

Blythe-Words

Class of 1968/1969



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MULLER SETS SCHOOL RECORD

Scoring well above average on the achievement tests of the College Board Entrance Examination, Carl Muller has set an outstanding school record, with 116 points above average on Level I Math, and 216 points above average on both American History and English Composition.

"They're just great, but I'm glad the tests are over," replied Carl when asked about how he felt about his scores.

Carl has served as vice-president of his class, secretary of the Beta Club, vice-president of the Library Club, and is Chairman of District II Scholastic Press Association.

He is a member of the basketball and track teams

Tuesday - September 3

8:30 - 9:00	Home 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

Wednesday - September 4

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	Dismissal

NEW TEACHERS JOIN STAFF

Mrs. Helen Roof, Mr. John Boulware, Mrs. Nancy Chance, Miss Gwen Davis, Mrs. Sara Wilson and Colonel Darrell J. Birch are the new teachers who will join Blythewood's faculty this year.

F.H.A. BEGINS WORK EARLY

To create interest in F.H.A. among the old and the prospective members and to get F.H.A. off to a good start, the Blythewood chapter of the Future Homemakers of America held its summer meeting recently.

Mrs. Mackey welcomed each of the girls to the meeting and expressed her desire to make this a very good year in F.H.A. Mary Nell Smith, senior president, then introduced the officers and discussed the work that the executive committee had done during the summer.

The girls emphasized the national objectives of F.H.A. and also its two projects "Citizenship Challenges You" and "Your Neighbors Near and Far."

Displaying the souvenirs she had collected during her visit in Florida, Bonnie Amaker, junior president, gave the highlights of her trip to the National F.H.A. Convention in Miami, Florida. She also described the stops that the South Carolina delegation made in St. Augustine, Silver Springs and Daytona Beach.

Carolyn Hall, Lynn Robertson and Sandra Mitchell also participated in the program.

Mrs. Roof, who formerly attended Blythewood, will teach seventh and eighth grade English and speech.

Also teaching ninth and eleventh grade English will be Mrs. Nancy Chance.

Mr. Boulware will teach United States History and will serve as assistant coach.

Colonel Darrell Birch, retired from the Army, will instruct social studies for the seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

Serving in the grammar school, Miss Davis will teach elementary science and Mrs. Wilson will teach elementary English.

Additional teachers needed are a math teacher and a first grade teacher.

W-ork
E-nthusiasm
L-oyalty
C-ooperation
O-rder
M-agnanimity
E-fficiency

To make this a successful school year, each student must work, show enthusiasm, loyalty, and cooperation. He must have respect for order, be magnanimous in his dealings with faculty and fellow students and be efficient.

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AMAKER HEADS CHEERLEADERS

Bonnie Amaker will serve as head cheerleader for the 1968-69 school year.

To emphasize their desire to create badly needed school spirit, the cheerleaders will keep the students informed by placing different information on the bulletin board each week. Also, the girls repainted the Indian in the gym.

The cheerleader squad will consist of Betty Peavy, Mary Nell Smith, Marvie Peake, and Jackie Lee, seniors; juniors are Bonnie Amaker, Jeannie Owens, and Christine Meetze. Representing the sophomore class will be Terry Fulmer and Gayle Loner. Mrs. Billie Mackey is their sponsor.

The squad has purchased new wool skirts to replace the previous cotton ones. The girls will wear service bars on their sweaters representing the number of years they have served. To add a new approach and color to their uniforms the squaws ordered new pom poms.

This summer the girls sold doughnuts and held four bake sales to help pay for their purchases. They have raised over \$150.

The cheerleaders cannot generate school spirit without the help of the student body, so they are asking all students to cooperate to make this a successful season.

EXPERIENCE IS THE WORD

Although this year's team is not the largest in the history of the game at Blythewood, it is a team filled with experience. The

majority of the team has from one to two years, and in some cases, three years of playing behind them.

With three years' practice, senior player, Donald Crone, should add plenty of size and power to the line. When teamed up with two-year veterans, Cecil Brazell and Carl Brazell, and one-year veterans--Mark Meadows, Tommy Eargle, and Mike Roberts--they should be quite a "moving force".

There is also plenty of experience in the backfield. Taussig Moak and Dawson Mitchell, both four-year veterans, and two-year players, Jerry Mitchell and Jimmy Stone, will receive the ball from quarterback veterans of two-years each, Wayne Loner and John Legrand.

With all of this experience this year's team has great potential.

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After the fans of B.H.S. see the change in the team following our first game with Mt. Pisgah, they will wonder what has happened. This change is a simple six letter word, "SPIRIT". The coaches have instilled a new spirit in our team.

Upon looking at our past season's record, Coach Boulware uttered, "Disgusting!"

Coach Polcari started from the beginning with what I call "double shot practices." Let me explain: a double shot practice is one in which there is twice the exercise, twice the conditioning drill and half the water.

Liking speed, good timing, and gang tackling, Coach Boulware says he loves to hear the pitter-patter of helmets hitting and the sweet sound of the opponents' screams and groans.

One poor soul, Dana Mattox, was getting an acute case of upset stomach. He walked up to the coach and mumbled, "Coach, I hate to bring this up but - - - !!!"

One more query comes from the new coach; "Have you ever tried to tell a person who has eaten hamburger all his life how steak tastes?" He said Blythewood's football team has had hamburger so long that it has forgotten how steak tastes.

"From the looks of our team and coaching staff, Blythewood will eat steak for a very long time," commented Coach Boulware.



1st Football Game
September 5th
B.H.S. vs. Mt. Pisgah

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LOUETTE'S LAURELS

"Dance Floors Deserve Your Attention"

As you entered our hallowed halls after three glorious months of fun, wind, surf and various extra-curricular activities, the familiarity of our age old tradition of cleaning waxed corridors undoubtedly sweet you to tears. If you had only known the Coach was selling 40% tear dryers, all these sally little droplets could have been kept off Joe's freshly polished floors. Now that you've heard the word let's get with it and help good ole Joe.



"Look For That Pot"

Ever beavers after all that initial dissention and protest just remember, one of these days you're gonna luck up on your reward and find that pot at the end of the rainbow, only to discover that it contains soapy water.

Speaking of politicks, just remember if you're unkeen about Gene, think Humphrey is dunny, and if you have the nix on Nixon, there's always Pat Paulsen.

WILSON IS OUTSTANDING TEENAGER

Stanley Wilson, valedictorian of the Class of 1968, is South Carolina's Outstanding Teenager. Nominated by the school Faculty, Stanley was selected by the Outstanding Americans Foundation. Entry blanks sent to all the nominees requested information concerning school, church, and community activities, future plans, and ambitions.

Governor Robert Walker honored Stanley as the Outstanding Teenager and presented a statuette to him during a ceremony at the State House recently.

Last year, Stanley was editor of BIRTH-DAYS and president of the senior class, the Beta Club, and the Library Club. He also participated in basketball and track and was in the choir at his church.

Receiving a \$2000 scholarship, Stanley will enter Harvard College this month where he will major in pre medicine.

He will now compete with winners from other states for one or two Outstanding Teenagers of America titles and scholarships.

When asked how he felt

about this honor Stanley commented, "I was really surprised and stunned when I found out that I was South Carolina's Outstanding Teenager."

NEWS - FACTS

Impro - This year Wytchwood's marvelous fleet of motorized transportation (school busses) will be fuel injected 42' cards with CTO convertibles.

Fact - We still have these sexy old alien, rotting, "Yellow dogs".

Impro - The boys' physical education teacher will be R. G. Baker and the girls' physical education teacher will be Sam Caprony.

Fact - Is such a thing?

Impro - Education television classes will now be held at the Starlite Lodge in beginning at eight o'clock.

Fact - Algebra students are looking forward only to those suspended and suspended students will now that Dr. Univers, from O'Neal, Eric your re- dose tablets.

Impro - Joe's keys are really matched to fit the Clayboy Clubs.

Fact - Saloney?

MOVIE TALK

- Down With The Wind... Resterling, Chalmers, Gobby, Carroll
- Guess Who's Coming To Dinner... Joe Sant
- In The Heat Of The Night... Elythwood Junior-Senior
- Cool Hand Luke... Erwin Swanson
- Never A Dull Moment... Elythwood Football Team
- The Sound of Music... Lucy Harris
- Talk To The Animals... Seventh Grade Home Room
- Fantastic Voyage... School Bus Drivers
- The Reluctant Astronaut... John Latzel
- The Good, The Bad and The Ugly... Fill in the blanks---
- That's New Hussycat?... This one's too dangerous!

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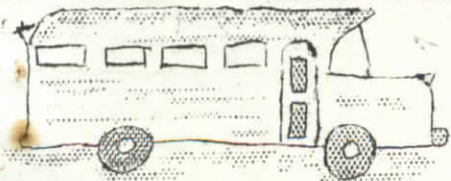
MULLER IS NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALIST

Carl Muller is a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. He will now compete for a Merit Scholarship.

High school grades, accomplishments, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, and school citizenship of the entries will be evaluated, along with test scores, in selecting Merit Scholarship winners.

Scoring in the 99th percentile, Carl is one of the highest scorers in South Carolina. Out of approximately 9,000 students in South Carolina who took the test, only 20 made a higher score than Carl. Also, the semi-finalists constitute less than one per cent of the graduating secondary school seniors in the United States.

About the semi-finalists John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, commented, "They have already demonstrated both high intellectual capacity and a readiness to develop their abilities."



Blythewood Observes Homecoming Tonight

Blythewood will observe Homecoming tonight at 7:30 on the Dentsville football field with a game between Blythewood and St. Angela.

Highlighting the half-time activities will be the crowning of Miss Homecoming of 1968 by Superintendent Cyril Havird and Principal W.C. Rorer.

Each player from the junior and senior class sponsors a candidate and from these candidates the student body selects the queen and her court.

The sponsors and their dates are Mary Nell Smith, sponsored by Donald Crone; Jackie Lee, sponsored by Cecil Brazell; Marvie Peake, sponsored by Larry Freeman; Gayle Loner, sponsored by Dawson Mitchell; Susan Brown, sponsored by Taussig Moak and Terry Fulmer, sponsored by Mike Roberts.

Carl Muller will act as Master of Ceremonies.

The Block "B" boys and girls will sponsor a drop-in following the game at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.U. Smith.

BHS WILL HOST SCSPA MEETING

Blythewood will host the annual fall meeting of the District II, South Carolina Scholastic Press Association. The tentative date is November 2.

This meeting is sponsored by Dr. George Crutchfield, director of the SCSPA, and the School of Journalism of the University of South Carolina.

Carl Muller, feature editor of BLYTHE-WORDS, is chairman of District II.

Girl Bus Drivers Outnumber Boys

Girl bus drivers, for the first time, outnumber the boy drivers at Blythewood. One new bus, driven by Ruth Rimer, replaced the bus driven last year by Lee Muller.

Drivers include Ruth Rimer, Sara Cooper, Brenda Price, Marguerite Wilson, Carl Muller, Buck Hagood, and Don Lovett.

Bus regulations state that all drivers shall report any discipline trouble to the office with specific written charges against the student.

Except during wet weather, the busses will stop only at assigned places. All bus drivers must establish a regular time schedule.

Students To Take Tests

Students in grades seven through eleven will be taking achievement and intelligence tests during October.

Grades seven, eight, and nine will take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. The seventh grade will take the Lorge-Thorndike Intelligence Test and grade ten will take the Test of Educational Ability. Grade eleven will take the Iowa Test of Educational Ability.

Students in the tenth and eleventh grades who plan to attend college should take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test that will be administered on October 26.

The Scholastic Aptitude Test for the seniors will be given in November at several area high schools.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 15

Yearbook Has Co-Editors

The co-editors of Blythe-wood's 1968-69 annual are Brenda Price and Carl Muller. Brenda and Carl's assistant co-editors are Jennifer Price and Bonnie Amaker, who were elected in 1967-68. Ronnie Huggins is the business manager and his assistant business manager is Creighton Kelly.

Other members of the staff who were elected at the beginning of this school year are as follows: classes editor, Gwen Haygood; organizations editor, Marvie Peake; sports editors, Donald Crone and Lynn Wilson; academics editor, Don Lovett; photographer, Erwin Branham.

The first sixteen pages are due near November 1.

Over \$1300 has been collected from advertisements.

FRESHMEN LEARN

STUDENT EVALUATION

Freshmen learned recently how they are evaluated by their teachers. Through their four years of high school, they are graded on characteristics such as: motivation, industry, initiative, influence and leadership, concern for others, responsibility, integrity and emotional stability. These evaluation sheets are kept in their permanent record and when a student or former student applies for a job his employer often checks these evaluation sheets to see if the prospective employee would be a competent worker.

Also Nine I has chosen its officers. They are as follows: President, Mike Corley; Vice-president, Danny Brooks; Secretary, Teresa Moak; Treasurer, Charles Starnes; and Reporter, Mark Johnson.

The class chose as his-

torians, Beth Boney and Sandra Mitchell. They will keep a scrapbook of class activities containing pictures, reports, and newspaper articles that will be continued all the way through their senior year. The program committee consists of Danny Brooks, chairman, Mike Corley, Beth Boney, Danny Stevens and Betty Shirah. This committee will plan and carry out the extracurricular activities for the nine one homeroom class.

Teachers Lounge Being Renovated

Upon noticing Blythe-wood's chief maintenance official, Joe Gantt, lumbering down the hall with what appeared to be a worn-out commode clutched in his arms, an interested student began an investigation which led to a most startling discovery. The teachers lounge is being renovated! The lounge floor is being leveled and a new rug is being installed. The present slightly worn sofa is to have a new cover and the walls are being painted a pastel yellow. Rumor is that the lounge may have a new refrigerator and goodness only knows what else. Students will probably never know about all the luxuries in that off limits area, however, they can continue to make calculated guesses based upon the amount of time spent there by certain faculty members.

Seniors Elect Mascots

Judy Dowling, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. John Dowling, and Jerry Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Clark, were elected mascots by the senior class.

Judy and Jerry will participate in the Homecoming program.

Student Council Plans Clean-Up

Student Council is initiating a clean-up campaign for the High School. In its first general meeting, the council moved to adopt a plan under which the freshman and sophomore classes would shoulder the responsibility for keeping the school area free of litter under the supervision and assistance of the junior and senior classes. The plan was accepted by a majority vote, with all freshman and sophomore representatives supporting it.

Other business discussed was senior privileges. Mr. Rorer approved the following: All senior class members are permitted to sit on front seats of the school busses and auditorium, go directly to the front of the cafeteria line, leave each class on the first bell and go to their lockers between classes. They also may cross the highway before school in the morning and during the lunch break.

HOME EC CLASSES

STUDY SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Home Economics classes are studying the art of self-improvement, giving special attention to grooming and hair-care. Class discussions have covered such areas as shampooing, hair-conditioning treatments, special hair problems, face shapes and make-up applications.

The students will present a demonstration on hair-styling later this month. As a follow-up to their study of make-up the classes plan to have a cosmetic representative discuss make-up techniques and demonstrate special products.

Moral Obligation Versus Personal Ambitions

Much turmoil is in our world today. Everyone seems to be protesting about something, and teachers are no exception.

Approximately all of the schools in New York City are still closed today because of a teacher strike. Last August, 35,000 of Florida's teachers crowded into the Tangerine Bowl in Orlando where they caused education in Florida to come almost to a standstill. Is this the proper way for teachers to achieve their goals?

While teachers may have legitimate grievances against the school systems, they have a moral obligation to society for the education of its youth.

Many of the teacher unions and strikes have occurred in the northern states of our nation. Though the South is beginning to join in these protests, the southern teachers have always thought of their vocation as an opportunity to serve and improve society.

If our doctors, policemen, and firemen should refuse to work, would not our country be thrown into a state of chaos? No one would then hesitate to say that these men were obligated to work. Do not teachers fall into this same category?

Teachers may have some difficulties, but they also have many opportunities. The personal satisfaction of helping someone else should be rewarding. Many people also believe that as a whole, teachers enjoy associating with more cultured and intelligent people than those in any other profession.

Salary has always been a sore spot in the teaching profession. This is not a new problem. During the last depression, some teachers did not draw any salary for the duration of the term, but they were willing to sacrifice to keep the school system in order.

Becoming more and more important for getting along in today's world, education is one of the fundamentals of our American society. If our educational system and

thus our knowledge and ability to reason decline, then our nation will decline also. We cannot allow this to happen.

Let us hope that our teachers soon will realize their obligations and capacities to help others and will be rewarded for their services.



Slowly now the leaves turn brown
And more and more are falling down.
The carpet of gold has turned to black,
And the long wind blowing can't call them back.

An eerie darkness fills the sky
And the nights are filled with long, lonesome cries.
The death of Autumn is close at hand,
And the bleak winds of winter chill the bare land.

The wildlife seeks shelter
Winter is soon;
The nights grow colder and black with no moon.
The crops from the Harvest are all stored away
To provide for us all in the oncoming days.

Faster now...quicker, the blade slowly slides;
Burying itself deeper into Autumn's sides.
The dagger is sharp and the blade is keen,
And October slowly dies on the night of Halloween.

Eugene Jones '68

High schools are full of knowledge: the freshmen bring a little in and the seniors take none away, so knowledge accumulates.

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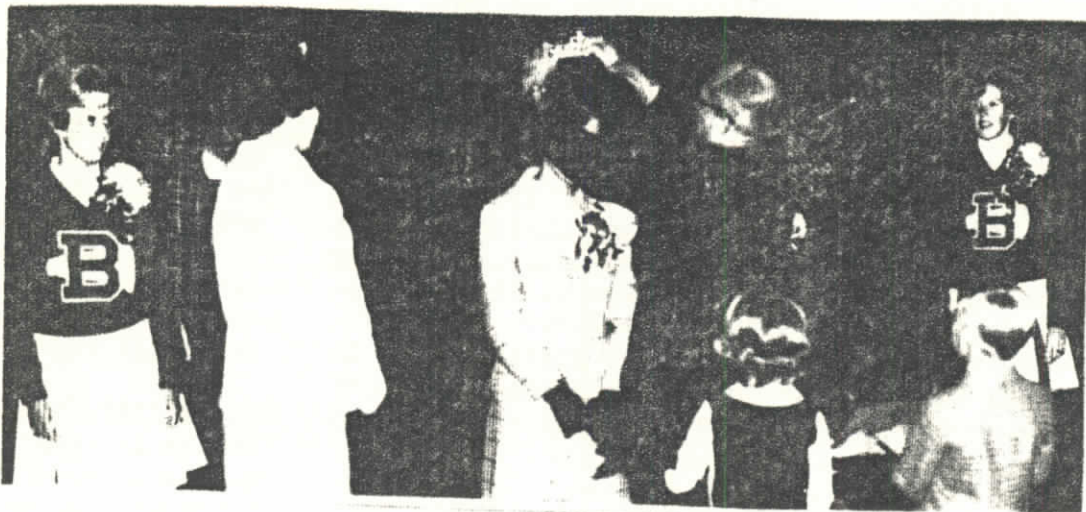
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by Donald Crone

The days are getting shorter and the nights longer and colder. There is a new crispness in the air, an electricity that comes every fall. The night...a cool one; the place...Mt. Pisgah. The fever is about to begin, from the opening kickoff to the final game, the school will be talking about the team.

This year's team is a good one; it could be great. We have already bettered last year's record and we should continue to improve. We now have a 1-1-1 record...one loss, Chapin 0-35; one win, Winnsboro (J.V.) 51-0, and one tie, Mt. Pisgah 6-6.

The team spirit is up and the fans flock to see the team. The cheerleaders have made a good showing through thick and thin and the football team appreciates this.

Out coaches feel that this is possibly the best team Blythewood has ever fielded. As Mr. Boulware said, "This team is closely knit, and it could become a machine by the end of the year.

Jimmy Stone has accounted for 30 points. He mused, "I think that the big difference is the line; we have more experience and a faster line than last year's." Hats off to Jimmy! (Incidentally, Jimmy set a school record for most points scored in one game...24.

This week St. Angela will travel to our home field, Dentsville.

This is the big game of the year. This is Homecoming. This is our chance to make the old grads proud of us. I know we will!

Cheerleaders Host Football Team

Hamburgers, anyone? This was the question posed by the BHS cheerleaders to the football team before the first game of the season.

