, books for the library, a record player and a record cabinet, and educational records. Annual projects of the P-TA include a pre-school clinic and a pupil-vision test. Also, a rising senior boy is sent to Palmetto Boys' State each year.

The P-TA has sponsored two piano concerts in an effort to promote cultural interest. Future plans include purchasing a projector and also first aid kits for the school.

We, the students, have benefited from these projects; the P-TA deserves our thanks.

CHRISTMAS

By Carl Muller

Christmas is the time of year
When everyone is full of cheer.
(I know you've heard this line so often,
You think the poet belongs in a coffin.)

But Xmas is more than lots of joy;
It's sticky candy and a busted toy;
It's sneaking downstairs at 10 after 3
To see all your presents piled under the tree.

And man what a shock on Xmas morn
When all you get is a bundle of thorns.

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Ag Department Helps School, Community

Making letter boxes for the faculties of Windsor, Edward L. Wright, and Blythewood Schools demanded much of the time of the Agriculture Department for the past six weeks.

Hanging curtains for Miss Ballentine's third grade room, repairing basketball goals and backboards in the gym, and fixing book shelves, tables, and chairs for the library are projects which the agriculture Department has completed this year for the school.

Community activities include refinishing old tables and buffet pieces, building truck and trailor bodies and automatic pig feeders, and cleaning car and truck motors.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tiger-Team Tames Recklessness

A lone figure may be seen through the fog each morning as the buses arrive at school. Who is this indispensable person, dedicated to the preservation of human life? It is B'wana Hinnant, sitting atop her wide-track Tiger.

Mrs. Estelle Hinnant, the faculty advisor for the Drivers' Club,who is better known to the students of Blythewood as B'wana Hinnant, constantly seeks to make our school a safer one.

B'wana Hinnant performs many duties to promote safety at school; she fearlessly directs the bus-drivers into their parking spaces each morning and a driver suspected of using the wrong prodedure in parking may receive a strong blast in protest from Mrs. Hinnant's horn.

Mrs. Hinnant also "cracks down" on reckless drivers.Persons accused of reckless driving are tried by the B'wana and convicted (to date, no one has been found innocent of such charges). After conviction the criminal is sentenced in the usual manner which consists of a three part punishment:1.B'wana's cohort,Jungle-Gym Polcari, releases the seventh grade P.E. class on the convicted person,who is locked in the dressing room. 2.The criminal is forced to ride on Randy Chitwood's bus for one week. 3. Said person is then required to sit through six of Mr. Chalmers' physics lectures.

B'wana Hinnant's most recent effort toward safety is a position which she has assumed at the edge of the pavement near the last b[illegible] it seems that students must walk by her in order to prevent them from being smeared by some kill-joy bus driver.

Mrs. Hinnant's duties end at approximately 8:25 or when the first bell rings. At this appointed time she mounts her Tiger and [illegible]ides off into the sunset,while the protected jungle life cheer and shout approval.

Business Students Visit Post Office

Bookkeeping, Typing II, and shorthand students gained many new and educational facts on a field trip to the new Columbia Post Office recently.

Mr. Harold Turbeville, Classifications Inquiry Clerk, conducted the tour. He stressed the importance of using zip codes and notifying the post office when one changes his address.

Amazed to see the accuracy and speed of the machines which are used in the mailing process, the students saw a machine which sorts mail according to the color of the postage stamp.

Mr. Turbeville gave Mrs. Sara Zeagler, the commercial teacher who accompanied the students, several pamphlets describing post office operations, and also furnished the class with refreshments.

After the tour, the students went to Richland Mall for lunch.

"Upward Bound" Encourages Students To Study

A severe shortage of technically trained men and women has recently been noticed by the United States Government. Many qualified students often fail to attend college because of the lack of money. In order to help solve this problem, the government has initiated a program,Upward Bound, to encourage high school students to attend college.

High school sophomores from the Richland-Lexington county area who have the academic potential are invited to attend the University of South Carolina for eight weeks.Though doubtful of their financial ability to attend college,they attend classes of a wide variety during their visit. The classes range in length from one hour to the full eight weeks.

Project Upward Bound has one basic purpose, this being to convince the students that they can and should attend college.

The project pays for dormitory rooms, provides medical, dental, and optical treatment, familiarizes the student with college life, and helps him to prepare for college.

Classes are held in a rather unconventional manner and students have the privilege of changing minor courses daily, and major courses weekly. The professors also give personal guidance when necessary.

By maintaining a separate athletic staff,sports competition between the University of South Carolina's Upward Bound Program and other Universities will be possible next year.

Students who attend elect their own government and have the rights of college students while on campus.

Sophomores selected by their class to attend must be certified by the teachers. They must decide whether the student has the potential to attend college, and whether or not he is financially able.

Once a member of the project, a student may return each summer until he enters college.

During the summer of 1966, the project was attended by Wade Davis,then a junior.

John Wetzel, a junior, enrolled last summer and plans to return next year.

Lettermen Begin Cage Season

Kyle Meadows

Returning this year to play basketball for Blythewood are three seasoned veterans--Stanley Wilson, Tommy Lancaster and Mike Rushing. This is the third year for each of them.

Stanley and Tommy were both on the starting team last year and Mike,although not a starter,was believed by Coach Ralph Polcari to be the best sixth man in the league.

These three players, because of their outstanding performance last year and so far this year in practice,promise to provide the team with great speed and versatility.Last year Stanley,teamed with Tommy,had a very impressive record. Stanley was the fifth highest scorer in the area, with an average of 18.2 points per game. Tommy,playing forward,was able to do much to keep the ball in the possession of the team.Mike proved to be a very good shooter and an excellent defensive player.

They will certainly be a big threat this year for they will be trying very hard to break all existing school records and to propel the team to a winning season.

Boy's Block "B" Initiates Seven New Members

Tommy Eargle,Erwin Branham,J.B.Legrand, Mike Roberts,Jerry Boney,Carl Brazell,and Kyle Meadows were recently initiated into the Boys' Block "B" Club.

The boys participated in a beauty and a talent contest.Tommy Eargle was named the winner, and Mike Roberts was selected as first runner-up. After school, the initiates played such games as blindman's basketball and ate many delicasies including raw eggs and oysters.

To ease the pain of the hard bleachers during the basketball games the club is selling seat cushions at $1.00 apiece.The cushions are approximately one inch thick and have an Indian slogan on them.

Serving as officers for this year are president,Tommy Lancaster,vice president, Donald Crone, secretary-treasurer, Dawson Mitchell,and reporter,Randy Chitwood.

SQUAWS WIN FIRST GAME

By defeating Blaney with a score of 46 to 37,the Squaws started their basketball season. Mary Ellen Raines paced the winners with 33 points. Mary Nell Smith added 10,Marvie Peake, two,and Brenda Lewis, one. Brenda Price,Sara Cooper,Ruth Rimer, Jennifer Price,and Sandra Mitchell,guards, held their opponents down and contributed greatly to the win.

In an interview Coach Ralph Polcari stated that the girls have potential and should have another winning season.

Four of the six starters--Brenda Lewis, Brenda Price, Mary Ellen Raines, and Mary Nell Smith--were starters last year. Sara Cooper and Ruth Rimer will fill the other two starting positions.

"We're experimenting this season by moving our fast guard, Brenda Lewis, to left forward," said Coach Polcari.

He adds, "She is not a prolific scorer, but she will add quickness and floor strength to the forward side."

The Squaws will depend on Mary Ellen Raines and Mary Nell Smith along with Marvie Peake,to do most of the scoring. Anne Raines, Holly Langdale, and Nancy Brown will add depth at forward.

Commenting on his guards, Coach Polcari replied, "These girls--Brenda Price, Ruth Rimer, Sara Cooper, and Jennifer Price--make up the biggest contingent of guards since I have been coaching here. Sandra Mitchell,Susan Brown,and Cynthia Byrd are able guard substitutes."

The girls hope to live up to their slogan, "A team that won't be beat can't be beat!"by remaining undefeated and clinching the conference title for two consecutive years.

SADNESS

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DISTRICT ADDS V-R SCHOOL

Five former Blythewood students -- Larry Fulmer, Otis Rabon, Teddy Browning, and Donald and William Branham--are now attending Andrew Jackson Vocational Rehabilitation School.

Andrew Jackson, which is a joint project of District II and the State Department of Vocational Education, has been designed to analize the abilities of students and to help them to develop and use their abilities.

Students are referred to Andrew Jackson by District II schools and are evaluated by the staff which now consists of four teachers--Mrs. Joyce DuMars, Mrs. Jewel Patterson, Mrs. Janet O'Byrne, Miss Donna Erben and three evaluators--Mrs. Martha Hawkins, Mrs. Johann Kneece and Mr. Durham Carter. A fifth teacher will be added as soon as a qualified person is found to fill the position.

The school has mechanical and carpentry shops, as well as a Home Economics department in which students may work under the guidance of skilled teachers and evaluators.

At present there are sixty-six, actively enrolled students. This number is expected to increase rapidly in the near future.

Robert Hudson, a former social studies teacher in the Edward L. Wright Junior High School, is the Principal. He is a retired army captain.

Carl Muller Receives Award

Eagle Scout Carl Muller received a bronze medal and a $500 cash award last month from the Carnegie Hero Fund. Carl won this award as a result of the unselfish courage he exhibited in saving the life of Charles T. Brandon at Surfside Beach summer before last.

In 1904 Andrew Carnegie created the Carnegie Hero Fund for awarding persons who performed deeds of heroism in saving or attempting to save human life. He endowed the fund with $5,000,000 and appointed a committee to direct its use. In his deed of trust to the committee, Mr. Carnegie expressed himself as having long felt that heroes and those dependent on them should be freed from financial cares resulting from their heroism. The fund has been widely praised for its work and for giving just awards to people who might otherwise have not received appreciation beyond a possible paragraph in a daily newspaper.

Brenda Wright Places In Contest

Encouraged by one of Blythewood's former teachers, Mrs. Carole Hunt, Brenda Wright entered the Linde Set-A-Star Design Contest and became one of its seventh place winners.

All contestants designed a piece of jewelry, gave their entry a name, and indicated the colors to be used.

Brenda designed a pair of blue and yellow earrings which she called "A cluster of Stars".

Brenda received an album "Hometown, My Hometown" by Tony Bennett, from the Columbia Record Company.

Winning entries may be used later in the making of jewelry.

Economist Gives Demonstration

Miss Ruth Pittman, South Carolina Electric and Gas Company economist, presented a demonstration to the FHA in the cafeteria on Thursday. The demonstration was entitled "Decoration with Light."

By using different types and colors of fluorescent and incandescent lights, Miss Pittman showed the effects of lighting on fabrics and furnishings. She discussed the effects which light has on clothing and food in commercial stores. A red fabric may appear purple under a cool fluorescent light, whereas, ground beef looks fresh and lean under pink light.

In order to receive the Hoffman Honor Award, an award given to FHA's with an effective program by the District FHA, each local chapter must have an electrical project. Miss Pittman's demonstration will serve as Blythewood's electrical project.

Honor Roll Announced

To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student cannot receive lower than a B on any subject. The following students made the Honor Roll for the second six weeks:

7-A, Karen Meadows, Susan Peake, Barbara Sharpe; 7-B, Eddie Morris; 8th, Mike Corley, Sandra Mitchell, Teresa Moak, Betty Shirah; 9th, Carolyn Hall, Bobbie Jean Moak; 10th, Randy Humphries, Jennifer Price; 11th, Inky Morris, Carl Muller, Lynn Wilson; 12th, Christine Pullen, Stanley Wilson, Carol Sloan, Sandra Davis, Brenda Lewis.

SOPHOMORES WIN BANNER CONTEST

"Run Over Spartanburg Day School" was the winning banner in the recent school spirit contest sponsored by the cheerleaders.The sophomores were the winning contestants.

For first prize the class was given a free coke party and as runner-up the freshman class received an honorable mention.

The banners, made by all grades 7-12 were judged by the officers of the pep club and various members of the faculty and were used as a part of a rousing pep rally that was held in preparation for homecoming game with Spartanburg Day School.

After the presentation of the winning banners to the student body, the cheerleaders presented newly arranged and skillfully developed cheers.

Christmas Is...

By the Junior Class

Christmas is...the birth of Christ, egg nog, happy little faces, hopes for snow, caroling,happiness,love,warmth,confusion, shopping,going broke,giving and receiving, fighting in Vietnam, parties, fireworks, family reunions, turkey, decorating,smell of cedar,sneaking down the stairs at 4:00 a.m. to catch Santa Claus, hope, and the promise of a better tomorrow.

FADS AND FASHIONS

By Bonnie Amaker

Is Blythewood a part of the Jet Set? Do you wear the latest clothes and talk the "In" language? Some of the students were asked their opinions of the fads today.

Ernie Rollison,a senior,has this to say about the current fads,"I like mini skirts to a certain point,but I feel that long hair on boys is outrageous."

