

Record 793 Enroll; 100 More Sophs

Blair's enrollment at present totals 793 students. This represents a 167% increase since 1934 when Blair started with about 300. There are approximately 100 more people here than were here last season, and our growth will continue to skyrocket as long as Washington continues to be the country's Number One Boom Town.

Our growth of 100 is almost entirely confined to the sophomores, who have jumped from 234 to 320. Upperclassmen are remaining stagnant this year, and the seniors even show a slight loss in enrollment.

This year our sections do not vary in number so much as our classes, which in some cases had "Standing Room Only," during the first week, and in other cases had ten and fifteen on the register. The sections ranged from 26 to a moderate 39.

Guides Function For First Time

For the first time in Blair's history, this year's sophomores had sources upon which they could definitely rely for directions. Instead of being sent to a chemistry room instead of the home economics department, or into a senior physics class in place of English II by some smart senior, they could count on receiving the correct information from guides marked with little red ribbons.

These guides, the largest group in the Senior Service Club formed last spring under the supervision of Mr. Bready, geometry and algebra teacher, went with the tenth grade sections to their home rooms and guided the students from there.

The Senior Service Club also planned sophomore assemblies and social activities.

Varied Schools Attract Grads

The graduates of '41 have already spread out in their quest for work and to the higher institutions of learning. Missouri, Purdue, Susquehanna, and Penn State Universities and Oberlin College are being graced by Blairites Peggy Weiss, Leah Burket, Virginia Allen, Hylton Brown, and Mary Ann Scott, respectively.

Homebodies are, Virginia Bean, Jean Soden, Bill Allen, Jack Amatucci, Frances Bradley, Max Callaway, Bill Cassidy, Dawn Connor, Audrey Stipeck, Hugh McKinnie, Walter Scheuch, Ralph Pletcher, and Willie Wyvill who are attending Maryland University.

Blair is also represented at National Park College by Mary Elizabeth "Pete" Smith, Blair Queen, Polly Clark, who won an art scholarship, and Jane Anderson.

JEAN CAVANAUGH, THE THIRD MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE UNITED STATES



Courtesy Washington Star

Lovely Jean Cavanaugh is one of the nicest things that ever happened to Blair. It was big news for us when she was chosen Miss Washington on May 25, but on Labor Day at Atlantic City she was destined to miss the coveted Miss America title by only two places.

Although officially she placed third in the contest, she is playing second fiddle—or third fiddle—to no one. This week she is acting as judge in the beauty contest at the Court of the Magic Weed, the tobacco festival in Maryland. Next week she goes to New York to model for George Petty, creator of internationally famous Petty girls. Sometime after that, she will become a John Powers model, top-notch position for any girl; practically unheard of for a girl four months out of high school.

Paralysis Scare Cancels Dances

Three class parties and one informal dance, boasting Max Callaway's Orchestra, planned for the month of September, have been postponed because of infantile paralysis. These activities have not been canceled, but postponed until the latter part of October.

There is one case of infantile paralysis at Blair and four students are in quarantine. This disease is not as serious here as in several other schools, but precautions are being taken by postponing all social activities until the scare is over. Mr. Douglass also suggests that students refrain from visiting movie houses and other crowded areas.

New Cheer Group Practices Early

Eight cheer leaders were chosen by several members of last year's squad and the faculty last spring, in order that plans and practice might begin well before the basketball season. These girls, Mary Lou Stevens, Thelma Herriman, Peggy Fisher, Amy Clark, Barbara Spencer, Beverly Hoover, Norma Bauserman and Rosemary Weidman, have been working hard on the old familiar cheers and are working on new movements and learning new cheers.

They've been doing a lot of work and are best encouragement they can have is for YOU to learn the cheers and yell with them.

7 New Teachers Bring Hope To Some, Worry To Others

If the musical chords and discords have been steadily growing louder and lustier, the laurels should go to Miss Hendershot, Blair's new musical director. Miss Hendershot was formerly a practice teacher in Pennsylvania. Methinks more and more Blairites will realize that, "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," and there'll be a line outside the music room door.

Hg+O—HgO—that's the "sign" language which Mr. Greenfield, Blair's new chemistry and physics teacher, will translate for the benefit of the bewildered lads 'nlasses. A native of South Dakota, Mr. Greenfield lectured at the Du Pont Chemical Exhibit at the New York World's Fair, and has taught before at Hagerstown. Mr. Greenfield's "favorites" are: Blair, basketball, music (he plays the flute and piccolo), riding, and especially the word "terrifically". Whether it's the chem-

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Other States Furnish 36 Newcomers

Blair's new students this year come from far and wide. Phyllis Goul who comes from Huntington Park, California, traveled farthest to get here. Cleveland, Ohio, loses the largest number of students to Blair from a single city, among whom were Rita Dunn, Lee Dembrow, and Dorothy Perkins. From Garner, North Carolina, comes Juanita Lee, a distant cousin of Robert E. Lee.

Southerners gracing the halls are Edward Franklin and Bob Bayles from Arlington and Dot Benjamin from Richmond, Virginia. Seven new students came from Pennsylvania. They are Phyllis Thompson, Ellen Rae Matthews, Jean Johnson, Mary Lee, Meryl Richter, Julia Praitha, and Ted Clauss. The District of Columbia sent Doris Jones, Rachel McReynolds, Grace Largent, Betty Payne, Bob Butler, and Gene Eisenbiess to Blair's halls of learning.

Biology and history seem to be the favorite subjects of our new entrants. Lee Dembrow says he will wait until his report card comes out before he commits himself. Mardelle Dicus hails from Marion, Indiana, Gladys Curry from Buchannon, West Virginia, and Helen Miller from Dedham, Massachusetts. Morgantown, West Virginia loses Carl Degen to us, Longshot, Indiana, Julia Gangloff, and Martinsburg, West Virginia, Mildred Usak. Natalie Harden is from Marshall, Texas, Martha Thomas from Fort Worth, Jeanne Cobb from Caney, Kansas, and Alice Wardwell and Bob Schoffstall from Evanston, Illinois. Marcella Moss, Leslie Shores, Jean Pelum, and Howard Wilber are from Lafayette, Louisiana, Martinsburg, West Virginia; Lexington, Kentucky; and Minneapolis, Minnesota, respectively.

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IN FACT, WE WORKED SO FAST that none of the varsity teams were formed when we went to press, so we have little sports news to give you. But when the teams are organized, we'll be there writing the news as it happens so you can read it while it's HOT!

THERE'S LOTS MORE we could tell you, about our fiery EDITORIALS, about our sophisticated COLUMNS, about our unique FEATURES, REVIEWS, STORIES, and everything else, but you can enjoy them yourselves when you

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Help Wanted

It's another year—a new term, a new paper, a new staff, a new policy, a new student council. We're turning over a new leaf, as we usually do at this time of year, only to see it turn color with the other leaves, dry up, and die later on.

In a few more weeks everything will be the same again, we know. Spring fever sets in early around here — about December, judging from past observation.

Every year a statement is published or spread around to the effect that SILVER CHIPS will be bigger, better, more interesting, packed with red-hot news items, and chuck-full of up-to-the-minute sports stories. We're saying it again, and working hard to make it a fact.

We hope our new leaf won't go the way of so many others. The thing that can send it to the ground, however, would have to come from you. That thing is lack of support, lack of interest. We want your ideas, your criticism. There's a box in the library for them, and we're asking you to use it. If you have a nasty crack, let us hear it. It'll show that you have read the paper, anyway!

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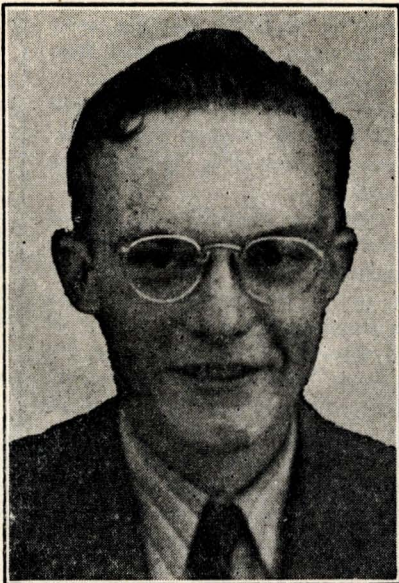
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OUR PRESIDENT CATCHES BUGS

by Connie Young

Students, this will introduce to you Dwight Smith, the fellow just underneath. He is President of your Student Council, and his most outstanding feature is his red hair; "by this token shall ye know him."

This is not Dwight's first shot at being president of his alma mater; his political career began early, when he was president of Woodside, and later of Montgomery Hills.



Dwight Smith

His most important hobby, which will probably turn out to be his profession, is entomology—"bug study" to the layman. He has a prize collection of beetles including one which the Smithsonian Institute didn't own, until he gave it to them. This hobby has already netted him a job at Maryland University in the summertime. With the State Department of Entomology, he has been studying corn ear worms and the winter hardiness of certain insects.

Owing to the work he has already done at Maryland with insects, he plans to go there for his first years of college, but is undecided yet as to whether or not he will complete his work there. He wants to graduate from Ohio State University.

There is now missing from this story one very important fact that all biographies must contain. Dwight first saw light of day in Columbus, Ohio, on September 2, 1924.

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New Teachers

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istry, or—well, one certainly sees the attentive looks on the faces of Blair's beauties this year! It's difficult to believe that they really absorb that much physics.

"Art for art's sake" say the poets; but as an added inducement we have Mrs. Sherry, new art director. Mrs. Sherry, from Illinois, has taught at Kensington and at Glen Echo. Favorites on her bill of entertainment are archery and riding.

"Food for thought," or just plain food—that's an item that interests everyone, particularly Mrs. Holly, Home Economics instructor and supervisor of Blair's cafeteria. Mrs. Holly hails from South Carolina, although she has lived a long while in Maryland, teaching at Damascus.

Miss Canada, a native of Virginia, now a Latin and Math teacher here, believes that Blair "can't be topped" in efficiency and cooperation. She was very pleased to hear that there is an Ice-Skating Club at Blair.

Rumor has it that Mr. Marsh, history teacher, was very much surprised one day by the appearance of five bright, shiny apples (and food prices soaring as they are!) lined up on his desk! It's not difficult to realize after five minutes conversation with the "southern boy", as Mr. Marsh describes himself.

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CASSEDY HOLDS JR. GOLF TITLE

Bill Cassedy, '40-'41 star at Blair, won the Maryland State Junior Golf Title in a tournament held June 25 at Indian Spring Club. Bill's score was lower than Frank Clarke's by one stroke, but Clarke was disqualified due to several technicalities. Cassedy also competed in the District Junior Tournament but that title was captured by Tom Brandon. Bill is now a frosh at Maryland.

Teams Break Up To Work, Go To School

The new lives of our '40 stars of basketball, baseball, and golf have now begun. Some are going to college, hoping to make the grade in the sports of their chosen schools, others are working.

Nick Carter has left for Colgate where he hopes to find time for sports along with his studies. Bob Enlow, Ford Kelley, and Herbie Southgate are attending Western Electric School of Engineering.

Dave Abercrombie, last year's manager of the basketball squad, has enrolled at Maryland University, as has Bill Cassedy, basketball guard and golf champion.

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On Landscaping

Time: Registration Day.
Place: Montgomery Blair High School, in front of office.
Character: New Student.

New Student: (looking over the plot of land in front of the school) Not a very pleasant outlook, is it?

That little bit of playacting actually happened. And it was repeated hundreds of times during the first few days of school.

A school has reached a deplorable state of affairs when it does not have the means or the ambition to keep the campus in good repair. And certainly the campus of Montgomery Blair is in very poor condition.

Although we believe that Montgomery Blair is better than Bethesda, no one else would get the impression if they compared the two schools' appearances. Bethesda at the present time is taking rapid steps to improve their campus and already have landscaped it and have it ready to seed with grass. Let's take a quick look at Blair. The walk in front of the school is dense with underbrush and the flower beds are completely overgrown with weeds. Where there should be grass there is nothing but weeds to beautify the entrance of our school.

However, the blame cannot be laid upon the shoulders of the School Improvement Committee, whose duties these are. No such organization can be expected to work against the total lack of interest and cooperation which has greeted their every move.

2 Involved in Store Fight

During lunch period on October 2, Bill "Bott" Taylor and Charlie Ridgeway were involved in a fight with Mr. Katz, the manager of Greenwood Market, the store near the school.

Taylor was ordered out of the store some weeks ago by Katz, and when he appeared on Thursday Katz threatened to call in the police. Subsequently blows were exchanged, and Ridgeway attempted to aid Taylor. The affair was quickly stopped, and no one was injured.

The Student Council discussed the matter for several hours one day, and it was decided that Taylor and Ridgeway would be expelled if the Council recommended it.

However, the Council decided only to confine them to school grounds during lunch period for an indefinite period.

Library Needs Money For Books



Courtesy Washington Post

Since school began until now (as this is being written) there has been only one good shower. When you read this, though, it will probably have been pouring torrents for several days, such is Fate. At any rate, this picture shows Sligo Creek dry for the first time in years, with only an occasional puddle. Fishing, or otherwise adorning the photograph, is Blairette Fay Whitman.

She and all the other seven-hundred odd Blairites have been perspiring profusely in Blair classrooms as the mercury set itself firmly on the 95 degree mark and stayed—for two whole weeks of Indian Summer.

Our library has an annual quota of two hundred dollars. This year the money was almost all spent before it was received. The money was spent wisely, on periodicals, a new encyclopedia, library equipment, and mending of old books, to mention a few items.

But the library needs more money to keep new books—best sellers like "Berlin Diary," "Random Harvest," and the like—on its shelves.

We now have these two well-known books, and several others, in the library, but they are not nearly enough to satisfy the hoards of avid readers who troop into the library at all hours of the day demanding to be served.

Bethesda is solving the problem by a book drive, which annually brings in hundreds of books—some good, some not so good. The library keeps what it wants and manages to sell the rest. Last year it netted around two hundred extra dollars on the sale.

Perhaps we at Blair could try something along this line. Miss Stickley as yet hasn't planned anything definite, but in the meantime she admits she would be glad to have any books Blairites give her.

Berlin Diary

William L. Shirer

"Berlin Diary" has been much publicized this summer. It has sold over half a million copies, and is now a Book-of-the-Month Club selection. The author, William L. Shirer, was Columbia's chief Berlin commentator from 1934 to 1940. During this time he wrote down in diary form, notes on things he could not say over the air, and these were smuggled page by page to America. When he returned, he edited and published them as his revealing "Berlin Diary." In it he gives his version of the story of the Nazis' Rise to Power. One interesting point of the book is his discussion of Hitler's failure to invade England. The book is full of information, and is not hard reading. It is about average length.

"Why do these trees all bend over so far?"

"You'd bend over too if you were as full of green apples as they are."

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Mary Lou Stevens' Student Activity Committee Members

The organization of the Student Activities Committee, always a major Blair problem, has finally been accomplished. Mary Lou Stevens was chosen chairman by President Smith on his election last spring. The Assistant Chairman is Mary Blake. Three sub-committees have been formed: the Assembly Committee, Dance Committee, and Section Room Committee. The members are listed below.

Dance Committee
Chairman—Barbara Spencer
Thelma Herriman
Natalie Harden
Joyce Reside
Patsy MacDonald
Dolores Sanford
Winnie Proctor
Marilyn Batter
Kenny Craglow
Sonny Killen
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Bill Brooks
Dick Johnson
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John Palmer
Ray Briggs

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Jeanette Jones

Eileen Wilson
Joan Langlois
Bill Sabin
Lena Vinokoroff
Joe Savarese (associate)
Home Room Committee
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10-2 Donald Claggett
10-3 Randy Edwards
10-4 Leslie Hefflin
10-5 Eddie Kulda
10-6 Charles Mitchell
10-7 John Nassu
10-8 Jack Saulpaw
10-9 Robert Stewart
10-10 Neal Waldrop
11-1 Harriet Atherton
11-2 Eddie Emshwiller
11-3 Joan Foley

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Clothes Closet

At this time of year, with the war going on, everyone is interested in militaristic fashions and Blair is really going hep with Victory.