To start the season off on the right foot, the cheerleaders held a hamburger party for the members of the team and for the coaches in the home economics room after school. Each cheerleader donated some item to complete the meal. The meal consisted of hamburgers with all the "accessories," potato chips, cookies, and drinks. The drinks were furnished by the athletic department. The food was prepared and served by all the cheerleaders.

P.E. Classes Have New Look

After years of wearing bleached blue jeans, sweat shirts and other various apparel, Blythewood's girls' physical education classes have taken on a "new look". The "new look" consists of a one piece, blue jump suit with short, cuffed legs and belted waistline.

Numerous comments and expressions ranging from laughter to moans marked the advent of the suits. However, they seem to be liked by almost everyone now.

Commenting on the new suits, one sophomore said, "They make the athletic program look more organized."

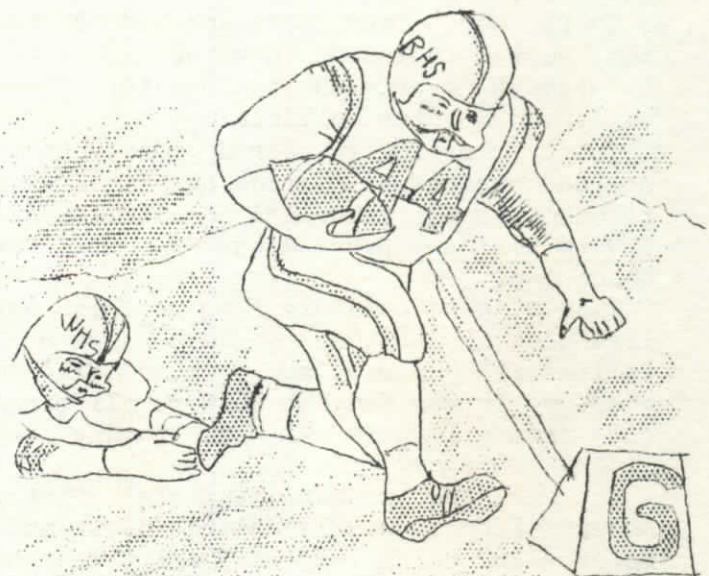
Moak Will Play In First Game

Taussig Moak, a junior with four years' experience, will join the team for the first time this year when he plays against St. Angela on Friday night. Taussig received a broken jaw in pre-season practice.

Playing defensive guard, Taussig should strengthen the Blythewood line. He has been taking movies of the games while he has not been playing.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 27.....	St. Angela
October 11.....	Ridge-Spring Monetta
October 18.....	Cardinal Newman
October 25.....	Wagner
November 1.....	Spartanburg Day School
November 8.....	Olympia



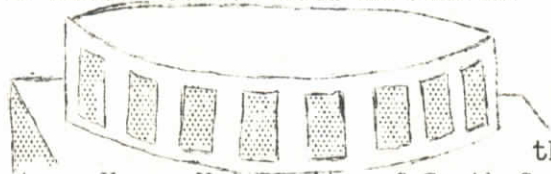
Blythewood Beats Winnsboro J.V. 52

Girl's State-- A Lesson In Americanism

By Marguerite Wilson

"Girls' State was the most wonderful experience of my life. All of the girls there were just great and being with so many lovely people for a whole week gave me a wonderful feeling. Learning about our government and its ideals, all of the Girl Staters left with a sense of pride in being an American. I made many new friends that I shall never forget, and I see someone from Girls' State everywhere I go," were Mary Nell Smith's comments concerning Girls' State.

Mary Nell and I were Blythewood's representatives to the Twenty-Second Palmet to Girls' State held in June at



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the Capstone House, University of South Carolina.

During the week we had two government parties. Mary Nell was a Federalist and I, a Nationalist. Through these parties, we selected our governor, Sharon Hendrix, and our lieutenant governor, Ruthie Cooper. As one of our counselors, Mrs. Martin, said, "There are no losers at Girls' State, because every girl is appointed or elected to a position in the city, county of state government.

One of the highlights of Girls' State was a tea at the Governor's Mansion on Thursday. The mothers were invited and it was good to see someone from home.

Friday, we went to the State House and our Governor and Lieutenant Governor were sworn in.

There were many guest speakers during the week, including Governor McNair, Lieutenant Governor West, Senator Thurmond, and Senator Hollings.

Sunday morning it poured rain, but we boarded our buses and made our final trip together to the Veterans' Hospital, where a very touching program was presented for these men.

Then we were suddenly finished with our last meal at Capstone House and we were telling all our many newly made friends good-bye. It was sad, but we were all tired out from a long week with hardly any sleep.

The week that we were at Girls' State, Robert Kennedy was assassinated. It made me stop and think very hard about America and then I looked around me, and I saw 287 other girls who were hurt and crying because this awful tragedy had happened and

I realized that America wasn't so bad off because there were still people who cared. Girls' State was great. The people I met and the many new friends I made were marvelous. I only wish I could go back every year. This one week made me realize how important our government is and how wonderful America is. It was truly a lesson in Americanism.

DEMONSTRATION SIGN OUT

By Don Lovett

The protest demonstration in front of school Friday 13 was one of the grooviest things that has happened to Blythewood in modern time--GOOD GRIEF! Have we evolved that far? It gave our little institution a bit of class; now we're on the same plane with Columbia University.

For those readers who missed the fanfare an account might be in order. At about two o'clock a group of cars parked in front of Mr. Rorer's house and, believe it or not, an assortment of protestors climbed out; real people mind you, carrying signs and everything. They marched up and down in front of the school, protesting the crummy conditions at Lonnie B. Nelson then there were a few signs protesting unsafe schools (that one, I certainly go along with, after all a body just can't be too careful this day and time). Another sign opposed bussing of children.



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They were really talking up the right ally on this subject. I, for one, had much rather use my bus for some worthwhile purpose, like "hogging up" some of these car pools circulating around and making a few bucks.

The whole episode was to no avail, however; when the buses were parked, the protestors didn't lie down at the door or even rough up a few passengers like they were supposed to do. Instead, they "finked-out" and left. So the poor bus drivers were forced to make another survival run.

New Teachers Have Varied Interests

Mrs. Chance Had Happy School Experience

"I had a happy high school experience myself and would like to keep youth around me," was the enthusiastic reply of Mrs. Nancy Chance when queried on her reason for becoming a school teacher.

Mrs. Chance was born in Arbor Springs, Michigan attended Alma College in Michigan and did graduate work at Eastern Michigan attended Alma College in Michigan and did graduate work at Eastern Michigan University. She is married and maintains that marriage is her most interesting experience.

An avid sports fan, she enjoys most every type sport but dislikes a losing football team.

In the summer of 1966, she spent three months in Europe and the Middle East. She has traveled in Canada, the New England and Southern states.

After teaching three years in large high schools in Michigan and North Carolina, Mrs. Chance finds she likes Blythewood because of its smaller size. "Blythewood has many interesting students including the "scholars", the do-nothings, and the average students; all of whom are a section of our society," said Mrs. Chance.

"I like attentive students who work to the best of their ability," she comments, "and I dislike hot weather."

Referring to Mrs. Chance's teaching, an anonymous student had this to say, "I love Mrs. Chance's class because she is so enthusiastic about material she teaches. You just have to learn in there."

"Enjoy Learning" Says Chappell

"I do not like people that won't let themselves enjoy learning," declared Richard Chappell, math instructor, when questioned about his dislikes.

Mr. Chappell was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, and graduated from A.C. Flora High School. After graduation, he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was a teaching assistant while in graduate school.

Mr. Chappell's reason for teaching is that he thinks teaching is more interesting than a research job would have been.

Presently, Mr. Chappell is playing with a new band made up of members of three Counts and three Medallions.

B. H. S. Former Student Now Teaching

Mrs. Helen Roof, a former Blythewood student and a Columbia College graduate, is an English and speech teacher. She is married to a Blythewood graduate, Melton Roof and they have two children, Carl and Helen Elizabeth.

Her teaching experiences include librarian at Lower Richland for two years, librarian at the University of South Carolina for six or eight months, and working with the mentally retarded for two and one half years.

She enjoys riding horses, swimming, golfing, and most of all, she adores her children.

Mrs. Roof enjoys teaching because she feels that while working with high school students she is enriching her teaching abilities.

Colonel Birch Speaks

Although he has dedicated 27 years of his life to the service of his country Colonel Darrell J. Birch continues to do his best to improve this nation.

"I felt I could do more good that way," he responded when asked why he decided to teach school.

Instructing classes in civics at Blythewood he strives to instill patriotism in his students, the lack of patriotism among some of the demonstrating groups in America concerns him.

Drafted into the United States Army as a private in 1941, Colonel Birch served until 1968 when he retired as a full Colonel.

He is married to the former Ann Argoe of Orangeburg, who is Deputy Clerk of Federal Court in Columbia, and they have three children, two sons, ages twenty-five and ten and one daughter aged seven.

The Colonel attended the University of Nevada and graduated from San Francisco State College where he attained a B.A. degree in social science.

His interests include hunting and fishing and he bowls twice weekly and plays golf once each week.



PALMETTO BOYS' STATE --

Rain, Revelry, Rememberances

By Carl Muller

Imagine 600 boys jammed into an auditorium--shouting and cheering as loud as they can. Now imagine that you are one of them. This is Boys' State.

I arrived at the Citadel in Charleston on the afternoon of June 3, curious and slightly nervous about what the next week would bring (among 573 total strangers). By the following Sunday, my feelings of apprehension had been replaced by an undefinable kind of loyalty and respect for the people and events of Boys' State.

When the "citizens (as we were called) began to arrive, cities and counties began to take shape. Cities were named after the larger rivers of South Carolina while the counties bore the names of distinguished South Carolinians. The citizens were also separated into two political parties, the Federalists and the Nationalists.

After Sunday dinner, the Citadel administration and the organizers of Boys' State enthusiastically welcomed us with the prediction that by Tuesday afternoon the entire "State" would be so hoarse from cheering for our cities and political parties that scarcely anyone would be able to talk. I didn't believe it. But by Tuesday afternoon the "prophets" were proved correct by 573 other boys and me. At that time our cheering more closely resembled a classroom of first graders clearing their throats than several hundred teenage boys shouting at the tops of their lungs.

After breakfast and room inspection we attended classroom instruction about the organization and functioning of municipal, county, and state government. Naturally, after nine long months in school, most of us welcomed more classes like the bubonic plague. Our misery doubled when the air conditioning units in the classroom broke. For the next three days as both the temperature and the humidity ranged in the 90's, I was afraid that I would drown in my own sweat, but somehow I managed to survive.

Even though we did go to class in the mornings, our afternoons were reserved for pure fun. After our city lost in the basketball and baseball semi-finals, we would race for a cool spot in the Citadel swimming pool.

Nights were devoted to political kicking. When we weren't listening to such fine speakers as Senator Thurmond and Congressman Rivers, our time was taken up by party conventions and elections. The result of all this was the election of a governor and a full slate of state officials on the train trip to Columbia.

The governor and the other officials were sworn into office on the steps of the State House in a driving rain. Afterward the entire "state" was given a grand tour of the governors' mansion and grounds...in a torrential downpour.

All too soon, Sunday morning overtook us and announced that it was time to go home. Hoping to get home in time for Sunday dinner, I sneaked out to my car, tossed my suitcase in the trunk and with a final farewell passed through the gates of the Citadel leaving behind the remnants of the 1968 Palmetto Boys' State and taking with me many memories of good times.

An Open Letter To Students

Dear Fellow Students,

To have a successful school year at Blythewood we, the students, must obey and practice all school rules. In years gone by, students have neglected to observe regulations concerning smoking, crossing the road, going to lockers without permission, leaving school without notifying authorities. Each of us must make an effort to see that all students obey rules.

We must learn to keep our grounds clean and neat. We are judged, first of all, by outside appearances.

To promote school spirit we must be proud of BHS by going to the games, yelling loud at pep rallies and setting a good example for visitors.

Let us strive to make this the best year Blythewood has ever had.

Your Student Council
President,

Jackie Lee

COACH ENJOYS
YOUNG PEOPLE

When asked why he decided to teach, Coach John W. Boulware facetiously replied, "The tremendous high pay and short working hours attracted me." Then, on a more serious note, he confided that he enjoyed working with young people.

Coach Boulware was born in Columbia and received his education in the city schools of Columbia and the University of South Carolina. He previously taught two years at Brookland Cayce High School and is married to the former Julie Hunt.

Sleeping, eating, teaching, golfing, listening to classical music, and participating in sports are Coach Boulware's main interests.

SCHOOL SETS RECORD IN U.F. CONTRIBUTION

Blythewood set a record in the annual United Fund Drive with eighty-seven per cent of the faculty and eighty-four per cent of the school employees contributing.

The total collected was \$145.00, an average contribution of five dollars per person. The largest single donation was thirty dollars.

Mrs. Estelle Hinnant, librarian, was campaign manager for the drive.

Betas Set Standards

To be eligible for initiation in the Blythewood Beta Club, a student has to have an average of B in all subjects and has to maintain an over-all average of B to continue as a member; has to possess leadership qualities and to evidence good character.

Students who have met these requirements are Kyle Meadows, Lynn Robertson, Bobbie Jean Moak, Carolyn Hall, and Tommy Eargle. They will be formally initiated next month.

Carl Muller is president of the club, Mary Nell Smith, vice-president, and English Morris, secretary.

The Beta Club conducts devotions each morning.

EDITORS APPEAR ON ETV

Mary Nell Smith, editor of BLYTHE-WORDS, and Carl Muller, co-editor of BLYTHE-SPIRIT, recently appeared on "High Time for Questions", produced by the South Carolina Educational Television.

"High Time for Questions" is sponsored by the University of South Carolina's School of Journalism.

Appearing with Carl and Mary Nell were Remy Albaric of France and Amarendranath Datta of India.

Commenting on Mary Nell's question, "How do the girls in France compare with the ones in America?", Remy Albaric replied, "Girls the world over are predominately the same. However, French girls do not wear Bermuda shorts."

Amarendranath Datta feels that India has many, many interesting landmarks that would make a very worthwhile tour.

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District II Rally Features USC Speakers

Speakers for the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association District II Rally at Blythewood on Saturday, November 2, will include one journalism professor and five journalism students from the University of South Carolina.

The rally, scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., will include both newspaper and yearbook staffs.

Harvest Festival Plans Set

The annual harvest festival, sponsored by the PTA and the junior class, will be on November 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Festivities include a ghost house, bingo, fish pond, basketball throw, fortune-telling, apple bobbing and dart throwing.

There will also be a country store, food booth, pastry shop, handicraft shop, and children's movie.

Each grade in elementary and high school will choose a king and a queen and from these contestants a king and a queen of the festival will be crowned.

One of the highlights of the evening will be a one-act play presented by the junior class.

Don Caughman will conduct the class on Newspaper Layout and Make-Up; Chuck Whitney, the class on Editorials; Mrs. Mimi Cunningham, the class on Feature Articles; Bob Liming on News Writing, and Pete Evans, on Sports Columns. Caughman, Whitney, Mrs. Cunningham, Liming, and Evans are working towards their degrees in journalism.

Dr. Perry Ashley, journalism professor and SCSPA director, will lead the discussion on Yearbook Layout and Yearbook Copy.

Carl Muller, District II Chairman, anticipates about 70 delegates from 27 schools who will attend.

Peake Selected Homecoming Queen

"I can't believe it!" exclaimed a surprised Marvie Peake as she was crowned Homecoming Queen at the 1968 Homecoming football game.

Marvie, sponsoring Larry Freeman, said later, "I had to think twice to be sure that it was my name that had been announced. I was more thrilled than I have ever been before."

Sharing the spotlight with Marvie were Jackie Lee, first runner-up, sponsoring Cecil Brazell, and Mary Nell Smith, second runner-up, sponsoring Donald Crone.

Council Members Attend Convention

Representing Blythewood at the South Carolina Association of Student Councils Convention at A.C. Flora High School on October 14-16 were Jackie Lee, Tommy Eargle and Diane Thornton.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS

The opening session began at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday. The key note address on this year's theme, "Student Council-America's Strengthening Corps", was given by Ken Graham, president of the S.C.S.C.A.

Ken emphasized the need for the revival of patriotism in America and urged Student Council members, "Stand up for what you believe in."

DANCE FEATURES "AGENTS FROM SOUL"

Discussion groups, a picnic on the baseball field and campaign speeches completed the afternoon.

On Tuesday night there was a banquet and dance at the Wade Hampton Hotel featuring "The Agents From Soul."

STATE OFFICERS ELECTED

Wednesday's schedule included voting and a baggage check. The last general session was held and the announcement of the new state officers followed. They are Richard Doaley of Dentsville High School president, Richard Morris of James Island High School, vice-president and Nancy Howard of Ridge Spring-Monetta High School, recording secretary. The New state president then extended an invitation to next year's convention.

JACKIE COMMENTS

Commenting on the convention Jackie Lee had this to say, "The S.C.A.S.C. convention was a delightful experience. Ken Graham's speech on patriotism found us all tingling with enthusiasm and ready to fight for the honor of our country.

"I felt like a new person after attending the convention I made many new friends and learned several ways to better our school, community and country."

Colonel Darrell Birch, council advisor, chaperoned the group.

STUDENT COUNCIL SERVES AS MONITORS



To alleviate confusion during lunch, student Council members are serving as monitors.

When the lunch bell rings, all teachers close their doors and students remain in the classroom until a monitor opens the door from the outside. The students then proceed to the cafeteria in an orderly manner.

Col. Birch, advisor of the Student Council, was in charge of a clean-up campaign sponsored by Student Council members and students. The purpose of the clean-up was to improve the appearance of the school grounds.

Students were busy raking leaves moving rocks, burning trash, cutting grass, fixing the school sign, and removing glass and litter from the gravel around the school. Grass near the sidewalk and the hedge was trimmed.

After the grounds were cleaned, the students ate hot dogs and cookies in the cafeteria.

Junior Achievement Director Explains Program

David L. Mason, executive director of the Junior Achievement Program, explained the program to the eleventh and twelfth grades at a recent assembly.

Each fall, thousands of high school students divide into groups of approximately twenty each and form Junior Achievement Companies. Meeting for two hours, one night a week, at a Junior Achievement Business Center, they form their own Board of Directors, raise capital by selling stock, and produce and sell a production service.

In May, they liquidate and, in most cases, pay dividends to their stockholders.

By familiarizing students with private enterprise economy, the Junior Achievement directors strive to develop in students an appreciation for the American way of life.

Fifty-five students from Blythewood applied for memberships in the J.A. Program.

We Are Thankful 

...that seniors have American government to keep them humble. ...that have two issues of BLYTHE-WORDS out for this year. ...that we don't really look like our school pictures.

"By The Work One Knows The Workman"

No finer tribute could be paid to Alvina Brown Hagood than the one paid to her by the Blythewood Community Association at its mortgage-burning ceremony recently.

At this meeting, Edmund Monteith, an active member of the community and a former member of the House of Representatives from Richland County, said, "Mrs. Hagood was the driving force behind the construction of the community building. We owe many thanks to her for her untiring efforts."

Mrs. Hagood is the former Alvina Brown and a native of Blythewood. She graduated from the University of South Carolina where she majored in elementary education.

In 1920-21, Mrs. Hagood did her first teaching at Blythewood School. She has taught ten years in two other schools in Richland County, but returned to Blythewood in 1947 where she has been teaching ever since. She has taught in grades one through nine since she began her teaching career.

An active member of the Blythewood PTA, Mrs. Hagood is a past president of that organization and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Blythewood.

Mrs. Hagood is very unselfish and never passes up an opportunity to help someone else. She does not just "seem"; she "is".

"True worth is in being, not seeming.

In doing, each day that goes by,
Some little good--not in dreaming

Of great things to do by and by."

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GPR...An Aid To The College Bound

As college requirements increase every year, much emphasis is put on the student's grades and his test scores. However, his rank in class is becoming more and more important and essential in his getting into the college of his choice.

At some colleges the student who ranks in the top portion of his class does not have to score as high on the SAT as the student who is in the bottom section of his class. At the University of South Carolina, for example, the applicant in the top quarter of his class has to make only 750 on the entrance examination while he who ranks in the bottom quarter of his graduating class must score 900.