Secretary of the sophomore class, Jennifer Price, feels that short hair is "In" but the opaque stockings are "out".

Loretta Johnson another new member of Blythewood hates the new boots, even though they are popular. She states, "I can't stand the mini skirts or dresses, I love the mod fingernail polishes and lipsticks."

A member of the eighth grade class,Sandra Mitchell, quotes, "Mini skirts are tacky, but I love wild clothes. I think long hair on boys is cute to a certain extent."

Erwin Branham sums up the feelings of most students by saying, "People should dress to suit their own personality."

Students Name Favorite Records

"Ooh, turn that up, that's my favorite song," is a comment very familiar to all teenagers. Many songs crowd the musical scene today,each one with its own special sound and story.

What is the favorite song among Blythewood students? A survey was made recently among the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students to find out the top five songs.

"Woman" by the Union Gaps,was chosen by the most students,and"Day Dream Believer" by the Monkeys ranked second. Coming in third was "Hey,Baby, They're Playing Our Song" by the Buckinghams, "Beautiful People"by Kenny O'Dell, was named fourth,and "To Sir With Love" by Little Lulu, placed fifth.

Of the seventy-nine students queried, forty-seven songs were mentioned."Love Is Strange", "Your Precious Love," "Whiter Shade of Pale,"and"What Goes Up Must Come Down" were several others that were mentioned.

I Won A Sewing Contest

By Jean Riley

My entry,a skirt and a blouse,won first place in the South Carolina Grange Sewing Contest recently. Many weeks of frantic sewing,modeling, picture making, ripping, and resewing preceded this honor.

Having sewn only a few seams and never before cut out a garment,I lacked experience. I did not feel that I would stand a chance since most of my competitors had taken sewing lessons.

After hastily sewing in my identifying label,I rushed my entry to the local contest, and then modeled it. I was awarded first prize and three dollars. My moment of triumph had begun!

The faults which the judges marked on my score sheet in the local competition now had to be corrected. My skirt and blouse then were entered in state competition.

As a local Grange member picked up my dress to pack and mail it, she commented, "We have a winner here." It was too much to hope her prediction would come true.

Wearing my outfit as I was to model, I went to the Wade Hampton Hotel to receive my prizes. I was given a fiesta red Samsonite Beauty Case and Dritz Electric Scissors.

I made my first appearance on television to model my outfit and to show my prizes.This television experience ended a wonderful and breath-taking experience for me.

Russian Roulette—— American Style

by Carl Muller

Smoking is similar to playing Russian Roulette with a five shot revolver--one has nothing to gain but everything to lose. One BHS student, when asked his views on smoking, really hit the nail on the head with this remark: "The world's already overpopulated."

It is, but just offhand I can think of better ways to solve the problem than by slowly suffocating from tobacco tar.

Suffication is death from lack of sufficient oxygen in the air or lack of the means to put it in the bloodstream. Either one results in death.

Can one imagine going through his entire life in an airtight building with a control regulating the amount of oxygen in the air? Each day the oxygen valve would close just a little until it was finally shut. Then death would result. Before one died, he would gradually lose his wind and stamina until just casual walking would be an achievement in itself.

"Well," one says, "this won't happen to me." And it won't. But smoking cigarettes is the same thing. Actually it's worse--because cigarettes leave tar deposits and nicotine in the smoker's lungs which can lead to lung cancer and more than 50 other respiratory diseases—not to mention lowering resistance to all known diseases and even a few that have not been discovered yet.

Now, the reader is probably thinking,

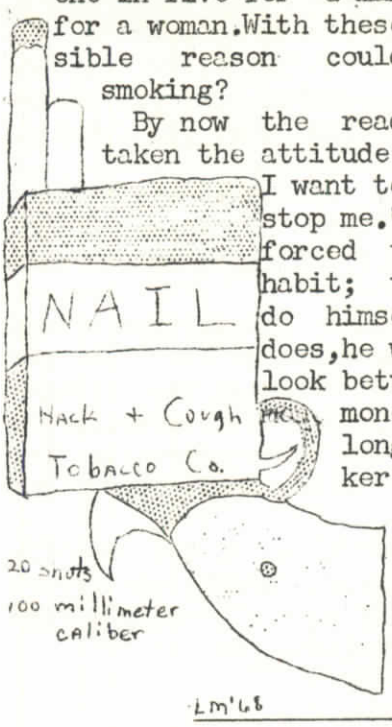
I'M IN PERFECT HEALTH!
WHY I DON'T EVER KNOW ANYONE
WHO HAS HAD LUNG CANCER."

However, many people complain of chronic indigestion and heart disease. Smoking can cause or contribute to both of these diseases.

Cigarette smoke leaves a substance inside one's lungs that is similar to the smut at the back of a fireplace.

This year alone 50,000 Americans will die from lung cancer.

Most of them are heavy smokers. If one is a two-pack a day man, his chances of developing lung cancer are one in three compared with one in 270 if he did not smoke. For heavier smokers, the odds are one in five for a man and one in four for a woman. With these facts, what possible reason could one have for smoking?



By now the reader has probably taken the attitude: "I'll smoke if I want to and no one can stop me." No one can be forced to "kick" the habit; that much he must do himself. But if he does, he will feel better, look better, save more money and live a lot longer than a smoker.

One does not beat the odds playing Russian Roulette—American style.

1967-68 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November	28	Blaney	there
December	5	Irmo	here
December	8	Camden Military	there
December	12	Chapin	here
January	5	Gilbert	there
January	9	Blaney	here
January	12	Pelion	there
January	16	Cardinal Newman	here
January	19	Irmo	there
January	23	Cardinal Newman	here
January	30	Chapin	there

Home games start at 7:00.

Senior High Blues

(Sung to the tune of "16 Tons")

We get up each mornin' when the sun doesn' shine
Pick up our books and prepare for the grind.
We wait for lunch with a gleam in our eye.
But what we get makes us wanna sigh.
We drag to the bus at 3:15,
By that time we're feelin' mean,
Mother, don't you call us cause we can't come,
We've got to stay late cause we've been chewin' gum.
Now we're seniors and what do we get?
Another day older and deeper in debt
College, don't you call us cause we can't come,
We need to stay longer cause we're so DUMB!

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Blythe-Words Is Early-Bird

BLYTHE-WORDS has been recognized by The Newspaper Fund of Princeton, New Jersey, for being one of two schools in the United States to distribute an edition of the paper on August 28, 1967.

The purpose of The Newspaper Fund is to encourage interest in high school journalism. The Early-Bird Award, received by BLYTHE-WORDS and Beckley,W.Va.,is given to the schools publishing the first issue of a paper each school year.

JACKSON, KAISER NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Adrian Jackson, a 1967 graduate, made the Dean's List at Richland Tec for the first semester. Adrian is enrolled in the Tool and Dye course.

Betty Jo Kaiser, also a 1967 graduate,was named to the Dean's List at Anderson Junior College. She made all A's, is tied for first honor in her class and will be a marshal at commencement exercises.

Furman University To Host Scholars

Mary Nell Smith,Lynn Wilson, Carl Muller, and John Wetzel will attend Furman Scholars' Day on Saturday, April 6, at Furman University.

A Furman Scholar must be in the top quarter of the junior class.He is selected by his teachers on merits of character,personality,and scholastic ability.

Brenda Lewis Is Crowned Miss Blythewood High

Brenda Lewis will reign as Miss Blythewood High for the 1968 school year.

In the annual pageant presented by the senior class, Brenda wore a sporty yellow and orange, checked A-line shift and a soft blue floor length gown.

The class beauties chosen on the basis of beauty, personality and poise were Gail Loner,Miss Freshman; Bonnie Amaker, Miss Sophomore;Mary Nell Smith, Miss Junior, and Judy McLean, Miss Senior.

Judging the pageant were Mrs. Lynn Vauner,Winnsboro Mr. Jerry Tieman,Columbia, Mr.Albert Heyward,Columbia Mr. A.B. Dark III,Winnsboro, served as master of ceremonies. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and is presently with radio station WCKM of Winnsboro.

The theme for this year's pageant was Sweethearts on Parade.

Carol Sloan, the former Miss Blythewood High, climaxed the evening with the crowning of Brenda Lewis, Miss Blythewood High for 1968.

Stanley Wilson Wins NCTE Award

Stanley Wilson is a winner in the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards competition.

Stanley was one of 800 students chosen from 8000 nominated for the N C T E citation. Twelve students were chosen from South Carolina.

To be in competition, Stanley submitted his essay on peace, his autobiography, and took a test on literary interpretation.

In previous years 99% of the Awards' winners entered the college of their choice. Approximately 80% of those applying for scholarships received financial aid.

Stanley has received inquiries from a number of colleges as a result of his winning the NCTE award

"I am proud and privileged to have been chosen for the NCTE Achievement Award." declared Stanley.

The high school English Department received a certificate of merit.

Class Of '67 Presents Sign

At a total cost of $53.50, the Class of 1967 presented a sign to the school. This sign is in front of the building and has the words "BLYTHEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL" on it.

South Carolina Department of Corrections furnished the sign, Albert Wright,a Blythewood native erected the sign, and W.H. Babb, a former Blythewood teacher and now administrative assistant for District II, supervised the project.

"April Love" is Banquet Theme

"April Love" is the theme of the banquet the juniors are planning for the seniors. The banquet will be held at the Redwood Cafeteria Ballroom on April 26.

Chairman of the various committees are: Brenda Price, decorating committee; Mary Nell Smith, band committee; Gwen Haygood, menu committee; Jackie Lee, the projects committee; Lynn Wilson, program committee.

"The New Keys" will furnish the music for the dance.

Psychic Phenomena Baffle Blythewood

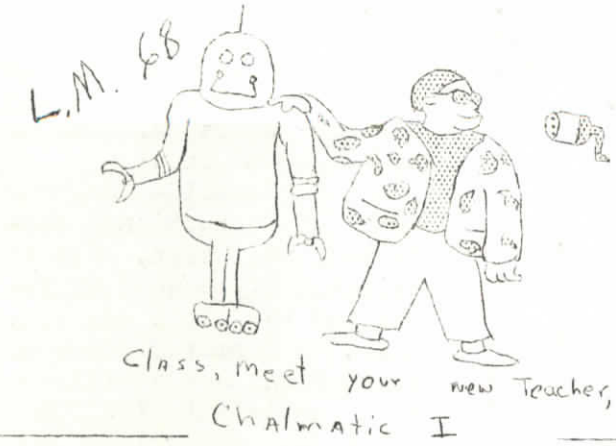
By Don Lovett

For the past months, the Blythewood area has been alive with activity, due to a series of strange happenings. No one seems to know the cause of these phenomena, but everytime something out of the ordinary occurs, Mr. Chalmers seems to be present, looking on.

Since the first phenomenon occurred in December, the F.B.I. (Faculty Bureau of Investigation) has worked diligently to provide some explanation for the mysterious occurrences.

Mr. Charles Easterling, head of the F.B.I., says, "Mr. Chalmers, head of the mathematics department, is a likely suspect."

These strange phenomena began when Miss Rorer sighted a black and white 1957 Chevy parked in the student parking lot on the night of January 10. According to Miss Rorer, who lives within 100 yards of the school, the car emitted a white beam of concentrated light in the direction of the portable classroom. The next morning all of the heat in the portable classroom was inoperative. It was later revealed that Mr. Chalmers disliked the portable classroom because of the poor janitorial service there.



Two weeks later, the same car was spotted by Miss Rorer, in the same place. It was emitting another ray, but this time at the spot where Mrs. Zeagler parks her car in front of the portable classroom. The next morning Mrs. Zeagler parked in front of the school for the first time in ten years! Mr. Chalmers was again implicated, since he hated having to walk around Mrs. Zeagler's car to get to his classroom.

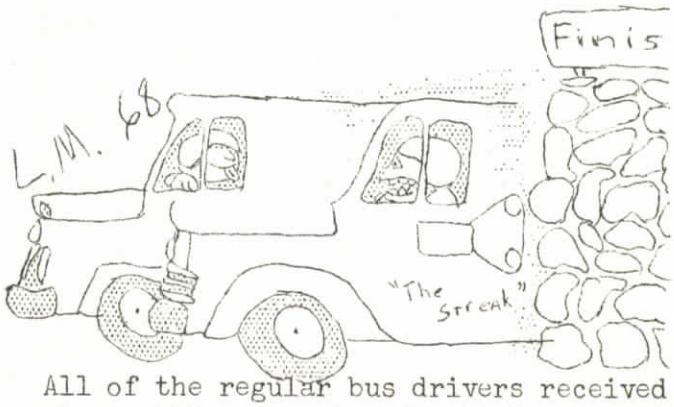
Miss Rorer felt it was time for action, so she went before the F.B.I. and spilled the beans--aw--told everything she knew. Mr. Chalmers was subpoenaed to appear before the Judiciary Board of the F.B.I.