Speaking of farmers!! With the girls' pigtails and the boys' farmer shoes, we are really ready to "plow that field."

Have you seen Jeanette Jones' plaid Victory slip-over? It's really hep!

"Variety is the spice of life," so they tell us, and to keep up with the tradition of differences, we have Joyce Tobin's zipper fly front grey skirt, and Chester Nauman's and Billy Brook's conglomeration of plaid in their suits.

Two-tones have always been popular and Esther Phippeny definitely doesn't look bad in them.

In the "slip-over" and "sloppy-Joe" styles in sweaters, Sonny Killen donates his navy blue slip-over and Butch Brown her red "sloppy."

Mary-Ethel Baines looks super in her flashy red and green Victory jerkin.

Pearls no longer hold the spotlight as far as girls' necklaces are concerned. Corn, cantaloupe seeds, and shells are now the popular trimmings on our girls' lovely necks.

Shop . . .

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enough practice, they will be able to get jobs in shipyards as tackers or welder's helpers. Here they learn the basic welding practices on government equipment.

The factories contribute to the sheet-metal course by telling just what to teach and how to rivet. The shop obtains the aluminum from chippings left over from the factories. The shop constructs miniature wing and fuselage parts, and other small parts. They also learn to work with soft and hard aluminum, to rivet, and to remove the rivets without enlarging the holes. This training will help the students get jobs as trained workmen and save the factories time in instruction of specific jobs.

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Mary Ann

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From the above lines it's not difficult to understand why Mary Ann Mitchell, lovely Blair junior, is not only happy but anxious to devote the greater part of her waking hours to the study of music. Mary Ann's latest achievement was the public performance of an original song "Let's Give Love a Chance" at the Earle Theatre, October 3rd through October 9th.

"Let's Give Love a Chance" was composed during the summer of 1940, when Mary Ann was a sophomore. The past summer Mary Ann, as accompanist on Elinor Lee's program, played the song over the radio, and, as luck would have it, Joe Lombardy and Harry Anger heard the song, were interested, and offered to present it to the public. Mary Ann's song climaxed the stage show, as three choruses were sung by Gene Archer, well-known Washington vocalist, and the Roxyettes performed the specially arranged dance number.

This was not Mary Ann's first big thrill, however. At graduation exercises last June, the processional, a march entitled "To Blair," and the senior class song were products of her pen.

Mary Ann has soloed on many radio programs and has accompanied musical artists all over Washington. She has been studying music for five years with Mrs. Dorothy Radde Emery. Although she started her career with classical songs, popular novelties are her favorites. Mary Ann will accompany the Blair Glee Club this year.

Latest news is that Mary Ann is competing for the "Miss National Defense" title (she and ninety-nine other U. S. lassies).

Orchids to the busiest and the loveliest of Blair's lovelies — Miss Mitchell!

ranks of crowded areas (maybe the rooms have shrunk, maybe!)

And now we survey another one of the "higher art" groups. Mrs. Sherry, charming Art Club director, hopes that by the end of the year members of the club will be familiar with all types of art work; water colors, crayon, pastels, posters, murals, portraits, clay work . . . even painting furniture! Notice to glamor girls: Polish up your glamor and skip up to the art room. Mrs. Sherry has announced that the Art Club is badly in need of models.

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CLUB NEWS

Just as the robin is the first sign of spring, so is the arrival of Blair clubs the first sign that school is definitely here to stay . . . for nine months, anyway.

Perennial favorite of a great many Blairites, the Library Club this year is the scene of an even greater mob than ever. Students were lined up around the walls, sitting on tables, and a few even had chairs! The number has now been whittled down to a mere forty-five members, all rarin' to get to work. Officers of the club, President Marian Kellams and Vice-president Pris Alden, have been planning the initiation of new members, which will take place on October 16.

The Bachelor Club is already working in earnest. While the eleven new members are being instructed in the fundamentals of cooking the nine older members are displaying their more skilled efforts by cooking their favorite foods. John Poole's choice was fudge (or a reasonable facsimile thereof), which Mr. Bready willingly sampled; it fairly melted in his mouth (all except the part which stuck to his fingers).

Speaking of crowds, Mr. Marsh, director of the Singing Club, certainly attracts them! And no wonder . . . standing on a chair, waving his arms excitedly, singing as if to drown out the some seventy-odd students, and grinning all the while, that "southern boy" was certainly a sight for sore eyes. Competing with Mr. Marsh was the Alamar Trio, composed of Arlene Sanborn, Amy Clark, and Alberta Butler, who sang a novel arrangement of "Ragtime Cowboy Joe."

Separated from the Singing Club by a corridor and three floors, the Glee Club was also makin' merry. The music room, too, joined the

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Alumni Notes

Continuing the doings of last year's graduates, a few of which were printed in last issue, we have Joe Thompson, last year's baseball star, who is working at Morningside Laundry, and Bill Linkins, senior class president, who is at Stott's Paper Company, as is Ray Smallwood, manager of the baseball team.

Kitty Clark is a secretary to a major in the War Department, her sister Lelia is with the Telephone Company, and their brother, Frank, works for the Gas Company.

Edythe Beeber and Ara Blose are also working for the Telephone Company. Virginia Williams, Mildred Mills, Marian McCann, and Lois Cheeney are working in insurance offices, while Helen Miller is working for a loan company.

Elsie Fisher and Jennie Lou Burns are killing two birds with one stone by going to Strayer's Night School and working during the day. Rosalou Jarrell and Norman Martin are employed in the Suburban National Bank and Calvin Rich is attending Benjamin Franklin University on a scholarship at night and working at the Packard Motor Company during the day.

Charles Brewer is with Remington Rand in Washington while Robert Meyers works at their New York office. Sidnor Chichester holds a position with the Federal Reserve Board; David Crompton is also with the Government. Doris Duval is with the Maryland State Employment Agency.

Mary Jane Whittlesey, Vivian Dinger, Charles Wilson, Gracie Stouffer, and Evelyn Brown are all attending Washington College.

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Heckles and Headaches

Now that soccer has been dropped, Blair has only two major sports left to occupy itself with for the rest of the year, basketball and baseball. The reason given for dropping soccer was not enough student interest. This seems a screwy way to build up the interest of the "kid in the corridor". Sure, drop the sport and then it will be in the same category as the dodo.

Mr. Welch's absence will find a coachless track team this spring and the continuance of the golf team is doubtful. There seems no doubt at this early stage of developments that athletics of our fair village have hit the skids. A suggested remedy of this deplorable condition would be to revive interest and student participation through a strong and well organized intra-mural sports schedule, that will plan games in touch football, basketball, softball and even track. The winner of each class in each sport being rewarded a banner or pennant signifying their excellence in that specific sport, the banner would be displayed in the section room. This intra-mural program would tend to wake up some of the dead section periods that predominate. It would create a sense of rivalry that would do this enterprising center of education a world of good. Now all we have to have is some of that well-known action from the right sources.

Turkal's Track Zeal Helps Win Scholarship

An item came to our notice this summer, but the story goes back to our track workouts last spring. For most of us these workouts consisted of jogging around the track and then loafing. I remember one fellow who would come down to the field and work and slave for hours in the hot sun. The only encouragement he got from the others was good natured jeers. No one took him seriously, but nevertheless, he kept at it, plugging along.

The latter part of the season he gained a place on the team as a distance man. After school closed he entered the Virginia-Washington Marathon, which covered 14 miles, and included in the starting field many college stars. It was on the Fourth of July that the contestants started from Mt. Vernon.

As the race progressed, each mile became more agonizing. Finally the crowd at the finish saw the winner stumble across the line. The others quickly followed until there came a young lad to take the twelfth position, pulling away from men who were head and shoulders above him.

Checking the entrance numbers, he was found to be Donal Turkal, who hailed from Blair. To many of you this may not seem like such an accomplishment but Carnegie Tech thought it was good enough for a half-year scholarship.

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Blairettes Drive To Shenandoah To Hike

Saturday, October 4, 1941, at the crack of dawn, gym girls of 11th and 12th grades rolled out of bed—determined to be on time for their first all-day hike.

Fifteen girls straggled to the gym at 8:30 A. M., carrying lunches, cameras, jugs of lemonade, and what have you. At 8:30 (certain people were late) they piled into four cars, and the trip was started.

Their destination, Mary's Rock at Panorama, Virginia, a distance of eighty-two miles, was reached soon, and the girls began the climb in grand stride—walking single file because of the narrow path.

Everything would have been fine if jugs of water and lemonade had not encumbered the girls, who took turns lugging them.

The view of the surrounding country from the point, which they reached after stopping to take off a sweater, catch what little breath they had left, or take pictures, warranted the girls' struggles.

Bingo To Help Raise Girls' Athletic Fund

A gala bingo party, to be held October 17 in the gym, is being sponsored by the Girls' Gym Classes for their Athletic Fund. Materials especially needed by the girls are hockey shin guards, badminton equipment, and grass seed for the field near the gym.

Tickets for the affair which are fifty cents for an entire evening of bingo with prizes, may be obtained from Miss McCulloch or from the girls in her gym classes.

Miss McCulloch Starts Girls' Hockey Teams

Crash! Bang! Ouch! more crashes, and louder bangs. No, this isn't the Pretzel at Glen Echo or a tin can factory—It's just the girls starting their hockey and soccer practices.

Two weeks ago the girls donned shin-guards, grabbed hockey sticks and balls, and dashed out on the hockey field. Hockey practices from now on are to be each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, although squads have not yet been divided. Several sophomores have come out and look very promising.

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SID HUDSON GIVES BLAIR HIS STORY

June, 1941 . . . Topping in incredibility an incredible career Sidney C. Hudson took it upon himself to prove that a high school press card does mean something, for here in black and white is an interview with Hudson, one of the outstanding pitchers in baseball today.

Sid is not conceited, and if his success as a rookie didn't turn his head, nothing ever will. He recognizes his natural knack for the game, but also realizes that when luck was passed out he wasn't overlooked. When the Washington Nationals picked him up from the Class D Sanford team of the Florida State League, the Nats needed pitchers badly. Otherwise, Sid believes he would have spent more time in the minors.

Fine Record In '40

What sets Hudson apart is his winning seventeen games for a seventh place club in his freshman year, after making the jump from Class D ball to the majors. His record of victories, for a team not in the habit of winning games, ranked fourth in the American League for the 1940 season.

An autopsy of this interview reveals that Sid did divulge one new bit of information. That came when asked who is the toughest man in the league for him to get out. It turned out to be not Dimaggio or Williams but little Bobby Doerr (Boston 2nd baseman).

Confidence goes a long way in baseball. Taking it for granted that this is true, our mathematical calculations show that Sid has had thirty games of confidence since crashing the majors. Or maybe this was luck; Sid doesn't act as though there were any credit due him, but several million people think otherwise.

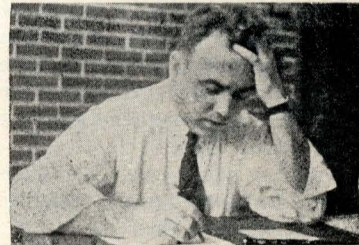
His advice to a boy who wants to become a baseball player is to take care of himself, get plenty of sleep (get that, Blair's potential athletes!) and learn to hit! Few players are in the majors today on the strength of their fielding alone.

BASKET PRACTICE ON OCT. 20 OR 27; GAME ON DEC. 12

We are going to have a basketball team this year! Coach Bride has said the first practice will be on October 20 or 27. His plan now is to have the 10th grade boys come out first.

Last Year's Team Gone

As you know Blair's last year's team has left us for the most part. Carter, Cassidy, Enlow, Fincham, Kelley, Patterson, Reynolds, South-



Our Beloved Coach

gate and Norris are all gone. Clark and Weir are the only members of the squad left. To offset this loss we have last year's powerful Junior Varsity with Bargman, La Scola, and Roundy especially outstanding. There is good material in our school and out of it Coach hopes to build a stronger team this year than last. The first step is for every boy who thinks he has some ability to come out! There will be a Junior Varsity this year too. At the present time Coach Bride plans to coach both teams. Wimpy Reynolds will assist him.

First Game On December 12

This year's schedule will be similar to last year's. Again there will be two games with Bethesda-Chevy Chase at Richie Coliseum. The first game of the season, opponent unannounced, will be on the 12th of December and the Alumni will play on December 22.

"The plan of attack for '41-'42" stated Coach Bride, "will be a pass, a shot and a prayer" with the big push on the prayer!

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ALIENS FLOCK TO DANCE TO MAX'S JIVE; \$45 NETTED

In spite of, or maybe because of Blair's social season being delayed by infantile paralysis, the first dance was a super success. Jitterbugs (which Blair is full of) really went hep to the hot music of Max Callaway's orchestra.

About ninety-five dollars was taken in at the door. Expenses totalled fifty dollars, leaving forty-five clear profit. About 300 were present.

The Blair Soph Class, Coolidge, Bliss, and Bullis Schools, were all well represented by alligators. Alumni literally flocked at the door. Some of these were Bob Enlow, Ford Kelley, Jay Pritchett, Billie Wyvill, Pete Smith and Luther Flouton.

At the Senior Party:

Saturday night another social event was scheduled to fill the gym. Although many were turned away, the gym was far from overflowing, since less than a hundred of the 218 seniors attended the annual Senior Baby Party. Those turned away were uninvited juniors and sophs; Miss Schwartz tolerated no gate-crashers. Even *Silverlogue* photographer Killen was ejected.

About half of those who did attend wore short dresses, shorts, and night shirts, and all swang to music provided by the Dance Club records.

Cookies were dunked in cider, and all-day suckers were licked by the babies present.

Inter-School Council Meets

The president of the Inter-School Council, Eddie Wilson of Sherwood, told the members at the first meeting that the main purpose of these gatherings is to make the schools become better acquainted. The first meeting was held at Sherwood High School on October 15.

Two Blairites have positions on this County Council. Norma Bauserman is treasurer of the Inter-School Council and Bob Galbraith is head of the Publicity Committee.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase was not represented.

Welfare Plans Year Schedule

The Welfare Committee, under chairman Beverly Hoover, plans to include in the year's program drives for Thanksgiving, Christmas, the Mile of Dimes, and county welfare work.

At present the committee is co-operating with Miss Foley, county school nurse, in county social work and is also helping Leland Junior High School with its old-clothes-for-the-poor project.

The other officers of the Welfare Committee are Mary Jane Garrison, secretary; and Betty Jane Moore, treasurer. Members are: Mary Jane Frew, Johnny Cocoros, Theo Redmann, Mary Ellen Hoover, Ruth Killen, Jimmy McCeney, Dot Perkins, Betty Stone, and Richard Richardson, who have tenth grade sections.

Those with eleventh grade homerooms are: Marjorie Bean, June Crompton, Dot Clark, Betty Kemp, Betty Moore, Joe Reichert, and Bobby Stewart.

Senior sections are taken care of by Jean Roby, Porter Cox, Grace Hatcher, Eleanor McCeney, Peggy Moran, Barbara Seviour, and Mary Jane Garrison.

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Library Club Filmed In Action; New Members' Initiation Shown

October 14 and 15 were busy days for members of Blair's faculty and student body. Technicolor motion pictures were being taken by the Filco (FILE-co) Company to show the introduction and use of the Filco filing system at Montgomery Blair.