To keep up with college standards, Blythewood has adopted a new system of figuring the student's grade point ratio and thus his rank in class this year. Each grade such as C+ or B will be assigned a certain number of points ranging from 12 points for an A+(99-100) to 1 point for a D-(70-71). Also, college preparatory subjects are given extra points.

While vocational subjects prepare the students for a well-rounded life, credits received in these areas are not counted by some colleges.

This new method of determining rank in class will help the college bound student who has probably taken mostly academic courses. He will receive points for taking these subjects, and rank higher in his class; probably his college application will receive more attention from the Board of Admissions at the college of his choice.

Even though a student may not have as high an average as the student who has not taken the harder subjects, he will at least have been exposed to work that he may see later in college and will probably be better prepared to further his studies. With the inauguration of the GPR system, students will be more inclined to take the college prep courses.

This method may change the honor graduates of a class and a particular student's class standing, and it will give recognition to those students who studied the college courses.

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS JOIN FACULTY

Commencement At Harvard

"Commencement Week at Harvard, when my oldest son, John, received his degree Cum laude and also a commission as second lieutenant in the United States Army, was one of the most exciting and rewarding times of my life," declared Mrs. Sara Wilson, elementary teacher of English.

Mrs. Wilson is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and is presently doing graduate work in her spare time. Before joining the faculty here, she had taught high school English and had substituted occasionally.

While at their son's graduation at Harvard, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson attended the Boston Pops Concert as well as enjoyed the speeches of the Shah of Iran and author John Galbraith.

The alumni activities, according to Mrs. Wilson, were most colorful, especially the riders on horseback who escorted the governor of Massachusetts in the annual parade.

Traveling through New England and California during one of their trips, the Wilsons were impressed with the beauty of Yellowstone National Park, Grand Canyon, and Carlsbad Caverns. In Virginia, they attended "The Common Glory" at Williamsburg.

Mrs. Wilson has four children— John, Jean, who is a graduate student in special education at the University of Virginia; Carol (Mrs. Ray Owens), a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Agnes Scott and a former teacher, and Stanley a freshman at Harvard University.

Private School Teacher

Miss Gwen Davis, elementary science teacher, lists teaching in a private school in Savannah as an interesting experience.

She is a graduate of Converse College where she majored in art. Before coming to Blythewood she taught in the District One Columbia Schools.

"Playing tennis is one of my favorite pastimes," said Miss Davis.

Hobby-Sewing

"Sewing is my hobby. It is so relaxing," declared Mrs. Frances Coogler, first grade teacher. "I sew in my spare time."

Mrs. Coogler graduated from Lexington High School and received her degree from the University of South Carolina. She has done some work towards her Master's degree.

Teaching and working with children are Mrs. Coogler's mission in life.

This is a one line filler.

"Punkin" was not able to attend last year's extravaganza because no other cows were entered from Richland County. This year there are three entries from Richland County; Brenda sponsors two, "Punkin" and "Punkin's" calf. No class divisions are established for cows entered in the fair and as a result people like Brenda, who own only one or two cows, are forced to compete against entries from Saluda and Orangeburg counties where there is a dense population of cattle, because these are the counties where much of the dairy business of South Carolina is centered.

"Punkin" has won in previous years twenty-eight ribbons, two trophies, one plaque and last, but not least, she has earned Brenda around fifty dollars from each contest in which she was entered.

Brenda doesn't have any reservation about being a girl and working in the cattle barn with so many boys, but she says, "People think it's kind of strange to see a girl milking a cow."

So here's to Punkin and Brenda Price— Just a little bit of worldly advice: Keep a gleam in your lovely eye. Stand tall, step light, and spry. We wish all of the luck in the world, to a winning cow and a real cow girl.



PUNKIN RETURNS
TO STATE FAIR

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Brenda Price's "Punkin", the proud mother of five and a fine figure of the female animal, weighing a modest one thousand pounds, once again entered competition at the State Fair after last year's brief absence.

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By Donald Crone

Blythewood has had its dark nights and its bright ones. The Indians have dropped some close ones this year. We now own a 1-5-1 record, but we have been within winning range in all but one of our games.

This year's defense has held our opponents to 82 points as opposed to last year's 147. If we are to achieve a good record the rest of the year, it will be due to the defense, because in a close game, a defense can hold the other team, or a hard-hitting defense can cause fumbles and interceptions.

A defense can make or break a football team; this year's defense has at times sparkled and at times looked so bad, that Coach Boulware exclaimed, "A group of Girl Scouts could run through it!" By the end of the year, it should be vastly improved, but don't start looking forward to next year because there are still two more games and anything can happen, so be sure you come to attend the remainder of the games; they should prove to be very exciting ones, and maybe BHS will shine again!

Yes, Blythewood has had its dark nights and its bright ones and maybe--just maybe--the night is over; the dawn has broken; the sun has risen; victory is on the way.

Stone Sparks Team

The football team is sparked this year by the ball carrying abilities of freshman back Jimmy Stone.

Jimmy has carried the ball on the ground 50 times and has totaled 228 yards for an average of 4.5 yards gain per carry. He has also caught seven passes for 184 yards and an average of 26.1 yards per reception. He is the leading point scorer with six touchdowns, three running and three passing, for 36 points.

Coach Ralph Polcari feels that he, other than not hitting the holes quick enough, is doing a good job.

Behind a good scorer is always a good quarterback and on Blythewood's team there are two--Wayne Loner and J.B. Legrand.

Loner has passed 31 times with 11 completions for 282 yards of an average of 25.7 yards per pass completion. He is the second highest point scorer with 25 points from four touchdowns, five passes and one extra point for a total of 25 points.

Legrand has passed 21 times for seven completions of 74 yards and is a reliable back-up at the one-back position.

Loner is also Blythewood's chief punter and has punted eleven times for an average of 30.2 yards per punt.

On defense Taussig Moak has been rolling up tackles. Having participated in only two games, he leads in total tackles with ten individual tackles and 22 assists for a total of 32.

"The rest of the team, although they have not distinguished themselves in a spectacular way," commented Coach Polcari, "has done a good job."

Polcari Stresses Sportsmanship

"To have a successful life do what you think is right," said Mr. Ralph Polcari to the freshmen at their homeroom meeting.

He spoke on good sportsmanship and what it really is. He said good sportsmanship is not only accepting graciously the loss of a ball game, but also trying to do what one can to improve himself or his team.

The Unknown Gladiator

When people go to the games, most of them watch the flashy halfback, or the agile end or quarterback, but few people watch the man that takes the lumps, bruises, and hard contact. The lineman is the man who opens the hole for the halfback to run through; the man who blocks so that quarterbacks can pass the ball and the end can catch it.

Blythewood's line is as follows: Dawson Mitchell, split end, Mike Roberts, tackle, Cecil Brazell, guard and Taussig Moak, guard. Center is Tommy Eargle, tackle, Larry Freeman, and tight end, Donald Crone.

The lineman is seldom seen, but he doesn't mind; is never heard, except when the pads pop; has not glory, but doesn't seek it.



Class Rank Determined By GPR

Since colleges are recommending that high schools figure their rank in class on a Grade Point Ratio System, the schools in District II will use the following criteria in determining class rank:

GRADE		POINTS
A+	99-100	12
A	97-98	11
A-	95-96	10
B+	93-94	9
B	90-92	8
B-	88-89	7
C+	84-87	6
C	80-83	5
C-	77-79	4
D+	75-76	3
D	72-74	2
D-	70-71	1

Scores will be weighed in the following areas:

High English	4
Honors English	5
English V	6
Algebra I	2
Geometry	3
Algebra II	4
Algebra III	5
Advanced Math	6
Anatomy	3
Chemistry	6
Physics	6
Foreign Languages:	
1st year	1
2nd year	1
3rd year	1
4th year	1

Seniors Wear Rings

Bright and early Friday morning each member of the senior class anxiously awaited the opening of room five. Mrs. Zeagler had no trouble rounding up any member of the senior class. This was the day! Today the seniors received rings—class rings!!

Time had passed very

slowly since rings were ordered late last spring, from the Balfour Ring Company.

Most students reacted in much the same way. When asked how they felt about their rings, the following comments were made: Debbie Davis, "Now, I feel like a real senior!"

Elbert Branham, "I'm glad we finally got them."

Charles Hardin, "I'm very proud of my ring."

Any high school student could easily spot a senior on Friday—anyone with an extra large smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye and a hand in the air—that was a senior.

Brenda Price Wins Beauty Contest

Brenda Price, a member of the senior class, won the Farm Bureau Beauty Contest at its annual pageant on Saturday night at the Eau Claire High School auditorium.

Brenda, selected by a panel of four judges, was judged on poise, personality, and beauty.

She will compete in the state contest on November 16.

DISTRICT ADOPTS POLICIES

School District Number Two Board of Trustees have set the following policies:

Students who are habitually absent from school will be reported by the principal to the attendance teacher or to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

Any student with more than 30 unexcuseable absences will not be promoted.

No student will be permitted to leave school during a school day unless an authorized excuse has been properly executed.

All plans to raise funds must be approved by the principal.

No out-of-state class trips will be permitted.

What Is College Board?

"What is College Board" is a question guidance counselors hear many times a week.

College Board, or the Scholastic Aptitude Test, is divided into two parts—the verbal and the math. The verbal includes the student's ability to comprehend passages in all major subject-areas.

The math section determines the student's ability to work problems in algebra, geometry, and, to a degree, trigonometry.

College admittance is determined, among other factors, by the student's score on the SAT.

State Colleges, generally, require that a student make not lower than 750 from a possible total of 1600; however, in some cases, a student has to make 1000 if he is in the lowest quarter of his class.

Selective colleges usually require a score of 1200. In one selective college in Virginia, 5876 students applied for admission; 1,124 were admitted.

November 2 is the next date for the SAT. The test will also be given in December and in January.

SMITH SELECTED MISS TEENAGE

COLUMBIA FINALIST

Mary Nell Smith was a finalist in the Miss Teenage Columbia Contest.

Finalists were judged on the bases of their scores on a written examination. Their personality, their talent, and their poise.

For her talent, Mary Nell played two piano solos, "Important Event" and "Fantastic Dance" by Schuman.

"Participating in this contest was an interesting and rewarding experience. I met so many nice, friendly girls," said Mary Nell.

Citizens To Vote On Referendum

Citizens of Richland School District II will vote on November 5 whether or not to increase the bonded indebtedness of the district from 15% to 30%. This increase is needed to construct a new senior high school.

Dr. James Pike and Edmund Monteith Sr., through the use of a film documentary, explained the situation to the Blythewood P.T.A. last Monday evening.

Opening the program, Dr. Pike stated that three schools in the district are already over-crowded with a total of 8,000 students enrolled. During recent years, new elementary schools and a new junior high school have been built to accommodate the "mushrooming" school enrollments.

Additions have been made and portable classrooms added to schools throughout the district. A new vocational high school is under construction. Funds allocated from the Federal government for this Vocational foundation could not be spent for any other purpose.

The result is that District II is in urgent need of a new senior high school.

This secondary school, to be situated between Rockwell and Bendix Corporations on Highway #1, will include all the high school students within the district. The remaining empty structures will be used for elementary schools.

Money for the institution is not available through current sources, and building funds can not be issued to finance a new school unless citizens of the district vote on November 5 to authorize an increase in the bonded indebtedness of the district from 15% to 30%.

Mr. Monteith added that no tax increase will be levied due to steadily increasing population in the district. At this rate, the bonds will be repaid by 1977.

If the majority of the people vote in favor of the bonds, officials can proceed with plans for the new school, which could be ready for the 1970-71 school year.

1968 SENIORS SEPARATE

Entering a variety of fields, last year's seniors are scattered from Massachusetts to Georgia.

Stanley Wilson, valedictorian of the class is now attending Harvard University. Sandra Davis, salutatorian of the class is working as a secretary with the State Farm Insurance Company in Columbia.

Don Davis is taking Business Administra-



tion at the University of South Carolina. Larry Humpheries is also attending the University and studying the Arts and Sciences.

Brends Lewis, former president of FHA, is training at the Baptist Hospital to become an X-Ray Technician. Ann Mitchell is taking her nurses' training at the Columbia Hospital.

Debbie Owens is a private secretary at the First National Bank. Shirley Chavis is working at the Bell Telephone Company.

Michael Rushing is now in the Air Force and Randy Chitwood is a member of the Marine Corps.

Ernie Rollison is married to the former Mary Hammons and is working with the Columbia Fire Department.

Raymond and Christine Pullen Lancaster are living on Highway 215 and running a store.

Judy McLean is attending North Greenville College. Peggy Bacon is studying at the University of Georgia.

Also attending college are Lee Muller and Hal Reeves. Lee is attending Clemson University, and Hal is attending Mars Hill Baptist College.

Carol Sloan is married and is living in Piedmont with her husband, Buddy Jo Bryant. Frances Legrand is married to J.B. Robertson, and has moved to Kentucky.

Brenda Hardin is attending Farah's Beauty School. Proctor Wright is studying at the Nashville Auto Diesel School and Richard Stockman is working as a land surveyor.

Jimmy Windhorn is employed by Shakespear.

If all the students who sleep in class were laid end to end, they would be more comfortable.

Students Take Part In Sports

Seven sophomores are members of the football team. Steve Miller is guard; Bobby Richardson, halfback, "Stonewall" Gladston Jackson, full-back-defensive end, Mark Meadows, tackle, Jerry Mitchell, half-back, safety, Dwayne Styles, end-flanker, Tom Eargle, center

Officers of the class are Gayle Loner, president; Cindy Key, vice-president; Thomas Eargle, treasurer; Terri Fulmer, secretary and Eugene Jones, reporter.

LIBRARY CLUB SELLS CANDY

Getting their year off to a good start, the Library Club has already begun working on one of their money-raising projects. The kick-off project is selling candy, which the Library Club has done in former years. The candy has been ordered and will arrive soon.

At a recent meeting, a film on "The Importance of Knowing Your Library" was presented to assistant librarians and Library Club members. The film pointed out the important factors concerning good use of library facilities and materials.

This year's executive committee consists of Carl Muller, president; Jeannie Owens, vice-president; Christine Meetze, secretary; Bobbie Jean Moak, historian; and Jennifer Price, reporter.

The Library Club would also like to show special recognition to Mrs. Carole Hunt, former teacher of Blythewood High, for a very generous contribution of many new books for the library.

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JUNIOR BETA CLUB PLANS CEREMONY

For installment of the new members, the Junior Beta Club will hold a tapping ceremony for the seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

Students Attend College Night

Students from the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes attended College Night on Wednesday in the Dreher High School auditorium.

Characteristics of their colleges and admission requirements were the main topics of speakers from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The main factors in gaining admission to these colleges are College Board scores, class rank, and teacher recommendations.

Inky Morris and Ronnie Huggins were guides, representing Blythewood.

A Letter Of Appreciation

Dear Beta Club Friends,

Thank you for giving me a positive note each morning.

After rushing about at home, rushing to school and rushing through the first hour here, the devotional is exactly what I need. This is when I stop and let the "still, small voice" speak to me.

The messages assure me of God's love and teach me how to respond to this love. The prayers are always stabilizing.

If all of the students and teachers enjoy these experiences as I do, think of how many hearts you turn toward God in a day or a month or a year.

Sincerely,
Zelda Boney
Secretary

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Detention Hall Is Reactivated

Detention Hall, dormant for a number of years, has been reactivated by the principal and the faculty.

A student will report to Detention Hall for cutting classes or study hall, leaving school grounds without permission, smoking out of designated areas, and misbehaving in class (at discretion of teacher)

The Detention Hall will operate each Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 3:15. Students will be notified a day in advance if they have to report.

Future Plans vs Future Earnings

"Future Plans vs. Future Earnings" was a comparative study conducted recently by the Home Economics III students.

Guest speakers from various schools and colleges presented material which enabled the class to compare the main aspects of the schools the speakers represented.

These speakers included George Farah, representing Farah's School of Beauty Culture, Mrs. Louis Hinant, representing Columbia College, W.J. Meyers, representing Palmer College, Thomas Hayden, representing Richland TEC, the Rev. James Mitchell, representing the Baptist Hospital, and Donald Crawford, representing the Columbia Art Museum.

After the class heard each of the speakers, they compared the admission requirements, cost, and length of time required to complete the course at each institution. Salaries employees might expect to receive were discussed.

These factors will enable students to make decisions concerning their further education.

Blythe Words

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District Is Formulating Plans

The administration and Board of Trustees of District II are formulating plans for the new district high school which will probably be ready for occupancy in September, 1970.

Planned after model high schools in North Carolina and Tennessee, the school will be completely air-conditioned and carpeted. Rooms will be divided with moveable partitions, this making team-teaching possible.

The school will feature a Little Theater and a gymnasium.

2500 students may be enrolled in the school.

Teachers in the district were invited to the planning sessions.

SENIORS TO COMPETE FOR TEENAGER TITLE

Mary Nell Smith and Carl Muller, seniors, will compete for the Outstanding Teenagers of America title.

The Outstanding Teenagers of America Foundation selected Carl and Mary Nell on the bases of their leadership, scholarship, and service records. They are in competition for the Governor's Trophy to be presented to the Outstanding Teenager of South Carolina.

Both of these students are members of the Beta Club and the basketball team. Mary Nell is editor of BLYTHE-WORDS and Carl is co-editor of BLYTHE-SPIRIT. Each is active in community and church affairs.

One of the goals of the Outstanding Teenager of America program is to bring (See page 6, column 3)



SEASON'S GREETINGS

"Winter Fantasy" Is Pageant Theme

"Winter Fantasy" is the theme of the annual beauty pageant which will be at 7:30 Friday evening in the school auditorium.

Judges will select "Miss Freshman", "Miss Sophomore", "Miss Junior", and "Miss Senior", as well as "Miss Blythewood High". Miss Brenda Lewis, "Miss Blythewood High of 1968", will crown her successor.

Taussig Moak, Gene Jones, Wanda Chitwood, and mascots, Jerry Clark and Judy Dowling, will entertain with songs and instrumental selections.

Carl Muller will be master of ceremonies.

The judges will be announced Friday evening.

LANDSLIDE ELECTION

Thornton Elected SCSPA

District II Secretary

Diane Thornton, assistant editor of BLYTHE-WORDS, was elected District II Secretary of the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association at the annual district meeting held Saturday at Blythewood High School.

Active in school affairs, Diane is now serving as vice-president of the Student Council and as vice-president of the Future Homemakers of America. In past years she has served as secretary of the Student Council and as vice-president of the ninth grade homeroom.

An attractive brunette, Diane has also been a contestant in the Miss Blythewood High Beauty Pageant for the past two years.

Though Diane did not decide to run until twenty-four hours before the rally, she nevertheless completely overwhelmed her opposition in a landslide election. The returns showed that Diane had polled almost four times as many votes as her opponent.

Reflecting on her recent victory and new duties as secretary, Diane had this to say, "Until Friday, I wasn't even planning to run so the results of the election naturally came as a surprise—I didn't expect to win, but now that I have won, I'll do my best to strengthen the district."

Blythe-Words Receives

Second Place Rating

BLYTHE-WORDS won a second place rating in the Theta Sigma Phi newspaper of the month contest for September.

The paper was graded on news coverage, news writing, features, editorials, art, and make-up.

BLYTHE-WORDS scored six points out of a possible ten on the paper as a whole. With a score of seven, Crone's Cruxes received the highest rating of any individual article.

SENIORS LEAD RED CROSS DRIVE

With six dollars and fifty-three cents contribution, the senior class, sponsored by Mrs. Sara K. Zeagler, led the high school in the annual Red Cross Drive.

The other classes contributed as follows:

Miss Rorer	\$4.68
Mrs. Roof	3.10
Mrs. Park	2.55
Mr. Birch	2.37
Mrs. Taylor	2.08
Mrs. Hinnant	1.25
Mr. Chappell	.81

Red Cross funds are used to pay the annual subscription fees for the American Red Cross Youth Magazines, to finance local service projects and to make voluntary contributions to the American Red Cross Youth Fund, a special national fund maintained since 1919 by these voluntary contributions.

Mrs. Parlea Park sponsored the drive.

Drivers' Club May Have Name Change

Acting upon a suggestion of its president, the Blythewood Drivers' Club may soon change its name to the Blythewood Safety Council.

In the first general meeting, Don Lovett, president, suggested that the club change its name so that it might be able to join a state or national organization for safety councils.