After hearing testimony of Mrs. Zeagler, Mr. Joe Gant, and a committee appointed by the Board to investigate the device used, the Board ruled that Mr. Chalmers caused the phenomena with a self-made machine which he called "The Chalmermathphatic Thought Impulse Transfer Simulator." He would have to pay for his evil-doings.

After deliberation and heated controversy between the Judiciary Board and the F.B.I. members, it was decided that Mr. Chalmers' students no longer had to refer to him when asking a question as "The Great Swami Chalmers, possessor of all wisdom, knower of all knowledge, and seeker of all truth. This was to be Mr. Chalmers' punishment.

Mr. Chalmers vows that he will seek revenge on the faculty for attacking one of the great minds of the century. So watch out for those phenomena, teachers!

Blythewood Bus Drivers Have Excellent Record



All of the regular bus drivers received a bonus this semester for their perfect safety record of the past four months. They had no serious mishaps in transporting some 25,080 students for a distance of over 19,130 miles since the start of the school year.

The District #2 report listed the Blythewood buses as being the most economical to maintain so far. The average cost for maintenance of each bus was only $37.50 per month.

GUEST EDITORIAL:

Vandalism And Stealing

By Ronnie Wilson, Student Body President

Just what causes students to try to destruct their school or tear up or steal someone else's property? This question has become of interest to many people at Blythewood this year because of the amount of vandalism and stealing going on. Could it be that right here, in our school, we are raising a group of future thieves and criminals? It is a disheartening thing to say, but it could easily be true. We are now putting the finishing touches to the molding of our adult life. If one steals in high school, he is more likely to be a thief than if he didn't, because, once out in life money becomes more and more of a problem, and if he has made it a habit to get money the "easy way" in high school, then he will turn to stealing for a living.

Stealing and vandalism, not only hurt one's self, they also tend to downgrade the school. When visitors come into the school and see writing all over the walls, broken glasses, paper on the floor, and other signs of untidiness and vandalism, they naturally overlook the good points of the school and evaluate it only on these things, when really there is no cause for it. Simple school spirit should be enough to entice someone to want his school to be the best and to look the best. May be we lack school spirit—that could be the cause for vandalism and stealing, but, whatever, the cause, it must stop.

"It's not just books we have to learn; it's learning how to live." May we live a life of honesty!

Student Directory

Students who contributed articles to this issue of BLYTHE-WORDS are: Diane Thornton, Marguerite Wilson, Inky Morris, Beth Boney, Shirley Chavis, Buck Haygood, Kyle Meadows, Peggy Bacon, Hilda Schmitt, Lynn Wilson, Jackie Lee, Susan Watts, Hal Reeves, Brenda Wright, Sandra Davis, Ronnie Wilson, Stanley Wilson, Lee Muller, Mary Nell Smith, and Donald Loyett.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on something that has become a fairly important issue of late; this is the profanity written on the walls of our school, particularly in the boys' restroom, and on some of the desks.

Some young men in this school seem to hold the opinion that vulgar bathroom powtry is a fine means of proving their manhood. Some of these esteemed young gentlemen further sicken me by loudly acclaiming their innocence whenever the subject is brought up by Mr. Polcari or some other member of the faculty.

Of less concern, but still important, is the fact that a small but active minority of the students (in this case, mostly girls) seem to be devoting much time and energy to maintaining a first rate gossip column, liberally sprinkled with vulgarities on the desks.

The only thing that will effectively stop people from committing these acts of petty vandalism is shame. I feel that those who do these things, and then think about them and are not ashamed, have no reason for coming to school, and no business being here.

John Wetzel

"WE MEET MRS. EARGLE"

Lynn Wilson

Serving as one of Blythewood School's substitute teachers is Mrs. Mae Belle Eargle. Mrs. Eargle, a native of Stanton, Alabama, attended a public school in Selma, Alabama, and attended Central Wesleyan College in central, South Carolina, and the University of Jacksonville in Alabama.

Mrs. Eargle came to live in South Carolina in 1950 after her marriage to J.T. Eargle of Columbia. She has three sons, all of whom attend Blythewood.

Last year, Mrs. Eargle was the fifth grade teacher for six months. She served as the fourth grade teacher for two months and as librarian for one month, this year. At various times, Mrs. Eargle has substituted for almost every class at Blythewood.

She is a very active PTA worker and is a member of the executive committee.

In her spare time, Mrs. Eargle enjoys gardening and yard work.

FFA Contestants Selected

Charlene Rister, Bonny Amaker, Mary Hammons, and Judy McLean are the contestants for the 1968 FFA Sweetheart Contest.

Charlene, sponsored by Ronnie Wilson, will represent the ninth grade, Bonny, sponsored by Buck Hagood, is the tenth grade representative, Mary Hammons, sponsored by Ernie Rollison, is the eleventh grade representative, and Judy McLean, sponsored by Tommy Lancaster, will represent the twelfth grade.

Voting, which is one penny a vote, will end February 15. The FFA will announce the winners in a chapel program at the end of the month.

Mascots Steal Show

Donna Jean Roddey and Edmund Monteith, Jr., mascots for the senior class, provided entertainment at the annual beauty contest held on Thursday night and stole the show.

Donna Jean and Edmund chose "This Old Man" as their number for the evening.

Star Student Named

Stanley Wilson, who has the highest scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board, is Blythewood's STAR student for 1968.

Stanley is eligible to compete for the title of County STAR student, district STAR student, and eventually state STAR student. All competition is based on the SAT scores.

To qualify for participation in the STAR program, a student must be unmarried, a regularly enrolled senior, and must have a scholastic average in the upper ten per cent of the senior class. Grades for both parts of the SAT must be at least the latest available national average (Verbal-- 374 and Math-- 412).

The South Carolina State Chamber of Commerce, local chambers of commerce, and civic organizations sponsor the STAR program. The Sears-Roebuck Foundation will award a $500 scholarship to the state winner.

7-B PRESENT PLAY ABOUT TEMPERANCE

7-B students presented a short play, "Mr. Brain Injury", to the student body, informing the students of the dangers and effects of alcoholic beverages, on Francis E. Willard Day. Miss Willard was a leader in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The cast included Robert Jackson, Thurmond Sloan, Steve Loner, J.L. Lee, James Lee, Eddie Morris, Lothar Wetzel, Calvin Wright, Reta Branham, Wanda Chitwood, Barbara Evans, Linda Lewis and Debbie Mitchell.

Betas Attend Convention

Carl Muller, Lee Muller, Stanley Wilson, and Mary Nell Smith Attended the annual Beta Club Convention held in Columbia on January 26-27. The main convention headquarters were the Wade Hampton Hotel and the Columbia Township Auditorium.

During the first general session on Friday, Stanley Wilson heard the keynote address by the state Beta Club president from Aiken, Steve Pekkala.

Stanley also viewed the campaign rally, where the candidates gave speeches and demonstrations and were quizzed extemporaneously.

The talent program, attended by Mary Nell Smith, was presented Saturday afternoon. This event ranged from a ballet solo, entitled "Masquerade", by Iris Berry to "The Cavaliers", a combo that featured "rock and roll", classics, and popular favorites, a number not included in the competition was given by the Bennetsville Club entitled "Behind the Scenes." It showed how they go about getting up a skit for the talent program.

With music by "Ronnie's Revelars", the Annual Beta Ball took place on Saturday night. Carl, Stanley, Lee, and Mary Nell especially enjoyed this part of the convention.

"I thought dancing in long lines great fun, but sometimes I found it hard to hang on to the person in front of me," commented Carl.

Patrons Assist With Sports Events

Kyle Meadows

Most people readily recognize Coach Ralph Polcari when they see him, but few are familiar with the people behind the scenes that help with the boys' and girls' basketball teams at Blythewood High School.

In addition to the countless hours spent in preparation for and in the actual playing of games, by Coach Polcari, there are numerous others that willingly give of their time to help.

Mrs. Lucy Lancaster has been keeping the score books for five years. She is very able and her knowledge of the rules is extensive. Having her in the press box is just like having another coach.

Although he graduated several years ago, Johnny Windhorn never misses a game. For a good while now he has been driving players to and from the games. Besides this, he manages and keeps up with the game charts. As the coach put it, he is an all around helper.

This year BHS has a newly formed "B" squad. The team is coached by Lawson Sanders, who comes to the school every afternoon and works with the boys not yet ready for varsity action. He works them hard and the coach feels that this coaching is very good because in two years these boys will be the nucleus of the team.

Lawson formerly attended Blythewood.

Mrs. Lillie Price, Mrs. Lucy Lancaster, Blake Branham, Johnny Windhorn and Becky Price provide transportation to and from the games.

Why I Participate In Sports---

Donald Crone

Many students participate in sports for personal glory, personal achievement, or personal satisfaction. Others participate because playing is a good way to be accepted by the "in" crowd.

I play because of the feeling that I get when we win a game, after giving it "all we have"; because of the knowledge that we have helped our school's honor and distinguished our school's name; because of the joy of knowing that I have done what the Coach and other players expected of me.

In short, I play for my school and for the satisfaction I receive. Hearing the approval of the Coach, my fellow players, and the interested spectators is worth all of the time and effort involved.

Coach Polcari Comments on Team

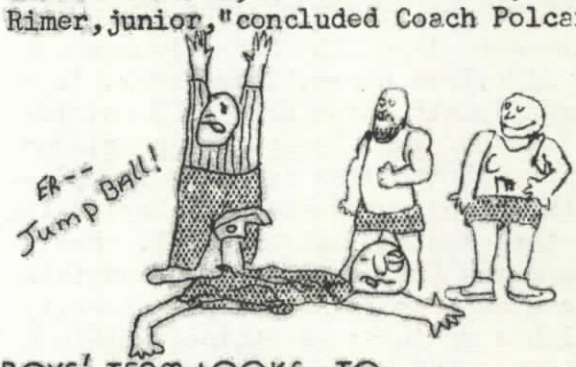
"Mary Ellen ("Boots") Raines hasn't reached her potential yet but she is getting acclimated to the team and is doing a good job," commented Coach Ralph Polcari when interviewed concerning the girls' team. "'Boot's' average last year was 12.5 per game; this year she has more than doubled her figures--26.3.

"Mary Nell Smith, forward, sets up beautiful screens and rebounding, plus tipping the ball out so that the forwards may regain the ball.

"This is Marvie Peake's first year as a starter. As each game goes by, she is gaining confidence in her abilities. In the game against Gilbert, Marvie came in strong with 15 points.

"Ann Raines, who is our fourth forward, is very capable of putting life into our scoring again.

"Playing a good defensive game for the Squaws are the fast guards--Brenda Lewis, senior captain, and Brenda Price, and Ruth Rimer, junior," concluded Coach Polcari.



BOYS' TEAM LOOKS TO TOURNAMENTS

Ronnie Huggins

The basketball team of Blythewood High School, although winning only three games with four remaining, is looking forward to sweeping the 1968 district tournaments.

In an interview with Coach Ralph Polcari it was brought out that this year's Indian Squad should be able to surprise the leading teams in the area, Cardinal Newman, Irmo, and Olympia, by defeating them in the tournaments.

"I think the boys' team with effort and determination can beat any team in the conference," said Coach Polcari.

The boys, averaging 60 points per game, are ready and able to take on any team in the area and are not outclassed by any team that has defeated them.

The starting five boys, Stanley Wilson, averaging twenty-three points a game, Mike Rushing, with an average of fourteen points a game, Tommy Lancaster, averaging thirteen points a game, Donald Crone, averaging 6 points, and J.B. Legrand, along with the rest of the team have been practicing regularly.

The Picture of Dorian Gray

By Lee Muller

Oscar Wilde was born in Dublin in 1854 the son of a successful surgeon.His mother was a devotee to the art of conversation. He attended Trinity College in 1872 and although he studied little,his astonishing memory and imaginative genius allowed him to win scholastic honors. In 1874 he enrolled in Oxford University and was again an honor student.

It was at Oxford that Wilde met Walter Pater and John Ruskin,the chief exponents of the life of beauty.Wilde became an ardent follower of Pater's philosophy. He and the other members of the aesthetic movement distinguished themselves by flamboyant dress and sparkling conversation. He became a public figure and was ridiculed in PUNCH and a light opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, PATIENCE.

The characters of THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY are much like the key figures of Wilde's life.Lord Henry, like Pater, is a "New Cyrenaisist". As a sort of Mephistopheles, he changes Dorian to a gilded beast with a bottomless appetite for pleasure, though he never realizes Dorian is anymore than a dandy like himself. Basil Hallward turns Dorian into art, and this living canvas becomes Dorian's real self, with all his ugliness contained within a wooden frame and hidden from public eye. Like Pater,Basil sees what he has done to Dorian, but it is too late.