The picture on the left shows Mr. Aldrich, Filco cameraman, shooting a group of Blairites preparing new material for Filco. In the background

Night Classes Open At Blair

Anyone not attending school during the day is welcome to the night courses offered here at Blair on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Classes held only one night a week are Interior Decorating, Conversational Spanish, Health Training for Women, First Aid, Landscape Gardening, Retail Selling, and Child Study.

Courses presented two nights a week are Homemaking, Beginners' Typing, Art Metalcraft, Shorthand, Public Speaking and Business English, and Woodwork.

12-4 Judged 'Best Section'

Judged the best appearing section in school in the first homeroom inspection of the year, 12-4, Miss Hay's section, was entertained by the School Improvement Committee during the fifth and sixth periods on October 13. "Hydro", "Bears in Alaska," and a Charlie Chaplin comedy were featured and refreshments were served.

Sections winning in future inspections will also be excused fifth and sixth periods one day for a movie.

The committee will inspect the sections every two weeks for the following ten points.

1. Newspaper subscriptions — one point per subscription.

Miss Stickley, who died a thousand deaths for Blair during the two days of production. Seated are Leo Flaherty, Mary Jane Mattix, Pat Maas, Audrey Lord, and Sue Morton. Other pictures setting forth the library's entire role in school affairs were shot during the day.

One of the most interesting scenes in the picture will be the "Initiation of a Sophomore." The sophomore was Bobby Ware, and in order to join the Library Club he had to eat a whole onion, which he is shown doing in the picture on the right. He valiantly knelt, said his poem, and gnawed. Tears poured down his face, but Bobby ate on . . .

Admiring his pluck are Douglas Brace, Leo Flaherty, Audrey Lord, and Pat Maas.

The pictures were to be shown at the Maryland State Teachers' Meeting on October 24, and will soon be shown here for students.

With Mrs. Ferguson's permission, films were also taken of the Silver Spring Public Library.

2. Flowers and plants, proportionately.
3. Teachers desk—neatness.
4. Pupils desks—order and cleanliness.
5. Blackboards—cleanliness.
6. Pictures, charts, murals.
7. Windows—shades and cleanliness.
8. Bookcases—neatness.
9. Bulletin boards.
10. Tardiness for weeks previous to inspection—three points off for each.

ENTIRE STATE IS REPRESENTED BY BLAIR CLUB HEAD

Marian Kellams, Blair senior, spoke at the fall meeting of the Maryland Public Library Association on October 17 at Hagerstown, Maryland. Marian, president of the library club, was chosen by Miss Stickley to speak when Blair was selected by Mrs. Schneider as having the best county school library. She was representative of school libraries in the entire state of Maryland.

The subject of Marian's talk was "What Do the Maryland High Schools Want from the Public Library Service." One of the points that she brought out in her talk was that every high school student should have a card from the public library while he is in school.

Miss Stickley, Blair librarian, accompanied Marian to the meeting.

20 Percent Lack Library Facilities

One hundred and fifty-nine Blair students, about twenty percent of the enrollment, have no library cards and thus are entirely dependent on the school library, it was found in a recent survey.

As a result, the Blair library may be enlarged to take care of this need. At any rate, Mrs. Ferguson of the Silver Spring Library and Miss Stickley will try to make it possible for all Blairites to possess library cards.

The library staff has known for some time that there is a larger circulation of books than is warranted by the size of the school, and the number of volumes in the library. Miss Stickley admits that she has not enough shelf space to store books if all were returned at any one time.

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Good Food

Our cafeteria could not rightly be compared to the Shoreham dining room, but it's getting there—by degrees.

This year the cafeteria seemed to be starting off poorly when for the first few days the food was pretty bad. However, since then the quality of our noontime morsels has improved miraculously. The plates are not just edible, but really tasty, and although the price is five cents higher, dessert is usually included.

Our ham sandwiches now cost six cents, but they have a reasonable amount of ham in them this year, and they are economical considering the current price of pigs' legs.

When you come to think of it, the Hot Shoppe really can't compete with our prices. Fifteen cents spent on a Blair plate with dessert, would buy one hamburger there; or one milk shake; or one hot fudge sundae.

The lady responsible for all improvement this year is Mrs. Holley. The only reason she seemed to fail at first was because she had only three days' notice that she was to manage the cafeteria and the ice box was on a strike.

There are many headaches involved thinking up pleasing menus every day for several hundred ultra-critical high school gourmets. Mrs. Holley tackled the job, and seems to be winning. SILVER CHIPS solemnly wreathes her brow with laurel.

"Let's stop dancing, beautiful, I'm all worn out."
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STUFF'N
NONSENSE

Yuh want to know what Joe and Jane Blair have been doing? Well, here it is.

Johnny Benedict, who was stricken with infantile paralysis this summer, was recently presented with a radio by the junior class and I Eta Pia Club. The money, totaling twelve dollars, was raised by donations from Johnny's class and the club. Marilyn Batter, Pat Maas, and Joan Foley collected the money and presented the radio to Johnny.

You would never know that Louise Richards is a new Blairette. She was put up for one of the offices at the senior class meeting, but that isn't the only way she gets around. Another newcomer, Natalie Harben is really doing all right, too.

Screams were emitted from Room 302-A lately when a picture of Grendel was brought in by Doris Ann Thorson and Ethel Homan. Their most recent contribution is a modernistic mural of the Canterbury Pilgrims. The polka-dot and striped horses are in goosetep formation.

Annapolis has taken the hearts of several Blairettes, namely: Marilyn Brown, Eileen Wilson, Lorraine Young, Marjorie Tague, and Jeanette Jones.

Elsie Van Horn with curly bangs visited her alma mater recently. She is now living in Attleboro, Massachusetts, where she has a job. She says she misses Blair so much that she has nearly worn out her *Silverlogue* looking through it.

Bingo Clears 45
Dollars For Girls

Bingo! This cry shattered the stillness of suspense many times Friday night, October 17, in the gym. Over thirty prizes, which were donated by Silver Spring business establishments, were given to the winners. Mr. Greenfield and Mr. Marsh handled the number calling, while hot dogs and soft drinks were sold by the gym girls.

The forty-five dollars collected from this event will be used to purchase equipment for the girls' physical education classes.

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Neumann Invited To Run
In Cross-Country Classic

Dick Neumann has been invited to run in the South Atlantic Cross Country Classic in Baltimore on December 7.

This marathon is one of the biggest track events scheduled for this part of the country.

The starting field is not only open to distance men of the South Atlantic section but to outsiders as well. Some of the finest marathoners in the country will compete.

The first three S.A.A. men to finish will receive championship medals, even if an outsider finishes ahead of them. Special awards will be given to the winning outsiders, and service men, and a trophy will go to the winning team.

In the future Dick will not be able to run for Blair unless he assumes an unattached standing for six months.

Donal Turkal, Blair grad, did not receive an invitation to this meet even after his great showing in the Washington and Virginia marathon.

B.-C.C. Has No
Fall Sports

Mr. Vogue, coach of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, reports the loss of twelve out of fifteen basketball letter-men because of graduation last year. The '41-'42 basketball team will be weak in that respect but the squad will average six feet in height. One boy on the squad is six foot six. Let's hope he doesn't trip. Our tallest man, Gene Boyd, is six foot two.

Mr. Vogue also reports that Bethesda has no fall sport such as football or soccer. Some students will be interested to know that Bethesda is not expected to have a track team this coming year.

Our rival school has a successful boys' intra-mural sports program, one that includes touch football, basketball, and softball, which covers the year's program. To the winning class team at the end of each season is presented a bronze plaque with its name engraved.

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COMMITTEE LISTS THIRTEEN DANCES FOR THIS SEASON

Schedule Five Semi-formals;
Valentine Dance To
Feature Cabaret

There will be thirteen more dances this year. Barbara Spenser and her Dance Committee members have already completed the season's schedule. However, some of the dances on the following list may be changed from a Friday to a Saturday, or vice-versa, at the last minute because of orchestra bookings.

Nov. 21—Thanksgiving Formal
Dec. 12—Informal Dance
Dec. 27—Christmas Formal
Jan. 16—Informal Dance
Jan. 31—Vice Versa
Feb. 14—Valentine Formal
(Cabaret)
Feb. 27—Nickelodeon Dance
Mar. 13—Good Luck Dance
Mar. 28—Informal Dance
Apr. 11—Bethesda Good-Will Dance
Apr. 25—Easter Formal
May 9—Informal Spring Dance
June. 6—Junior-Senior Prom

90 Second Exit Is Par For Drills

At press time Blair has already had three fire drills, proving the efficiency of the Fire Drill Committee, headed this year by Bob Watson.

The first drill took three minutes, much too long, but the second and third lasted only one and three quarters minutes, which is about par. This time includes checking all rooms and closing all doors. The first two drills were rehearsed, but the third was unannounced.

The rest of the drills will be unannounced and experiments will be made with blocked exits, as might be the case in a real fire.

There are twenty-two members of the committee, ten covering the old building, nine in the new, and three in the gym.

Bob gives this message to the student body. "The co-operation of all teachers and pupils is necessary during the fire drills, especially where several groups are converging on the stairs. If the teachers will keep their classes in order inside and outside of the building, and if the pupils will co-operate at congested points, the fire drills will be quicker and safer."

More Movies Planned

Three hundred and eighty students attended the movie, "Elephant Boy," which cleared \$58. It was presented with "carefully" selected short subjects, in the gym, October 30.

These movies, which are to raise money for the new projector that the school purchased this year, will be given at the rate of one a month. The next, to be presented November 27, will star George O'Brien in "Daniel Boone."



Here is Robert James Weir, Jr., all-round Blair athlete and popular figure in our student government.

He earned his letter last year, and now boasts two stars. The letter and one star he got in track, where he piled up the highest score of the team, and the other star he won in basketball. He was on the varsity squad last year, and will probably make the team this year when it is formed.

He is chairman of the ambitious Safety and Order Committee at present, and is also noted for his superior jitterbugging.

Council Surveys Other School Cafeterias, Cleans Up Grounds

Government Heads Work In
Old Clothes On Nov. 3;
Girls Fix Lunch

The second clean-up day in Blair's history was held Monday, November 3, with only the members of the Student Council participating. The boys came to school in old clothes to work on the grounds around the school and the girls brought lunches for the workers.

This differed from our clean-up day last year in several ways. This year's campaign dealt primarily with the outside of the school.

Council members burned trash, cut down trees, repaired benches, and attempted to clear a place where students may eat their lunches in comfort outside.

In the future, a program may be drawn up whereby sections or other groups may take off one whole day for this type of work.

Pamphlets On Orient Studied

The library has received two pamphlets, "Oriental Influences on Western Culture" written by the late Dr. C. Walter Young, former Assistant Professor of Political Science at George Washington University. The pamphlets were published by the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Dr. Young's daughter Constance, attends Montgomery Blair.

These pamphlets are being used by tenth grade students in their social science course as supplementary reading. The first pamphlet is "Japan, Tutor of the West." The second deals with Oriental influences of American textiles, why porcelain is called China, and the influences of American textiles, why porcelain is called china, and the influence of aboriginal Indian culture on American life.

Blair's Food Reported Better
Than That Of Coolidge
Or Bethesda

Blair's cafeteria compares favorably with those of other schools in this vicinity, it was discovered by a Student Council investigation.

After many complaints to the Council by students about the cafeteria, a committee was formed by President Dwight Smith to visit the cafeterias of other schools. Jack Davis was put in charge.

The two schools visited were Calvin Coolidge, in the District and Bethesda-Chevy Chase, in our own county. Bethesda and Blair are similar in the number of students, but Coolidge has slightly higher enrollment.

The Council discovered that at Coolidge two half-hour lunch shifts are used to relieve cafeteria congestion. Their sandwiches cost six, seven, and ten cents. Although food is of the highest quality, they have no plate lunches such as we have. Their vegetables, meat, potatoes, and salads are five and ten cent dishes.

Bethesda's lunch hour is in only one shift, but it is slightly longer than ours. All Bethesda's sandwiches are five cents, but they are not as good as our six cent ones. They have no chocolate milk.

"Emsh" Selected Junior President

Eddie Emshwiller was elected president of the Junior Class on October 28 by a large majority. Joe Hopkins is the vice-president and Margaret Briggs and Mary Ann Mitchell are secretary and treasurer, respectively. Margaret led Virginia Vannoy by sixteen votes and Mary Ann Mitchell had only ten more votes than the next closest in line,

150 SWING 'N SWAY TO HOT RECORDS AT 'EXCLUSIVE' PARTY

Sophs And Seniors Crash
Junior Event With
Little Difficulty

All of the junior farmers and farmerettes were really plowin' into it at the Junior Farmers' Party. Some extremely smooth records were played and the 150 jitterbugs were showing those farmers how to jive.

Mary Ann Mitchell and Bill Cassey really took the cake and were rewarded by having their pictures taken for *Silverlogue*.

A lot of sophs and seniors were present at the supposedly exclusive affair, as were Student Council members, their dates, and teachers. This was a far cry from the also "exclusive" Senior Party, from which everyone remotely suspected of being not a senior was excluded.

The usual cider and cookies refreshed the motley crowd.

Blairites Conduct Gym Programs

Bill Tunis is in charge of a group of boys who are helping with Woodside Grade School's athletic program. Mr. James Doogan, principal of Woodside, originated the idea of having high school boys do this sort of work.

"Since the boys have been here," he states, "the pupils have co-operated more in sports and there is less fighting."

Jack 'Boo' Clarke, who works with fourth grade boys, and Joe Hopkins, who has the fifth grade, have organized team and inter-class games of softball and have conducted fielding and batting practice.

Jack Davis, Newton Magness, and Eben Whitcomb have been doing much the same type of work at Parkside. They go only once or twice a week, however, whereas Tunis, Hopkins, and Clarke take lunch hour and club period off every day.

Cops Patrol Schools

Due to the number of school fires in the last year and a half, a police patrol has been ordered for schools in the county. Public schools will be patrolled between sunset and 8 a. m. and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

This action was taken by the County Commissioners because, although we have adequate fire insurance coverage, the replacement of large schools is now difficult due to the scarcity of building materials and increased construction costs.

Lucille Cordell.

Reg Comstock, Student Council treasurer, and Joan Foley, secretary, both juniors, conducted the preliminary elections and Miss McCulloch's senior classes tabulated them.

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Today we celebrate (perhaps mourn is more appropriate) the twenty-third anniversary of the end of a war.

Today we stand at the brink of another war, perhaps about to fall, perhaps to regain our tottering balance in time to escape.

Today we are uncertain. We hesitate when we should be acting, because we are uncertain of what is fundamentally right, and we look toward the future with apprehension because our very lives depend on choosing the right course now.

When such a grave decision is to be made, when humanity has fallen short of its goal, Americans, and especially American youth, must look upward for guidance.

We, the boys and girls now in American high schools, must realize our need of God's assistance, for it is we who will face the staggering task of righting the ship of state, of recreating beauty in a barren world.

With God's help, we must now determine the right course, and act upon it.

The future now holds foreboding, but inevitably the tumult and the shouting will die. Then will we see the beginning of a new order of life; then will the wave of the future be upon us.

C-h-e-e-r!

B-L-A-I-R; B-L-A-I-R. Who said the cheerleaders were loafing? Don't believe it, students, they really are working hard. And I do mean hard. Several cheers have been adapted to our use and new motions are being worked on every day.

The success of this season's cheerleaders can be secured only by cooperation from you, the student body. Without each one of you learning the cheers and putting plenty of spirit behind them when you cheer, the planning and working the girls have done since last spring when they were first organized, will be for naught.

"I Was Sick"

What was the code on your absence for Navy Day? There were at least three different ones given out the following day, October 27. These were 'L' or legal absence, 'U' or skip with parents' permission, and 'U-7' or unexcused cut. Were you a patriotic soul who went to see the Naval celebrations and said so, or were you 'sick.'