Officers of the club include Don Lovett, president; Mary Ellen Raines, vice-president; Tommy Eargle, secretary; Kyle Meadows, treasurer; Brenda Price, reporter; and Marvie Peake, historian.

The Drivers' Club's purpose is to promote safety on and around the school grounds.



School Receives State Flag

"On behalf of Beth Boney and myself, I would like to present to Blythewood High School this South Carolina state flag," spoke Gayle Davis on presenting the flag to the student body at a recent assembly.

Accepting the flag on behalf of the school was Principal W.C. Rorer who declared, "As long as we have students such as you and Beth, we can be proud of the youth of our land. Thousands of others like you are really the representatives of the students of America."

Opening the program, Beth explained that she and Gayle were presenting the flag to the school as their FHA project.

After Tommy Eargle gave the history of the state flag, Boy Scouts of Troop 346 raised the flag. Concluding the program was the singing of the national anthem and the pledging of allegiance to the United States flag.

Col. Birch assisted with the program.

Initiates Submit FHA Projects

To join the Future Homemakers of America Club this year, prospective members were asked to submit school improvement projects.

The projects varied widely. Beth Boney and Gayle Davis, in a flag-raising ceremony, presented a South Carolina state flag to Mr. Rorer. The home economics room tables were sanded and refinished by Brenda Roberts, Beverly Thornton and Judy Chavis.

Delores Blume and Sandra Mitchell gave the girls' restroom a thorough cleaning and are to place a new mirror there.

Teresa Moak and Margaret McCray cleaned the girls' gym dressing room and will soon provide shower curtains for it.

Girls whose projects did not meet with the approval of the executive committee were punished during informal initiation.

FFA Active At State Fair

Elbert Branham, president of the Blythewood Future Farmers of America, won first place with his Durac swine in the January gilt and in the Sears Roebuck show at the recent South Carolina State Fair.

Jimmy Sharpe and Charles Hardin took an overall part in the FFA livestock exhibits. During the week they worked with many boys and their livestock from all over the state.

On Friday of Fair Week four boys from the Blythewood chapter competed with boys from thirty schools in South Carolina in the livestock judging contest. Boys included in the Blythewood team were J.B. Legrand, Charles Hardin, Jimmy Sharpe and Houston Cook. These boys placed second in the district. Jimmy Sharpe led the team with a high score of 251 out of a possible 300 points.

Library Open Before School

Because so many boys and girls do not have a study hall in which to visit the library, Mrs. Hinnant, the librarian, has opened the library in the mornings before school.

Library permits may be obtained from Mrs. Hinnant on the school grounds as the buses arrive.

Need For A Change—Locally

School District II will undergo a major change during the 1970-1971 school year. Blythewood, Dentsville, and Hanberry High Schools will be consolidated into one high school, composed of grades 10-12, for the entire district.

While it may have its disadvantages, the new high school will provide some advantages which Blythewood students have not had in the past. Perhaps the most important of these is the wide variety of courses that will be offered.

More courses in practically every subject will allow the student to be better prepared for college. Advanced English and math, more than one foreign language, and more than two years of a foreign language will be provided.

Students will enjoy new and more convenient facilities. For example, a laboratory with more equipment will be available for use by science classes and will not have to be used as a classroom. Every department will probably have more equipment and teaching aids than ever before.

For the athletes, a new high school will mean a football field of their own. A new gym, and loads of new equipment. There will be a larger group from which to draw athletes, probably increasing the chance of a successful season in every sport.

The switch to the new school will certainly be a change for all of the students. It will offer many opportunities.

Need For A Change—Nationally

The recent Presidential election was marked by a need and a desire for change. Throughout the entire campaign, it was evident that most of the people wanted a different administration at the head of their government.

The present administration's policies were certainly not popular with the common people. Many felt that nothing except a great deal of "money spending" was accomplished in the last four and even the last eight years.

While all three parties advocated an end to the Vietnam conflict, the Democrats had not succeeded in doing this during their eight years of office. The recent bombing halt was regarded by many as just another political move to help win the election and has not yet wrought any really drastic breakthrough in the Paris peace talks.

Internal unrest could not seem to be remedied either by the Johnson administration. The terrible turmoil which erupted in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention certainly did not aid the Democrats and was frowned upon by the majority of the American people. If the brawl resulted when the Democrats held a convention, what would occur if they got an even stronger hold on Washington than they already have?

Together with the money spending projects for welfare and other "give away" programs, the problems just mentioned provide reason enough for a desire and a need for a change.

The election revealed that the people want a change in the nation's policies. May Nixon bring about this desired change.

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District II SCSPA To Sponsor Spring Workshop

District II South Carolina Scholastic Press Association will sponsor a spring workshop at Dentsville as decided at the annual fall meeting of the SCSPA held at Blythewood in November.

Carl Muller, 1968 District II chairman, and Principal W.C. Rorer welcomed the members to the fall meeting.

Dr. A.T. Scoggins, dean of the school of journalism of the University of South Carolina, delivered the opening speech, stressing the impact journalism has on the thinking of men and the shaping of world events.

Discussion groups included the following:

Newspaper Layout And Make-Up

Ken Hare, graduate student in journalism, conducted a class in newspaper make-up and layout at the press meeting.

Mr. Hare stressed particularly the importance of a well-balanced page. "When you fold the page into fourths, each section should look about the same as the other concerning pictures and headlines," he said.

No more than three sizes of headlines should be used.

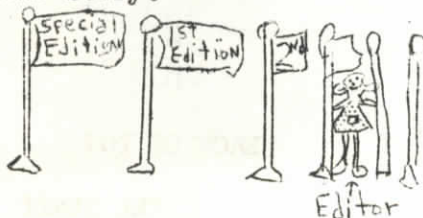
Drawings occupy an important place in make-up and layout and should be placed so the page will be balanced and pleasing to the eye.

Newswriting

J.J. McElveen from the school of journalism at U.S.C. led the discussion on newswriting.

Using a checklist, he emphasized the following points:

1. Collect all facts from as many sources as necessary.
2. Use the inverted pyramid form in writing the story.
3. Attribute ideas or opinions to the correct person.
4. Identify fully and accurately the persons mentioned in the story.
5. Do not inject your opinion into the news story.



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Editorials

"Leave the reader to draw his own conclusions," commented Chuck Whitney, a graduate student in journalism, at the University of South Carolina.

Because humor has universal appeal, Mr. Whitney emphasized the use of cartoons and anecdotes correlated to news events.

"The use of opinion adds spice but both sides of an argument must be presented and research must be done to support opinion by fact," he stated.

Suggesting that all sentences be kept brief and readable and the narrative rather than the critical style be used, he said that the editorial above the names of the staff should be the opinion of the staff.

Mr. Whitney stressed several evils of editorial writing such as use of slang and use of names in criticism. He recommended some topics of general application: "Why Go to School in the Rain?" "Student Council Power"; "What Is There To Do in Our Town?" "Hair Styles", "Missing Library Books", and "Lunch Period Rush".



Sports Writing

Pete Evans, journalism student at the University of South Carolina and a summer sports writer for the COLUMBIA RECORD, conducted the discussion on sports writing.

Mr. Evans commented on sports columns: how to make them more interesting, and how to keep the article complete and as short as possible.

When asked the question of writing on school spirit, Mr. Evans replied that school spirit was a fine subject but students become tired of hearing about the same subject every time they read the school paper. The idea is to keep the subject moving and the action, whether past or present, exciting and enthusiastic.

"To use a good title, and to have a good first paragraph," said Mr. Evans, "is to have more readers."

Girls' Team Features Veterans

At the core of the Blythewood High School girls' basketball team are twelve returning players. They are Mary Nell Smith-five years playing experience, Marvie Peake-five, Brenda Price-five, Ruth Rimer-five, Mary Ellen Raines-four, Anne Raines-four, Holly Langdale-three, Jennifer Price-three, Susan Brown-one, Nancy Brown-one, and Sandra Mitchell-one.

Although most of the girls have been playing for a number of years, things will be different for them this year.

There have been three changes made in the basic rules under which the girls play. This year four girls may be on one side of the court at one time. This provides for two rovers-one guard and one forward.

When a basket is made, the ball is to be taken out under the goal, not at half court and every girl shoots her own foul shots, instead of one girl shooting for the entire team. These rules were designed to speed up the game and make it more interesting to the spectators.

Along with the new rules will have to come a change in the thinking on both offense and defense. Coach Polcari plans to institute two new defensive plays in addition to the one used by last year's team for a total of three. These defenses are designed to harass their opponents, causing them to lose the ball, as well as to keep them from scoring.

There are only six teams in the conference this year, including Blythewood. They are Blaney, Blythewood, Chapin, Hollywood, Ridge-Spring Monetta and Saint Angela.

With the experience and the enthusiasm of the girls in his favor, Coach Polcari is looking forward to an excellent season. They hope to break the old record of seventeen wins and four losses, topped by winning the state championship.

CRONE'S R U X E S



The leaves are red, the days short, and the night air bites at your nose. Blythewood, a small, quiet town, suddenly transforms into a town known for basketball and the people flock to the old gym. They come to see the team, and stand behind it--win, lose, or draw. Last year's team lost more than it won; this year there is a new cause for excitement--a new coach. Coach John Boulware will be on his maiden voyage at the helm of the Indians. He sets the season's goal of eight wins; he also sees Chapin and Blaney as the pick of the conference.

Coach Boulware wants to use an aggressive, man to man defense and he also added, "The season depends mainly on three things: defense, good physical condition, and playing good, smart basketball." He feels the first two can be achieved by hard work and desire. The third may hold the key to the season.

He plans to have three teams: "B" squad (seventh and eighth graders), J.V.'s (ninth and tenth graders) and Varsity (juniors and seniors).

The team will have a new look also; Coach has asked the basketball players to get their hair cut; he feels that if the boys love basketball enough they will get it cut. "Long hair is detrimental to vision," he declared.

With a few breaks, the team may get their eight wins and maybe more as the leaves change from red to brown; the days become shorter, and the night air nipper.

Cheerleaders Go On Rampage--Devil Murdered

A peculiar sound was roaring in the gym on November 9--"Iooni, kooni, ki!"

The Indians Squaws were ready to fight with all their might to beat the Olympia Red Devils.

The cheerleaders came from their hiding placed to the drum beat of "Go---Indians!"

As they appeared they were wearing war paint and singing their chant "Iooni, Kooni, Ki".

During the pep rally, the head cheerleader, Bonny Amaker, told the students that there was a rumor around school that Olympia sent their mascot over as a spy

to learn the plans of the Chief and his Braves.

The Braves were on the war path by now. They kept saying "Go-Go-Get 'um Get 'um Ugh, Ugh."

The squaws were having a time trying to keep the Blythewood Indians calmed down. Suddenly the Olympia Red Devil appeared in his Red Devil costume but the squaws were very brave and apprehended him. Soon they scalped the Devil and threw him to the Braves.

By this time, the Indians knew they were determined to stomp Olympia.

Thornton Places First In Horse Show

Competing with 47 contestants from throughout South Carolina, Diane Thornton won first place in the Showmanship and Halter class of the State 4-H Horse Show recently.

Diane showed Mill Iron Jean, a four year old Quarter Horse mare, as her 4-H project.

Showmanship, in which Diane received top honors, is judged upon the merits of the showman rather than the animal being shown.

The judges base their decisions upon the exhibitor's responsiveness to and awareness of the position of the judge, control, posing, fitting and grooming of the animal, as well as the exhibitor's attitude and personal appearance.

In the Senior Western Pleasure class which is judged basically upon the suitability of the horse for pleasure purposes and its performance and manners, Diane placed third.

Donna Lovett, a Blythewood grammar school student and avid horse-lover, also exhibited in the 4-H show.

Riding Candy-Bar, a six-year old, registered Quarter Horse Mare, Donna showed in performance and pleasure classes. Masquerading as an equestrian ballerina Donna exhibited her registered Welsh pony, Chick, in the costume class.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY COUNSELOR SPEAKS

Mrs. Doris Rateree, a representative from the Youth Opportunity Center, spoke recently to the senior class concerning the functions of the center.

She impressed upon the seniors the need to understand their capabilities.

The General Aptitude Test Battery is available for students in order for them to discover their potentials. Counseling for students is also available through the center.

Forms were distributed by Mrs. Rateree for a high school survey concerning the seniors' plans after graduation.

The Youth Opportunity Center helps young people to secure jobs.

Blythewood Voted Republican—Why?

Blythewood voted Republican at the recent general election. When BLYTHE-WORDS polled the students as to the reason for this Republican victory, comments included:

"I think that the vote went Republican for two reasons: (1) President-elect Richard Nixon made the greatest political comeback in our history when he was nominated for the Presidency. People wanted to give him a chance. (2) People wanted a change in the nation's policies," says Ronnie Huggins.

"I think that the vote went Republican because Richard Nixon was the only one qualified to run for President," declared Larry Freeman.

"Blythewood, like the rest of the state, is fed up with the present administration therefore eliminating Humphrey. Wallace's ideas were good, but I think the people of Blythewood realized his ideas were too radical. Therefore they voted Republican," comments Inky Morris.

"Wallace let down his guard and the people in the big cities had more offered to them from Nixon," says Danny Brooks.

Another student states, "Strom Thurmond influenced many people to vote for Nixon, possible some Blythewood voters."

STUDENTS COMMENT ON NEW REPORTS

Commenting on the new report cards for each subject, students had this to say:

Mark Johnson: "They are more informative to the parents. They give the teachers a chance to describe what the student is actually doing."

Teresa Moak: "The teachers can say more about the student but the report cards are easier to lose."

Sandra Mitchell: "I like them. Each teacher can use the evaluation chart and let you know where you need improvement."

Mary Nell Smith: "They give more of an evaluation of the student but I don't care which kind we use."

Erwin Branham: "I don't particularly like them. They are impractical and a bother to keep up with."

Susan Brown: "There's not that much difference in the new ones and the old ones except the new ones are a lot more trouble."

Percentage wise, students favored the old reports.

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to the attention of the American public the positive achievements and attributes of today's young people.

Stanley Wilson, a 1968 graduate, is this year's Outstanding Teenager from South Carolina.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1968-69

12-5	Hollywood	there
12-11	Pelion	there
12-13	St. Angela	there
12-16	Swansea	home
12-17	Blaney	home
1-7	Camden M.	home
1-10	Chapin	there
1-14	Ashwood C.	there
1-17	St. Angela	home
1-21	Blaney	there
1-24	Hollywood	home
1-28	Camden M.	there
1-31	R.S.M.	home
2-3	Swansea	there

Thanksgiving Prayer

By Gene Jones

Table filled with luscious dishes-
Turkey, dressing, pumpkin pies;
People waiting for the blessing,
Making wishes with their eyes.

Blessing said--the food is passed--
First to father, then to mother.
Ah, and true, this is a blessing.
Your drink is gone? Then have another.

The meal has ended--all too soon:
And dishes must be done.
"Let the old folks rest: they're tired--
Come and help, you little ones."

The dishes are all washed and rinsed;
The kids have done their share,
And now into the living room
Where its time for family prayer.

Grandpa slowly bows his head,
And then we all do pray--
Each thanking God for His grace
And this Thanksgiving Day.

Home Prepared For State Champs

By Don Lovett

Well, well, guess what? The gym has a new dressing room. This might not particularly make lumps rise in your throat, but Coach Polcari is pretty excited about the prospect of having an honest for goodness dressing room right in his gym private, separate and under his complete rule.

For longer than anyone cares to remember, the dressing room has been somewhat out of commission. The water for the showers didn't work and even if it had, there were no faucets to control it with. The heat didn't work. The commode didn't work. Ninety percent of the windows were knocked out and the floor had large holes in it.

The new dressing room, by contrast, has all these essentials, including ceramic tile and, get this, hot as well as cold water--how about that? With the old dressing room, Mr. Polcari was forced to use the restrooms in the hall for dressing; this, of course, led to constant confusion for teachers during the day when physical education classes met. But, fear not, to compensate for this loss, physical education students will yell twice as loud.

The gym has progressed quite nicely. Year before last, new lights, glass backboards and a new coat of paint were added and now with the new dressing room it

A Rewarding Experience FFA Convention By Tommy Eargle

I enjoyed attending the South Carolina Future Farmers of America Convention this summer at Clemson University on June 5th and 6th. This convention broadened my knowledge of how the organization is run.

Five hundred boys from all over South Carolina flocked to Clemson to learn more about how the FFA is run and to elect state officers.

One interesting feature of each meeting was the opening ceremony. The vice-president called the roll of officers and each one explained his position and duty. This ritual gave one a clear view of the work involved in being a state officer.

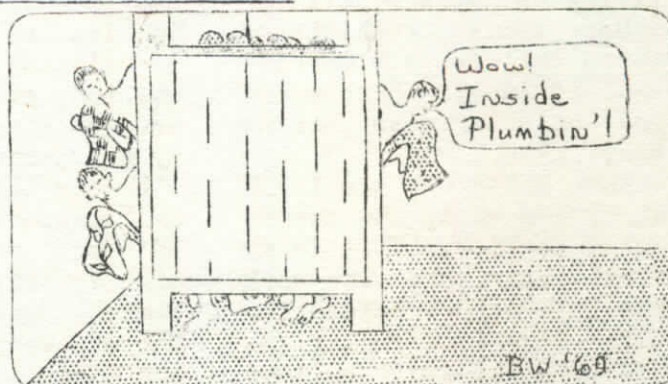
Seeking to build character and leadership, the FFA sponsors two extraordinary contests. These are competition in parliamentary procedure and quartet singing. The quartets proved very interesting and added a lighter touch to the meeting. The parliamentary procedure contest was boring at the first but turned out to be very informative.

The national FFA vice-president spoke to the boys about their responsibility to the other members. He also urged the boys to create interest in their own chapters and not just go to the meetings and sit in the background.

Blythewood was proud to receive an award as being recognized as a standard chapter. This at first doesn't sound like much but it's really something when you see how many clubs don't make it.

During the final session the final awards were made and the officers were elected. The new officers were installed and then our new president, Dale Shelley, spoke to us. He expressed his appreciation to all Future Farmers in South Carolina for electing him to this high office. The new officers then closed the meeting.

This trip gave me a wonderful association with fellow members and I am very happy that I was able to attend.



will be a fitting home for the 1969 state basketball champions.

FHA HOLDS INITIATION

To develop desirable, nutritional standards and a taste for unusual flavors was one of the goals of the recent FHA Informal Initiation.

Twelve girls from the freshman class were initiated into the club. Sandra Mitchell, club treasurer, Delores Blume, Cathy Clack, Beverly Thornton, Margaret McCray, Gayle Davis, Paula Heins, Teresa Moak, Brenda Roberts, Kathy Wofford, Beth Boney, Judy Chavis, and Loretta Branham took part in the so-called "fun activities".

After school, each girl had her own little picnic dinner. To start things, each girl had a raw egg for an appetizer; to drink along with the appetizer, each girl had buttermilk, oat meal and prune juice mixed.

Following their drink each was served a lard sandwich. For the main course sardines with catsup, pepper, and onions were served.

Cafeteria Staff Has New Employee

Joining the cafeteria staff for the school year is Mrs. Edna Byrant.

Mrs. Byrant is a native of South Carolina, born in Blaney. She lived in Columbia most of her life, attending Rose Hill High School. She is presently living on Highway 321.

Her family consists of three children, all married, two reside in Blythewood and the other near Charleston.

When asked how she feels about her work, she cheerfully replied, "This is my first experience with working in a school cafeteria, and I love it. I really enjoy my work, and I believe that this cafeteria prepares good lunches for the students."

BETA CLUB HAS INITIATION

Five members were initiated into the Senior Beta Club on Wednesday.

Presiding at the ceremony was Carl Muller, president, who told the purposes of the Beta Club: to encourage and recognize leadership, scholarship, and character.

Principal W.C. Rorer gave a talk on "Scholarship" saying that those

students who are motivated to be their best will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Mary Nell Smith, vice-president, assisted by Carl presented pins and membership cards to Tommy Eargle, Carolyn Hall, Kyle Meadows, Robbie Jean Moak, and Lynn Robertson.

Mary Nell and Lynn sang the Beta Song, accompanied by Inky Morris.

S.C. President Stresses Patriotism

In her first speech to the student body as acting president, Jackie Lee stressed the importance of patriotism if America is to continue as a great power.