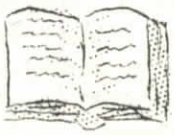
As one may now guess, Dorian's life is much like that of Wilde.He represents New Hedonism, the belief that pleasure is the supreme substance of life, no matter how it is obtained. This satanic Faust consumes other peoples' decency,and the only ones who know him for what he really is are his victims.

Dorian later discovers the two weak points of New Hedonism. He finds that he needs an escalating chain of pleasures and experiences in order to satisfy his desires.Gradually he realizes he is never satisfied;his moods are either boredom or heightened sensitivity. Secondly, Dorian finds that the portrait does not hide his acts from others. His feelings are still there; he can only try to forget them. Wilde experienced this same thing and wrote in DE PROFUNDIS: "I forgot that every little action of the common day makes or unmakes character,and that therefore what one has done in the secret chamber one has some day to cry aloud on the housetops. I ceased to be lord over myself." Like Faust, Wilde and Dorian Gray have been cheated and find out too late. The mystery is that Wilde could write DORIAN GRAY and not learn a lesson from it. He seems,on the contrary, to follow it as his MIEN KAMPE.

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY is not an outstanding novel by comparison with other novels of its period, but Oscar Wilde's style of writing was somewat different and so the book was, and still is, widely read. The sentences are quite long and the conversation is quite wordy. The words are very well chosen, but parts of the dialogue are so much so that they are trite; they are just an exhibition of Wilde's writing skills. Most of the dialogue is to express his philosophy,and it does an excellent job. The reader receives a vivid picture of the action and characters.

Wilde thought in paradoxes. He also wrote in paradoxes. DORIAN GRAY seems to have two themes: The philosophy of New Hedonism and the weak points of New Hedonism.One of the strong points of the book is its use of characters to carry out his theme.Another is its vivid picture of Epicurean life. The book is popular because it has relation to FAUST, the Flappers of the '20's, and today to the Flower Children. If one can withstand a little trite conversation and a predictable but unavoidable end, one will find the book interesting reading.

Easterling Reviews The Great Gatsby



THE GREAT GATSBY by F. Scott Fitzgerald was the subject of a book review given by C.E.Easterling,English and music teacher, at a recent library club meeting.

This book, stated Mr. Easterling, is narrated by Nick Carraway. Next door to Nick lived Gatsby whose wild parties drew guests from miles away.But it was his old love for Daisy, now married to Tom, that Gatsby was seeking to attract.

Before long, Gatsby,Daisy, Tom,and Nick were caught up in tensions that led first to violence and finally to death.

THE GREAT GATSBY, according to Mr. Easterling, is Mr. Fitzgerald's finest novel and it is a superlative work of modern American fiction.

Wofford Senior Studies Morals

Sammy Campbell, a 1964 graduate of Blythewood High School and a senior at Wofford, is making an in-depth study on morals during the independent research period at his college. His findings will be made available to the Blythe-Words staff.

"The students are free to work and accomplish as much as possible without the attending regular classes," states Sammy.

Only a few students are doing the same thing. Some are in Switzerland, some in Mexico, some scattered across the United States, and a few left at Wofford. The program has really been a maturity test. However, all college students recognize times to work and times to play.

The final analysis as to how much was done will be made at the end of the month when projects will be given to professors for pass, fail, or pass with honors. All in all, the program has been well received.

"After four months of first semester studying, the Interim is contributing much to mind expansion," says Sammy. He feels that getting back to four months of regular work will be difficult.

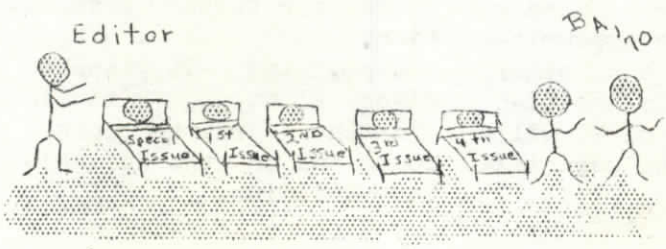
Elementary School Engaged in Self-Study

Blythewood Elementary School is now engaged in a Self-Study Program in order to become a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

This program is an extended evaluation program to determine the effectiveness of the school's program in terms of accepted values and purposes and to develop plans for the future.

Through this study, an evaluation will be made of the school's present statue in the field of education and implications for future progress will be formulated. The areas covered in the Self-Study are as follows: (1) The School Community, (2) The children, (3) Purposes of the school (4) School program, (5) Personnel, (6) Facilities, (7) School-Community interaction.

Teachers and principal have had meetings to discuss and to evaluate their findings. The languages-arts survey has been completed.



Snow, Snow, Snow!

By Carl Muller

"Whee," the little kiddies said Thursday, "It's snowing--we'll get out of school." But by the following Tuesday even the first graders had decided that they were ready to return to school. Or perhaps I should rephrase that to read "First graders in families with no electricity."

Actually it wasn't really bad for some people who live on the main highways, but for those poor souls down in the boondocks, things became downright primitive. Friday morning the calendar turned back to the "good ole days" when candles were the only light at night.

Uncertain whether exams would be given the following week, more than one student tried to study by candle-light. And don't you believe that story about Abe Lincoln's doing his homework beside a roaring fire. I tried it and felt more like a burned marshmallow than Honest Abe.

Speaking of fire brings to mind the worst part of the ordeal--cooking. Five days of slaving over the hot coals gave everyone in my family a healthy respect for pioneers, burned fingers and a Florida sun-tan to boot.

I have heard several people complaining because foods in their freezers thawed out while the electricity was off, but I didn't worry too much about the food at my house--mainly because room temperature was 26 degrees.

The one thing that I wanted most was a good bath and a drink of fresh water. Tea made from melted ice becomes pretty sickening after five days-"Yuck."

The brainwashing team at Stalag 13 couldn't have driven me nuttier than those 16 hour nights. After the "eternal darkness" set in at 5:30, there was nothing to do except sleep or sit in front of the fire and silently condeming the men at the power company.

But even if there was nothing to do at night, there was always plenty to do during the day. Sledding and the "banana peel slip" were tied for the two most popular sports. Personally, I got a kick out of walking through the woods to play the "dodge-the-falling-trees" game and watching some poor miserable souls try to run on the ice.-Ha!!

Someone said many moons ago, "Nothing is all bad," and so it was with the ice. I think every motel in the state was filled to the brim with families who had forsaken their cold homes for a warm room and it no doubt made everyone appreciate electricity and the usually warm climate of the Palmetto State.

8-1 Presents Program

The eight-one science class recently presented a program entitled "Sound and Music" in the auditorium. The members of the class made instruments from various materials and kept time with them.

"The Vibrations", Mark Johnson, Dana Mattox, Buddy Legrand, and Kenneth Mosely played a tune on the combs. Proving his skill on the trumpet, Danny Stevens, accompanied by Beth Boney on the piano, played "Tijuana Taxi".

The program ended with Mark Johnson playing "Taps".

RICHLAND TEC REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS TO SENIORS

"If you do not remember anything else, remember this - you must continue your education beyond high school," advised Mr. Tom Hayden, Richland Tec representative, as he spoke to the senior class last week.

Scrapbook Committee Begins Work

The FHA Scrapbook Committee recently began organizing the scrapbook one of the club's annual projects. Containing sections which cover local, state, district, national and committee activities, a scrapbook is vital to the rating of the club among other FHA Chapter.

Members of this committee are Brenda Lewis, chairman, Judy McLean, Caroline McLean, Diane Thornton, Gwen Haygood, Lynn Robertson, Bonny Amaker, Shirley Chavis, Mary Nell Smith, Sara Cooper, Marvie Peake, Marguerite Wilson, Betty Peavy, Cindy Key, and Carolyn Hall.

For the past 15 years, the scrapbook has received an excellant rating.

FHA Hears Panel Discussion

Several members of the student body and two adult leaders in the community presented a panel discussion to the F. H. A. last Thursday entitled "Moral Standards You Value". Serving on the panel were Mrs. Lillie Price, Mr. Jim Mullis, Bonny Amaker, Betty Peavy, Diana Thornton, Ronnie Huggins, Mike Rushing, and Stanley Wilson.

Questions such as, should girls smoke were discussed. Bonny Amaker commented, "I think it doesn't look nice for a girl to be seen in public with a cigarette hanging out of her mouth.

"A girl is not very appealing to me if she likes to smoke," said Mike Rushing.

Mr. Mullis summed up the views of all the panelists by reading some of an article in January's READERS' DIGEST, "What Cigarette Commercials Don't Show."

Are the morals of today worse than those of past generations, was another issue presented.

Mrs. Price noted, "I do not think children today are worse than before. We have more communications today and know more of what is going on, and perhaps think today's morals are lower because of this."

IBM TYPEWRITER IS PURCHASED

A reconditioned IBM Electric Typewriter was purchased recently for the typing department. The students will take turns learning to use this typewriter.

Because offices today use the electric typewriter more than any other machine, students who plan to enter office work will find this machine especially helpful.

Block "B" Sponsors Supper on Friday

The Boys' Block "B" Club held its annual steak supper last Friday at Mammy's Shanty. In attendance were the members and dates, Mr. and Mrs. Polcari, and special guests, Mr. and Miss Rorer.

The boys sold seat cushions and sweat shirts and used the money collected for initiation to finance the supper.

Mrs. Riley Enjoys Teaching

Mrs. Frances Riley, one of the first grade teachers, enjoys teaching and cooking and eating outdoors.

Born in Fairfield County Mrs. Riley received an A.B. degree in elementary education from the University of South Carolina.

Her husband is a warehouse manager and they have three children, Jean, Rickey and Joey.

Mrs. Riley notes riding all day in a wagon behind a mule and then eating a big barbecue dinner as one of her most interesting experiences.

P-TA Committee Screens Students

Mrs. Polly Raines, chairman, Mrs. Olga Grimsley, Mrs. Helen Bush, and Mrs. Vera Mae Morris, P-TA Health Committee, held the annual vision-screening test last week for the students in the vocation agriculture classroom.

Working two days, they checked 360 of the students' eyes. Seven were referred for further examination.

Also, the P-TA plans to place first aid kits in all the grammar school rooms and in the Agriculture Building.

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Wishful Thinking

The Vietnam War has come to an end.

President Johnson signed a bill today ending the draft and demobilizing two million soldiers now on active duty.

The Uniform Income Act, which guarantees $10,000 a year income for everyone, goes into effect Friday.

Mrs. Zeagler and Miss Rorer proudly announced that all articles for the paper were handed in on time and in correct form.

As usual, false news is circulating around April 1.

FLASH!
Marguerite Wilson and Mary Nell Smith are GIRL STATERS!

Mrs. Park Serves On Committee

Mrs. James Park is a member of the science curriculum committee that is writing a course of study and teaching guides for grades one through eight for District II.

The guides may be used to enrich the science curriculum of the District II schools by eliminating an overlapping of teaching science materials while reinforcing certain other areas.

Because of the rapid advances in this technological age, the schools must continually evaluate their methods of science instruction. No longer may a teacher depend upon his college notes or outdated textbooks for instructional materials.

The district is using a $25,000 federal grant for this study.

"Here We Go Again"
Seniors To Present Play

"Here We Go Again", a comedy in three acts, will be presented by the senior class on Friday, May 3, at 8 p.m.

Characters include Wilbur Maxwell (Lee Muller), a pint-sized atom-bomb; Betty Lou Maxwell (Brenda Lewis), daughter, fifteen, cute; Connie Maxwell (Carol Sloan), daughter, seventeen, pretty; John Maxwell (Stan Wilson), head of the house, or at least he thinks so; Janet Maxwell (Shirley Chavis), head of the house, or at least she thinks so; Bernadine Smith (Judy McLean), Betty Lou's best friend; Suzanne Coday (Debbie Owens), daughter of the ultra-ultra V. Hamilton Coday.

Also, Arthur Coday (Ronnie Wilson), Coday's son and Wilbur's enemy; Roger Coday (Hal Reeves), about 20, "lady killer"; Mr. Coday (Mike Rushing), political boss; Mrs. Coday (Caroline McLean), arrogant, haughty; Mr. and Mrs. Davis (Brenda Hardin, Donald Davis), neighbors from next door, and Mrs. Allen (Bonnie Hammond), has a fondness for new recipes.

Peggy Bacon is student director. Raymond Lancaster, Ernie Rollison, and Herman Boney are stage directors. Tommy Lancaster is in charge of sound effects. Sandra Davis is publicity chairman.

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Wilson Is Scholarship Finalist

Stanley Wilson, competing with 14 South Carolina students for one of the Angier B. Duke Memorial Scholarships at Duke University, was selected as an alternate winner and was awarded a grant in aid.

Commenting on Stanley's selection as a finalist, Robert H. Ballantyne, director of undergraduate admissions, wrote, "You are one of a group of highly qualified candidates who competed for this honor."

State Department Sets New Standards

South Carolina Department of Education is endeavoring to upgrade education in the state. The Conant Report, as well as studies by Peabody College, recommend that all schools provide a certain minimum number of credits and courses equal to three times the number of credits required for graduation. Since South Carolina requires 18 credits, the schools will have to offer 54 credits.