It is a shame that, unlike so many other schools, we are not allowed a few legal cuts a semester and given a chance to make up the work missed.

Can't we go to a dear friend's funeral without getting an unexcused absence, even with a note from our parents? No. We have to go through a lot of red tape before we even get a chance to make up our work in an instance such as this. It is much easier to produce a note saying, "I was sick." Many of us do it.

Here is another instance. We weren't sick, but there was something equally important that had to be done. The school has to know all about it, even if it's personal. After they find out, we still get the old 'U.'

You go to the doctor one morning and he manhandles you. He gives you some vile stuff that tastes like burnt eggshells smell, and you are cross, mean, and uncomfortable and you can't concentrate for twenty hours. You come to school the next day and hand out your excuse.

"What time was your appointment?"
"If it was at eleven o'clock, why didn't you come to school in the afternoon?"
A new out-of-state pupil here this year claims that they are more lenient in her home city and are allowed a couple of cuts a semester. Here she has already caught on about the, "I was sick," and how much it saves her.

Don't misunderstand us. We are not suggesting that a student do this to avoid a 'U'. It has its disadvantages. Teachers who find out, and many of them do, think you are untruthful and a cheat and though they excuse you on paper, they don't in their minds. An employer would not wish to hire some one whose record shows he was 'sick' a good deal in high school.

Two cuts a semester would help this situation immensely. Some people would say that this system wouldn't work because people would take these and still be 'sick' quite often. This may be true, but these people would be absent if we had this program or not.

I believe our faculty would take this idea up and give it fair judgment and consideration if they knew how much "I was sick" is being used by the pupils WITH THE CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS.

—Stuart Hackstaff

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I believe fifth period on Mondays was set aside by the office for an organized program period. This, I think, should not be interrupted by unnecessary announcements over the public address system.

Several Mondays ago our section invited Mrs. Collins in to talk to us on different vocations. At least five times she was forced to stop her talk because of things that really did not concern us.

I know the office considers these notices important, but why can't these one-way conversations be held during the five-minute checking period only. It didn't seem very important to me that they found it necessary to announce the "Silver Tea" to the teachers during fifth period and then again the next day.

The public address system is a good thing if used right, but suppose Mrs. Collins had been a visitor, imagine how embarrassed she and our section would have been. Do you think she would have come back?

—Bob Vernier

Poet's Corner

Lunch Hour Blues

Every noon hour when the lunch bell rings
Each pupil from his school desk springs,
But the teacher says, "Hold on a minute!
This class is mine and you're still in it."

Once you find yourself out in the hall,
Pushed and shoved around by all,
And finally climb three flights of stairs
Exhausted, you try to find some chairs.

By this time, being nearly famished,
In a couple of minutes your lunch has vanished.
When finally finished and rise from your place
You toss your lunch bag into space.

Your hunger still being unabated
In the ice-cream line you stood and waited.
Moving slowly down the line,
Faster and faster goes the time.

Finally aghast, you hear them say,
"Sorry, all closed up for the day."

The moral of my tale is this:
A longer lunch-hour would be bliss.

—Joyce Reside, '42

THANKSGIVING FORMAL *

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Three Plays Open
Dramatic Season
On November 18

Students are due for a treat from the store-house of Blair talent. The Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss Bratt, will present its first productions of the season on November 18.

Besides the two one-act plays, "Meet the Wife" and "Everything's Off", "A Pair of Lunatics" will grace the stage. That's all the information that can be revealed concerning them.

"Meet the Wife," by Richard Drummond, is the old situation where the boss is coming to dinner to meet his employee's new wife. Trouble is wifey, Barbara Spencer, has just run out on hubby, Dick Johnson, and his fervent efforts to produce a substitute result in his becoming a "trigamist" as two maids, who had formerly refused his offer, and his old college chum all turn up for the same role. The college friend is played by Dick Neumann, who impersonates a sweet, domestic little bride of one month. The confused boss is Dwight Smith, while Lucille Cordell and Ferris Linthicum are the maids.

In "Everything's Off" two pals are vying for the affections of the same girl, played by Jeanette Weston. When they are all to attend a picnic together, Tom Dexter, played by Donald Claggett, tricks Bill Lucas, emoted by Randy Edwards, into staying home so that he may have "inside track" with the object of their affections. The situation comes to a head with baby carriages, trousers, babies, and fifty-cent pieces changing hands and winds up with the underdog the winner. Meryl Ritcher, Rachel McReynolds, Marian Hobbs, and Allen Saunders have supporting roles.

New Books

The Keys of the Kingdom

A. J. Cronin

Mr. Cronin, who is a doctor, wrote a successful novel several years ago called "The Citadel," which was about a doctor. Now he tries his hand at writing about a priest. His writing is excellent, his philosophy is reasonable, situations are skilfully handled, but there does not seem to be much real plot, or purpose, in this book.

The story concerns Father Francis Chisholm, a Scottish priest, who is sent to China to establish a mission in the interior. His life is a tale of constant struggle against intolerance. He builds his mission, fights a plague, starts an orphanage and school—always fighting pride, greed, and power, always seeking Christian love and tolerance.

In one of the most exciting chapters of the book, he finds himself in the midst of a battle between two small-time military dictators, a Big Bertha aimed at his very mission. On this occasion he steps from his black robe to make a very good showing of himself.

This book is not light fiction. There are many passages of philosophy and theology in it. It should be read to be understood.

Certain people were passing notes in Miss Matson's English class. When she intercepted one, her only remark was, "This is a terrible note. One of the words is spelled wrong."



Shown at work behind the counter of Kresge's in Silver Spring, are Dorothy Germann and Elva Bryan, who received their positions through the vocational education program described more fully in the article at the right. These are but two of the many students who have been placed both temporarily and permanently in local stores for work experience. *Washington Star Photo*

Mullinix Introduces Revolutionary New Education Program

Blair is taking an active part in a progressive vocational educational program, the expenses of which are being shared by federal and county governments.

When this plan is in full swing, in about five years, every student in school will be participating. Sophomores will have jobs around the school similar to the work being done on the grounds by the biology classes under Charlie Cook's supervision now and work in the vocational departments.

Juniors will work for one or two weeks, full time, or after school. Seniors will follow the present set-up, except that academic students will have a chance to clerk in stores for one or two weeks prior to the Christmas and Easter holidays and on week ends.

Thirty Seniors Take Course

About thirty Blair seniors are taking part in the present program of attending classes in the morning and working in the afternoons. These students take business English, retail selling, and economics from Mr. Mullinix in the morning and work in the afternoons and evenings. Problems which arise on the jobs are discussed by the class the next day.

The class is headed by a chairman-secretary and the students are given an opportunity to conduct their class democratically.

Juniors following this work program in the future will take English, history, and some elective in the morning and work in the afternoon.

Besides contributing to the student's high school diploma, this course provides commercial, vocational, and general students for practically any type of work they might select.

Club News

Representing a good third of the famous "3 R's," the Reading Club, under Miss Wood's direction, is an informal group of twelve members. Students may read magazines and any type of literature, either fiction or non-fiction.

Latest development in the Art Club is the completion of the furniture painting. The art students bought the paint, which was wisteria and raspberry, and did all the work. A smooth job it is, too.

The Historical Research Club, coached by Mrs. Edwards, has two excellent recommendations: it is both interesting and practical. Members are on their own a great deal. They read current events, historical fiction or non-fiction, continue their history class work, or even mix a (See CLUB NEWS, page four)

Clothes Closet

Well, time marches on and so does style, so let's get down to Blair's fads and fancies. Differences seen at school:

Evelyn Bergmann's darling-cow-girl jerkin and Albert Lingle's three-different-colored-checked suit — whew!

Seen at our first dance:

Mary Jane Garrison, Dot Perkins, and Louise Richards looking mighty super in green corduroy. Barbara Spencer in blue sweater and plaid skirt and Janet Buckingham in red Victory sweater and blue skirt. Mary Blake in a baby blue sweater and pink skirt and Beverly Hoover in high socks. Fay Whitman in a draped coat jacket.

These styles (?) turned up at the dignified (?) Senior Party and were certainly not meant for school wear.

Ernest Harmon and Mack Horton arrived in night shirts and bonnets and their dates, Joyce Tobin and Joyce Reside respectively, looked too, too sweet in short dresses and carrying dolls. Bob Little and Bob Lyon reverted to their "kiddie" days by coming in shorts. Oh horrors!

Miss Appleby Likes To Swim

Since Mr. Mullinix has left the history department for his new work project, a new history and economics teacher, Miss Lucile Appleby, has been imported from Sherwood High School.

Miss Appleby likes to swim, and enjoys traveling and picking up antiques enroute.

She likes Blair and hopes to become better acquainted with the students, some of whom she knows, as she was in charge of the Sherwood Legislature.

Miss Stickley and our new teacher attended George Washington University together. Miss Appleby has taught in Montgomery County for ten years.

Alumni Notes

Mitzie Hillyard planned to become the bride of Austin Yates about the first of November. She has been working for one of the loan companies at the District Line.

Two alumni who have decided to make their homes in other cities are Roy Johnson, who has moved to Kansas City, and Patti Nicoson, who now lives in Los Angeles, California.

Wharton Nichols and Frank Thomas are working at the Carnegie Institute.

Bill Neeley has left his job at the FBI for a khaki uniform.

Paul Miley, one of our air-minded alumni, is soloing and working as an insurance salesman on the side.

Alex Carson is working as a machinist in Georgetown and attending Columbia Tech at night.

A ship factory in Norfolk is Russell Green's place of business.

COMMERCIAL

Russell Chapman, Blair senior, has been elected president of the school bank for the current year. Vice-president is Gene Boyd, Head Auditor, Mildred Stokley, and Head Cashier, John White.

On the strength of the work done by Wilson Rich, Margaret Derby, and Jane Price during their years at Blair, Mr. Darneille, President of the Suburban National Bank, gave them positions. He so approves of the work being done in our bank that he is giving his assistance in every way possible, even to hiring students on a temporary basis while they are still in school, in conjunction with Mr. Mullinix's work program.

Seniors, especially, find it convenient to have a bank account here at school, but it is of advantage to all students, as one-third of the enrollment (See COMMERCIAL, page four)

QUIZ, KIDS

Your Inquiring Reporter really had fun with this issue's question, "What do you think of the length of girls' skirts this year?" Answers received from some of the boys were just as revealing as the skirts.

The largest group of boys gave out with, "Wow," "All right," "OK," and "Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy!" The rest blushed like roses and gave answers such as Adele Jennings' "Keep 'em flying!"

John Buck, after a bit of hemming and hawing, said, "Well, they could be shorter." Stanley Berry says that he's a better specialist on high heels and no stockings!

When Billy Woodson was asked, he thoughtfully stroked his chin and said, "I think they're lovely. They're kinda short, but of course I don't object."

Among other answers were Leland "office boy" Roberts', "They're OK now . . . just so they stay that way," and Gene Hawes "Don't make any difference to me. I don't have to wear 'em." (The boy has sense!)

Little Bobby Ware joyously exclaimed, "Have you seen that one up at the Kopy Kat?"

Well, boys, I think we've had you on the spot long enough. Don't worry, we'll get even with the girls very shortly.

Irishman Enters Our Hallowed Halls

Among the new students enrolled recently we have Johnny Q. Blair, an Irishman, who spends most of his time in the library. Johnny has no parents, his guardian is Mr. Greenfield, Blair chemistry and physics teacher.

Johnny is one of the most handsome boys that has hit Blair in the last several years, with the most adorable pug nose. The most curious thing about him, however, is that he has a green grass crew cut. His countenance is chalky white, but he is perfectly healthy, as plaster grass-growers go.

A kind student, Donald Schneider, has presented Johnny with a big red apple. Both the apple and the Irishman repose in the library showcase, and the apple bears the directions, "In case of hunger."

Heckles and Headaches

Joe Savarese

About this time of the year plea for a cinder track is made. It is quite possible that some action might be taken before the school year is up if someone starts bellowing now. Here I go.

The track men last year established a finer record than any Blair cinder team of the past. They copped the Charlotte Hall Invitation Meet and brought home the coveted trophy now on display in our sparsely furnished awards case. They knocked off Roosevelt with apparent ease and made a most respectable showing in the three-team meet with Woodrow Wilson and George Washington High Schools.

It is hard to believe that they accomplished all this under the conditions to which they were subjected.

Track candidates were pushed off in a corner of the athletic field so as not to interfere with the baseball team. The track on which they trained consisted of a chalk line drawn in the only design possible, considering their allotment of ground. This resembled a "V" with the top closed. A jaunt around this track was taking your life in your own hands.

Upon gathering speed after the start, the first turn would loom up dangerously at you, one which made the hair pin twists of Roosevelt Speedway look like a joy-ride for kids with kiddie cars.

If you negotiated this turn successfully (many of them didn't), you then offered a silent prayer that you wouldn't catch your foot in any of the gopher holes that dotted the track stretch.

The far turn then suddenly sprang up, effectively camouflaged by some giant shrubbery! But anyone foolhardy enough to pass here usually found himself up to his ears in water. Sligo's winding nearness was a constant threat. Blair's track is the only one known to have a water hazard.

The home stretch was up-hill and generally you ended on your knees. Anyone who finished was looked upon with esteem and was honored by his teammates thereafter.

Do you know of anything else that needs constructive criticism? Jot it down on your most sweetly scented stationery, address it to "Uncle" and deposit it in the Newspaper Contribution Box in the library. Wait for thirty days and if nothing exciting happens, you will receive a photo of "Uncle" aiding President Roosevelt in National Defense by breaking bottle-necks at the nearest brewery.

Commercial

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ment of Blair has found out. Upper-classmen find it handy to have a little money saved up when school rings are in order and for other expenses incidental to graduation.

Five hundred dollars has already been deposited in the bank this year. An account can be opened with a penny, so take a look around the house—there is sure to be one or two. Banking hours are 8:40 to 8:55, second, third, and lunch periods, and from 2:30 to 3:00.

SILVER SPORTS CHIPS

SALES CONTEST

The annual contest for selling basketball season tickets in the sections will have a new twist this year.

The section selling the most tickets will be transported in toto to Frederick, when the Blazers play the Maryland School for the Deaf, and will be admitted to the game gratis.

It was erroneously announced in the last issue of SILVER CHIPS that Dick Neumann would have to retain an unattached standing in the A.A.U. for six months before he could run for Blair.

As of October 29, his registration, which is necessary for his competition in various A.A.U. sponsored marathons, has been changed from that of Washington Athletic Association to Montgomery Blair Athletic Department.

Hockey Games Tight; Sophs Top Seniors

The first hockey games of the year, played between teams captained by Barbara Seviour, Joyce Tobin, and Joyce Reside gave the girls a chance at warming up for the class games to follow.

The Junior-Senior hockey game, viewed by the few spectators who braved chill winds, turned out to be a 3-3 tie in favor of the referee. The Juniors led the scoring up to the last few seconds of play, but the hard-fighting Seniors putted the ball through the upright for the tying point.

The Seniors were defeated by a strong and spirited sophomore team the next day by a score of 3-1. The sophomores are doing wonderfully well for their first year of hockey and promise to supply Blair with a great deal of fine material for other teams.