"Young people of today are basically patriotic; the draft-dodgers and flag-burners are the ones who make the headlines. We who are loyal to our country should make ourselves heard," declared Jackie.

Diane Thornton is vice-president of the Student Council; Linda Sloan, secretary; Tommy Eargle, treasurer, and Susan Brown, reporter.

Juniors Set Record

Netting more than fifteen hundred dollars, the junior class and the P-TA set an all-time Harvest Festival record.

Beginning the festival was the presentation of a one-act play, "The Lottery," by the junior class.

Brenda Roberts and Russell Lancaster were crowned queen and king of the high school, respectively; Mamie Moak and Billie Marsh queen and king of the elementary school.

The money will be divided equally between the junior class and the P-TA.

P-TA FURNISHES FIRST-AID KITS

Blythewood Parent-Teacher Association recently furnished first-aid kits to the high school home-room teachers.



The kits include such items as band-aids, gauze bandages, cotton, adhesive tape, ammonia, alcohol and methiolate.

Last year the P-TA supplied the grammar school teachers with similar first-aid kits.

MRS EARGLE JOINS FACULTY

Mrs. J.T. Eargle, substitute teacher for three years in District II, has joined Blythewood's faculty as study hall teacher.

She finished junior college at Central Wesleyan at Central, S.C. and attended, for one year, Jacksonville State Teachers' College at Jacksonville, Alabama. While in Alabama, she taught school for three years. Before coming to Blythewood, she did substitute teaching in the Brookland-Cayce School System.

Mrs. Eargle's hobbies include sewing, gardening, and reading. She has three sons who attend Blythewood: Tommy (sophomore), Johnny (eighth grade), Kenny (third grade).

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Mary Nell Smith Reigns As Miss Blythewood High

Mary Nell Smith will reign as Miss Blythewood High for 1969. Chosen in the annual beauty pageant sponsored by the senior class, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Smith.

Wearing a full length, white lace gown and white gloves with her hair styled in a casual flip, she was selected from among 35 contestants on the bases of beauty, grace and personality.

Mary Nell's activities include editor of BLYTHE-WORDS, co-president of FHA, vice-president of the Senior Beta Club, and president of Girls' Block "B".

Also selected in the pageant were Beth Boney, Miss Freshman, Gayle Loner, Miss Sophomore, Bonnie Amaker, Miss Junior and Jackie Lee, Miss Senior.

Judges for the contest were Miss Pam Inabinet, a former Miss Teenage Columbia and dance instructor for Calvert-Brodie School of Dance, Mrs. Sara Strachan, Principal of Forest Lake Elementary School, and Mr. Leonard Gardner, principal of Bentsville High School.

The stage was decorated with a large snowman which reflected the theme, "Winter Fantasy."

Carl Muller served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening and English Morris as pianist.

Wanda Chitwood, John Loner, Gene Jones and the senior class mascots, Judy Dowling and Jerry Clark, provided musical entertainment.

Brenda Lewis, the former Miss Blythewood High, climaxed the evening by crowning Mary Nell as the new queen.

"Southern Serenade" Is Banquet Theme

"Southern Serenade" is the theme of the annual spring junior-senior banquet.

The banquet will be at the Town House Inn and the Singin', Swingin' Counts will provide musical entertainment for the prom.

"It matters not what you are thought to be but what you are," is the class motto; royal blue and silver are the colors and the white carnation is the flower. The theme from "Exodus" is the class song.

Muller Selected King Teen

Carl Muller is King Teen representative to Wofford College.

Chosen on the bases of character, personality and academic achievements, Carl will visit Wofford College to compete with 75 other senior King Teen representatives from all over South Carolina for various scholarships.

As senior class president, Carl is also a member of the Senior Beta Club, editor of BLYTHE-SPIRIT, a member of the boys' varsity basketball team, president of the Library Club and feature editor of BLYTHE-WORDS.

Kyle Meadows, Don Lovett and Ronnie Huggins were other nominees for the title.

Wilson Presented Plaque

J. R. Wilson, who has retired from the District II School Board, received a plaque from the board at the January meeting of the Blythewood P-TA.

Cyril O. Havird, superintendent of District II, presented the plaque and praised Mr. Wilson for 17 years of unselfish dedication to the school district.

Accepting the plaque, Mr. Wilson commented, "I was happy to do what I could for the education of the school children of District II. I feel that a person should do what he can to help the youth of the country."

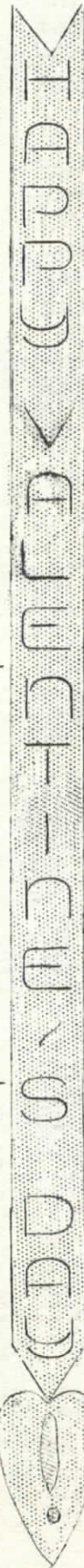
P-TA Honors Presidents

"Blythewood P-TA in Review" was a skit presented at the regular meeting of the P-TA and honored the past presidents of the association.

Former presidents who attended the meeting included Mrs. Earl Boney, Mrs. Elton Wilson, Mrs. W. D. Grimsley, Mrs. Clyde Branham, Mrs. Myron Price, Mrs. Carrie Haas, Mrs. J. R. Wilson, and Mrs. W. H. Abell.

Mrs. John E. Meadows, president of the P-TA, presented each past president with a carnation.

Mary Nell Smith and Creighton Kelly, accompanied by English Morris, paid tribute to the P-TA in a song paraphrasing "God Bless America."

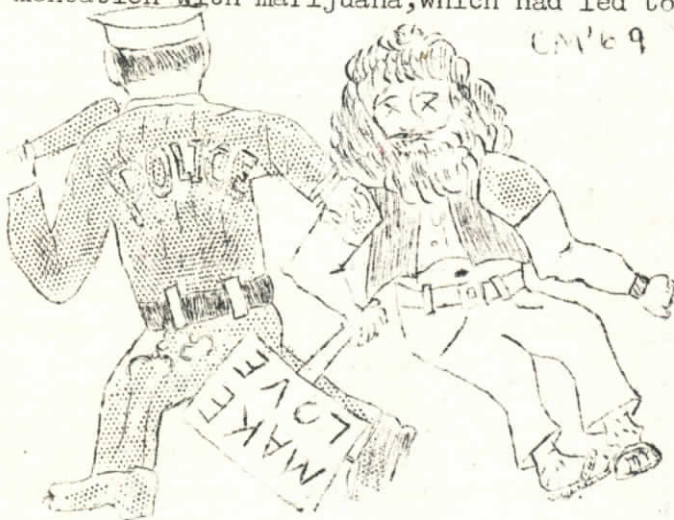


MARIJUANA FILM VIEWED

Mrs. Park's chemistry class and Mr. Boulware's United States History classes recently viewed a filmstrip on the usage and effects of marijuana.

The film narrated by Sonny Bono of the "Sonny and Cher" singing team presented impartially, the pros and cons of marijuana usage. A police raid on a marijuana party comprised the opening scene. Several teenagers involved expressed views on why they thought marijuana should be legalized. Their chief arguments were marijuana is not habit-forming and its effects are no greater than those of alcohol.

In the following scenes, reformed drug addicts confessed that they had been introduced to drug usage through experimentation with marijuana, which had led to



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the use of stronger narcotics and finally to complete dependence upon them.

Supporters of it stated that while under the effects of marijuana, their creative abilities were increased. The film showed examples of work done by the same artist under normal conditions and while using marijuana. There was no significant difference in the works.

The film concluded with the narrator's comment, "To use or not to use marijuana is the individual's decision. We have just presented the facts."

Teachers Use Audio-Visual Aids

Teachers this year are using more visual aids in their classroom instruction. These aids include portable record players and portable screens.

Mrs. Taylor, who teaches science and biology, commented that she used the screen in most of the classes and finds it most beneficial.

Student Council To Present Programs

The Student Council voted at its recent meeting to present monthly assembly programs to the student body.

Tentative plans were made for each home room to present one program monthly and Diane Thornton was appointed to head a committee to arrange a time schedule and list of topics for the assemblies.

Col. Birch, council advisor, suggested that the programs be organized to emphasize the national theme, "Student Council-America's Strengthening Corps," which each council is encouraged to carry out.

Mrs. Perkins Teaches Home Ec.

"I like people in general but especially young people," replied Mrs. Sandra Perkins, substitute home economics teacher, when asked why she decided to teach.

Mrs. Perkins is a graduate of Florida State University where she majored in home economics. She was born in Lakeland, Florida, but lived most of her life in Orlando before coming to South Carolina.

"I like lots of school spirit," she says, "and this is one reason I like Blythewood."

Mrs. Perkins has worked in Washington, D.C. where she saw many celebrities including Jacqueline Kennedy, Harry Belafonte, Johnny Mathis and the Brothers Four. She also visited the Smithsonian Institute and the White House and has vacationed in Jamaica.

Mrs. Perkins' hobbies include golfing, serving and cooking.

Mrs. Timney To Teach Math

Mrs. De Laine Timney a graduate of Dentsville High School and the University of South Carolina, will serve as mathematics instructor for the high school this year.

Before coming to Blythewood, Mrs. Timney was a member of the staff at Dentsville.

Mrs. Timney's family includes her husband, Terry, and their four month old son, Troy. She and her family now reside in Dentsville.



Teenagers Need Recreation Center

Should Blythewood teenagers have a place in Blythewood to go for recreation on week-ends and after home ball games? Most students would certainly reply an enthusiastic "yes" to this question.

If we want almost any form of entertainment, we must ride 18 miles into Columbia. This is fine, but one is more likely to run into trouble in the city than in a small community like Blythewood. A group of girls going to town by themselves are likely to run into some undesirable characters. It also gets tiresome to have to go so far for something to do.

Some adults provide this answer to the problem, "Why don't you go to someone's home?" This is a good idea, but this solution also gets old after a few weeks. Another drawback to going to someone's home is that the number that can be entertained is limited. Whereas in a place such as the community center, almost any number could come and be a part of the crowd.

Because BHS is small and everyone knows everyone else the students would like to have somewhere to go away from school and be with all of their friends. Such a place would serve as an excellent site for a victory celebration after a ball game or a New Year's Eve party.

If we are to have such a place as this, we must seek the help of the adults of the community. Projects of this nature have been discussed many times, but somehow nothing permanent has been worked out. The adults are willing to help us but we must stay behind the project if anything is to be accomplished.

We must express earnest desire and cooperation to share the burden of such an undertaking. Perhaps then organizations such as the Community Association or the P-TA will come to our aid and help set up some sort of recreation for our teenagers.

Space Brings Spiritual Awakening?

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth--and God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night," intoned the voices of the Apollo VIII astronauts on Christmas Eve as they orbited the moon at an unbelievable speed.

The American people certainly must have been inspired by this Christmas message as it was relayed from the moon directly to their homes. After returning to earth, the astronauts told us that these words from the Bible took on new meaning for them in space.

In the past nations that have become so prosperous and materialistic have declined and become a second rate power or have come under the control of another country. Many people believe that our country is on a spiritualistic downgrade and that if we do not have some sort of "spiritual awakening", we will fall.

Could our conquest and exploration of space bring about this "spiritual awakening"? Upon seeing all of the wonders of the universe will man finally decide that he must obey and love the supreme being, God, who has created all of this for us?

This is very possible and can serve as the main reason for continuing our space program. This would be a far better reason to learn about the moon and other planets than only for the sake of outdoing the Russians.

We are so blinded by the petty trials of the world that we fail to give time to God. Perhaps if we could (See page 8, column 1)

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Seniors Learn New Grammar

"We + past + be + ing + plan + a + trip," a typical morpheme string, exemplifies work the twelfth grade English class is doing with a new method of analyzing sentences called transformational grammar.

This grammar is in its experimental stage, but if it is carried out successfully, future students of English may not dread "digging grammar" so much.

Grammarians have grouped all sentences into two kinds: kernel, the basic sentence, and transformational, the complex and compound sentences.

The results of a recent poll showed that 78% of the students were definitely in favor of "new English", 4% were against it, and 18% were undecided.

Students had these comments about transformational grammar: Kyle Meadows, "I feel if this grammar will aid coming generations to learn English, then our time will not be wasted."

Brenda Wright, "I think it is easier after one gets the 'hang' of it."

Carl Muller, "I think it would work all right if teachers started it at the beginning and worked up; teaching it to students who have always had traditional grammar is confusing."

Home Ec.

Projects Submitted

To transform classroom learnings into practice at home, Home Economics I girls are being required to submit home projects.

The projects may include any activity ranging from cooking, to interior decoration which might contribute to the student's degree of total learning.

Several students made

comments on their projects. Delores Blume commented, "I enjoyed making my dress and liked my sewing experience."

Sandra Mitchell who re-finished a desk said, "I needed a place to study and will use it very much."

Beth Boney did a sewing project and made this comment, "I enjoyed sewing and it is economical."

P-TA Purchases

Filmstrips

The P-TA has purchased five filmstrips to be used in the instruction of English.

These filmstrips include "Silas Marner," "A Tale of Two Cities," "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," "The Tell-Tale Heart," and "The Pit and the Pendulum."

An English literature record was also purchased. This record has selections from the "Twenty-Third Psalm," Macbeth, As You Like It, Hamlet, Anglo-Saxon literature, and Chaucer.

The cultural arts committee composed of Mrs. Ann Joye Mullis, chairman, and Miss Anne Rorer with the audio-visual aids committee, Mrs. Estelle Hinnant, chairman, were responsible for the selection.

BLOCK "B" BOYS

ARE INITIATED

Raw eggs, unbaked biscuits, sauer kraut, pork brains, raw oysters, milk shakes, and a combination of apples, and onions were among the "delicacies" served at the recent Block "B" initiation.

To be eligible for the club the boys have to letter in a sport, collect ten dollars, and be informally initiated.

Boys initiated into the club were Mickey Brazell, Creighton Kelly, Barry Lovett, Mark Meadows, Steve Miller, Bill Sharpe, and Danny Stevens.



DRIVER EDUCATION

OFFERED

Three new courses offered this semester at Blythewood are art, music, and driver education.

Mrs. Mary Oxford, a native of Georgia, will teach art. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College and previously taught in Virginia; she was affiliated with the Museum of Art at Roanoke, Virginia.

Mrs. Gayle Knight has formerly taught in the district. She will teach music.

These courses will be offered second period.

Plans for driver education will be formulated later.

Changes Proposed In Driveway

Proposed changes in the school driveway include widening the exit and making the drive one-way.

Flashing warning signals will be installed near the Gulf Service Station and near the J.R. Wilson residence. Crosswalks will be established for those students that walk to school.

Harry Norton is chairman of the safety committee for the school.

BLYTHEWOOD MEETS STANDARDS

Blythewood High School has met the standards of the State Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is in good standing.

The elementary school has completed its self-study and will be evaluated by the Southern Association this spring.

CRONE'S

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By Donald Crone

The day begins--cool and brisk--the sun touches the treetops and it is a good day. Tonight's the night that the Wildcats of Blaney come to our gymnasium. Anticipation brewing in the air like a pot of coffee on a cold morning fills the air.

3:15--School dismisses--Talk is that Blaney has one of the best teams in its history and is leading the conference.

7:00--Girls' game begins. It soon becomes evident that the game will be one-sided. All Blythewood girls play, and the game ends 51-42. Coach Polcari and the girls are hilarious!

The boys take the floor and as the local "grapevine" had reported, the Blaney boys are BIG and talented.

The crowd from Blaney is almost as large as the home crowd and the gym is packed!

Underdogs! That's what the Blythewood boys are. Blaney has about four inches per man advantage and has a team that has been together since their sophomore year.

Blaney wins the tip-off and for the first quarter it looks as if they will have a runaway. The Blythewood boys eventually settle down and start chipping away at the lead, one time narrowing it to six points but a last minute rally by Blaney seals the win for the Wildcats.

Sleep will come easy to the boys tonight and tomorrow will be a new day; the sun will reach the treetops once more; the morning air will be cool and Blythewood will have more games--some wins and some losses, but the world will keep turning.

Polcari Reaches Milestone

Coach Ralph A. Polcari reached a milestone in his coaching career when he won his 200th game, by the girls' team defeating Ashwood-Central last Tuesday night. Included in these victories are three conference championships.

Some of the outstanding girls who helped win the conference championship in 1967 are still on the team. They include Mary Ellen Raines, Mary Nell Smith, and Brenda Price. Other members of the team included Ruth Rimer, Sara Cooper, Marvie Peake, Anne Raines, Jennifer Price, and Holly Langdale.

Last year this same group of girls were runners-up in the 4-B conference playoffs. Mary "Boots" Raines scored 44 points in

two consecutive tournament games, followed by a 28 point effort. "Boots" broke the existing season scoring record with 28.5 points per game.

A veteran of five years, Ruth Rimer gave her opinion of how she felt about Mr. Polcari's coaching career at Blythewood: "He is a man who deserves a great deal of appreciation for the interest he has shown in his years as a coach. Even though he throws tantrums at times, he is still a swell coach." CM'
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"I have enjoyed playing for Coach Polcari very much. He shows such a genuine interest in the team and in each individual that we are all inspired to play as hard as we can. I agree with Ruth, he is a 'swell coach'," commented Mary Nell Smith, also a veteran of five years.

"If it were not for coaching, I do not know if I would be in school work. It is a tremendous challenge to take raw youngsters and change them into fierce competitors with a desire to win," stated Coach Polcari.



INEXPERIENCE HURTS

By Kyle Meadows

The important achievement of the boys' basketball team of Blythewood lies, not in the number of games won, but in the boys' ability to work together. Although the team members are good as individuals, their team work is exceptional.

The boys on the average have very little experience: J. B. Legrand and Donald Crone are the only returning starters from last year. Creighton Kelly played ball for his first time last year; Charles Byrd played at Alcorn Junior High; Dawson Mitchell played the last half of the season last year, Jerry Mitchell played on the junior varsity team last year and Randy Humphries is playing for his first time this year. To make things worse for them, they have never played together as a team before this season.

It is easy to see how a team that averages even as little as two seasons playing experience would have an advantage over the boys. Most of the teams in the conference have at least this much experience.

Inexperience definitely does hurt a team, but time should show a marked difference in Blythewood's performance and by the end of the season the team should be much improved.

P-TA Looks To Past, Present, Future

"Man lives in the past through memory, in the present through contemporary awareness, and in the future through anticipation", began Brenda Price as she, Kyle Meadows, and Steve Boney presented the history of the Blythewood P-TA at the January meeting.

The forerunner of the P-TA was an organization known as the School Improvement Association of which Mrs. Grace Brown was president. Among the first projects of the SIA was the sale of box suppers, using the funds to provide books for the library.

The Parent-Teacher Association was actually organized during the superintendency of Mr. E. R. Alexander, sometime in the late 1920's or early 30's. Mrs. Louise Timmons and Mrs. Paul Leonard, who did active P-TA work on a state level, helped to organize the association at Blythewood. Mrs. Dolly N. Boney was the first president and Mrs. C. D. Wilson was the first secretary.

Projects

One of the first projects of the Parent-Teacher Association was to furnish school lunches for the children. The lunch room was in the old car shed between the teacherage and the old agriculture building. Lunches, which consisted of vegetable soup, cost about ten cents per week.

The lunchroom continued to be a P-TA project. The first issue of the school newspaper, BLYTHE-WORDS, contained an account of a P-TA meeting in 1938--

"Blythewood boasts one of the best and most active P-TA's in the state and...we appreciate the opportunity for study in wholesome surroundings which the P-TA has given us..."

EARLY PRESIDENTS

Among the early presidents were the late Mrs. C. D. Wilson, the late Mrs. Lee Muller, the late Mrs. Lois Hoffman, Mrs. E. P. H. Miller, Mrs. Gerald Keels, and Mrs. Earl Boney.

Mrs. Earl Boney, along with Mrs. Dolly Boney, Mrs. Lee Muller, and Mrs. K.M. Hagood, attended the State Convention in Charleston.

During Mrs. Wood's term, the P-TA bought blinds for the school, a piano, and equipment for the Home Economics Room.

The Association bought reading books

during Mrs. Hagood's term of office and made efforts to improve the quality of the program.

Mrs. Parker Davis and Mrs. Q. M. Hawley, as presidents, sponsored drives for playground equipment and free lunches for underprivileged children.