This increase will be made gradually--35 courses in 1968 and 40 courses by 1970. Further evaluation will be made in 1970.

Driver education and two additional courses in English must be offered.

Blythewood offers 36 courses now.

Students Oppose Vietnam Policy

by Carl Muller

A recent poll of the opinions of Blythewood High School students revealed the student body does not support President Johnson's Vietnam policy. Only 6% of the students backed the President while 94% of them believed that the Vietnam policy should be revised.

The Muller Poll also showed that 44% of the students felt that the best way to remedy the situation in Southeast Asia is by total withdrawal of United States troops from Vietnam.

Forty-nine per cent of the students favored escalation of the war as a means of victory.

Not one of the students was undecided about the Vietnam conflict,but several ambiguous opinions had to be discarded to obtain a true cross section of student views.

GIRLS' STATE CANDIDATES CHOSEN

Gwen Haygood, Marvie Peake, Brenda Price, Mary Nell Smith,Lynn Wilson,and Marguerite Wilson are candidates for Girls' State to be held at the University of South Carolina the first week in June. It is sponsored by the Ann Pamela Cunningham Chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The faculty chose these girls on the basis of their scholastic performance, character,and extracurricular activities. Two of these girls will be chosen by a committee appointed by the Auxiliary.

The main purpose of this program is to acquaint juniors with the workings of the government and to instill in them ideals of patriotism.

Telephone Courteousy Aired

Teletraining for business studies,a course concerning the handling of office telephone calls, was correlated with Blythewood's other business courses recently.

"If an Elephant Answers", a film shown by a member of the Bell Telephone Company,gave illustrations of right and wrong methods used by people when talking on a telephone.

The students used role-playing cases to emphasize the importance of verifying information, being polite and courteous, and placing telephone calls correctly.

Honor Roll

7-1,John Eargle;7-2, Eddie Morris;8,Canny Brooks, Teresa Moak,Betty Shirah, Sandra Mitchell, Michael Corley;9,Carolyn Hall,Bobbie Jean Moak;10,Randy Humphries,Jennifer Price,Lynn Robertson;11,Kyle Meadows, Inky Morris,Carl Muller,Mary Nell Smith;12,Brenda Lewis, Carol Sloan, Stanley Wilson.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fifth Six-Weeks Test--April 8-10
Easter Holidays--April 11-16
Make-Up Days--April 20 and 27
Junior-Senior Banquet--April 26
Report Cards------April 30
Upper State Track Meet--May 2
Senior Play----------May 3
State Track Meet----May 10
Baccalaureate Sermon--May 26
Final Exams------May 28-30
Graduation----------May 31
Last Day of School--June 1

STUDENTS ATTEND RALLY

Ronnie Wilson, Lee Muller, Tommy Lancaster, Mary Nell Smith, Diane Thornton, and Miss Kathy Carroll represented Blythewood at the District II Rally of Student Councils held at A.C. Flora High School.

The rally consisted of three general sessions. Candidates for District Chairman presented speeches during the first session,and afterward each of the schools voted. Refreshments were served to all.

Sammy Wheeler of Ridge Springs-Monetta High was elected chairman and Janie Summers of Airport High School was elected vice-chairman. The convention was adjourned with an invitation to the 1969 Rally extended to all District II schools.

Counselors, Teachers Visit Center

To interpret and explain the role of the vocational center,Jaren Van Den Heuvel,district psychologist, arranged for the guidance counselors and principals to visit the center recently.

The program included a tour of the center with each instructor serving as the interpreter of his area.There are six evaluation centers for male enrollees and five for female.

Each student is allowed to work in any center he chooses; the evaluator determines his ability. This evaluation serves as a basis for establishing a training program.

The concept of this center is a new one and one that meets a definite need in the realm of education.

Mrs. Mackey, Blythewood counselor stated,"The enthusiasm of the staff of the vocational center is most evident and contagious."

Vietnam How And Why

If you were asked what the biggest world problem is,what would you say? The majority of students (particularly the 18 year old males) would probably say that the Vietnam war is the world's biggest problem.

The question of whether to escalate this war (by increasing the bombing raids and sending more men to Asia)or to withdraw and allow a complete Communist takeover has divided the United States and has put President Johnson in a very unpopular position.

Johnson's policy of slow escalation, resulting in more U. S. deaths with no apparent gain in progress, is particularly unpopular.

It seems that a possible solution to the Vietnam bottleneck would be this: Appease the "Doves" by a one-week cessation of bombing.Use this week to try to bring about a workable peace treaty. If this plan works,fine. If it does not work,resume bombing with a system of graduated increases.

If the United States tried this for one month and no progress in the war was apparent, the U. S. should withdraw from the war. An eternal drain of lives and finances for no apparent gain such as the United States has undergone is ridiculous and pointless. We should pull out and prepare to stop Communist aggression in an area where this is possible.

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afternoon.
course, will occur in the morning.The other half, of day of school on Monday There will only be a half

ATTENTION!

What Direction?

So you're running away from it all, you say?
Well, you're not the first one, son.
We, all of us, run away now and again--
The question is--WHERE do you run?

Do you follow the easier downhill course
Where you can just let yourself go,
With no better purpose than losing yourself
In the fog of the valley below?

Or do you try climbing away from it all?
The uphill road's tougher, that's true,
But, oh, it repays so much more than it costs
In its broader and finer view.

Yes, you can run downhill, or you can run up.
And either will take you as far--
But only a fool will bog down in the mud
When he can latch on to a star!

So don't let the fact that you're running away
Be of too much concern to you, son.
The running away doesn't matter so much--
It's in what direction you run!

Selected

Student Directory

Students who contributed articles to this issue of BLYTHE-WORDS are Lynn Wilson,Kyle Meadows,Shirley Chavis,Buck Hagood,Mary Nell Smith,Marguerite Wilson,Diane Thornton, Carl Muller,Donald Lovett, Donald Crone, Lynn Robertson,Brenda Wright, Hilda Schmit, Sandra Mitchell, Bobbie Jean Moak,Jackie Lee, Erwin Branham, Lee Muller, Stanley Wilson,Peggy Bacon, and Debbie Owens.

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"Curiosity Scared The Cat"

By Don Lovett

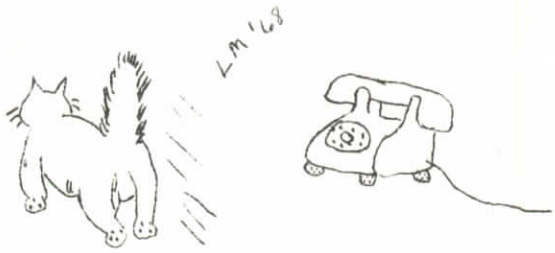
Reports circulated around school were that Mrs. Zeagler had several telephones installed in her classroom. Why were these phones placed in our school? Based on transmission originating from BHS and monitored by some ingenious students, many feel that Mrs. Zeagler may be a secret government agent of some kind. If this is true, Blythewood could lose one of the finest business education teachers in our fair state.

I was very much concerned over these reports, so I went to the typing room to inspect the situation first-hand. I found to my surprise, a pair of small boxes containing two expensive and suspicious looking office telephones. Pursuing the question, I asked Mrs. Zeagler how she could think of going into governmental work when we needed her so badly. She replied that she had no intention of working for Mr. Hoover at the present time. Then I asked her if that meant she might consider the proposal if it were made. She answered, "I have never considered working for the federal, state, or local government, but a civil service job would be rather nice."

The interview did not satisfy my curiosity. Early the next morning I obtained entrance to Mrs. Zeagler's room via the janitor. I made a thorough search of her closet where I found a pair of gloves, a raincoat, and a few stencils. I reasoned that the gloves and raincoat were those used for making contacts with fellow agents on dark and dreary nights. The stencils, I further speculated, were actually a new means of sending codes or top secret messages.

In the middle of my investigation, I heard foot-steps in the hall! Then the doorknob turned! I ran for cover under the desk. The door swung open and in the threshold stood a scrawny seventh grader, about four feet 2 inches tall. He reached for his belt buckle and turned it sharply to the right; almost instantaneously he attained a height of six feet five inches. This humanoid then went to a case containing one of Mrs. Zeagler's telephones. Before my eyes, he converted it into a short-wave radio in a matter of seconds. Believe it or not, he then made contact with a CIA phone somewhere in the area. He gave his contact a message in code, returned the phone to its original state, turned his buckle to the left, reduced in size four feet two inches, and walked out the door.

I was jubilant to find that my suspicions about Mrs. Zeagler's secret identity were unfounded and that we would not have to seek a replacement for her. The stigma that I acquired, however, of running every time I see a seventh grader wearing a shiny buckle makes me wish that I had never heard of UNCLE, KAOS, or CONTROL!



Blythewood Has Practice Teachers

Miss Janice Rhodes, a senior from Columbia College, is doing her practice teaching in English at Blythewood, under the supervision of Miss Anne Rorer. Graduating from Summerton High School in 1964, she will receive an A.B. degree from Columbia College in June.

At Columbia College she is majoring in business and minoring in English. She is vice-president of the senior class, a member of the secretarial club, and a member of Phi Beta Lambda.

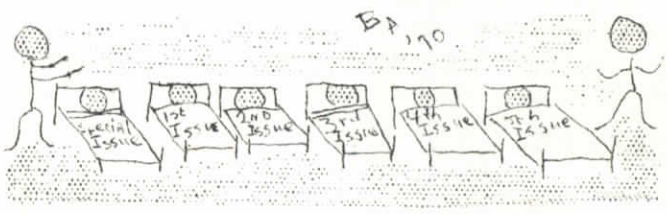
Miss Rhodes enjoys water sports, traveling, dancing, and playing bridge. Her plans for the spring include going to England to study Shakespeare.

Miss Aliene Shields, also a senior from Columbia College, is doing her practice teaching in special education under the supervision of Mrs. Carolyn Dangler.

Miss Shields graduated from Strom Thurmond High School in 1964. While at Columbia College she has served as a Student Christian Cabinet member, as a Dormitory Council member, and received a scholarship.

She is a member of SNEA (Student National Education Association), Wesley Fellowship, Columbia College Players, Spanish Club, AKG, and the Exceptional Child Education Club.

Water-skiing, sewing, bowling, and playing bridge are included in her hobbies and special interests.



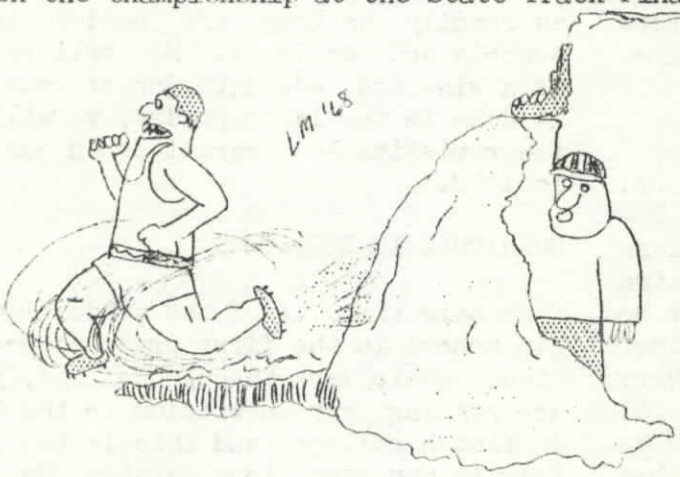
Lettermen Boost Track Hopes

If past performances are any measure of future success, then the Blythewood High track team should have an excellent season. Last Year's track squad compiled an admirable slate of records on its way to the state finals.

Tommy Lancaster, the 6' 5" key of this year's team set two of the five new marks posted last year. He cleared twelve feet to set a new pole vault record and hurled the discus 136' 6½".

Stanley Wilson, a 5 year letterman, was a runner on the mile relay team which broke the existing school record with a time of 3:40 8/10 seconds. Wilson, who runs in the 880 as well as in the mile relay, was only two seconds off the school record last year and should prove to be a definite threat to any ½ miler in the 4-B Conference.

Coach Polcari feels that this year's squad, although weak in the dash, could surprise everyone by walking away with the championship at the State Track Finals.



Track Schedule 1968

March 28	Dentsville, Cardinal Newman	Here
March 29	Alcorn	Here
April 1	Olympia, Swansea	City Stadium
April 2	Carolina Relays (Qualifying)	City Stadium
April 5	Winnsboro	Here
April 8	Swansea, Gilbert	Swansea
April 9	Irmo	Here
April 17	Alcorn	Here
April 18	Irmo, Lexington	Irmo
April 29	Dentsville, Cardinal Newman	Here
May 2	Upperstate Conference	Belton
May 6	Camden Military	There
May 10	State Meet	Round House

Class Champions Determined

The eighth grade girls clinched the girls' junior high championship, and the ninth grade boys are the junior high boys' champs. In senior high competition, the tenth grade girls emerged victorious, and the twelfth grade boys gained the championship.