Basketball Schedule

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| December 12—Briarly | Home | 8:00 |
| December 19—Tech | Home | 8:00 |
| December 22—Alumni | Home | 8:00 |
| January 7—Western | Home | 8:00 |
| January 9—Coolidge | Away | 8:00 |
| January 16—Sherwood | Home | 8:00 |
| January 17—Charlotte Hall | Away | 8:00 |
| January 19—Landon | Away | 8:00 |
| January 23—Maryland School for Deaf | Away | 8:00 |
| January 30—Bethesda | Home* | 8:00 |
| February 3—Briarly | Away | 3:30 |
| February 6—Landon | Home | 8:00 |
| February 10—Coolidge | Home | 8:00 |
| February 13—Anacostia | Home | 8:00 |
| February 14—Charlotte Hall | Home | 8:00 |
| February 19—Bethesda | Away* | 8:00 |
| February 24—Sherwood | Away | 8:00 |
| February 28—Cambridge | Away | 8:00 |

* To be played at Ritchie Coliseum

SILVER CHIPS readers will notice that St. John's Prep and Fairfax High Schools are not on the list of opposing teams, while Cambridge and Coolidge have been added. There is a possibility that the Blazers will go to Chestertown on the Eastern Shore. If so, the team will enjoy two overnight trips, one to Cambridge and the other to Chestertown. The Junior Varsity will not go on the Frederick, Chestertown, and Cambridge trips.

Club News

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little art in with history. Ken Tobin, Charlie Ryan, and Kenneth Prentice are drawing a map of Central America and the West Indies.

Members of the Photography Club, overseen (not in Websters) by Mrs. Seigrist and presided (ditto) by Tommy Russell, are now engaged in a "tooth 'n nail, no holds barred" picture contest.

Officers of the Radio Club, directed by Mr. Greenfield, are Hugh Ross, president; Robert Smith, vice-president; John Buck, secretary; and Reid Phippeny, trustee. One of the foremost duties of the officers this year will be instructing all the members in the use of the International Morse Code.

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Bill Sheehan spends most of his time in the library. The other day he was in there for two periods writing a dissertation on "Why I Get Kicked Out of Classes." What's your technique, Bill?

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PRACTICE BEGINS AS SOPHOMORES SHOW PROMISE

"Get off your feet, Davis. You weren't three feet from the floor."

"Aw gee, Coach, I don't have wings."

"But theres no anchor hanging on your ears, is there?"

You might have guessed it, we're referring to Coach Bride and "Sparrow" Davis and basketball practice.

It tickles the players no end when they hear such cheerful bantering between Cres and one of the boys. After the laughter ceases the ball gets pushed around again. Then everything goes all right until 'Boo' Clarke dashes out onto the clean floor with his black and white vertical striped shirt.

When it comes to giving demonstrations, Mr. Bride is pretty hot. When he shows the fellows how to shoot baskets and pass the ball, he shows 'em, but definitely, and with results.

"We have the strongest sophomore squad since Ballard, McKay, and Norris were sophs here," says Mentor Bride. From observations one can easily tell that these fellows have had some training. The most promising of them are Betty, Callis, Edwards, Harrison, Linkins, Mitchel, O'Connor, Phippeny, Rinaldi, Saulpaul, Schneider, Schrider, Sellers, Steiner, Tabbut, and Welsh.

Let's jump off the deep end and give with our selections for the coming season's varsity: Weir, La Scola, Davis, Ridgeway and Roundy (if their jobs permit), Clarke, Bargmann, Hackstaff, Boyd, and Barnes.

Possible sophomore members are Callis, O'Connor, Schrider, and Tabbut.

Eighteen Chosen For Varsity Hockey Team

This season's Girls' Hockey Team was picked after the inter-class games, which were held to determine prospective members.

The members are as follows: Pat McDaniel, Frances Farrington, Joyce Tobin, Ruth Bancroft, Catherine Anderson, Barbara Seviour, Marilyn Batter, Telma Rundvold, Joyce Reside, Ruth Cleveland, Jasmine Armstrong, Margaret Bargmann, Jean Roby, Elizabeth Denham, Ferris Linthicum, Lennis Janes, Joyce Walker, and Muriel Anderson.

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25 PERCENT WIN HONOR STANDINGS IN SENIOR CLASS

10 Students Make 'A' Honor Roll, 42 Gain 'B' List; Two Have All A's

Twenty-five percent of the senior class is on the first Honor Roll this year. Out of about 220 seniors, 52 got a "B" average or better. Mary Lou Stevens and George Lundquist were the two seniors who received five "A's."

People receiving "A" averages in the senior class are, Mildred Stokeley, 12-1; Dorothy Clarke, 12-2; Ernest Harman, 12-3; George Lundquist, 12-4; Barbara Seviour, Mary Lou Stevens, and Joyce Tobin, 12-6; Connie Young, 12-7.

There are 42 seniors who have "B" averages. Listed by sections, they are:

Charles Bean, Paul Boerumfi Gene Boyd, Dorothy Brown, Jan Bien, Georgia Briggs.

Alice Davey, Doris Collins, James Clinite.

Marian Hobbs, Grace Hatcher, Rhoda Fine.

Lyn Mess, Winifred Meyerson, Bob (See HONOR ROLL, page 4)

Council Fetes New Students

New Blair students were entertained at a tea in the library on Wednesday, November 12. Also present were the home room presidents and Student Council officers, who brought the attendance to one hundred.

Each new student was asked to give his name and the place he hailed from. Then the home room presidents and Student Council officers were introduced.

Mary Lou Stevens was the chairman of the program and was assisted by Beverly Hoover. Ice cream and cookies were served.

Barker Attracts Blair Interest

Helen Hayes, Edward Everett Horton, and John Barrymore have graced downtown's National Theatre stage, but it has nothing on the gym platform. Dr. Charles E. Barker, as good an actor as any of them, spoke in a special assembly November 12.

His talk was on the topics, "strong arms, clear head, and brave heart." These relatively vague subjects were made clear to us by the Doctor's little dramas which portrayed a girl or boy studying and even did some gymnastics. Dr. Barker played all the parts.

Exercise, seven glasses of water, no eating between meals were his requisites for perfect health, or the "strong arm." Having a "clear head" is the ability to study something when it should be done, whether you want to do it or not, according to Dr. Barker. He said that a "brave heart"

(See BARKER, page 4)

30 Inspect Historic Tidewater Virginia on Two Day Bus Tour

On November 14, thirty souvenir-hunting Blairites descended as a plague on the ruins at Jamestown Island, Virginia, and each person returned here the next evening gleefully exhibiting at least one historic chip of brick, pottery, or human bone. On November 14 and 15, Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Richmond were also blitzed by this thundering herd, but escaped total destruction by virtue of their solid foundations.

Planned, supervised, and chaperoned by Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Marsh, these boys and girls from the American History classes journeyed in a chartered bus to tidewater Virginia to learn of the early history of democracy in America by seeing it in the flesh, and also to have a good time. Both purposes were accomplished masterfully.

At eight o'clock Friday morning the group left the school, and until about one-thirty, when the bus arrived at Yorktown, the thirty were divided sharply into three sets—one for each deck of cards.

On the ferry between Gloucester Point and Yorktown, Margaret Schwartz, temporary pilot, guided the boat deftly and directly into the side of the wharf.

At Yorktown the bus passed the house where Cornwallis surrendered to Washington, stopped at the battlefield where everyone examined with enthusiasm the trenches, guns, and maps, and the inevitable group picture was taken.

At Jamestown Blairites were pleasantly surprised. Expecting to be bored, they listened a few moments while an old negro recited a detailed history of the graves, then sneaked away to explore the excavations, where they found original brick, pottery, and even some bones of the early settlers. Finally, everyone was admitted to the private laboratory where all tableware, bricks, and bones were being classified. A whole human skeleton was the main attraction here.

The tour of restored Williamsburg was left until Saturday, but the gang tramped around the town all Friday evening looking for life. They found it too, at the Williamsburg Lodge gaming room, hangout of William and Mary students. Practically everybody was in the last show at the movie house, which was about the size of the Seco, but was furnished like the Silver.

Barbara Spenser added gaiety to the affair by promenading through the town in stocking feet.

Friday evening she and Dolores Sanford also got acquainted with a group of William and Mary freshmen, distinguished by their caps, and toured the college along with several of the other girls.

Next morning they were duly punished for their antics. Each put her head and arms through the appropriate holes in the famous stocks outside the Public Gaol.

(See IN WILLIAMSBURG, page 2)

Sophs Excel In Attendance

In the two attendance reports which have been compiled by the office this year, it is shown that almost 10% of Blair's efficiency is lost through absences. In September attendance was 95.1% and in October 91.7%.

The October attendance record showed a much truer picture of average school attendance than that of September because the school register was then entirely completed. The Sophomore Class led in members present for both September and October with 96.1% the first month of school and 92.3% the second month.

In September the Junior Class was low with 94.1% and the Senior Class had 94.8%. October shows that the Senior Class was lowest in attendance with 90.9% and the Junior Class had 91.9%.

An attendance report for each month will be published in SILVER CHIPS.

Blair Alumnus On Broadway

On Monday, November 10, Blair's halls were graced by John Ballian, one of Blair's most illustrious alumni.

He is appearing in "Best Foot Forward," a show with an all teenage cast, with the exception of the star, Rosemary Lane. It is currently appearing on Broadway. According to Winchell, it's a "honey for your money."

John is in a boys quartet, which was tried out for by 10,000 boys in the country. He is very pleased with his part in the show, and says, although it isn't the biggest part, he is doing his best to make the show a hit.

The boys and girls in the production are from all over the country, but John is the only representative from Washington and vicinity. He says that talent is needed on Broadway and advises anyone desiring a stage career to practice singing, dancing, and dramatics.

BUCK AND KILLEN TEACHING HOBBY COURSES AT T.S.S.

Junior High Clubs, Learn Of Photography, Model Plane Building

Two of the more talented members of the Blair student body are helping T. S. S. in its club program. They are Paul Buck and Sonny Killen. Paul teaches model airplane construction while Sonny specializes in the fine points of good photography.

The art of building models is a complicated one and to make it easier for the students to learn, Paul has initiated a special course sponsored by the Air Youth of America. It begins with making a very simple glider and gradually works up into a medium sized cabin job. Each model entails more problems in model building, and factors that are unimportant in early models become very important in later ones.

Another part of the course is to fly the models after they have been built. One thing that makes it comparatively easy for Paul is that prac-

(See STUDENT TEACHERS, page 4)

Mitchell Voted Soph President

Charles Mitchell was elected president of the Sophomore Class on Friday, November 7. The next highest number of votes was received by Bob Linkins, thereby naming him Vice-President. Ruth Spenser is Secretary, receiving a large majority of votes over the next highest in line.

The final election in the sophomore home-rooms was preceded by a preliminary election in assembly, over which Mr. Knight presided.

The votes were tabulated by Miss Schneider, in the absence of Mr. Hack, 10th grade adviser.

Play and Skit To Be Given Here

The afternoon public speaking class will present a play, "The Trysting Place," during the regular assembly periods, December 3 and 4. Audrey Beebush, Bob Daunenbauer, Bill Taylor, Steve Weigle, Marian Hobbs, Philip Krouse, and Norma Bauserman constitute the cast.

The morning class will give a skit next week concerning public speakers and their most frequent misdemeanors, with all members of the class participating. Individual cases will be brought before a judge and jury. The main culprits will be Philip Krouse, Esther Phippeny, Lois Reed, Charles Ryan, John Preston, Virginia Ann Long, and Kenneth Tobin. A choral group will also appear.

Activities presented in the program will represent the type of work being done in the public speaking classes.

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No Time To Wash

Is it fair to the students of Montgomery Blair who eat in the cafeteria to rush through their lunch in twenty-eight minutes? By comparing Bethesda-Chevy Chase to Montgomery Blair we find that that school has approximately forty minutes. These few extra minutes would give our students sufficient time to go to their lockers before going to the cafeteria. Certainly the students don't have time to go after they finish their lunch.

The teachers, you must remember, rush through their lunches too. Some of them expressed the following opinions on the short lunch period.

Miss Hay says, "If the lunch hour were lengthened it would cut down some of the tardiness."

The following is Miss Matson's opinion: "There isn't enough time to wash our hands. When we were children our parents taught us to wash our hands before every meal. To be able to do this and to repair our make-up, we should be granted a longer period. Twenty-eight minutes to go to the cafeteria, stand in line, wait for your lunch, eat and return to your section, is not long enough."

Miss Appleby said, "Sherwood, where I recently taught, has approximately the same number of students, but they are handled in smaller groups. A few minutes added to our lunch hour would be a benefit."

One reason our lunch period is so short is because it is thought that students who insist on taking their cars out for lunch would not have time to go to Silver Spring and be back in time for section.

Is it fair to penalize the whole school for the fifty or one hundred students who take advantage of the twenty-eight minutes to leave school in their cars? Because these few people can't be controlled, isn't there some way to deal with them so that the rest of the school can eat and have their meals digest properly? Wouldn't it be fairer to have a longer lunch period instead of rushing through twenty-eight minutes because a few selfish people would rather ride around in automobiles!

—Eleanor McCeney, '42

Schoolroom Alibis

Most of the reasons we give for our failing to do something are looked upon by us as valid excuses, but are regarded by others as alibis. Schoolroom alibis are no different. They fall into the following classifications: for absence, tardiness, and homework not done.

Since the only legal absences from school can be sickness, or death in the immediate family, it really taxes one's ingenuity to make the purchase of a coat or meeting an out-of-town friend seem a matter of life and death. The former is usually explained thus:

When Teacher asks if the down-town trip couldn't have been taken Saturday, the student always has something more important to do then. It is either a job (that is the only acceptable reason), a baseball game, an out-of-town visit, or Saturday wouldn't be convenient for Mother. (It's always good to be able to lay the blame on someone else.)

If one is tardy he usually tries to convince the teacher that it isn't his fault at all; Fate was against him. In the first place, Mother didn't set the alarm the night before. Then his sister was too long getting dressed and fixing her hair. Fin-

ally, Dad had forgotten to put gas in the car the afternoon before, so they ran out before reaching school and had to walk a mile to the nearest service station, a good two blocks away. So, you see, he really shouldn't be marked tardy at all.

Not having done one's homework can usually be attributed to a sudden earache, toothache, or headache. Unknown to the teacher, this serious condition has cleared up in time for the sufferer to attend the movies with the family, read the latest edition of True Detective, listen to Henry Aldrich, or go out with the gang.

A Lot Of Holes

The parking lot, as it is now, is little more than a mud-dump. There could be changes made, however, to insure less traffic tie-ups at 3:35.

These tie-ups usually occur because the entrance-and-exit lane has been blocked by a car parked at the tangent of the circle lane. Cars trying to get out are offset, especially on rainy days, by the stream of inflowing traffic. As more cars get in than get out, the snarl becomes more involved and lasts longer.

The best way to improve this situation would be to have separate entrance and exit lanes.

The least improvement that should be made on the present parking lot would be to have the pebbles cleared off and the mud packed down so that paving or fine gravel might be applied.

Letters To The Editor

PLEA FOR THE LOST AND FOUND

Dear Editor:

"No, I'm sorry, but we do not broadcast lost notebooks."

This was the answer I got in the office when I asked them to broadcast a missing notebook, but a week later, they did announce the loss of someone else's book. It was valuable in a sentimental way to its owner.

Well, so was my notebook. It was given to my father by the company he worked for, and he gave it to me. It had in it all of my class work, my English notebook, chemistry notebook, and history work—all the work I had done this year.

I think that one day each week could be given to broadcasting important lost and found items.

By the way, the notebook was a brown leather, zipper notebook, with my name in gold lettering on the side.

—Bill McDaniel.

NO MORE FROZEN ART

Dear Editor,

Last year's art students recall the frigidness of the art room in the commercial building. This year, however, it will be as warm as toast and a great deal of work is being done.

To avoid the cold last winter, students often moved to a vacant room in the main building. When they did stay in their own room, students gathered in small clusters for warmth and chattered of movies and books or gossiped. In such surroundings little work was done.