Mrs. Elton Wilson was President from 1947-49, followed by Mrs. Carrie Haas from 1949-51. Mrs. Haas was a delegate to the national convention at Miami Beach. This was the first time the P-TA was organized according to the standards of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

From 1951-53, Mrs. W. D. Grimsley was president. She was elected a delegate to the Oklahoma Convention but was not able to go.

STATE RECORDS BEGIN

The state records of the P-TA begin in 1953 with the presidency of Mrs. H. B. McLean, and show Blythewood's chapter as having 159 members.

Mrs. J. R. Wilson was president during the 1955-56 session, followed by Mrs. Myron Price (1957-59) when the P-TA sponsored its first delegate to Boys' State. Mrs. Clyde Branham was president from 1958-60.

Mr. W. D. Grimsley was the first man president. He served from 1960-61.

Membership reached an all-time high of 305 during the office of Mrs. C. B. Kelly, who held that position from 1961-63.

Mrs. Fred Muller was president from 1963-65. Encouraging an interest in the cultural arts, Mrs. Muller was instrumental in presenting Theodore Ullman, member of the faculty of the Juilliard School of Music, in concert. During her term, the P-TA succeeded in getting the walks paved.

In 1965-66 under the leadership of Mr. J. K. Mullis, the P-TA prepared a supper for the Masons and awarded the first life membership in the P-TA to Mrs. Myron Price.

The Association was on the State Honor Roll for the first time during the presidency of Mrs. Anne Abell in 1966-67. At the request of the P-TA, the School Board erected a fence around the school ground behind the school. The P-TA co-sponsored the Harvest Festival for the first time in 1967.

Under the guidance of Mrs. John E. Meadows, the president for this year, the Harvest Festival set an all-time record by netting over \$600 for the P-TA.

"You know," said one drunk to another, "I don't really know who I am. I was left on a doorstep when I was a baby."

"Great Scott!" exclaimed the second drunk. "Maybe you're a milk bottle."

The Filing Cabinet Caper

By Carl Muller

One day last week as I was browsing through the files in the typing room, I noticed a small, white skull mark on the side of the drawer with the words "Press Here" scrawled in Old English underneath it. Gingerly pressing the skull, I was astonished to hear the loud ring of an alarm and at the same time I was violently knocked unconscious by a sharp object. When I had regained consciousness, I shook with terror. There, towering above me, stood the almighty ruler of room five—Mrs. Zeagler.

"Leave that skull alone. Or Else...", she growled. Then, with murder in her eye, she heaved me headlong into a wild, screaming mob of seventh graders who crushed my money changer and broke the arms off my Mickey Mouse watch.

As I lay in bed that night, nursing my wounds and pride, I resolved to learn the secret of the skull; so at midnight I drove to the back of the school and managed, to break into the typing room. I eased open the filing cabinet drawer and stabbed at the skull with my forefinger. Almost as if by magic a secret panel slid open revealing a treasure more precious than gold—the first edition of BLYTHE-WORDS. Then I understood.

The date was October, 1938, and Elizabeth Boney, the late Sallie McDonald Hagood, and Olga Coutsos were the editor, business manager, and associate editor respectively. Quickly scanning the first page I read that the junior class was sponsoring the annual Halloween Carnival at the school auditorium. But the big news story concerned the construction of a new \$17,000 gymnasium with a "unique V-shaped roof."

Carefully turning the page I was greeted by a drawing of Blythewood School, which was still two stories.

Fred Muller's sports column on page five contained many interesting bits of graffiti. For instance I never knew that John Erie Price was "a dangerous tackler." Neither did I know that Frank Boney was "fast and shifty" or that Howard Wilson was a good running back. Reading further, I learned that the girls' basketball team had only six players and that the average weight of the football team was 135 pounds. But the team, the first in three years, consisted of only eleven boys—and just ten came to practice, which was held every other day.

Turning the page, I learned that the senior class had decided to sponsor movies in the school auditorium one night each week. The latest movie, by the way, was Romance on the Range. The next few pages contained farming tips and gossip columns, which, if published, could wreck at least a dozen homes.

On page ten, the final page, I read that some co-eds at a college near Sandy Level Baptist Church gave Blythewood its name. The original name, "Doco," was given by a Negro slave and it meant "the place where the train drank," whatever that means.

After carefully replacing the delicate manuscript in its hiding place, I stepped outside into the cold night air. It was almost two o'clock and I congratulated myself that at last I had fooled Mrs. Zeagler. I had done the impossible. But suddenly an automobile engine roared into life and tires squealed.

Today, as I lie in a body cast at Columbia Hospital, the last thing that I can recall is staring into the headlights of a burgandy 1966 Buick Le Sabre.

STUDENT VIEWS ON APOLLO VII

Students at Blythewood expressed varied opinions concerning the recent Apollo flight.

Jackie Lee, Student Council President, feels that the flight was beneficiary. She said, "Men have always had the desire to explore new places. This was just another phase of improving man's living conditions."

"It took a lot of courage for the astronauts to take this flight," said Charlene Rister.

Erwin Branham, a senior, also felt that the flight was worth while. "It seems like a good first step in inter planetary exploration because it went as well as it did for this type of flight," said Erwin.

President of Boys' Block "B" Club, Donald Crone, had mixed feelings about the flight. He said, "I feel that it was good as far as staying ahead of the Russians."

A note of romantic humor was added to the subject by Colonel Darrell Birch as he said, "I think that the Apollo flight severely maligned the song writing industry, because instead of "Silver Moon", "Harvest Moon", "Moon River", "Blue Moon", "Carolina Moon," etc. we find that the moon is just a mass of almost colorless gray matter far from anything romantic!"



HALE SPEAKS:

Students Warned

W. J. Hale, representative of the American Cancer Society, recently spoke to an assembly of Blythe-wood students on the relationship of cigarette smoking to respiratory cancer.

After recounting his own experiences as an oral cancer patient, Mr. Hale told the students of the extensive research done by the American Cancer Society toward finding a cure for cancer. He cited statistics which closely related cancer to the use of cigarettes and other forms of tobacco.

"The decision to smoke is yours, but for your generation, it's now or never," stated Mr. Hale, emphasizing that cigarette smoking among teens is on the increase and in direct proportion to it is the in-

crease in cases of lung cancer.

Mr. Hale brought with him a filmstrip provided by the American Cancer Society which illustrates the manner in which cigarette tar affects the human lung. By collecting on the tiny cleansing hairs which line the inside of the lungs, deposits of tobacco tar prevent the natural rejection of the dead cells which cause an unnatural growth within the tissue, often resulting in cancer.

Following the filmstrip, Mr. Hale answered questions concerning the film and re-emphasized the need for teens to make their decision about cigarettes.

Mr. Hale came to Blythe-wood upon the request of Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, science instructor.

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see things as the astronauts did, we might see God's plan in a different light and find strength to bear the trials and tribulations of the world.

If the astronauts who were 250,000 miles from the earth, not knowing whether or not their space craft would make it safely back to earth, had enough faith and trust in God to send such a Christmas message to us, we should certainly strive to live better lives here on "the good earth"--lives that are dedicated to their God and their country.

Project Idea

Project IDEA is a program sponsored by the Counseling Bureau of the University of South Carolina.

The purpose of this program is to train counselors to help students pre-

pare themselves for employment through various post secondary training programs.

A handbook entitled "Community Resources" will be sent to each counselor.

Tests Given On Scholastic Skills

Twenty-six students will be tested February 15 on scholastic skills.

Eighteen freshmen and sophomores will be taking the National Educational Development Test (NEDT). This test measures the degree to which the student has developed his abilities to interpret, evaluate and understand the subjects he is studying in school.

Eight juniors will take the National Merit Examination. Its purpose is to determine the progress of the students and to offer scholarships to those scoring in the 99 percentile.

Thornton Receives
3rd Place Rating

Diane Thornton received a third place rating in the Theta Sigma Phi newspaper of the month contest for December.

Diane's article was a news account of her placing first in the State 4-H Horse Show.

High School IS

...splashing through the rain at lunch time...home-work until midnight...eating lunch at Mrs. Mary's ...a place seniors will soon have to leave to find their place in life... climbing, climbing, climbing stairs...trying to understand chemistry...tardy slips...making a mess of a piece of wood in shop... watching the clocks... cheering for the INDIANS ...a never, never land-- never too old to learn and never too young to play ...first place in class competition...dodging one of Mr. Polcari's pop quizzes...trying to sleep in a class when the teacher keeps disturbing you...forgetting locker combinations...roaming the halls.

School IS but some wish it weren't.

Blythe-Words EXCHANGES

Gaining ideas for layout and articles, BLYTHE-WORDS boasts a long list of exchange papers.

Newspapers with which BLYTHE-WORDS exchanges are CONSOLIDATED COMMENTS, Winstboro High; THE PIONEER, Chapin High; THE RAMBLER, Blaney High; THE LOUD-SPEAKER, Fort Mill High; THE HI-LIFE, Dillon High; THE INDIAN POST, Gaffney High; HIGH-LIGHTS, Tomah Senior High; and several others.

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PROBLEMS OVER:

SENIORS' "REST ASSURED"

"Rest Assured", a comedy in three acts, will be presented by the senior class on Friday, March 28, in the school auditorium at 8 p.m.

Characters include Carl Muller as Mr. Morlock, Mary Nell Smith as his wife, Gwen Haygood as his oldest daughter and Brenda Price as his youngest daughter.

Sara Cooper is Mildred, the Morlock family maid; Kyle Meadows is Joe Lanconi and Ronnie Huggins as Luigi Lanconi is Joe's father. Betty Peavy is Luigi's wife, Martha.

Lucifer, the devil, is played by Buck Hagood; Miss Akers is Marvie Peake and Inky Morris is George Plew.

Other characters include Ruth Rimer (Mrs. Schmaltz), Don Lovett (Dr. Brown), Erwin Branham (Mr. Black), Geneva (Lynn Wilson) and Mrs. Frinck (Marguerite Wilson).

Stage directors are Lar-

Carl Muller Is NMSQT Finalist

Carl Muller, with a score in the 99th percentile, has advanced to a finalist in competition on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

His score places him in competition for a one-time nonrenewable National Merit \$1000 Scholarship.

Carl is Blythewood's Star Student with a score of 1418 on the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test. This score was a determining factor in his advancement in the NMSQT competition.

The Star Student Program is sponsored by the South Carolina State Chamber of Commerce.



ry Freeman, Elbert Branham, and Houston Cook, Publicity chairman is Jackie Lee. Mildred Branham is student director.

The speech class will be in charge of making props and applying make-up.

"Rest Assured" is published by Hower Publishing Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is the story of an Italian papa's desperate attempt to win the hand of a rich man's daughter for his son.

Furman Scholars Selected

Selected by the faculty on the bases of leadership scholarship, and accomplishments, Mary Ellen Raines, Randy Humphries, Creighton Kelly and Diane Thornton are Furman Scholars.

On March 29 they will attend Furman Scholars Day to meet the professors and students and tour the campus of Furman University at Greenville.

Upon selection, each Furman Scholar is automatically considered for a Furman Scholars' Scholarship and is eligible to compete for various other scholarships offered through Furman.

DISTRICT STAFF LISTS COURSE OFFERINGS

Tentative course offerings for the 1969-70 session at the new vocational high school are as follows: horticulture, air conditioning and refrigeration, agriculture mechanics, building construction, machine shop, auto mechanics, graphic arts.

Also, electricity, health occupations, office occupations, drafting, welding, business machine repair, and distributive education.

Each subject will require three hours per day per student and there will be two groups per day in each subject area.

Interests and aptitudes are the determining factors in selecting those students who will be eligible to attend the school.

A recent workshop acquainted counselors with the General Aptitude Test Battery that they will use in the student selection.

Plans now are for the Blythewood students to get their required courses at Blythewood in the morning and at the vocational center in the afternoon. The rising eleventh grade may have preference over the other grades for this training.

GRIMSLEY CHOSEN TEACHER OF MONTH

Miss Beth Grimsley, a graduate of Blythewood, is Teacher of the Month of Macedonia High School in Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

For her untiring efforts with the preparation for the opening of "Aunt Tillie Goes To Town", a comedy presented by the junior class of Macedonia, she was accorded the honor.

Sophomores Present Patriotic Assembly

The program presented during the general assembly on February 12th embodied all of the ideals of South Carolina's Association of Student Council's slogan, "America's Strengthening Corps".

In commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, the program included a biography highlighting his achievements and contributions to our country.

A rendition of the Gettysburg Address followed by Walt Whitman's tribute to Lincoln, the poem "Oh Captain, My Captain", left the assemblage with a renewed appreciation of this great American.

The entire program was supported musically by the 282nd U. S. Army Band from Fort Jackson under the direction of CWO Richard Saddler. The program was concluded with the band's presentation of their own version of "Duty, Honor, Country", a musical reading.

"The entire sophomore class deserves much credit for this outstanding assembly which has set a goal for excellence that future programs can be aimed toward," commented Col. Birch, Student Council sponsor.

Pastor, Lawyer Discuss Problems

The Reverend John Griffith, pastor of the Upper Richland United Methodist Church and Mr. Edmond Monteith, a Columbia attorney, were recent guests to an FHA panel discussion on Teen Moral Obligations.

Serving on the panel with students and FHA members, the Rev. Griffith and Mr. Monteith represented the religious and legal points of view.

Sex education as a part

of the high school curriculum was the topic of discussion. "Because students are confronted with this problem at such an early age and because most parents are not qualified to teach their children, I feel sex education should be a part of the curriculum," stated the Rev. Griffith.

Mr. Monteith agreed with the Rev. Griffith adding, "This is a problem which has for a long time been side-stepped. I feel that it certainly should have a place in the school curriculum."

Mary Nell Smith, Bonnie Amaker, Carl Muller, Creighton Kelly, Kyle Meadows, and Diane Thornton also served on the panel.

District Has New Psychologist

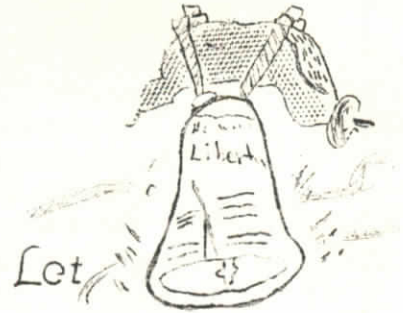
Jack Leib, a native of Omaha, Nebraska, is the psychologist for the schools of District II.

"I wanted to help people, and psychology seemed appropriate," replied Mr. Leib when asked why he chose psychology as a profession.

Receiving his B. A. degree from Creighton University and M. S. degree from Omaha University, he is presently working toward a Ph. D. degree at the University of South Carolina. While in college he was a member of the tennis team and intercollegiate bridge champion.

Mr. Leib's past positions include consultant psychologist to Douglas County Youth Center of Nebraska, psychologist for Operation Head Start in rural Iowa, instructor for the University of Omaha and school psychologist in rural, Western Iowa.

The father of a 11 month old girl, Mr. Leib's favorite pastime is spending time with his family.



Freedom Ring

"Bells have played an important part in the history of our country," spoke Mike Corley, president of 9I at assembly on Friday.

Mike reminded the student body that bells were used to peal warning of Indian attacks and summon the people from miles a round to church.

Bells tolled to declare independence, wars, and armistice. Bells rang to declare peace on September 2 1945--three years, eight months, and twenty-six days after Pearl Harbor.

The statue of Liberty enlightening the world was portrayed by Beth Boney.

Students who had speaking parts on the program were Mike, Beverly Thornton Betty Shirah, Bill Sharpe, Kenneth Moseley, and Danny Stevens.

A chorus, directed by Mrs. Gayle Knight and consisting of members of 9I and students from eleventh and twelfth grades, sang "God Bless America", "Faith of Our Fathers", "School Days", "Battle Hymn of the Republic", and "America". Mark Johnson played a bugle solo, "Taps".

"Let us ring out the bells for freedom," concluded Beverly, "so that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

NATIONAL FHA WEEK

MARCH 24-28

The Challenge Of Citizenship

I am only one citizen--
 But I am one.
 I cannot do everything--
 But I can do something.
 What I can do, I ought to do
 And
 What I ought to do as a citizen
 I will do.

Certainly, we, the student body of Blythewood High, as well as all Americans, should make this our motto. We must accept the challenge of good citizenship as presented by various organizations such as the Student Council and the FHA. In so doing this we must portray the ten vital qualities of a good citizen.

The first one of these essentials is honesty. Honesty portrays purity, integrity and truth. Truth to ourselves, our family, our community, our state, and our nation will put us well on the road to good citizenship.

Three of the qualities of citizenship begin with "C". They are concern, courage, and co-operation. Too often we develop a feeling of apathy toward the people around us. We become only concerned about ourselves. A good citizen, however, develops the qualities of interest in others, friendliness and kindness.

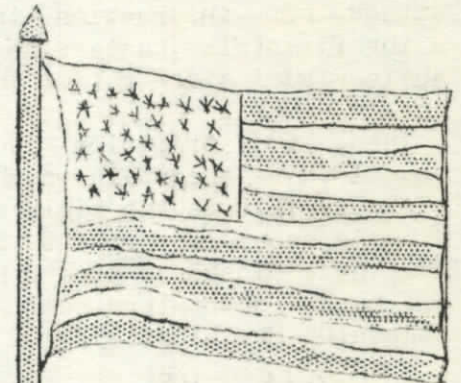
The second "C" of citizenship is courage. Too many times young people are inclined to follow the crowd. The good citizen has the courage to stand up for his beliefs and fight for right and truth.

The last "C" of citizenship is co-operation. How often have we seen need for this quality! Our school has to work together to continue as an institute of learning and each member of our football, basketball, and track teams found that a lot more was accomplished when they worked together.

Understanding, another essential of citizenship, must

begin in the home. If we learn to understand the rights and needs of others, we will also have this understanding for others at school and in the community. As a citizen of the U. S., we must understand our American Heritage so that we can appreciate and preserve it.

Respect and responsibility are the two "R's" of citizenship. Respect for others--their beliefs, de-
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Be A
 Good Citizen!

Dear Editor,
 Congratulations to the student body of Blythewood High School! In my opinion it has come a long way since the beginning of this school year and it deserves some kind of recognition.

One of its most outstanding features has been the assembly programs it has presented. All of them have been most inspiring to me and also to many others. America is our homeland yet she never seems to get much recognition and to me what more praise could any place ask for other than knowing her leaders of tomorrow, her youth, are willing to stand up for her.

To those who have participated, you have done a wonderful job and your student body should be more than proud of you.

Congratulations,
 Tommy Eargle

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Guidance Conference Discusses Underachievers

"Every second student is not performing to his ability," stated James Mahaffey, director of reading instruction with the State Department of Education, at the annual state guidance convention held recently at Poinsett Hotel in Greenville.

"The underachiever is the student who does not reach the goal that others have set for him," continued Mr. Mahaffey.

With underachievers, according to Mr. Mahaffey, reading is the problem. Where reading in the problem, the teacher may attack her instruction in other ways, using filmstrips, posters, movies, and other audio-visual aids--rather than oral reading.

Then, too, tradition dictates that a school have a certain number of class periods. This is too rigid scheduling, and schools should experiment with team teaching, have blocks of time for instruction, and have a short-term goal occasionally, suggested Mr. Mahaffey.

COLLEGES VS VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

College degrees have been overemphasized was another trend that was stressed at the convention. Since the majority of students do not attend college, vocational courses should be offered to this majority; but college-bound students should enroll in some vocational courses, too.

Students with IQ's from 70-120 should experience success in vocational high schools. The student who has an IQ of 120 could probably succeed in whatever field he is interested.

"Freedom is the right to make the wrong decision", but a wrong choice in vocation is too high a price the student has to pay for this freedom. Vocational schools could be the answer to the student's making the right decision.

Job Placement

Personnel managers are interested in students who have made a creditable high school record, concluded Mr. G.V. Davidson, director of Southside.

Seniors Plan Further Training

Realizing the need for continuing education in a competitive society, seniors are making plans for furthering their education.

Attending the University of South Caro-

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sires, needs and backgrounds are most essential to good citizenship. A good citizen also has respect for authority and laws.

With honor comes responsibility. It is an honor to be an American citizen and to vote. With the privilege of voting, comes the responsibility of being well informed about each candidate and choosing the one that will do the best job.