The eighth grade girls beat the ninth grade girls by a score of 18 to 15. Sandra Mitchell was high scorer for the winners and Bobbie Jones and Terry Fulmer were high for the ninth grade.

In the boys' competition, the ninth grade was victorious over the seventh grade by a score of 45 to 12. For the ninth grade, Wayne Peake was high scorer, and Barry Lovett was high scorer for the losers.

Led by Anne Raines, the tenth grade girls won over the eleventh grade. The final score was 27 to 13. Sara Cooper scored high for the juniors.

Winning by a score of 28 to 16, the seniors were led by Don Davis. Wayne Loner added the most points for the sophomores.

TRACK FIELD HAS FACE LIFTED

Although the track field is the same old field, it has gone through a period of face-lifting.

The team has new high and low hurdles that are quite a bit different from the old wooden hurdles. Coach Polcari has purchased new high jump and pole vault bars and holders. He hopes to get a load of clay for the recovering of the running surface.

With their new white shirts designed with a blue mercury shoe that has BLYTHEWOOD written across the front of it, the team itself looks better than last year's. The shorts have a smaller design.

REPORT ON:

State Guidance Conference IQ 135? Be A Mechanic!

By Anne Rorer, Guidance Counselor

Is your IQ 135?Then maybe you should be a mechanic.....But to begin at the beginning--

I am sure you all remember what Friday, February 23, was like. I awoke to the voice of Gene McKay on the radio, issuing drivers' warnings and asking all motorists to stay home if possible or to get where they had to go before too late.After much deliberation as to what we should do, Mr. Rorer, Mrs. R.U. Smith, and I decided we would attempt to make the trip to Charleston.

The nearer we got to Charleston the faster and faster the snow came down. We reached the Francis Marion Hotel, conference headquarter,however,with no mishaps.

AGENDA CHANGED

Presiding over the conference was Dr. Jack Duncan,Guidance Department,State Department of Education. Immediately plans had to be changed.The mayor of Charleston was supposed to have welcomed us but he was involved in a very important meeting, so he sent one of his councilmen who very graciously made us feel at home.Dr. H. A. Marshall,who had originally planned to be with us, could not be at the meeting because of illness; Dr. Holler,who was supposed to have delivered an address after Dr. Marshall,telephoned that he was snowbound in Columbia,so Dr. Duncan announced we would have a coffee-break,sponsored by the Baptist College of Charleston.

RE-EVALUATE PHOLOSOPHY

Dr. Kenneth B. Hoyt, past president of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, gave the keynote address, "Vocational Aspects of Guidance." His ideas were that the schools are going to have to recamp their entire curricular and guidance counselors are going to have to re-evaluate their philosophies. He said that we must stress the dignity of word and the values and rewards to be gained from word; that society will progress only if man realizes that he is never completely free. He said that most guidance counselors felt that if a student had an IQ of 135, that student was duty-bound to go to college, but no longer is this idea true.Manual labor needs some men with a high level of intelligence.

"I would love to have a so-called brain work on my car," quipped Dr. Holt.

ALL HAVE TALENTS

He emphasized the fact that all students have talents. He deplored the fact that we counselors often say,"Well so and so, doesn't have any ability." The great majority of below average students can be productive, contributing members of society.

He shattered the idea that we have to motivate our students. He said the students are already motivated when they come to us and that it is our job to find out how they are motivated and how we can direct their motivation into productive channels.

VOCATIONAL COUNSELING NECESSARY

Vocational counseling should begin in the first grade. Counselors are needed in the primary and elementary grades just as readily as they are needed in high schools and colleges. He believed that if a wise and adequate job of counseling is done in the lower grades, we will have fewer misfits and parasites in our adult society.

CURRICULA INADEQUATE

He said that 91% of the students who begin school in the first grade do not continue their work through college, yet we are gearing our curriculum to the 9% who do finish college and this is the tragic flaw in our educational system. He thinks the answer to this is the comprehensive vocational school and the technical school.

REACTIONS

Reacting to Dr. Hoyt's speech were Mr. A.C. Clement, Jr. from Vorhees College, Dr.Mary Littlejohn from Winthrop College, and Dr. Hubert M. Clements from the University of South Carolina.

REMOVE PREJUDICES

Mr. Clement reacted by stating that man would not reach his potential freedom until guidance counselors removed all prejudices and gave the same interest and direction to all of their students.

TOO MANY INADEQUATE COURSES

Dr. Littlejohn thought that our high schools are probably spreading themselves too thin and are offering too many inadequate vocational courses.Until our comprehensive vocational schools are built, we may have to drop some of our vocational

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Mary Nell Smith Visits Columbia College

"Columbia College has many things to offer, but I especially liked the friendly atmosphere there," commented Mary Nell Smith who attended Junior Week-end at Columbia College last week-end.

Upon the girls' arrival, the C'sters, a group of students who help with any activities on campus, took the visitors to their assigned rooms. Here they met their freshmen hostesses with whom they would be staying. After introductions, some of the girls took a tour of the campus.They saw the new J. Drake Edens Library, the Student Center, Cottingham Theatre, and the senior dormitory, Asbury Hall.

Entertainment planned by the C'sters was next on the agenda after supper. Sherry Shealy, a freshman, played several selections on the piano, and Ann Boykin, Student Body president, sang "The Shadow of Your Smile" and "Makin' Whoopie".

The girls attended Vespers and then returned to the dormitories to eat homemade popcorn and gossip with their freshmen hostesses about the various aspects of life at Columbia College. These sessions lasted until approximately 2:00 or 3:00 a.m. in some rooms.

Saturday morning, Dr. R. Wright Spears welcomed the girls to Columbia College. Miss Anne Clements, dean of students, talked to the group about housing and summer testing program for freshmen. Afterwards Dr. Thomas G. Shuler, academia dean, stressed upon the group the individuality of each girl on campus. He explained the meaning of the college's motto, "Non Quem Sed Quid", "not who, but what." Pointing out the reason for requiring speech as a freshman course, Mrs. Ayne Venanzio, speech instructor, discussed the use of speech techniques in communicating with other people.

Several students gave their experiences while at Columbia College. Sherry Shealy presented a freshman's view of C.She told about Rat Week and several social affairs such as Daddy Day, the Christmas Dance, and the Lady Bowl.

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offerings in order to upgrade others.

She agreed with Dr.Hoyt's idea that the above average student did not have to be directed towards college. She said she taught psychology at Winthrop and used one of the latest psychology books that stated that all superior students should attend college.

"I always delete that sentence,"she declared.

She thought the community college would serve a purpose.

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION NOT NECESSARY

Dr. Clements went even further to say that we should not encourage all students to finish high school.He did think,though, that everyone should learn a trade.He,too, thought that the vocational school would go a long way towards solving our problems.

The meeting adjourned for lunch. The snow and sleet were falling,so we decided that in the interest of safety we had better begin our way back to Columbia.And we did. Thus ended our participation in the annual state guidance conference.

FHA PROJECTS ARE MANY AND VARIED

FHA home projects are an integral part of the home economics program. These projects provide an opportunity for pupils to extend class learning experiences into the home and community.

Each year one home experience from the Home Economics I class is chosen to represent the Blythewood Future Homemakers in district competition.

Chapters receive recognition for participating in the activity, and this meets one phase of the requirements for the highest award in the state, the Hoffman Honor award.

The student whose project received a rating of excellent is Carolyn Hall. It has now been submitted in District competition.

Another phase of the FHA completion is the Clothing Construction Project. One of the garments constructed by a Home Economics II Student was chosen to represent Blythewood in District competition. A royal blue plaid suit tailored by Mary Hammons Rollison received this honor.

Marvie Peake constructed a lamp from a ceramic vase to represent Blythewood in the individual electrical experience competition. Not only does this project help the local chapter meet the qualifications competition, it also offers Marvie the opportunity to be selected to receive an electrical appliance donated by the electric companies in the state.

Owens, Smith Attend Press Day

Debbie Owens and Mary Nell Smith represented Blythewood at high school Press Day last Wednesday. The purpose of the program was to familiarize the students with educational opportunities available to young people in this area.

Mr. C.W. Branch, dean of Richland Tec, welcomed the students and told the group about the program at Richland Tec.

Two former graduates of Tec, Mrs. Sandra Kirkley and Moses Clarkson, noted their experiences at Richland Tec and how Richland Tec had helped them get a job.

After a tour of the tool and dye shop, Dr. H. Harrison Jenkins, associate editor of The Columbia Record, spoke to the students. He stated, "Neither the number of a man's collegiate degrees nor the size of his weekly paycheck is any measure of his contribution to society. Hundreds of graduates and non-graduates of South Carolina's high schools have been led to believe that their future depends on whether they do or do not attend college." He called for a halt to this so called "snob appeal" and asked for a "return to the tradition of the American Dream, which held that there is no aristocracy in our land."

Tommy Jones and Adrian Jackson, Blythewood High graduates, attend Richland Tec.

FHA Holds Initiation

"Eat this egg, and then eat this delicious lard sandwich," was an order given to the new members of FHA at their initiation last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Formal initiation, at which time the initiates wore red and white, the FHA colors, was held on Tuesday. One probably heard fragments of the FHA motto, song, purpose, and creed as he walked down the hall. Each member was called upon to recite these at any time during the day. Also, the girls composed a song to the tune of "Sweet Georgia Brown", "Woman", or "Fifteen Tons" about FHA or an FHA officer.

During informal initiation, the girls dressed up like babies and wore stockings over their heads. They answered to the name of rats and ate specially formulated FHA delicacies.

Doris Stevens to Represent District

Doris Stevens, a student of Dentsville High School, will represent District II as the business student of the year. Doris was selected over two other students, Debbie Owens from Blythewood and Rosa Mae Blanding from Hanbery at a judging held at Blythewood Library.

Each contestant submitted a personal data sheet that showed the number of business courses she had taken; the number of business machines she can operate, and the activities in which she has participated.

Charles Gorman and Mrs. Sue Heath, judges, interviewed the contestants.

Traffic Accidents - WHY?

Traffic accidents are a serious problem on the highways of South Carolina and the nation. Safety is stressed more and more, but the toll of accidents appears to rise instead of decrease.

What causes these accidents? Is there one specific cause, or do several elements enter in, such as speed and drunken driving?

When queried, Blythewood students gave several opinions.

Betty Jo Kaiser, a 1967 graduate of Blythewood, comments, " I feel speeding, drunken driving, or carelessness are the main causes of accidents. Perhaps an increased amount of highway patrolmen on the job would aid the correction of the accident problem.

Agreeing with Betty Jo, Gwen Haygood, co-president of F.H.A., states, "In my opinion, drunkenness, speed, thoughtlessness, and careless mistakes cause many highway accidents. We should take heed of the many fatal accidents that occur, and try to be more careful when driving.

"Speed," exclaims Debbie Owens, a cheerleader, "is the main factor in today's traffic accidents." She adds, "More emphasis on the rules of speed and films showing bad accidents caused by speed would help to impress drivers to obey the rules of the road, thus decreasing the number of wrecks."

"Most accidents one hears about are caused by both speed and drunken driving," concludes Tommy Eargle, president of the Junior Beta Club. "To correct this situation, each person should try to obey the laws himself," explains Tommy.

FFA BOYS COMPETE IN CONTEST

Representing Blythewood at an FFA soil-judging contest held at Batesburg-Leesville on Thursday were Charles Hardin, "Butch" Loner, J. B. Legrand, and Jimmy Sharpe. The South Carolina Electric and Gas Company and South Carolina Soil and Conservation Service sponsored the contest.

Over 30 schools participated in the contest. Blythewood's scores have not been returned.

The winner of this contest will compete in the state contest.

Blythe-Words

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Honor Graduates Are Announced

Stanley McLean Wilson is first honor graduate of the class of 1968 and Sandra Rebecca Davis is the second honor graduate. Brenda Kay Lewis placed third. Other honor students will be announced later.

Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson, is president of the senior class, editor of BLYTHE-WORDS and a member of the Beta Club.

Sandra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Davis, is reporter for the senior class, business manager of BLYTHE-WORDS and circulation manager of BLYTHE-SPIRIT, the school yearbook.

Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Lewis, is co-editor of the annual, member of the Beta Club, co-president of F.H.A. and state Parliamentarian of F.H.A.

Yearbook Staff Is Elected

Carl Muller and Brenda Price will serve as co-editors for the 1968-69 edition of BLYTHE-SPIRIT.

Other members of the staff will include Bonnie Amaker and Jennifer Price, assistant co-editors; Ronnie Huggins, business manager, and Creighton Kelly, assistant business manager.

$1500 was the approximate cost of publishing the 1968 BLYTHE-SPIRIT. The students pay four dollars and fifty cents to help defray the cost. Advertisements contribute over $1000 towards expenses.