This year the scene has changed. No more do coats, colds, heavy sweaters, mittens, or gymnastics impede the progress of Art. Everyone is busy and hard at work. The feet that last year were stamped or sat upon, this year are tucked safely under tables and chairs. The hands that were blown upon and rubbed together are now holding pens, brushes, pencils, or chalk. The talk is extremely "arty."

This wonderful change from last year is due to the air conditioner. It will give us warm air in winter and cold air in summer. Hurrah!

THANK-YOU NOTE

Dear Uncle Sam,

I wish to show you my appreciation for all the wonderful opportunities that America has for a youth of today.

First, he has the freedom of speech, press, and religion, which boys in some countries do not have. Also he has the chance to get a wonderful education in America's fine public schools, and to choose his future business or profession.

In America a person of age has the right to vote for his president and other public officials, while citizens of dictator countries cannot.

For all these advantages and many more, I thank you.

Your patriotic nephew,

Thomas Tague.

Alumni Notes

Luther Flouton, '41, has been working with the Capital Transit Co. for five months and he has already received a ten-dollar raise. He is also studying Aeronautical Drafting at Columbia Tech at night.

We have heard that wedding bells will ring out November 21 for Elsie Hesselgesser, '41, and Albert "Junie" Clark, '39, at Grace Church.

Wesley Taylor, '41, is working at the Carter Rock Testing Basin, Norman MacKay, '39, is employed by the Marshon Calculating Machine Co., and Bob Foley, '39, is now with the F. B. I.

Ernestine Combs, '41, works in a bank, and Jane Bauman, '41, is a stenographer for a Fire Company.

Bob Hobbs, '39, now attends a college in West Virginia, and "Pete" Smith has been elected a Junior Auxiliary Officer at National Park College.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gebhardt, the former Geneva Combs, are the proud parents of a boy born July 13.

It's practically Old Home Week at the Utility Companies for Blairites; Billy Wilkinson works for Washington Gas and Light, Bob Enlow, Ford Kelley, and Warren Lockwood are employees of the Telephone Company, and Jay Pritchett and Eddie Kiester are employed at the Western Electric Company.

Bruce Wetmore, '40, is now catering to Uncle Sam. To be specific, his residence for the present is the Naval Training Station at San Diego, California.

Language Classes To Present Show

The percentage of pupils skipping assemblies has noticeably decreased with the advent of the new assembly committee, headed by Marilyn Brown.

Community sings, talent shows, movies, and educational but interesting speakers have been some of the drawing cards to assemblies. Miss Brechbill's section recently presented a musical quiz.

Future programs will include Mr. Cleveland of the AAA and his slides, public speaking class plays, and presentations by clubs, sections, and special classes. Just before Christmas Miss Santini's language classes will star in an assembly.

In Williamsburg

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Everyone was requested to be in his room at eleven o'clock; this was generally observed. Nothing was said about lights out, though; this was generally observed too.

Next morning found the group ready, if still yawning, to digest the Grand Tour of Williamsburg, which included the Governor's Palace and Gardens, the Raleigh Tavern, the Capitol, the Gaol, and several other buildings.

After eating lunch and buying souvenirs, the crowd piled into the bus, took up the card games where they had left off, started singing, and played and sang with few interruptions until dark.

The bus arrived back in Silver Spring about seven-thirty Saturday evening, and no one seemed disappointed.

Cast Your Vote Tomorrow for Blair Queen

QUIZ, KIDS

In answer to that question, "What's your hurry?" your reporter received some pretty revealing answers.

Phillis Thompson replied, "Going, just going."

Thelma Herriman thought she'd "like to get to class on time for a change."

Gordon Bowman had a "date with a dream." (Smith, maybe.)

Louis Boerum answered, "I ain't in no hurry." (Louis, your English teacher wants you.)

Ray Briggs slowed down enough to say, "I gotta see that girl about a date." Then we caught up to Grace L'Argent and she stated the reason for her haste, "Ray's chasing me."

Johnny Cocoros claimed that he was a "wolf looking for a chick to drag to the jive jamboree." (Note to squares—Dance)

Shorty Showen, after hearing an excellent talk in assembly, was in a hurry to get his seven glasses of water.

Mr. Greenfield gave us a dirty look and said, "That's beside the point, why aren't you in class?"

Club News

Newly elected officers of the Glee Club are, president Catherine Comstock; vice-president, Elsie Hartzell; secretary, Frances Thompson; and manager, Eddie Kulda. The club offered "Come Ye Thankful People, Come," and a Bach Chorale at the assembly on November 19.

Having thrilled, chilled, and killed the Blair audience with three super-plays, the Dramatic Club will hardly stop to take its bow before a new production will be under way. Talent scouts will soon be again sent out to round up tentative "matinee idols"—polish up your glamor, Blairites!

Rumor has it that the Singing Club chose the gym as their new meeting place. Mr. Marsh's voice is still going strong, but it looks as though the students will soon drown him out—anyway, everyone's having a wonderful time discovering who can make the loudest noise.

The Radio Club reports that they have contacted such a "far-away" spot as California! The members were persuaded to contact C. Gable, but whatta ya know?—he was out to lunch!

New Successor To Throne Will Be Announced At Christmas Formal

Next month at the Christmas Formal, Blair will receive royalty in the person of Her Majesty, Queen Blairetta the Third, of Blair. Her coronation will take place on December 27, in the profound medieval splendor of the Blair gym.

Her Royal Highness will at that time take her seat on the throne formerly occupied by Jeanne Meiners, founder of the dynasty, and "Pete" Smith, who bore the royal sceptre last year. Hear ye, hear ye!

As subjects of the Empire, it is the sacred and avowed duty of all the population of Montgomery Blair to cast their vote for the member of the fairer sex who, in their opinion, fits most perfectly the Qualifications for the Exalted Position.

Qualifications for the Exalted Position:

1. Her beauty in face and figure must excel that of all Petty girls, Varga girls, and other Blair girls.

2. Her glowing, fervent personality must be exceeded only by her tact, and her very presence must excite the virile hearts of every man to deeds of valor and courage in her name.

3. The marks on her last report card must average between A and E. Any candidate receiving a grade lower than E will be automatically disqualified. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

4. The Queen must be a senior at Montgomery Blair High School.

Tomorrow during checking period ballots will be distributed for the preliminary vote. Don't forget to be there and fill in the name of the first lady of your heart. From this vote, the six girls receiving the highest number of votes will become members of the Queen's Court, and the final vote will be taken about December 10, to determine who of these six chosen shall become the honored Queen.

Animals Decorate 10-10 Home Room

Mrs. Kendall's room in the commercial building is not in the doghouse, but IS the doghouse—cat house, too.

Over twenty animals have their residence on the windowsill in Room 312. These, with a china flowerpot and a pair of miniature orange slippers, form Betty Cannon's bric-a-brac collection, lent for the beautification of the room.

Three fierce bulldogs glower at each other in one corner. A china cat with her kittens casts a furtive glance over her shoulder at a placid Scotch terrier and her puppies. Two scotties and a pipe cleaner terrier with a red bow around his neck glance haughtily at five other dogs of uncertain ancestry. A four-piece feline orchestra provides music for the others, unheard by human ears.

As a finishing touch, both Democrats and Republicans will be pleased to know that a donkey and an elephant are included in the collection.

Clothes Closet

Maybe they thought they looked "hep" in 1925, but we are sure that there have never been as many good looking and practical styles as there are now. Blair Debs really look OK in their short skirts and sweaters miles too long.

Draped suits are all the "go" at present, especially Jane Raney's dark brown wool and Grace L'Argent's pastel job with a flashy yellow sweater.

In the line of blouses we offer Dolores Sanford's long-sleeved plaid with all the white in it and Mardell Dicus' all-colored plaid.

The boys have been sporting flashy socks and suits, but Kenny Bargmann's bright yellow sweater really beats them all. We thought the girls had a corner on wearing yellow.

Blair damsels will soon be sporting the new light weight white wool dresses seen in all the downtown stores now. Pretty impractical for school wear, but the girls are hoping that's what Santa brings.

STUFF'N

NONSENSE

For a while, we thought that the famous Bauserman-Ridgeway two-some had definitely broken up, but now we're not so sure. First you see them together, then you don't.

Mary Jane Garrison has settled down again. Mr. Sparrow, may we congratulate you?

Mr. Greenfield was confronted with a new type of problem in the lab the other day. Lucille Robins tied her apron string so hard, she couldn't get it off.

Have you-all noticed Jimmy Fisher's baby sister, Regina, around school? Regina is new here, but she has already hooked her men.

Sorry boys, but Barbara Spenser is still faithful to Nick Carter. Nick is at Colgate this year, but the old adage still holds true, "absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Shorty Showen gave a weinie roast several weeks ago with a number of Blairites present: Bob Galbraith and Barbara Spenser, Norma Bauserman and Charlie Ridgeway, Jimmie Fisher and Lucille Robins, Regina Fisher and Eben Whitcomb, Grace L'Argent, Ray Briggs, and many others.

Someone has finally succeeded in getting Mack Horton's mind off Fords, golf, and football. The lucky lady is Joyce Reside.

Why does Waverly Bryant spend the time between 8:00 and the tardy bell outside of Mrs. Edwards' history class when his teacher is Mr. Marsh? Joyce Tucker is a good enough reason for us.

Alden Emery and Pat McDaniel always sit facing each other in the lunchroom. Dreamy-eyed looks slow up their lunches considerably.

Leon Dembrow did a very uncommon project on "The Turmoil." It is a radio script of the entire story. The comments of the narrator are especially good.

Miss Dunton's tenth grade and Miss Santini's eleventh grade homerooms were winners in the second homeroom appearance contest. The movies they saw were "White Sands" and an assortment of comedies and cartoons.

Work Students Hold Dept. Store Jobs, Explore Grocery Warehouse

Taking photographs, demonstrating electrical toys, modeling jewelry, working with modeling clay, and selling hosiery are only a few of the positions in which Blairites have been placed in a downtown store. Lyn Mess, Donald Southall, Sue Buscher, Catherine Cox, and Dorothy Fagan have already been placed at the Hecht Company by Mr. Mullinix under the new work program.

These students and their instructor took a class in retail selling at the Hecht Company on Saturday, November 8, and the pupils were placed in positions that they like and for which they are best suited.

Altogether twelve hours of classes will be taken by these and other students being placed in stores during the Christmas season. Twenty-two sixteen-year-olds are being placed in offices and behind the counters of Silver Spring. All seventeen and eighteen-year-old students will be engaged in work downtown. There are thirty in the former group and eight in the latter.

We've all taken trips to the museums and government buildings in Washington, but few have had the privilege of visiting a grocery store warehouse, upon which our very lives depend. Twenty-six pupils in Mr.

Mullinix's retail selling class saw how beef is treated and protected, how fruit is graded and kept, and how retail ordering and wholesale buying is carried on in a District Grocery Store warehouse.

The class also visited the Center Market as an example of an entirely retail establishment and is planning a second semester trip to the Safeway warehouses. The future trip will show the organization of a nationwide chain store.

These trips are being made to show the contrast in the three types of store, retail, cooperative, and nationwide, with respect to buildings, plans

for store arrangement, store fixtures, plans for purchasing and advertising goods, employing personnel, and dealing with organized labor.

Knowing your product, taking orders and directions accurately, dressing neatly, being business-like, and learning to like people were the points brought out in talks to classes of the commercial department. Two speakers, I. J. Silverman, a Kraft Cheese salesman, and A. J. Cole, national sales manager for Sho Yu Oriental sauce, spoke on the "Desirable Qualities of a Business Man or Woman."

MASSEY ORCH. WINS BLAIR APPROVAL AT SUCCESSFUL DANCE

Stags and drags at the Thanksgiving Formal heard a new orchestra, Al Massey's, and were very pleased at the smooth brand of hot and sweet music that he gave out with on Friday night. His arrangement of "Tonight We Love" was especially colossal.

It was a clear, brisk evening, just the kind of weather to draw a good crowd of about two hundred. Almost a hundred dollars was gathered at the door, and twenty-nine was left to be salted away after all expenses were taken care of.

The dance was advertised as semi-formal, and nearly every girl wore a more or less dazzling gown. Some boys dressed for the occasion, but for the most part they wore business suits.

The favorite materials with the girls seemed to be net and chiffon. Joyce Reside opened plenty of eyes in her taffeta dress with rhinestones. Patsy MacDonald was also stunning in black and aquamarine taffeta.

A plain black gown with white lace fitted Mary Ann Mitchell's petite figure, while Natalie Harben danced in yellow net with ruffles on the skirt. Lois Reed was also in yellow net.

Everybody noticed Virginia Ann Long's gorgeous white chiffon gown with the super long flowing sleeves. They noticed Virginia too, of course. Pat Maas was in light flame chiffon, and Esther Phippeny came wearing white chiffon. Sis Anderson spent the evening looking beautiful in a red-and-white stripe creation.

Coolidge was represented and how by Beverly Clore who was a center of attention in pink net trimmed with black lace.

Student Teachers

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tically all of the boys have had previous experience in model-building. His classes include about eighty boys. They are arranged in three groups: one on Tuesday and two on Thursday.

SILVER CHIPS photographer Sonny Killen spends his club period on Tuesdays showing the T. S. S. camera enthusiasts the best methods of taking and developing pictures. His class contains about thirty boys and girls.

The faculty at T. S. S. had a two-fold reason for founding these clubs. Emphasis is placed on parliamentary procedure as well as what is taught in the club. It was with this in mind that the clubs were formed and the two Blairites were invited to take charge.

Barker

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is being able to say "no" when a good friend wants you to do something you shouldn't.

Dr. Barker invited the students and their parents back that evening when he spoke to the latter on bringing up children, to the former on "petting," and to both on the importance of attending church and supporting Boy and Girl Scout organizations.

These were accompanied by dramatizations of a mother training her child to mind and a boy and a girl in a parked car.

Library Circulates Books on Anything

"Do you have a new mystery thriller?"

"Where can I find an etiquette book?"

"Is there a book on Hollywood in the library?"

These and many more questions have been asked of Miss Stickley lately. "Yes," is the answer to all of them. If you have a similar question follow the crowd to the library and learn the answer.

The following books and many others have been in great demand the last few weeks as the students discover the fine assortment of subjects covered by books recently added to the shelves. The much-discussed "Berlin Diary" by William L. Shirer is among these, as well as "Ordeal" by Nevil Shute, "Trelawny" by Margaret Armstrong, and "Random Harvest" by James Hilton.

Miss Stickley offers the following suggestions to help you form this habit.

- "Inside Latin America"—John Gunther
- "Our Movie Makers"—Irving Crump
- "Junior Miss"—Sally Benson
- "Young Man of Caracas"—L. R. Ybarra
- "The Haunted Bookshop"—Christopher Morley
- "The Pinto Pony"—Hoffman Birney

Hair Let Down On Dates In 12-7 Panel

Girls being mysterious about phone calls, getting dreamy over certain tunes, keeping a boy waiting too long when he comes to call, and swearing, smoking, drinking, and telling "off color" stories on a date are all taboo with the boys.

The other way around, boys who call up for a date at the last minute, who bring the girl home later than Mother wants them to, and who buy a red corsage to go with a pink dress seldom get two dates from the same girl.

These, and many other points, were discussed in a "let down your hair" panel discussion during 12-7 section periods. Students planned the panel by making up questions interesting to high school students and asked members of the panel to give their honest opinions on them. Discussions in the future will deal with student-parent relations and pupil-teacher problems.

HONOR ROLL

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Lyon, John Iglehart, Sophie Van Hoesen, Susan Lank, Gertrude Kibler, Eleanor McEney, Margaret Inge, Audrey Lord, Ann MacDonald, Jeannette Jones, Newton Magness, Joyce Reside, Lois Reed, Charles Piegrass.