Fairness and justice in citizenship should be present in our lives every day. These qualities should not be just a part of our courts system, but should be widened in our dealings with others at school and everywhere.

The last two characteristics of good citizenship begin with the letter "L". They are loyalty and love. Loyalty can be supporting our home, community, state and nation in time of trouble as well as in time of peace.

Love--the last great essential of citizenship--is love of God, of our fellow man, and of our country. Only through love can we hope to have peace on earth.

It is important that we keep these characteristics of a good citizen--honesty, concern, courage, co-operation, understanding, respect, responsibility, fairness, loyalty, and love--in mind everyday of our lives. We can become a good citizen by displaying all of these qualities each day at school and everywhere we go. We must accept the challenge and responsibility of making citizenship a reality.

lina will be Don Lovett, Kyle Meadows, and English Morris. Don will major in banking and Kyle will major in some technical field, probably chemistry or engineering. English will be striving for a Bachelor of Music in organ.

Carl Muller is still undecided as to what college he would like to attend. He has applied to Harvard, Princeton, Duke, and Clemson, and has been accepted at Duke. He recently visited Harvard and Princeton and plans to visit Clemson this weekend.

Majoring in English, Ronnie Huggins plans to attend Wofford College. He was also accepted at Presbyterian College.

Shirley Bacon has applied to Hampton Institute, Johnson C. Smith, and South Carolina State College. She will major in sociology and become a social worker.

Marguerite Wilson will major in psychology at Winthrop. She hopes to work in a mental hospital.

Sara Cooper and Ruth Rimer will be attending Palmer Business College.

Other seniors' plans will be listed in the next issue.

After Thoughts On Basketball Season

By Coach Boulware

Basketball season has finally come to an end. The girls had a fine year--the boys not so fine. The boys varsity finished with a 2-17 record, while the junior varsity had a record of 1-13. Even though the year was not very successful, certain fellows still performed admirably.

The leading scorers for the varsity were as follows: Creighton Kelly (265 points for a 13.9 point average per game), Charles Byrd (150 points for a 7.9 point average per game), J. B. Legrand (130 points for a 7.4 point average per game) and Jerry Mitchell (101 points for a 5.3 point average per game). The leading rebounders were Creighton Kelly and J. B. Legrand. At one time or another during the year all of the following boys were on the first team: Creighton Kelly, Charles Byrd, Jerry Mitchell, J. B. Legrand, Donald Crone, Wade Boozer, and Dawson Mitchell. The top substitutes were Randy Humphries and Taussig Moak.

The top players for the junior varsity were Barry Lovett (64 points), Ken Mosley (44 points) and Mark Meadows (41 points).

I want to commend the players this year for their over-all conduct. It's hard to keep getting beat game after game and not get disgusted and lose control and slug somebody.

In closing I want to thank the two organizations who were always behind us. First, the girls' basketball team gave us a lot of needed moral support, and secondly, our cheerleaders never gave up on us. Of all the cheerleading squads that I saw this year, none compared with our girls in looks or in efficiency.

Next year's team should be better. I am sure we all hope it will be.

Girls Reach Finals

Battling head to head to reach the finals in the conference tournaments at Ridge Spring-Monetta, the girls' basketball team defeated Hollywood by a score of 41-27.

The girls led by a mere three points at the end of the first quarter and were tied at the half. With an intensified team effort during the second half, the Squaws went on to win.

Excitement filled the gym at Ridge Spring-Monetta, Friday night, as Blythwood's girls faced Chapin for the championship of the 3-A tournaments.

Even though the Squaws made a strong attack, Chapin went on to win by a score of 59-36.

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The bare trees and the cold, hard ground are slowly showing signs of the life that only spring can bring with it. The breezes that herald spring are warm and balmy.

With spring comes track season and this year is a promising one. Ralph A. Polcari will be the coach this year and has already scheduled track meets with seven different schools. Blythwood will be a strong contender in the conference and should be in the race for the state track meet.

We should be fair in the field events and should win the shot-put, broad-jump, and high-jump. The high hurdles, 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, relays, the mile, 880 and low hurdles will be the stronger events.

Track, unlike football or basketball, is a personal sport. Track is basically a sport where only two things count: first, practice and second, personal pride.

So when the spring air is blowing in your face and the birds are flying about, think of boys out there running; the ones who worked hard and sacrificed the most will be winners.

Doing It The Hard Way

By Kyle Meadows

Blythwood High School boys' basketball team won the last two out of three regular season games--the hard way. They were victorious over Camden Military Academy and Pelion High School.

The game with Camden Military was quite a thriller, winding up at the end of regulation time with a tied score of 54-54. The game was then thrown into an overtime and three minutes later the game was still deadlocked at 58. However, at the end of the second overtime, Blythwood surged forward to defeat Camden Military by a final score of 62-60. Charles Byrd was high scorer with 28 points and was followed by Jerry Mitchell with 19 points.

In another close game, Blythwood defeated Pelion High School after a single overtime. At the end of the regulation playing time, the two teams were deadlocked at 50, but after a single three minutes overtime Blythwood emerged victorious, with the final score being 56-52. Creighton Kelly was high scorer for the winning cause with 23 points.

The Indians closed out the season on a sad note by losing to RS-M.

Lt. Smith Stresses Cautious Driving

"People drive as if there is no tomorrow," declared Lieut. Bob Smith at a recent safety demonstration. Lieut. Smith is employed by the South Carolina Highway Department.

Continuing his speech, he stressed the fact that 994 people were killed last year in South Carolina. Over 30 of these fatalities occurred at railroad crossings.

After Lieut. Smith's speech, Mr. Frank Yonce from the safety division of the Farm Bureau presented a film entitled "The Un-teachables". This movie, filmed by the Ohio State Highway Department, portrayed the tragedy of lives having been taken by careless driving.

In a safety demonstration, driving under ideal conditions, Ruth Rimer and Don Lovett at 20 mph had a reaction time of 42 feet and 16 feet five inches, respectively, with a breaking time of 12 feet five inches and 29 feet 11 inches, respectively.

Driving at 30 mph were Brenda Price and Carl Muller. Their reaction time was 20 feet five inches and 17 feet 4 inches, respectively, with a breaking time of 45 feet four inches and 38 feet 11 inches, respectively.

Coach Polcari drove at 40 mph and had a reaction time of 36 feet ten inches and a breaking time of 57 feet six inches.

Harry Norton, PTA safety chairman, presented the assembly program to grades nine through twelve.

Art Classes Do Varied Work

Although the art students have only an hour a day, four days a week to work, the art class has worked in many fields of art.

Beginning this year, the teacher, Mrs. Oxford, taught the students to weave. Each student was responsible for weaving a place mat.

Other activities that have flourished in the class have been wire sculptor, collages, strip animals, ink blowing, string painting, balloon weaving, and work with the basic principles of art.

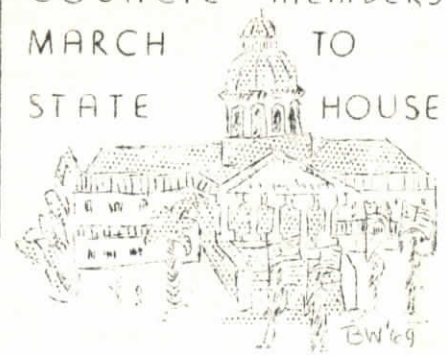
Betas To Present Comedy

Plans for a money-raising project were made at the business meeting of the Senior Beta Club. The club decided to have a play which is to be presented to the student body.

Mary Nell Smith, vice-president, presented a program on "The Gift of Reasoning". Participating in the program were Tom Earle, Kyle Meadows, Lynn Robertson, Bobbie Jean Noak, and Carl Muller.

Concluding the program Mary Nell said, "While reason and reasonableness are not native to man, the ability to act rationally and with moderation and purpose can be cultivated and attained. And once attained this quality of reasonableness--if coupled with other cardinal virtues such as courage, honesty, and charity--will make its possessor a leader of men and a great blessing of mankind."

COUNCIL MEMBERS MARCH TO STATE HOUSE



Officers of the Blythewood Student Council participated recently in a parade to the State House in Columbia where Ken Graham, state Student Council president, addressed the legislature.

Ken, who is president of the Honor Society at A. C. Flora High School, repeated the speech which he gave at the State Student Council Convention in October.

Jackie Lee, Diane Thornton, Linda Sloan, Tommy Earle, Susan Brown and Col. Darrell Birch attended from Blythewood.

FHA Scrapbook Completed

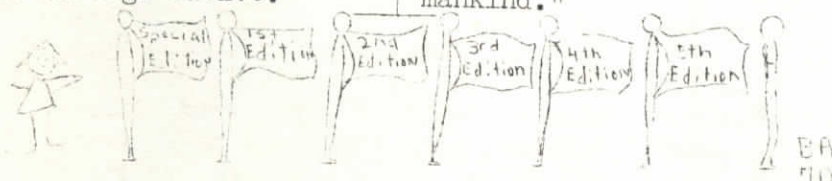
The most important project of the FHA year has been completed: the FHA scrapbook with the FHA emblem on the front.

The scrapbook will be judged on neatness, originality, arrangement, chapter activities and pictures. The scrapbook can receive a total rating of 115 points.

Some of the chapter activities include having a Stanley sale, FHA Parent Night, and guest speakers.

In previous years the scrapbook has received a rating of excellent.

Members serving on the committee were Mary Nell Smith, Marvie Peake, Jackie Lee, Lynn Robertson, Diane Thornton, Donna Johnson, Carolyn Hall, Bonnie Amaker, Sandra Mitchell, Betty Peavy, and Terry Fulmer.



And Then She Was No More

The State newspaper report carrying the news of Selina Nell Branham's death was received with disbelief and shock. Her death resulted not from a disease or from any other natural cause.

The last day of her life was typical of its happiness. She came home from strenuous work at college for a week's spring-break that was to include rest at home with family and friends.

She was invited to spend the weekend with the family of Billy Tharp, a member of the USC football team and a very special friend. The weekend was a complete success, topped off by a party for one of Billy's friends. Nell and Billy were returning from the party with another of Billy's friends, David Chalmers, the brother of John Chalmers, who taught math and physics at Blythewood last year. They stopped long enough to drop-off David's date at her home, then for reasons that can never be understood, the three lives ceased to be. Their car left the road, striking a utility pole and coming to rest at a tree.

Nell loved to rollick; happiness was her natural expression. Her pleasant countenance was a continual bubble of joy. She seemed to think with optimism and gay expectation. She was an easy girl to be around, for she never nursed a grouch five minutes in her life.

She was a success in life. Her range of interests was wide indeed. She was an athletic star, lettering in basketball. She was a head cheerleader. She held numerous school offices such as president of the Pep Club and the FHA. Nell was co-editor of the 1966 edition of BLYTHE-SPIRIT. She was valedictorian of her graduating class, Girls' State representative, co-captain of the girls' basketball team and Furman Scholar. She was selected Miss Blythewood High in her sophomore year.

While at Winthrop, Nell achieved the honor of being listed as one of the five best-dressed girls on campus. She was on the Dean's List and a member of the May Court her freshman year. The list of her outstanding accomplishments in twenty-one years goes on and on.

Nell left with all who came in contact with her a feeling of importance, importance because Nell was eager to listen and careful not to offend, to her, everyone was important.



Gone but not Forgotten

By Tommy Eargle

"Here's to our gold and blue, Shine on forever..." This is the familiar sound we hear at every pep-rally and home ballgame, but how much longer will we hear it? Yes. Stop and think; how much longer will "dear Blythewood High" be here? One or two more years at the most. A place dear to us will soon be gone. An old friend will pass on.

The death of Blythewood High will not come as a shock; it will not be as a life snuffed out quickly. It will come over the summer holidays in the form of a switch from Blythewood High to Spring Valley High. Yet, in some ways, it will be much like the death of a dear friend. The alma mater will be "stacked" away only to be remembered in the hearts of the past students. Never again will the Indians play a basketball game in the Blythewood home gym.

Our small, happy school where everyone knows the next person will drift into a huge school where one will be doing well if he knows those who are in his grade. However bad this change may seem; it will occur.

The building will still be here, but it will never be the same. There will still be students walking the halls, but not high school students. Always keep the thought present: "Is this my last year?"

Life can be shut out, but memory is another thing. Memory is like a candle. A candle can be burned down, but the melted wax will always remain.

Even though we have to leave this school with regret, we understand we are doing so because of State Department regulations and college demands. We realize that we need to have modern comprehensive high schools. We accept this fact. Time marches on!

"Here's to our school today, long may her memories stay, bright in each heart always, dear Blythewood High."

YOUTHS SPEAK

Parents try to protect their children too much was the consensus of a panel of teenagers from the Greenville area. They felt that students learn from "goofing up."

Athletics help young people to get along with and understand one another.

All panel members agreed that teenagers are interested in securing peace—an inner kind—, happiness, and success. These intangibles are directly related to one's vocational choice.

Guidance counselors from District II attended the conference.

The Search for Truth

By Ronnie Huggins

"If any man can convince me and bring home to me that I do not think or act all right: gladly will I change; for I search after truth, by which man never yet was harmed."

The never-ending search for truth can be exemplified as a caravan moving through the earliest of ages--wandering through the doors of time into the golden age of ancient Greece--and even into today's riotous society where it seems as if no real philosophical point can be discussed. The conception of truth is instilled within the minds and hearts of millions of individuals all over the world and the search can only be conducted by a certain entity and according to his and only his ideas.

TRUTH IN THE GREEK SOCIETY

Perhaps the society that has experimented more than any other with such stoical topics as truth, love, justice, and honor is that of the ancient Greeks. Since the topic of this composition is the search after truth as found in the plays of an ancient Greek playwright, Sophocles, perchance one should establish a few characteristics of these people in order that he may better understand the reason behind the persistence of the characters with which he is concerned.

The first point that will be desired is the unity of a Greek family. The Greek people did not place a high value on family life as did the Romans, but they did love their relatives and immediate family as is illustrated in the Greek drama Antigone. Although the Greeks did not value their family life, it seemed to be of some great concern that a respectable burial was given to a member of one's household. Immortality was a very important concept and was generally accepted throughout Greece. This abstraction is also demonstrated in Antigone and Oedipus The King.

DETERMINATION AMONG GREEKS

The Greek people were a very determined people and when they were intent on discovering something, they would persevere until the discovery was made. Antigone, the daughter of Oedipus, followed the general Greek characteristic of innovativeness. She was determined to see that her brother wasn't staked out where Creon had murdered him and left for the birds and the dogs to devour. She defied a direct, and very purposeful, order given

by the king (Creon) and went to move the beloved member of her royal family. As a result, she was put to a horrible death. Even in her last moments she seemed as if she had not regretted what she had done.

Had Antigone not defied the orders that were issued she would have lived, but she would have lived knowing that she could have at least seen to it that her brother was given the proper respect after his death. It is difficult to indulge in a discussion on the advisability of denying Creon's order for the simple reason that Sophocles gives the reader no real idea of Antigone's character. Some say that Antigone should not have lost her life for the sake of her brother and some may say that she acted accordingly in the particular situation and yet it is improbable to say which theory is correct and which is not.

Like the story of Antigone, and yet unlike it, is another play by Sophocles Oedipus the King. In this fast-moving exciting drama the search for truth is shown more clearly. Oedipus symbolizes the typical Greek during this period and how he relied on the gods. When Oedipus was told in the Oracle of Apollo that he was going to kill his father and marry his mother, he immediately left the only homeland that he had ever known, for fear of the god's prophecy, on a journey to find a new life. As a result he killed his real father and married his mother, ending his life in misery.

OEDIPUS IN EXILE

Long before Oedipus uncovered the truth of the matter, he was trying desperately to find the man or men who, according to the gods, were responsible for his city's fate.

After he declared that he was the actual murderer of his father, the ancient king, he held his word and pronounced his fate.

He blinded himself and saw to it that Creon carried out his self-inflicted doom, which was exile from Thebes.

There can be deep contemplation on the comparison of the quest for truth as found in these two ancient dramas but it is actually a simple matter that can be described as sheer determination and arrant honesty.

"Truth - is as old as God-
His Twin Identity
And will endure as long as the
A Co-Eternity-
And perish on the Day
Himself is borne away
From Mansions of the Universe
A lifeless Deity."

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Blythe-Words WINS TROPHIES

Placing first in its class, BLYTHE-WORDS won two trophies in critical competition and mimeograph make-up, respectively, at the annual South Carolina Scholastic Press Association Convention sponsored by the School of Journalism, University of South Carolina.

The paper was judged on writing, make-up, advertising, art work, and the judge's general estimate of the paper. BLYTHE-WORDS scored a total of 835 points from a possible 1,000 points.

Judges commented on the good coverage of school events, variety in leads, lack of editorialization, and evidence of planning in make-up, but they criticized the paper for preaching and generalizing.

BLYTHE-WORDS has also received a first place rating in the Columbia University Press competition in New York and a certificate of award from the Student Press Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Honor Graduates Are Announced

Carl Muller and Mary Nell Smith are first and second honor graduates, respectively, of the graduating class.

Other honor graduates include Kyle Meadows and English Morris.

A student must have at least an average of 90 to be recognized as an honor graduate.

All four honor graduates are officers of the Blythewood Chapter of the National Beta Club.

Commencement Plans Set SENATOR AND MINISTER SPEAK TO SENIORS

Commencement exercises will be on Tuesday, June 3, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium with State Senator Hyman Rubin as the guest speaker. The Rev. John Griffith will deliver the commencement sermon on Sunday, June 1, at 8:00 p.m.

Marshals Assist At Commencement

Marshals for the commencement exercises include Jennifer Price, Randy Humphries, Lynn Robertson, John Loner, Jean Riley, and Taussig Moak.

These students comprise the girls and boys having the highest academic average in the junior class.

Seniors Granted Scholarships

Carl Muller has been granted scholarships to Harvard, Princeton, Duke, and Clemson Universities while Mary Nell Smith has been granted scholarships to Columbia, Converse, and Randolph-Macon Colleges.

Carl has received a \$2300 scholarship coupled with the promise of a \$500 job at Harvard; a \$2300 scholarship, a \$400 job, and a \$300 loan at Princeton, and a grant-in-aid at Duke University.

Also, he has been granted a \$1000 R. F. Poole Alumni Scholarship to Clemson. He is a recipient of a \$1000 National Merit Scholarship.

Mary Nell has been granted a scholarship to Columbia, a grant-in-aid and a scholarship to Converse, and a grant-in-aid and a loan totaling \$400 to Randolph-Macon.

Carl will attend Harvard next year and Mary Nell will attend Winthrop.

Senator Rubin was born in Charleston and received his education at the University of South Carolina, where he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society and a Magna Cum Laude graduate. He was elected to the U. S. Senate in 1966 and was re-elected without opposition this year.

The Rev. John Griffith is a graduate of Wofford College, has taken graduate work at Duke University and is a veteran of the Korean conflict. He has served churches on the Pomaria Charge and at present is pastor of the Upper Richland United Methodist Charge.

The following students will participate in Class Day exercises scheduled for May 30: class prophet, Kyle Meadows; class lawyer, Donald Crone; poet, Ronnie Huggins; historian, Brenda Price; and giftorian, Ruth Rimer.

STUDENTS TO RECEIVE NET CERTIFICATES

Teresa Moak and Tommy Eargle will receive certificates for their performances on the National Educational Development Test.

Teresa scored in the 92nd percentile and Tommy, in the 95th.

They will receive their certificates on Awards Day.



With The Class Of 1969

Its Colors-

Garnet and White

Its Song-

Let There Be
Peace

On Earth

Its
Motto-

Every job, big or small, do it well -
or not at all!

Symbolic Dilemma

When the eastern moons of the past have uncovered a new
Dawn

And the sky is clear and yet is cloudy with confusion,
How will we move - as a king or as a pawn,
With nothing but the mind's deafening diffusion?

Will we reach higher and still higher for the stars
With the strength of soul and mind that no other has
Contained,

Or will we find ourselves behind pattern made bars
With the progression of spiritual and physical
Knowledge detained?

Can we push on in this frightening world of fire
Leaping over obstacles made by an enemy of questionable
Kind?

Shall we strive for that important quality, that burning
Desire,
Or will that enemy be our very own, the human mind?