BERMUDA SHORTS DAY
FRIDAY, MAY 10

Yates To Deliver Commencement Address

Dr. Steve Yates, associate professor of journalism at the University of South Carolina, will deliver the commencement address to the seniors on May 31. The Reverend John A. Dowling will give the invocation, benediction.

The Reverend Robert Barker, superintendent of missions of the Fairfield Baptist Association, will preach the commencement sermon on May 26.

Class day exercises will be on May 24 at 9:30 a.m. At this time the traditional program will be presented with the following students participating: Ronnie Wilson, class lawyer; Carol Sloan, prophet; Hal Reeves, historian; and Caroline McLean, giftorian. All exercises will be held in the school auditorium.

Blythe-Words RECEIVES HONORS

BLYTHE-WORDS received a first place rating in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's (New York) and an All-State rating in the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association's critical judging.

"Many words of praise and commendation might be extended to the staff and sponsors of BLYTHE-WORDS. This paper is exceptional," wrote one of the Columbia University judges.

Commenting on the general estimate of the paper, the SCSPA judges agreed that the staff of BLYTHE-WORDS is doing an outstanding job.

With a score of 920 on the SCSPA competition, BLYTHE-WORDS topped its previous high score of 910.

MARSHALLS ARE ANNOUNCED TODAY

English Morris, Carl Muller, Brenda Price and Mary Nell Smith will serve as commencement marshalls, selected on the basis of their scholastic record for the ninth and tenth grades and through the fifth reporting period of the eleventh grade.

ANNOUNCING

Lee Muller is good citizen of the month. Elected by the Student Council, he was chosen on the basis of character, achievement and friendliness.

WILSON IS HARVARD BOUND

Stanley Wilson has received a Harvard College National Scholarship with a stipend of $2000 a year. He was one of 50 students awarded this type of scholarship from the group of 1200 admitted to the Freshman Class. Approximately 8000 students applied for admission to this Freshman Class.

The National Scholarship, an award made in recognition of exceptional intellectual promise and strength of character, is the highest honor Harvard College confers on incoming freshmen.

His College Board scores, his high school record, and recommendations were also instrumental in his receiving the scholarship.

Stanley plans to study pre-med.

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Yearbook Dedicated To Kenny Cooper

"For the unselfish and patriotic service rendered to his country; for the many facets of love and friendship he gave to all who knew him; to one whose gregariousness rightly earned his nickname, "Smiley", we, the senior class of 1968 - with sorrow for a vacancy that we shall feel always ... - do proudly dedicate this, the twenty-first edition of Blythe-Spirit, to Fay Kenny Cooper," so reads the Blythe-Spirit dedication.

While demonstrating the use of a gun, Kenny was killed in Vietnam on August 12, 1967.

Present at the dedication ceremonies on April 20 in the high school auditorium were Mrs. Edward Cooper, Kenny's mother, and Sara, his sister.

Accepting the dedication, Mrs. Cooper stated, "We appreciate the honor the year book staff has bestowed on Kenny. I know Kenny would have appreciated it, too."

Class Of '66 Scores First

Now serving in Thailand, Airman 1st Class George Bush recently scored another first for the class of '66. On Christmas Eve, George inscribed the following on a 750 pound bomb which would be dropped in Viet Nam on Christmas Day: December 24, 1967,Blythewood High School,Class of 1966 Blythewood,South Carolina; Sponsor: Miss Ann Rorer.He also listed the name of each member of that class. As George stated, "This will be the first bomb dropped in Viet Nam with a B.H.S. class roster on it."

"Thailand,"writes Ronnie McLean,another '66 graduate,"once known as Siam, means 'Land of the Free.'" It is the only country in Southeast Asia which has never been colonized.

The Thai people originated in the vast region of Southeast China, south of the Yangtze Valley,where they founded the independent kingdom of Nanchao in A.D. 650. In 1253 A.D.,Kublai Khan's hordes conquered Nanchao; mass migration took place southward. These Thai migrants settled in the fertile Chao Phya River valley where they founded Sukhothai, capital city of the first integrated Thai kingdom. Sukhothai has rightly been named the "cradle of Thai civilization."

Thailand has much to offer visitors, whether they are bent on having a good time which means a combination of entertainment,sight-seeing,and lazing about,or whether they are students of mankind out for a study of customs and manners.

Students Hear Upward-Bound Representative

Mr. Reginald Brasington, instructor for the Upward Bound project of the University of South Carolina, talked to several interested Blythewood students recently. He pointed out that Upward Bound is sponsored by the government and is designed to build skills and motivation necessary for success in college.

In his talk he outlined a typical day on campus which begins at 8:30 with a 45 minute general instructional meeting.From there they proceed to Central Theme units where teachers and professors instruct the academic portion of the program.

Lunch is served at 12 and afterward students may choose from activities such as dramatics, journalism, elective mathematics, elective science, music, and study skills. From 5:30 until 6:00 dinner is served. Evening activity, which may consist of recreational activities, lasts from 7:00 until 10:00 and concludes the day.

All students participating in Upward-Bound live on campus in air-conditioned rooms and are paid $10.00 per week.

"That's What It Means To Be Free"

"That's What It Means to Be Free" was the title of a choral reading the sixth grade presented at the April meeting of the Blythewood P-TA.

The reading began with the struggle for American independence, continuing through World Wars I and II, the assassination of President Kennedy, to the inauguration of President Johnson.

Mrs. Carolyn Peake directed the reading.

Junior Betas To Visit Atlanta

"Six Flags Over Georgia" is the feature attraction the Junior Beta Club members will visit in June.

To finance the trip,the club had a bake sale and netted twenty-seven dollars.

Also, they held a car wash at Sharpe's Station last Saturday. The project was very successful and the Club made approximately twenty-six dollars.

Karen Meadows,a seventh grader,is a new Beta Member.

Betas continue to serve as hall monitors.They do not attempt to regulate hall traffic but only record those students who are walking the halls without written permission.

GRADUATION is Sadness, Joy, Reflection...

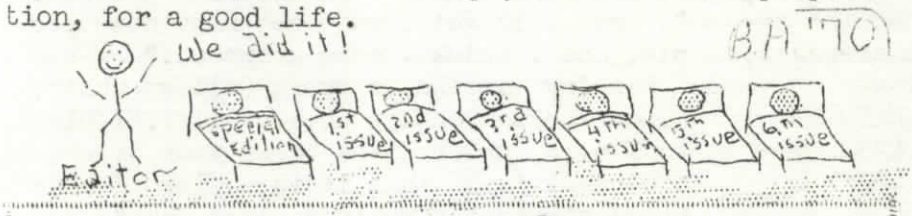
Each year, about this time, the seniors begin to evaluate their five years at Blythewood High. This evaluation takes the form of both reminiscing and analyzing past performances, with an eye toward possibilities for the future.

Although seniors may have attitudes toward graduation ranging from great sadness to welcomed relief, this coming event preludes one certainty: the loss of security and protection formerly offered here at Blythewood High.

Most of us have followed the one regular groove started when we entered the first grade. Now the time is approaching when the customary prodding and enforcement will come to an end. At first we may doubt our ability to succeed with each one independently following the path shown him by ability and interest, but Blythewood High has prepared us for this in ways other high schools may not have.

Because B.H.S. is small, each of her students has had a greater opportunity to participate in activities and to further develop traits of poise, leadership, and dependability than would be possible in a larger school.

As we enter into our individual realms of awesome freedom with gladness, determination, and responsibility, we owe many thanks to our school. We owe many thanks to you, the students and faculty, who have given us the most important thing of all: the hope, as well as the preparation, for a good life.



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Here's to us. May we turn out to be as good as we think we are. And may our future be as bright as we deserve.

One Last Word

Another successful year for BLYTHE-WORDS is coming to an end. We, the staff, approach the end of a sometimes turbulent road which has taken us through periods of hard work and proud accomplishment, with mingled confusion and fatigue.

I would now like to thank Mrs. Zeagler and Miss Rorer for their unselfish dedication and long hours of work vested in BLYTHE-WORDS this year. They have gone far beyond the call of duty to make BLYTHE-WORDS a successful medium of student activities.

The entire BLYTHE-WORDS staff worked very hard to put out a good paper. They, too, remained interested, dedicated, and persevering. To them, I say, "Thank you for an excellent job!"

With so many capable staff members returning next year, it is unnecessary to wish success for the 1968-1969 editions of BLYTHE-WORDS success is practically assured. Therefore, I only say this: "If you, the rising staff of BLYTHE-WORDS, derive as much personal satisfaction and pleasure from the paper as I have, you will never regret having undertaken the problems and responsibilities."

Imagine That...by Carl Muller

IMAGINE THAT BLYTHEWOOD HIGH:

1. is at the corner of Main and Gervais (or the corner of Bull and Elmwood).
2. is a front for a gambling casino.
3. has an indoor swimming pool.
4. is State Champ in EVERYTHING.
5. has go-go dancers in the lunchroom.
6. has the Junior-Senior at Condor's Stockyard.
7. has windows that won't break by themselves.
8. is just beginning the 1967-1968 year of school.
9. teaches riot control.
10. has pool tables instead of desks in study hall.
11. has a skydiving course and that Randy Chitwood teaches it without parachutes.
12. has co-ed physical-ed courses.
13. has 427 cu. in. supercharged buses.
14. is really upside down.

College Board Scores Soar

In a recent survey,the guidance counselors at Blythewood High determined that scores from the school on the College Board Entrance Exam are improving annually.

Using scores for students who have taken this exam during the last six years, Miss Rorer and a student computed the average score for each year.These averages, given in two parts, are as follows:

CLASS:	VERBAL	MATH
1963	389	428
1964	452	463
1965	408	429
1966	440	437
1967	394	486
1968	511	496

This data shows a combined gain of almost 200 points for the score for 1963 as compared to the 1968 scores when the combined average score was over 1000.

The national average is 374, verbal,and 412, math.

Gulledge Joins Faculty

Miss Patricia Gulledge, a former Brookland-Cayce High School student and graduate of the University of South Carolina, has joined Blythewood's faculty as teacher for the fourth grade.

She enjoys teaching and in college worked with mentally retarded children.

Miss Gulledge has lived in California and has traveled around the United States and to Mexico. Her hobbies include reading, going to movies, dancing, and traveling.

This summer Miss Gulledge plans to work toward a Master's Degree in Education.

Former Graduates Attend College

Many recent Blythewood graduates are now attending the college of his or her choice. Several of them are working as hall counselors and two of them sing in a chorus.

Linda Creech,a senior at Limestone College,commented, "I think going to college has helped me not only in broadening my intellect, but also in learning to live compatibly with various types of people."

Working as a hall counselor at Anderson Junior College,Annie Kaiser says, "My job as hall counselor has helped me to understand the freshmen better. My job is to keep them quiet,and to help them with any problems they may have." She adds,"I plan to go to summer school and attend Erskine College next year."

"To me,a degree is more than a piece of paper, and more than a 'union card' to a better job," replied Philip Hamer,who now attends the University of South Carolina. "The knowledge that one has acquired is just as important as the financial success a degree may bring the graduate," explains Philip.

Betty Jo Kaiser,a 1967 graduate,studies at Anderson Junior College. She exclaims, "I love college! I have met many new people, and I think I have grown up."

Singing in the Columbia College Choir, Linda Jackson enjoys college life."I plan to finish under the three year program because I feel that it is easier to continue straight thru in college once you get started.

Wade Davis was a delegate from Central Wesleyan College to South Carolina's Model United Nations held at Furman University this fall. Wade quotes, "Attending the Model United Nations was an experience that I shall never forget. I found more about how our United Nations really works."

"All students should go to college if they are capable," answers Barbara Lewis, a freshman at Lander College. "It is unbelievable what they will miss if they don't. I am having to study, but I will get my rewards in the end. College students are so close and friendly and it is not hard to fit in," continues Barbara.

John Wilson, a senior at Harvard, also sings in the Harvard Glee Club,about which he commented, "Singing in the Glee Club has been a very enjoyable experience for me and has broadened my musical prospective."

Crone's Cruxes

By Donald Crone

Track season will soon be over. Although the Indians did not have very much experience, they turned out a good record, beating eight teams during the season.

Tommy Lancaster, a senior, leads the team in scoring. He anchors the team's hopes of becoming the state champions. Some of Tommy's specialties are the shot and discus throws, the broad and high jumps, the high and low hurtles, the 100-yard dash, and a leg in the medley relay. During the first meet we had with Alcorn, Tommy scored 48 points. When they returned for the second meet, and Alcorn runner asked me where the track team was. I replied, "It's all over the field." He said, "Funny, I don't see Lancaster anywhere!"

It is my opinion that Tommy will win the pole-vault and the discus throw in the state meet. He will probably get a third or fourth place in the low hurtles also.

Dawson Mitchell, our capable mile-runner, should capture a third in that event. Our chances of winning the state lie with these two men.