Fred Roundy, Charles Ryan, Joe Savary, Dwight Smith, Faye Southard, Barbara Spenser, Eleanor Stohl, Marjorie Tague, Justine Thompson, Kenneth Tobin.

Audrey Wilson, Lorraine Young.

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Blair Hockey Team Will Battle Bethesda

The Girls' Hockey Team will play Bethesda in the first game of the season, November 26. The starting line-up is as follows:

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| Frank Farrington | Center |
| Pat McDaniel | R. Inner |
| Marilyn Batter | L. Inner |
| Elizabeth Denham | R. Wing |
| Catherine Anderson | L. Wing |
| Joyce Tobin | Halfback |
| Ruth Bancroft | Halfback |
| Barbara Seviour | Halfback |
| Jasmine Armstrong | R. Fullback |
| Margaret Bargmann | L. Fullback |
| Jean Roby | Goalie |

Basketball season opened a few weeks ago, with girls eager to go. The two outstanding players from last year are Dorothy Ford and Shirley Noonan. If the large number of sophomores which has turned out already for fall sports keeps up, this popular winter sport at Blair will have plenty of enthusiastic supporters.

The Ice-Skating Club meets Monday afternoons and goes to the Chevy Chase Ice Palace with Miss Hay. There is room for some more members, so if you enjoy skating, don't hesitate to join.

Mr. Stocking, manager of the Silver Spring Bowling Alleys, has organized the girls in the Bowling Club into teams and hopes to form a league for them this year. Miss Marjorie Bruce, practice teacher from Marjorie Webster, sponsors the club.

EXHIBITION GAME

This Friday, the 28th, at 8:00 p.m., an exhibition game between Long Island University and Georgetown University, will be played at Ritchie Coliseum. The price for the game will be a nominal twenty-five cents. Anyone may get tickets from Coach, and the entire basketball squad is expected to attend.

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We all want the basketball team to win their games this season, but they can't do it alone. This can be made possible only if all the students boost the team's morale. Attending the games and cheering for the Blazers are the only ways to do this.

How are we going to support the team by attending the ten home games and still "keep the jingle in our own pockets?" The only way this two-fold purpose may be accomplished is for YOU to buy a season ticket.

Season tickets to the home games are on sale NOW in your section! The cost for attendance at ten home games is a reduced one dollar. To the section, or sections (in case of a tie), with the greatest percentage of ticket holders is given a free trip to Frederick when the team plays Maryland School for the Deaf.

See your section representative and buy your ticket as soon as possible.

If half the student body, that's about four hundred Blairites, buys season tickets, twenty-five cents will be refunded on every dollar to every single one of you.

READ TO PLAY

In the library are various magazines, books, and pamphlets on basketball playing and training. Mr. Bride has advised his boys to look this information over and pick up some pointers.

Action pictures of different basketball shots with explanations on technique are displayed in the boys' locker room.

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NINETY CLAIMED BY DEPT. STORES FOR XMAS RUSH

There are twenty-nine of our pupils working in three large department stores downtown Washington, under Mr. Mullinix's work program. Most of these students, who are placed in Woodward and Lothrop's, The Hecht Company, and Garfinckel's, are working from December 8 or 15 to January 5.

Six Blairettes inspect packages and check sales slips in different departments at Woodward and Lothrop's. These are Thelma Herri-man, Barbara Spencer, Winifred Meyerson, Eileen Mills, Louise Richards, and Ruth Pruitt. Jane Potter, placed in the toy department, demonstrates and sells electric trains.

Garfinckel's is also well represented by Blairettes. Gloria L'Argent and Virginia Long sell handkerchiefs by the dozen, while Lois Reed has hosiery to offer. Beverly Hoover is in the office.

At The Hecht Company Bill Taylor monograms leather articles and Mary Ellen Hoover, Tommy Southall, (See HOLIDAY JOBS, page six)

Plan Year Work At Inter-School Meet

The Inter-School Council in its third meeting, December 4, reduced the number of delegates attending from each school to five. The meeting was held at Poolesville, Maryland, and was attended by the ten members of the Student Council.

The action of reducing the number of members took place after being debated for several meetings when it was decided that the group was too large for effective work and when the administrations of various schools would permit only a certain number to miss classes.

After a discussion on the matter of limiting the members, committees broke up into separate groups for planning their work for the rest of the year.

Bethesda Adopts Modern Trends

Several Bethesda students have organized a tutoring service which aids people who want it in English, French, history, algebra, geometry, physics, and chemistry. There are about twenty faculty-approved tutors now available, and Mr. Pyles, who suggested the idea last spring, believes many failures can be prevented in this way.

Bethesda is not overly optimistic about its basketball team this year, according to Dick Poerstel, on the sports staff of the *Tattler*. Last year the team won twenty games. This year they only expect to win about fifteen out of twenty-five. Paralleling (See AT BETHESDA, page two)



Blair "Profs" Plan Christmas Travels

Of all the teachers who plan to travel east, west, north, or south during the Christmas holidays, Mr. Greenfield will probably go farthest. If things work out favorably he will spend Christmas far away from snow and icicles in Panama, Haiti, or Cuba. If things do not turn out, he'll still go farther away than anyone else plans to, as our chemistry prof will visit his home in South Dakota.

Miss Wood hopes to leave bleak winds and sleet, too, to go to Florida, but Miss Bratt is doing the opposite. She is going to have herself a gay old time in New York and Philadelphia.

Lynchburg, Virginia, will claim two of our teachers, Miss Canada and Mr. Marsh. Mrs. Muma will go to Cumberland, Maryland, and Mrs. Kendall will visit her home at Sun-burg, Pennsylvania.

Stay-at-homes will be Miss Appleby, who is going to entertain guests from New York and the Eastern Shore, and Miss Watkins will be at home in Somerset, Maryland. Miss Santini is going to write letters (to whom?) and Mrs. Edwards will just sleep, eat, and rest.

Seniors Lead Attendance

The seniors had the highest attendance of the school during the month of November. Section 12-6, Miss Bratt's, led the entire school, having an attendance of 96.8%. The junior section with the highest rate of attendance was 11-7, with 94.6% (See ATTENDANCE, page three)

Merry Xmas For Needy Is Assured

In a week a merry Christmas will be on its way to twenty-four under-privileged families of Montgomery County, thanks to the careful planning and organizing of the Welfare Committee and the generosity and cooperation of the student body. This number of families is nearly twice as many as were taken care of last year.

It was during the first two weeks of December that the Welfare Committee, under the able direction of chairman Beverly Hoover, made its annual Christmas Drive. It differed from last year not only in the number of families that were provided for, but also in that each student had some one definite thing to bring; food, clothing, or toys. A card was issued to each section on which was described a family and the presents which respective members of it needed.

Whole Story Of Council Action On Traffic Problem Now Told

When Blairites showed up for school on Monday, December 1, they were surprised to find that overnight, with no previous mention made to them, the Student Council had established a traffic system to relieve congestion in the halls. Most unprecedented and controversial feature was one-way stair system enforced by monitors.

Although the subsequent action of the legislature is known by all, and the affair was much discussed, the exact account of the sudden action is not yet generally known.

SPANISH CLASS IS RUSHING PLAY FOR SHOW TOMORROW

Just to show what can happen when an innocent young "Americano" ventures south of the border, Miss Santini's three Spanish classes have arranged a program for presentation in assembly tomorrow.

A three-act play, "Spanish Nightmare," the script of which was written by June Traver, will have in it as principal characters, Doris Ann Thorson, who plays the heroine, and Charles Phelan who takes the role opposite her. Mama will be Dorothy Benjamin, the proprietor will be acted by Eddie Stock, and Philip Skinner plays Papa.

Highlights of the drama will be dances by Imogene Pletcher and Jean Fidler, a song by Doris Ann Thorson, and the La Conga danced by a number of Spanish students.

All-Music Program Planned For Xmas

As a change from past programs, the Christmas assembly will be entirely of music. The Glee Club, wearing their robes for the first time this year, will sing Russian numbers, a boys' quartet will sing, and a group of girls will vocalize. There will also be an A Capella Choir.

The numbers to be sung by the Glee Club are "Carol of the Bells" and "Carol of the Russian Children." The boys quartet composed of Bill Sabin, Joe Kyle, John Nasou, and Edward Kulda, will sing three selections.

2 Students Have Own Radio Hour

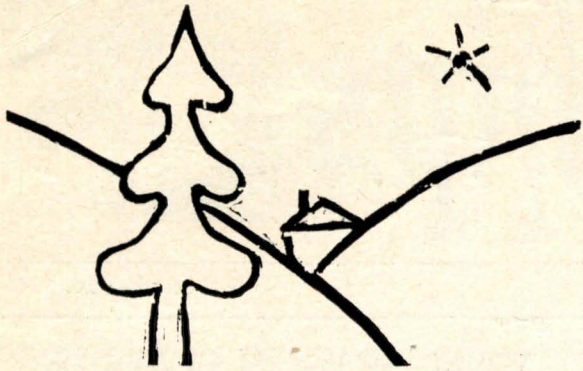
Mary Ann Mitchell, pianist, and Dorothy Germann, vocalist, both Blair students, can now be heard over the radio regularly. At 10:00 on Sunday mornings over station WFMD they play and sing, beginning December 1.

The program (not yet a permanently established one) will probably be changed to Saturday mornings in the near future.

Whole Story Of Council Action On Traffic Problem Now Told Motion Introduced

On Wednesday, November 26, at the regular meeting of the legislature, Betty Cannon introduced the idea of a regulated traffic system. President Smith appointed John Hardin chairman of a committee to formulate a plan, and Hardin and Cannon were the potent force of the committee. This committee quickly completed plans of having the south stairway UP only, and the north stairway DOWN only, and urging students to keep to the right in the halls.

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On Christmas, The War, And Blair

This year we are all getting a bigger Christmas present than we anticipated. Although we have feared in our hearts that war would come, none of us expected it so suddenly. Although we have been told for months that we were practically in the war, few of us really took it seriously until last week, when in twenty-four hours events took place which have completely changed our manner of thinking.

We at Blair are now experiencing war for the first time in our lives. Our best friends may soon be sent away to fight; at this moment there is a real and terrifying danger from the air.

And all this happens on the eve of the most joyful time of the year, the anniversary of Christ's birth.

But we shall celebrate this Christmas as usual, and it is good that we shall, because before another year has passed, the whole mode of our existence may be changed.

We are slowly maturing, adding responsibility to our lives, becoming more serious in our thinking; the war will hasten these processes. We shall remember this Christmas for a long time as a farewell to the happy-go-lucky existence we have always led.

This Christmas perhaps we shall enjoy for the last time new clothes, abundance of every kind of food, the presence of those dear to us. Perhaps the luxuries of American life will be followed by the sight of skies filled with barrage balloons awaiting possible air raids, artillery in public parks, perhaps the sound of dive bombers and anti-aircraft fire.

We shall have a Merry Christmas as usual, disturbed but slightly by the war; we shall shop in crowded stores, give lavish presents, laugh, play, eat heartily, sing carols—all as usual; but soon we shall be fighting, and before it is over, this war will leave its indelible mark on all our lives.

Blairites Balk At Being Bossed

School life certainly differs nowadays from what it used to be when our parents learned their readin', writin', and 'rithmetic. Instead of rigid curricula and enforced discipline we have flexible lesson plans and a student council. And yet we rebel at rules made for our own good by this council and the administration.

We have a cafeteria in which is produced good, wholesome food which is sold for reasonable prices. We have a club period in which we get a chance to take part in extra-curricular activities without having to do outside work. We have regular assemblies, movies, dances, and basketball games. Many schools get along with few, sometimes none, of these activities.

Still, when our student council asks us to lend them a hand in trying to make the school a better looking and smoother running place, what do we do?

It is a fire hazard to smoke in or around the school, not to mention being against county regulations, so we smoke in the rest rooms, on the parking lot, and around the buildings. We are asked to act a little more like ladies and gentlemen in the cafeteria, so we throw our trash all over the place, burst paper bags, put on makeup and comb our hair, and make as much noise as the same number of people would at a Blair-Bethesda game. The Student Council requests that we refrain from cluttering up the campus with paper bags, cracker cartons, and other trash, so we just drop them wherever we happen to be.

We should be willing to cooperate with the student council and the administration in little matters like these, lest it be necessary to make laws instead of suggestions, and have strict punishments instead of warnings.

Here's The Answer

The condition at the foot of the main stairway should definitely be remedied. All of Blair is generally agreed that congestion is too acute at this point to allow the situation to go uncontrolled any longer.

That the method in effect two weeks ago was not considered the right one to remedy the situation was shown by the howl of the students and the speedy action of the legislature in abandoning it.

This method did not cure the bottleneck at the foot of the main stairway, which is the only real point of congestion in the school, and thus failed to accomplish the sole purpose for which it was designed. In addition, students and teachers were compelled to use the inconvenient north stairway, and there was much hard feeling among people who walked several times the normal distance to get downstairs, and still found a jam at the foot of it.

Asking people to comply with this plan was like asking them to go downtown via College Park so as to relieve congestion on 16th St.

We suggest that a plan be worked out which would involve only the south stairs between the first and second floors, and the halls in the immediate vicinity, because this section is the only part of the school where traffic does not flow freely when classes change.

Also, we suggest that special plans be formulated for each individual section of stairway and hall at 12:00 and 3:30, for the problem at these times differs from the problem created when classes change.

Our Real Christmas Gift

Across the blue-gray winter sky,
A star shines from our God above.
Its sifted silver light directs
A path down to the King of Love.

This tiny babe, most sweet, was sent
By God, to purify our hearts.
To those who see Him in their souls,
A sacred joy the Christ imparts.

To you whose hearts are heavy with
The earthly sin, take up this way;
And pray, repent, enjoy the peace
Christ gives on Christmas Day.

—Doris Ann Thorson.

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AT BETHESDA . . .

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Blair, Bethesda is starting the season with an entirely new, inexperienced varsity, and apparently lacks outstanding players, with the possible exception of one Haven Rewtue, who stands six feet six and one-half.

There is a Commercial Club at Bethesda which holds meetings, plans parties, and on one day out of three assists teachers with typing and secretarial work. The Business Class Club runs a school supply store on the side which furnishes invaluable training, and incidentally makes enough money to buy the school an adding machine, a long-carriage typewriter, stencil files, and much other equipment.

The school has had stationery made bearing the Bethesda seal engraved in gold and has sold it successfully to students at \$1.00 per box.

The Student Council President of Bethesda is Harold Mankin.

If you remember, the first SILVER CHIPS was published on September 30. The first Bethesda *Tattler* was not published until November 13, and they plan to have only ten issues this year, while SILVER CHIPS will have seventeen, more than it has ever had before.

Merry Christmas



It is Christmas. We are at war. The whole world is at war. The Spirit of Christ, as exemplified by Christmas, seems to have faded from the earth. Another Dark Age is upon us. Civilization, painfully acquired through long years, is dissolving around us like sand before the waves. In this dark picture there is one gleam of hope. From the ashes of every Dark Age in history a new and brighter era has arisen. We in High School, as educated peo-

ple, have the responsibility for keeping alive during this period of darkness, the Spirit of Christ. True patriotism requires that we serve our Country by helping keep down the hatreds and passions engendered by war, as well as by carrying out the duties assigned us by our government. This we can do if we emulate the Spirit of Christmas. Christmas is here.

E. M. Douglass.

Christmas Is Really Hey-Day For Business

Yes, hey day. During the fall of every year sales increase and increase until at Christmas they have reached an all time high for the year. The sun shines brightest for merchants in the month preceding this, the greatest of all holidays or celebrations, and while it shines, the large store owners, syndicates, and companies reap the harvest.