Things that are thought of with endless mystification,
With the love of nature and the world at heart
Are solved by no other than human meditation.
Will we have the courage to play the all-important
Part?

The road is long and hot and causes mental
Perspiration,
But guidance from divinity will always prevail
In the mind's true liberations; and in his own creations
Shall we survive in a universe, living with those
Who fail?

Ronald C. Huggins, Class Poet

SENIORS ELECT SUPERLATIVES

Voting by the senior
class disclosed the follow-
ing superlatives:

Most Dependable
ENGLISH MORRIS

Most Versatile
BRENDA PRICE

Most Intellectual
CARL MULLER

Best All 'Round
SUSAN BROWN

Most Popular
CARL MULLER

Most Athletic Girl
BRENDA PRICE

Most Athletic Boy
DONALD CRONE

Best Looking
LARRY FREEMAN

Best Looking
MARVIE PEAKE

Best Dressed Boy
KYLE MEADOWS

Best Dressed Girl
MARY NELL SMITH

Most Accomodating
JACKIE LEE

Wittiest
ERWIN BRANHAM

Most Likely To Succeed
CARL MULLER

Friendliest
SUSAN BROWN

Most School Spirit
BETTY PEAVY

Most Hard Luck
ELBERT BRANHAM

Its

Flower-
Garnet Rose



Farewell

by Mary Nell Smith

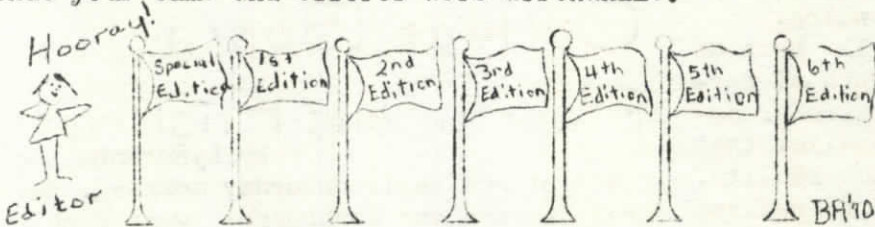
This issue marks the end of a very successful year for BLYTHE-WORDS. Many long hours of hard work and much patience and frustration went into every issue that was published.

All members of the staff contributed a great deal toward helping make BLYTHE-WORDS rank first in its class. They have worked with enthusiasm and determination and deserve much recognition. To them I say, "Thank you for all of your help." A special thanks goes to Diane Thornton, assistant editor, for her excellent job in compiling the news.

I would also like to thank Miss Rorer and Mrs. Zeagler for their untiring efforts in making BLYTHE-WORDS successful. They have given generously of their time and abilities and without their help, we could not have published a paper.

We regret that this year is coming to an end. The work was tiring, but gave us much personal satisfaction and experience in writing and actually publishing a paper.

Wishing very much success to next year's staff, we know that they will publish a paper of the same quality as ours. To them I say, "Your job will be a hard one, and you will experience moments of both joy and despair. However, if you give your all to the job, you will discover that your time and efforts were worthwhile."



Were it possible to ask BLYTHE-WORDS her identity, her reply might be this, "I am the student body of Blythewood High School. The students compose my backbone and personality, my emotion and my heart, and I serve, but as a mirror of them. My own identity is insignificant. I merely reflect the identities of the students and thus, with their failure I also fail and with their success comes my own."

BLYTHE-WORDS is a success.

It is with this success in mind that I accept the responsibilities of the position of editor of next year's BLYTHE-WORDS staff.

Because my qualifications for this position are limited, I need the support of the student body and am obligated to ask it. I wish to maintain a constant, active contact with you and to further incorporate your personality into your publication.

I, therefore, am asking you to dictate to me the type matter you wish printed in your paper and in return I pledge this to you--any suggestions of criticisms you have, I will appreciate; and, at your request, I will set aside time for you to voice them.

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Seniors Pursue Independent Study

by English Morris

During the past six weeks period, some students of senior English have experienced a different method of learning--that of an independent study. English Morris, Kyle Meadows, Carl Muller, Mary Nell Smith, Don Lovett, Marguerite Wilson, and Ronnie Huggins, under the supervision of English instructor, Miss Anne Rorer, worked for two weeks preparing theses on various subjects assigned by the teacher.

Students were selected for the study on basis of the score they make on a comprehensive grammar examination.

The following quotations reflect the student's ideas on the extent of knowledge gained by the study:

Kyle: "It showed me the importance of being able to read a piece of literature and, through thought and study, form my opinion of the inner thought and feeling of the text."

Carl: "It was good because it caused me to read a lot of literature that I might not have otherwise read."

Ronnie: "By doing the study, I gained more experience in research by the additional use of library resources, and by reading for depth and understanding."

Marguerite: "I think it will help me in the future to deal with depth of perception in reading. In my particular assignment, I agreed with T. S. Eliot that mankind could not bear very much reality."

Don: "Mostly, it helped me to realize that there is more to some books than meets the eye."

FHA

Honors Parents

"Circles of Citizenship" was the theme of the annual FHA Parent Night, honoring the parents of FHA members.

Diane Thornton opened the program by declaring, "Citizenship involves not only receiving the freedoms we normally think of when we speak of citizenship; it involves being a contributing member of society worthy of accepting the responsibility and freedom that citizenship brings."

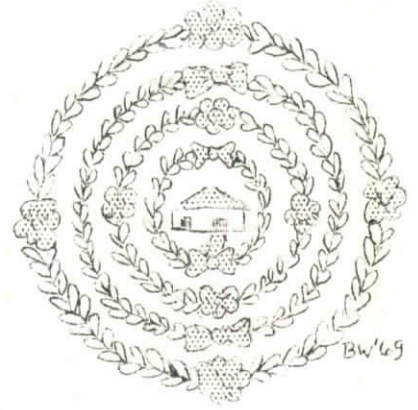
ESSENTIALS OF CITIZENSHIP

Using flowers, members of FHA explained the essentials of citizenship. These essentials were honesty, represented by white lilies; blue corn flowers, representing concern; red and pink carnations, representing courage; lavender lilacs, representing cooperation; sweet peas, representing understanding; daffodils, representing respect;

red tulips, representing responsibilities; bright pink geraniums, representing fairness; orchids, representing loyalty, and white roses representing love.

Circles

of



Citizenship

Following the explanation of the essentials, the circles of citizenship were presented. They represented the home, community, nation, and world. After the circles were assembled, a model home was centered in the circles.

Mary Nell Smith challenged both parents and members to help make citizenship a reality.

Betty Peavy concluded the program by singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth".

College Board—

Fearful and Frightening

by Lynn Robertson

Bright and early Saturday morning, several juniors and sophomores went rushing to the big city of Columbia in search of Dreher High School and Hand Junior High. The big day had arrived at last--the day to take the College Board examinations!

But, wait! One, Diane Thornton, strayed from the path and headed in the wrong direction toward Booker T. Washington High School.

Were they prepared?! You've got to be kidding! Some were half asleep and who knows what else.

After three hours of strenuous brain work, everyone packed up in his cart and headed for the happy hunting grounds. While on their way once again, they ran into President Nixon and his caravan.

Most of the students returned to their hunting grounds to try to broaden their scope of knowledge in preparation for the reoccurrence of this practically unbearable stepping-stone to college.

For some the day had ended, but for me the day had just begun. Why? Duty called and I returned to Rorer Haven to record the day's activities in the form of a feature article for the dear school paper, BLYTHE-WORDS.

CRONE'S

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by Donald Crone

The school year has passed very rapidly and will soon end, but with the ending of this year there will be memories of all the things that have happened to us.

None of us will ever forget the football and basketball games. These are memories implanted permanently in each of our minds.

When the new year begins the school will be filled with people again and a new story will begin.

Life is like a book. You fill a page and then turn to another.

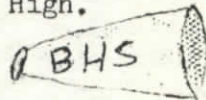
This year our football team was at times good and then at other times not very good, but we'll never forget Mike, Cecil or Taussig making a tackle or Jimmy or Gladston making a long run.

Our basketball team was a Jekyll and Hyde type team which at times could beat anyone and at other times couldn't "buy a basket".

This year's track team was a very good one which boasted very young talent. Qualifying sixteen boys to go to the Upper State Track Meet, Blythewood was proud because this was the greatest number of boys to qualify in two years.

These are our memories. We will never forget our friends, our sports, and most of all our dear Blythewood High.

Cheerleader



Tryouts Scheduled

Tryouts for the 1969-1970 cheerleader squad are scheduled for May 16.

Delegates from each homeroom, members of the faculty and senior squad members will select the new cheerleaders on the bases of ability to perform and to cooperate.

Each candidate must be at least a rising sophomore, must maintain a 'C' average, meet physical requirements and must have the written support of her parents.

Football Practice To Begin

Football practice for next season will begin August 11.

The team, which lost only two senior members, will be composed primarily of juniors and seniors with two, three and four years of experience.

Looking forward to the coming season, Coach Polcari had this comment, "We should have our best season ever this year. The team will be mostly juniors and all team members will have experience."

"Ode to the Losers"

by Taussig Moak

"Victory, victory" is their cry,
Though defeat is always nigh.
Their tries to win are all in vain,
Through the sorrow, sweat, and pain.
Yet they try and try once more—
To reach and grasp that golden door,
That opens only to winning teams,
Not them, the losers, with hopes and dreams.
But they have, still, their great ambition,
To be for one time, the "top competition."
For some day they know that they will meet,
Things much better than another defeat.

Blythewood Places Second

Blythewood, finishing second in the Conference Track Meet at Irmo recently, qualified several boys for the Upper State Track Meet. All of the relay teams qualified and at least one member from each event except the high jump, discus throw, broad jump and the 440 attended the Upper State at Presbyterian College.

Dawson Mitchell and Donald Crone qualified for the state meet in the mile run and shot put divisions, respectively. Donald threw the shot put 41 feet and 11 inches and Dawson ran the mile in 4 minutes and 50.9 seconds.

Tommy Eargle and Charles Byrd were edged out in the high and low hurdles. They tied for fifth place in the low hurdles and Tommy placed fifth in the high hurdles.



"THUMBS UP"

Students Attend Annual Seminar

Representatives of the school yearbook, Blythe-Spirit, attended an annual seminar recently at the South Carolina Education Association Building.

Vince Hayes from the South Carolina Education Association and Ken Strickler from the Inter-Collegiate Press demonstrated to students how to produce a successful and well organized yearbook.

Mr. Strickler concluded the seminar with a quotation from R. L. Sharpe, "...to each is given a bag of tools, a shapeless mass, and a book of rules, and each must make, ere life is flown, a stumbling block or a stepping stone."

STEPP ADDRESSES

DISTRICT II WORKSHOP

Carl Stepp, managing editor of the University of South Carolina newspaper, the Gamecock, was one of the featured speakers at the District II Spring Workshop held at the Carolina Coliseum.

The beginning of a news story, according to Mr. Stepp, is called the lead. This may determine if the reader will continue reading.

When writing on an event, one should remember the five W's; who, what, when, where, and how. In asking these questions, one should be very thorough in getting and writing down the facts.

"The three most important things to remember in reporting are to be accurate in writing names and places, be concise saying what you want to say in as little words as possible, and be thorough," stated Mr. Stepp.

After becoming familiar with the subject, one is

ready to seek facts. All available accurate information is to be secured. The material is then organized, starting with the most important and ending with the least important.

"The purpose of writing is to convey to the reader an interesting subject with facts and no outside opinion. The information should be conveyed as simply as possible," concluded Mr. Stepp.

SLED Agent Addresses Assembly

C. Laney Talbert Jr., lieutenant with the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, spoke at a recent student assembly.

As a guest of the FWA Mr. Talbert traced, from its beginning, the development of law enforcement and discussed its role in the society of today.

"Law enforcement," he said, "probably began with the cave man where there originated the need for order.

"The modern policeman must be qualified to handle the habitual criminal, be adept in the use of scientific crime detection devices and at the same time, must retain the confidence of the public," he continued, stressing the large area which a police job covers.

In closing Mr. Talbert said, "In order to protect ourselves we must support our policemen."

Mr. Talbert is a graduate of the National FBI Academy at Washington and is a resident of Columbia.

BHS PRESENTED FLAG

The Blythewood Chapter of the Woodmen of the World donated a new set of National colors to Blythewood High School at a ceremony held on the front steps of the school house.

Law Day Observed

In observance of Law Day 1969, Edward C. Roberts, member of the Bar Association of South Carolina, addressed Blythewood students Friday.

Law Day was instigated by American lawyers as a counter movement to the May Day riots in Soviet Russia. At the lawyers' request, President Dwight Eisenhower designated May 1 as Law Day and each successive President has given it national recognition.

Emphasizing the theme of his talk "Equality and Justice Depend upon Law and You," Mr. Roberts said, "We must be committed to the dignity of the individual and each of us must have the nerve to fail."

One of the purposes of Law Day is to awaken the American Youth to his responsibility in the promotion of justice.

Mr. Roberts is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and received a Degree of Law from Georgetown University. He served as United States Commissioner from Spartanburg in 1966.

Spectator Comments On Senior Play

In a letter to the class of 1969, Mrs. C. D. Price, a resident of Blythewood, expressed her thanks for a "relaxing evening" while watching the seniors' performance of a three-act comedy, "Rest Assured."

Mrs. Price further commented that "I have never seen a play in which the cast was so well suited and performed so well."

The letter concluded with the following wish for the class:

"I hope that you will be blessed with Health, Happiness, and a strong Faith that will help you press on to your chosen goal."

Graduation — Its Joys and Sorrows

by Mary Nell Smith

As graduation approaches, the seniors begin to reflect upon the joys and frustrations of their years at Blythewood High. Their reflections take the form of happiness, sadness, gratefulness, and a sense of personal pride.

We, the senior class, feel happiness because of the many joyous moments that we have experienced of being with others, playing ball, and roaming the halls. Sadness comes because we must leave all of our friends and the security of our school--knowing our lives will never be the same.

Participating in many activities, we have received special attention from our teachers and classmates which would not have been available at a large school. As we receive our diplomas, we will be grateful for all of their help and interest.

Pride in our accomplishments certainly is an integral part of our graduation. This is probably the greatest achievement of our lives up to now and we are proud of it.

We, the class of 1969, accept the challenge of the world with courage and determination. The happiness, sadness, gratefulness, and pride of our graduation days will remain foremost in our memories of "dear ole' Blythewood High."

"TEACHERS ON PARADE"

by Don Lovett

One day in class I began to wonder if teachers really wanted to teach. That thought occurred to me back in September and now that I'm about to leave these dedicated personages that grind out pearls of wisdom day in and day out, this seems to me the perfect time to seek an answer to my question.

D.L. - Mrs. Taylor, have you always wanted to teach science in a high-school?

Mrs. Taylor - When I was growing up, my parents told their children what they were going to do with their lives. The decision was not mine to make.

D.L. - Surely, there was something deep down inside that you wanted to do, some secret ambition or other?

Mrs. Taylor - My sister was a teacher and I was expected to become a teacher. I wanted to become a veterinarian, but do you think anyone listened to me? Oh, no! They all said, "What's wrong with that girl?"

D.L. - Did you catch the neighborhood dogs and experiment on them or how was it that you decided you wanted to become a veterinarian?

Mrs. Taylor - When I was a little girl, I used to catch mangie dogs and pour burnt oil on them. I guess that was when the urge struck me.

D.L. - I have the feeling that there's some thing you aren't telling me. What do you plan on doing after you retire from the teaching profession?

Mrs. Taylor - I'm going to Richland TEC and learn to cut hair.

D.L. - Do you think you'd like being a beautician?

Mrs. Taylor - I'm not talking about cutting women's hair. I want to be a barber.

D.L. - Miss Rorer, what did you want to do before you decided to teach?

Miss Rorer - Well, I always wanted to teach.

D.L. - Oh, come now, there must have been something else you thought about doing?

Miss Rorer - Once in my life, I wanted to join the WAC's. During my early teaching days, my room-mate and I decided that we wanted to join the WAC's. We answered a questionnaire that we found in a magazine concerning the WAC's. In no time a good looking officer came to visit us and he told us about the virtues of a career in the military. My room-mate and I signed the necessary papers and requested duty overseas. Within a week we were ordered to report for a physical at Fort Jackson. Well, needless to say I was scared to death. I wrote the army and told them that I really didn't want to join the WAC's. They replied that my application would be taken from the active file, but that if women were ever drafted, we would be the first to go.

From this interview with two members of our faculty there's one thing that seems immediately apparent--teachers are not so dull and don't have such limited interests as might be assumed of someone in that profession. In fact, they had some pretty wild ambitions.

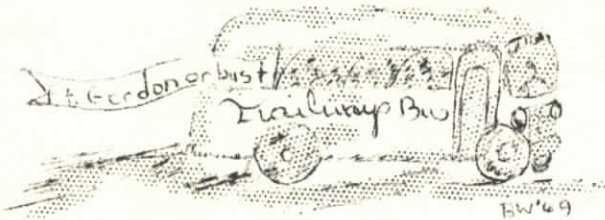


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Seniors Visit



Fort Gordon

Accompanied by Sgt. Carrington and Captain Kent from WAC Center at Ft. Jackson, nine senior girls toured Fort Gordon, Georgia on Thursday.

After traveling to Georgia by Trailways bus, the girls began their tour at 10:00 by inspecting the quarters in which a WAC must live. The WAC keeps her living quarters clean at all times.

The girls viewed a closed circuit television which televised information about the Fort. This information included the number of enlisted men at Fort Gordon, their duties, and the activities they do during their off-duty hours.

After this briefing, the girls adjourned to the company Mess Hall for a taste of meat loaf or hamburger, potato salad, bread, ice cream or apple pie, and milk, coffee, or tea.

The girls then traveled to the base hospital where they witnessed a demonstration on assimilated wounds--artificial wounds that are applied to a person during field exercises. Life-like dummies are used in training WAC nurses.

Next in line was a drive around the community center. This area serves as a shopping center for the enlisted man's wife and family. No one is allowed in this area without an I.D. card.

During their off duty hours, the enlisted men visit the Service Club where they can write home, play ping-pong and pool, dance, play records and even sing or play some sort of musical instrument. The men also visit the multiple crafts shop where they paint or sculpture.

The next stop on the tour was a visit to Chapel #9. The enlisted man, no matter what his belief, attends this chapel, which is equipped to have services for any denomination.

The last stop on the tour was the center museum. Here the girls were privileged to see such things as one of the first American flags, the uniforms of earlier enlisted men, their weapons and the weapons taken from their enemies and more recently an orange, green, and yellow Vietnam flag.

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Price and Amaker Are Girls' State Delegates

Jennifer Price and Bonnie Amaker are Blythewood's representatives to the 27th annual Palmetto Girls' State.

Qualifications for delegates in the order of their importance are: leadership, character, courage, honesty, scholarship, cooperativeness and physical fitness.

Girls' State is "to educate our youth in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship."

In order to prepare the leaders of tomorrow, future mothers, and citizens, "governments" are organized at Girls' State.

In "Palmetto" the citizens organize their own cities, counties and state governments. They choose their own officials in accordance with regular election procedures.

Girls' State will convene at Capstone, University of South Carolina on Monday, June 2, and will adjourn Sunday, June 8.

Bob Talbert Speaks

"I am jealous of the young people of today," stated Bob Talbert recently at Richland TEC's third annual High School Press Day. "I am jealous of them because when I was growing up, we were taught to accept everything we were told by adults. Today, young people are thinking for themselves and acting according to their own beliefs," he continued.

Mr. Talbert was the main speaker at the Press Day program. Formerly the feature writer for THE STATE, Mr. Talbert is now writing for the DETROIT FREE PRESS. His topic for discussion was "Press for Freedom". During his talk, he told about the underground press in Detroit high schools and colleges.

"The main objective to strive for when writing an article is to captivate the reader's interest. The important thing is not what you say, but how you say it," added Mr. Talbert.

Following Mr. Talbert's talk, there was a question-answer session with Mr. Jack Bass of the CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, and Miss Margaret Bouknight, Sunday Editor of THE STATE.

When asked if they felt television was a threat to the news world, Mr. Bass and Miss Bouknight agreed that the television can only bring enough news to stimulate the interest of the people. Therefore, it causes people to read their newspapers for more information.

Jackie Lee, Susan Watts, Bonnie Amaker, and Lynn Wilson attended the meeting.