Our Team

By Gene Jones

The soul of a team depends upon
The full cooperation of everyone
To make the team both strong and good,
Our faith in them must be understood.

To help our team at every game,
We must show our pride--wish them fame;
So help them, they're great, cunning and sly--
Our wonderful players of Blythewood High!

HONOR ROLL
FIFTH SIX WEEKS

GRADE 12

Sandra Davis
Carol Sloan
Stanley Wilson

GRADE 11

Kyle Meadows
Carl Muller
Mary Nell Smith
John Wetzel

GRADE 10

Charles Ballentine
Jennifer Price

GRADE 9

Carolyn Hall
Bobbie Jean Moak

GRADE 8

Danny Brooks
Mike Corley
Sandra Mitchell
Teresa Moak
Betty Shirah

GRADE 7[1]

John Eargle
Karen Meadows

GRADE 7[2]

Eddie Morris

Indians Qualify For Upper State

Participating in the qualifying for the upper state track meet, the Blythewood track team traveled to Irmo High School last Tuesday.

Athletes from eight schools--Blythewood, Irmo, Cardinal Newman, Olympia, Swansea, Gilbert, Chapin, and Pelion--attended the meet. They competed in ten events-The 880, the 440, the 220, the 100-yard dash, the high and low hurtles, and the medley, the mile, and the one-half mile relays.

Qualifiers from Blythewood were Tommy Lancaster and Charles Meetze, who ran the low hurtles, Dawson and Jerry Mitchell, running the mile, and Carl Brazell, who ran the 880. Also, Gladston Jackson, Houston Cook, Hal Reeves, and Jerry Mitchell qualified in the medley relay.

On Friday, the eight teams returned to Irmo to complete the qualifying. Tommy Lancaster qualified by taking first place in the discus and the pole vault and third place in the low hurtles. Charles Meetze wil also compete in the upper state meet by capturing third place in the broad jump.

Track Team Captures Second Place

Blythewood's track team seems to be able to capture only second place when running against its opponents. In nine track meets so far this year, the Indians have taken six second places and three first places.

When the size and strength of such opponents as Dentsville, Camden Military Academy, Olympia, and Irmo are considered this is a fairly good record.

Coach Polcari, however, is not quite satisfied. He commented, "You're not satisfied until you're number one, and when you're number two, you have to try harder."

The Braves have the ability and the desire to be number one.

Tis Gone

Time has come, the hour is spent,
Time for us and our ascent,
The years have gone the time is past,
We've done our part and then at last,
Tis gone.

Like the Bluebird flying high,
Up over and through the sky,
The wings of knowledge we have earned,
To seek the sky of Life we yearn,
Tis gone.

And so our books have come to rest,
So we might face that final test,
Life, in a world where no friend stands,
We trust in God with folded hands,
Tis gone.

In this world of war and hate,
We leave our school to face our fate,
So don't forget the Bluebirds on high,
Who left dear Blythewood so they might fly,
Tis gone.

James Lyles - Class Poet

Senior Superlatives

Senior superlatives are as follows:

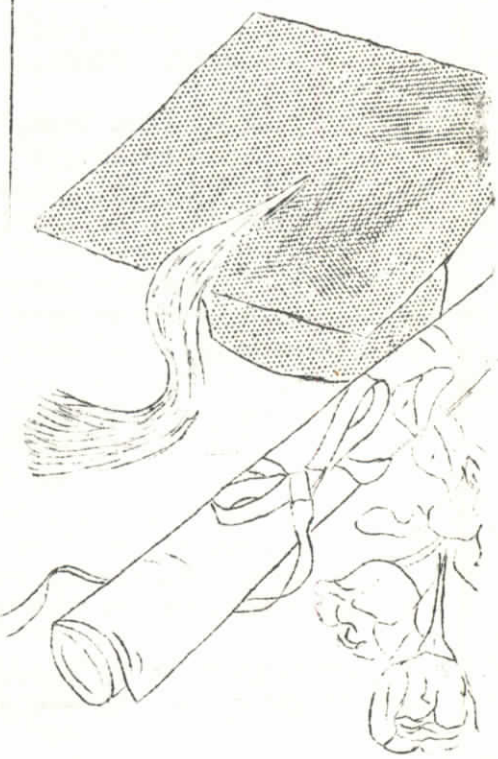
MOST DEPENDABLE . . . . . Sandra Davis
Stanley Wilson
MOST VERSATILE . . . . . Brenda Lewis
Ronnie Wilson
MOST INTELLECTUAL . . . . . Sandra Davis
Stanley Wilson
BEST ALL AROUND . . . . . Judy Mclean
Ronnie Wilson
MOST POPULAR . . . . . Brenda Lewis
Ronnie Wilson
MOST ATHLETIC . . . . . Brenda Lewis
Tommy Lancaster
BEST LOOKING . . . . . Carol Sloan
Ernie Rollison
BEST DRESSED . . . . . Brenda Lewis
Don Davis
MOST ACCOMODATING . . . . . Carol Sloan
Stanley Wilson
WITTIEST . . . . . Sandra Davis
Lee Muller
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED . . . . . Brenda Lewis
Stanley Wilson
MOST STUDIOUS . . . . . Peggy Bacon
Stanley Wilson
MOST FRIENDLY . . . . . Judy McLean
Mike Rushing
MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT . . . . . Brenda Lewis
Jimmy Windhorn
MOST HARD LUCK . . . . . Brenda Hardin
Ronnie Wilson

With The Class Of '68

SONG:
"Try To Remember"

COLORS:
Blue and Silver

FLOWER:
Yellow Rose



MOTTO:
"Before us lies the timber, let us build."

Muller Named Merit Finalist

Lee Muller has been named a National Merit Scholarship finalist. He is among less than one per cent of approximately six hundred twenty five thousand students who competed for honors.

Lee plans to attend Clemson University and study pre-dentistry.

DON'S TITLES

"EASY PICK-INS"

By Don Lovett

The predominant concern of license-holding 16-year olds every spring is the bus driver's examination. Bus drivers are a special lot:they must show superior character, personality and leadership, but since everyone at Blythewood meets these qualifications, everyone takes the bus driver examination.

If one is lucky he will pass the written and road test. Then for the grand total of 40 George Washingtons a month, he drives a school bus two semesters. That's a lot of dough for just driving back and forth to school.

But then comes the fun--for he sees every bus has its Frankenstein who's not going to let some dumb student boss him around.There's also the "What,me worry?!" nature-boy-type who doesn't care if you take him to the principal,superintendent, attorney general or even his mean "tomboy" sister for his misbehaving.

"PUT SOME ON ME"

A number of initiations have taken place this year.Each one it seems has extended beyond school hours and into the evening.

At this time, all of the card-carrying members congregate to put some lard on the initiates' hair or raw eggs in the poor soul's mouth. If these unfortunates are truly unfortunate they get some vinegar poured on their face where-upon they run in haste because it simply didn't suit their taste.

"CHECKING' UN OUT"

If one was wise enough to purchase one of the great-looking '68 yearbooks, he probably wondered about the picture on page 5 of a teacher and two students. Don't they look suspicious though?

Here's how a description of the action might sound.Donnie is showing Mr. Easterling conclusive photographic evidence that a Benson and Hedger 100 with its extra puffing time was responsible for his tardiness. Houston is attempting to force a cup of lunchroom "juice" on Mr. E. One may also notice that Mr.E.is looking down the hall,apparently at some object and he is,for someone replaced the Sanka for the regular potent stuff, with its narcotic "cafferine". Mr. E. is not a devout stimulant user;preferring to keep his Charles Atlas body in A-1 shape; so naturally this "cafferine" junk throws him for a loop.

By fixing his eyes on a stationary object, Mr. E. can steer himself down the hall in a fairly straight fashion. Now doesn't that simply make one feel good about human nature?

"WISH I'D SAID THAT"

In evaluating the last Carolina-Clemson game...oh...pardon me Tiger fans,Clemson-Carolina game, this cry arose, "It was the most gory game I've ever seen."-B.L. Muller.

With Blythewood Boys In The Service

Blythewood graduates are serving their country in the far-flung corners of the world.

Harold Branham,Yeeman 1st Class is stationed in Norfork,Virginia. He will leave for duty in Vietnam sometime in May.

Serving in Germany is Randy Fulmer. He has been there since May and plans to return in July.After returning home,he will be stationed in Kansas.

Ronnie McLean is stationed in Thailand. He works with road equipment. He will return home in about 29 days.

Tommy Frick is an airman 1st Class.Presently he is stationed at Clinton County Air Force Base.

Larry Langdale is stationed at Fort Deves,Massachusetts.He is working in security work.

Van Langford is in the Navy. He is stationed on the new destroyer USS Sampler. He works in personnel work aboard the ship.

Richard Watts is in the Quarter Master Corps.He is in Vietnam and will return in December, 1969.

Stationed at Brooks Air Force Base is John Wilcox. John is an Airman 1st Class and plans to return home in July. His field of work is civil engineering.

Billy Windhorn is an Electricians mate 3rd Class. He is now stationed off the coast of Yokyska,Japan on the USS Mars.He works as an electrician on the ship.

History Class Studies War

8-I History Class is doing an extended study on the wars in which the United States has been involved.

Beverly Thornton and Danny Stevens are writing on the Vietnam War; Gayle Davis Revolutionary War; Beth Boney and Michael Corley,Civil War, and Mark Johnson, World War I.

All other members of the class have made their individual selections.

Mrs. Sandra Grady is the history teacher,and reference materials in the library are being used.

Students To Receive NEDT Certificates

"What does this mean?" questioned Bobby Jean Moak when she received her scores on the National Educational Development Test

Bobby Jean is one of four students who will receive a certificate for their outstanding performance on the NEDT published by Science Research Associates.

John Loner, Tommy Eargle, and Diane Thornton will also receive a certificate.

To be a recipient of this honor, a student must score in the 90th percentile on a national level competition.

John and Diane are sophomores; Bobby Jean and Tommy are freshmen. They will receive their certificates on Awards Day.

Drivers' Club Beautifies Area

The Drivers' Club is sponsoring the beautification of the area around the Blythewood High School sign. The plans are to remove the stumps, plant grass, place shrubbery at key points, and plant blooming flowers in the planter around the sign.

Mr. Harrell and a committee of students from the Drivers' Club are supervising the work.

IT IS MAY, BUT FFA CONTINUES WORK

FFA activities for the month of April include repairing stage, fixing a pick-up truck, working on chairs, and digging up stumps on the school ground.

Juniors Entertain Seniors

The juniors entertained the seniors at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet and dance at the Redwood Cafeteria last Friday night.

Following the invocation delivered by English Morris, the dinner was served

Following the meal, Lynn Wilson, junior class president, Stanley Wilson, senior class president, and Ronnie Huggins gave brief speeches.

The senior class presented their class song, "Try to Remember," immediately followed by the junior class song, "No Man Is An Island."

The Grand March, headed by Stanley Wilson, highlighted the evening.

The New Keys provided music for dancing, which concluded the event.

Reporters' Job Glamorous, Maybe!

"The job of a reporter is not always as glamorous as it seems," stated Dr. Steve Yates, professor of journalism at the Univ. of South Carolina at the annual South Carolina Scholastic Press Association convention on April 26.

The program included a speech by Dr. Ralph Hitt, and various discussion groups dealing with all the steps in a mimeographing process.

Carl Muller was a candidate for state president at this meeting. Others attending were Lee Muller, Stanley Wilson, Don Lovett, Diane Thormton, Ronnie Huggins, Mary Nell Smith, and Mrs. Zeagler, advisor.

Students Take Bus Driver Training

Seven B. H. S. students attended school bus drivers' training at C.A. Johnson High School. They were Sara Cooper, Kathy Starnes, Marguerite Wilson, and Buck Hagood. Also, Lawrence Loner, Ronnie Huggins, and Brenda Price.

The students heard lectures about the responsibility of driving a bus, safety precautions to follow, and what procedures to follow in case of accidents, during the first day's session.

On the second day, the instructors discussed the procedures used in loading and unloading students, crossing railroads, and the conduct of the drivers while at the wheel.

All seven students passed the written examination and will take the road test soon.

BLOCK B GIRLS SET REQUIREMENTS

To become eligible for membership in the Girls' Block B Club, a girl must play at least 32 quarters, collect ten dollars, and go through a very rigorous initiation.

Three girls have met these requirements and are now members of the Club. They are Susan Brown, Sandra Mitchell, and Anne Raines.

Critical or Correct

By Mary Nell Smith

Is this a familiar phrase to most people, "I don't like that; it gripes me!"? If so, is this much criticism necessary?

Being too critical is not a good trait, but most students have some trace of this characteristic in them. However, all should try to overcome this habit.

There is always a good side to everyone and everything if one will just take the time to find it.

To be critical requires no talent, as Benjamin Disraeli once said, "It is much easier to be critical than correct."