It seems as though everyone is buying and spending, and suffering; but if one looks into the matter closely, one finds that for the most part it is the large majority that has played sucker to the higher ups since time and creation. Many celebrate by going out to parties or homes and getting drunk, while a few remembered why they are given a holiday around the twenty-fifth of December and observe it as it should be observed.

The majority work very hard earning money for Christmas and then work harder spending it. They add to their labor by putting up fancy and plentiful decorations that re-



quire as much work removing as putting up. All the hard-earned money made through the year flows away like water in a river.

Just about the time that all has subsided and everyone is broke (everyone in the sucker class) the bonus checks are mailed to store managers for increased sales and profits in this or that department or in the store as a whole.

It is because of this and other things that I make the claim that our modern Christmas is a holiday made by the businessmen of America to benefit themselves. Perhaps I have the wrong opinion or am prejudiced, but that is my view on the whole affair. I am not against celebrating Christmas, not in the least. I suppose that I am more of a fool than many others, but if this one thing were changed, not because it is the only one needing alterations, we would all be a little better off.

William Brocato

ATTENDANCE . . .

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and 10-7 had the highest rate of attendance in the tenth grade with 94.4%.

The average attendance for the whole school for November was 91.5%. This means that a little more than eight people from each hundred were absent every day.

The work experience program, under Mr. Mullinix, will not hurt attendance. The pupils that have properly notified their teachers that they are working are not counted absent.

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Letters To The Editor

MORE TIME FOR LUNCH

To the Editor:

I suppose many letters have been written to you about a longer lunch period. Well, here's another one.

The main thing against a forty-minute lunch period seems to be that some people will take their cars to "Ye Olde Hot Shoppe." O. K., let 'em go! The novelty will wear off in a few days and if it doesn't, blame the crowded cafeteria conditions. High school people are old enough to take care of themselves, and if they're off the school grounds, then the school is not responsible for them.

In these critical days we are trying to save everything we can; you can't finish your lunch in twenty-eight minutes, so you have to throw most of it away.

It has been brought up that in a long lunch period school property might be destroyed. Well, if school property is going to be destroyed, it can be done in twenty-eight minutes as easily as in forty. A few student wardens would stop this. The School Improvement Committee or some other committee should take care of this.

You know, it is funny that in a democratic school supposedly ruled by the students, a forty-minute lunch period can't be obtained when everybody wants it (including teachers).

We students can't eat whenever we want to, like some of our elders, so we must eat at an appointed time. How about giving us time to eat and wash our hands.

Sincerely,
Bill Brooks.

My Dear Mr. Douglass,

I am sure that the student body and most of the faculty, will agree with me when I say that you couldn't give us a more enjoyable Christmas present than a fifteen-minute extension to our lunch period.

We know that you would have to be a millionaire to give each and every one of us a present, but we think it would be very nice of you to give us a quarter-of-an-hour extension to the lunch period.

Thank you,
Anna Kelley.

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NEGLECTED CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

To the Editor:

The following sentences may sound like church propaganda, but they really are not. They are the expression of a thought that crossed my mind.

How ridiculous and pitiful is our Christmas. The giving of gifts at Christmas was originated by the giving of gifts to the Christ child by the wise men. Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Christ and in commemoration we give presents to our closest friends and members of our families.

People are spending lots of money on each other but in comparison, how much is given to Jesus, in whose honor the whole affair is celebrated?

Yes! We truly have forgotten, or maybe just lost sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

Robert Davis, '42

A PLAN FOR SENIORS

To the Editor:

I would like to remark on the last senior assembly. That assembly took up one period and the general opinion seemed to be that little was accomplished.

There is a lot to be done if the graduation of '42 is to be the best so far. The planning of these graduation activities will be the most important business the seniors have to cope with as a class. The class officers, elected in the fall, are the best our class has to offer.

Now it seems to me that the way to cut out inefficiency and gray hair is for these officers to make their plans, appoint their committees, do anything they want in the way of fixing things up.

With everything going so smoothly, the plans would be announced ahead of time. If anything drastically wrong everybody would complain singly and in groups. If nothing wrong, nobody would say anything, so the plans would be used.

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Madame Lefebvre was my music teacher in Brussels, Belgium. She was a gifted pianist, harpist, and violinist. She organized and directed an orchestra of the proletariat in Brussels. She was forever the champion of the poor and downtrodden. She was small, slight, with iron gray hair and eyes. Her hands were strong but soft. She was a woman of great moral character and courage.

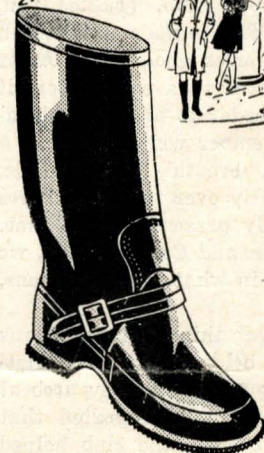
During the last war, her studio, above her husband's bakery was the scene of a mass production of undercurrent propaganda and a headquarters for saboteurs.

On Thursday evenings, students would gather under the pretence of hearing one of Madame's recitals, but instead they would write down, in musical code, messages which quered Belgium. Some were messengers to be relayed throughout conquered Belgium. Some messages of encouragement and sympathy to the citizens; others were orders to saboteurs.

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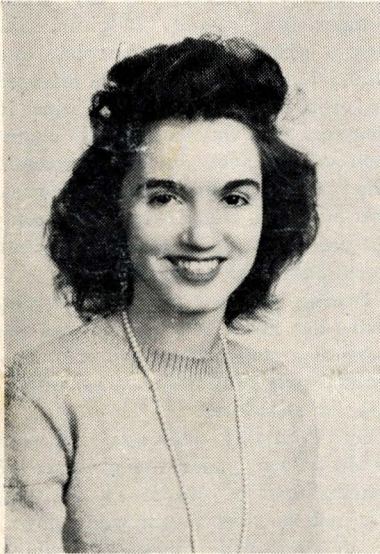
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Here They Are -- Six Beautiful Duchesses



The wonderful creatures that you see looking at you on this page are Duchesses, no less. They are Duchesses of the Blair Court, and one of them will be chosen **Queen of Blair, 1942** in the election tomorrow.

On December 27, 11 p. m., at the Christmas Formal Dance, Her Royal Highness will be announced and crowned.

NORMA BAUSERMAN has a particular claim to fame—her eyes. In addition she is pretty, vivacious, and swell.

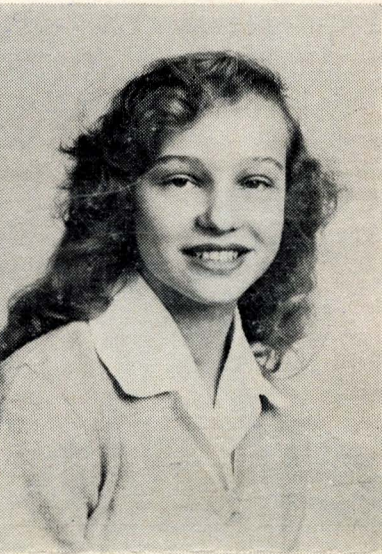
PEGGY FISHER has the flawless complexion. She dresses extremely well and is generally worshipped by Blair's masculine population.

NATALIE HARBEN is one of Blair's six most popular girls after being at Blair for only three months. Need we say more?

BEVERLY HOOVER, director of the Welfare Committee and head of the Cheerleaders, also has time to be a mighty cute kid.

BARBARA SPENCER is director of the Dance Committee, has long blonde hair which distinguishes her from the other candidates.

MARY LOU STEVENS is well-liked because of her agreeable personality which is enhanced by perfect features.



Club News

Realizing that my many readers are literally beside themselves to find out the latest news of our clubs, I'll get right down to brass tacks and dish it out.

And now for our "one and only," that wonder of wonders, that super of supers, that colossus of colossals, the Newspaper Club. (Fooled you, didn't we?) This is the club in which no news is never good news. After collecting the news a week before it happens in order to make the deadline, each member writes it up in a scintillating, breath-taking style, copies it neatly over in ink or types it and meekly passes it in on time. (Note to Don and Connie: Well, we couldn't put in what really happens, could we?)

Whatta ya think Santa Claus brought the Glee Club for Christmas? And so early, too. New Robes! 'Course, when Santa reported that he was a bit busy, the club helped him out by chipping in do-re-mi, buying the material, fitting the members, making the robes, delivering them, and so forth. Disillusioning, aren't we? The robes will be christened at the Christmas assembly on December 23.

Tripping the light fantastic doubtless had a different meaning for John Milton than it has for the fun-loving members of the Dance Club, but it gets the idea across. Santa Claus is requested to drop (!!) a few new records down the club's chimney.

The Science Club is simply boiling over with hot news. (Thank goodness!) The club solves the problems of chemical magic, examines the "wee

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INQUIRING REPORTER

What Don't You Want For Christmas?

Instead of the age-old question, "What do you want for Christmas?" our nosy inquiring reporters have turned the tables on old Santa and have found out a few things Blairites definitely don't want in their Christmas stockings.

Mary Jane Garrison flatly said that she didn't want a nice, fat "E" on her next report. Ned Congdon rather sheepishly, "I'd rather not have a second semester."

In view of what happened a few weeks ago, Jack Davis doesn't want any more bent fenders on the old man's car. Janet Buckingham doesn't want any more wrecks, either.

Mr. Knight was in pretty much of a hurry when we approached him and said, "I can't tell you now, there are too many things." Mr. Douglass wants "no visit from our friend Adolph and no kids returning to school with broken bones."

Jimmy Davis doesn't want the basketball team to lose any games this season and another athlete, Dick Neumann, couldn't decide what he didn't want, but he had some ideas on what he would like. That's illegal in this story, but we'll tell you, anyway. He would like to enlarge his wardrobe with a lovely, frilly evening dress.

Ellen Rae Matthews answered in a morbid tone, "A coffin," and Joan Langlois doesn't want a man. We have two fatalists in school, no doubt. Muriel Anderson doesn't want any army life.

Darby Drewyer, the precocious infant, said, "That's too easy, give me the \$64 question."

Should Bobby Baines Shave His Mustache?

An issue of great importance has arisen at Blair within the last few weeks and we, of SILVER CHIPS' staff feel that it deserves discussion. Here we present several points of view on the subject, "Should Bobby Baines shave that mustache?"

Jack Davis answered it with the question, "What would he be without it?" and the girls are in favor of it too. At least Patti Miller and Kay Neal said, "No, definitely not. It's cute."

Edna Colie wanted to know whether it was for "drip or grind" and Dick Neumann favors it strongly saying, "We need the strong mustache boys on the track team."

Faye Southard thinks it's "just a line," and Sally Phillips wants to know if he's "planning to join the house of David." Eldon Forcey thinks he should keep it, but definitely.

Neumann Voted Duchess

Dick Neumann is one luscious morsel of masculine femininity who won't be Blair Queen this year. If it hadn't been for a slight rule in the contest which stated that the Queen "must be a Blair senior girl," Dick's mug would shine brightly at the top of page four in this paper with the other beautiful Blairites who are candidates for the honor.

From somewhere (and legally, too—we checked the ballots) he dug up thirty votes for himself, and thirty votes was enough to get in the top ranks.

STUFF'N NONSENSE

Rumor has it that Mary Jane Garrison and Charles Cook are together again. Congratulations! It's just what we wanted.

Have you ever seen Lenice Janes without Randy Edwards? Neither have we.

Bill Taylor and Jimmy Davis certainly did a superb imitation of Mr. Knight the other day in assembly. And found not guilty, too.

The war now has everyone worried, but especially Marilyn Brown because of Annapolis, and Beverly Hoover for her Bob in Indiana.

Mr. Greenfield rushed into Mr. Marsh's room the other day with a "Hi, Chuck" and seeing Mr. Marsh's secretary there said, "Oh, pardon me, Mr. Marsh."

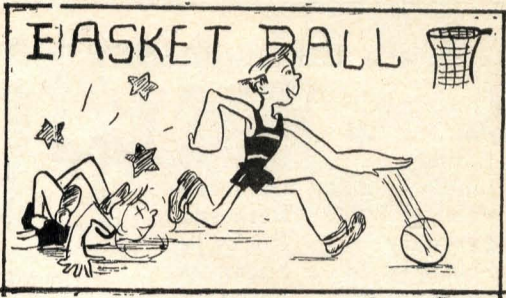
We wonder if Dolores Sanford ever completed the socks she was knitting for her man in the R.A.F.

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BLAZERS CRUSH BRIARLEY 33-25

Heckles and Headaches

Joe Savarese

A new aim has been established in the athletic program at Blair and will be put into effect before the next advisory. It calls for a complete about-face from the present athletic system.

Physical education students will be somewhat perplexed by certain changes in their course; namely, that achievement in athletic skills will constitute sixty to seventy-five percent of their mark, while in the past skill totalled only twenty-five percent of the mark.

Students before were graded on their effort, the number of absences, and deportment, so that if a fellow attended all his gym classes and was dressed in the proper attire, he was automatically assured of a most respectable mark, regardless of what he did during the remainder of the period. But the chips are down. From now on a good grade will go to the one who can run faster than the other fellow, and to the one who can throw a football with greater accuracy than his neighbor.

Mr. Bride is in the act of drafting tests which each boy will be required to take before he is granted a grade. On these tests will hinge the hopes of a good or bad mark.

This is a return to the old "Healthy body tends for healthy mind" philosophy which is contrary to the athletic policy of our school. The county discouraged individual competition by voting to abandon the field day, and has in other ways tried to eliminate competitive sports that call for any kind of strenuous exercise.

With an attitude like this, any hopes of county football are nil. Their reasoning seemed to be that any sport which suggests violent exercise should be eliminated so that youth in the county can be spared injuries to the heart and other parts of the body.

This kind of thinking is partially responsible for the startling physical condition of a large percentage of our draftees who suffered from no particular ills but were just plain out of condition, soft, victims of America's high standards of living which advocate "ride, don't walk," and in other ways minimize human effort.

Coach's action is a good step in the right direction, and certainly now more than in the past, emphasis should be placed on results, not on how hard a person tries. Now that we're in a war, we HAVE to Keep 'Em Flying!

Strong Alumni Team Expected For Game

Hail to the returning heroes or something. All those attending the alumni game Monday, December 22, are in for a treat if they want to see a group of fine basketball players. Some of the alums expected to return are Carter, Cassedy, Kelly, McKay, Norris, Fincham, (perhaps even three of the Finchams), Reynolds, Mason, Wilkinson, Bacon, Enlow, and one or two Dietles.

Nick Carter plays first-string freshman basketball at Colgate and should be in fine shape for the game. Phil Mason is on the Illinois University team and will probably shine in the grads' offensive.

There is one factor that always makes for a strong team against our varsity—Mr. Age, backed by his assistant, Joe Experience. These two make it tough for our men, for every year these returning men make strong opponents because of their reach.

Ed Fincham has suggested that there be an age limit set on graduates who play in these alumni games. The gist of the plan is that a graduate should not be allowed to play in the game if he has been graduated three or four years before. Such a plan would make a more even and exciting game, and still allow a galaxy of stars to participate.

Varsity Takes Friends In Scrimmage Games

The Montgomery Blair varsity basketball team played Sidwell-Friends School in two practice games December 1 and 9. The final score of the first game was 46-28, in favor of Blair. The game took place at the opponent's school.

The team got off to a slow start, the score being only 15-9 at the half. Bobby Weir and Bruce Ross were highly scorers, the number of points they scored not being available. Other outstanding players were Jim Davis, John O'Connor, Kenny Bargmann, Boo Clark, and Gene Boyd.

The score of the second game, played at Blair, also terminated in our favor, 30-13. John O'Connor was high scorer in this game and the defensive star was "Cornhusker" Gene Boyd.

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Predict Slight Edge For Tech In Friday's Game

Next Friday the Blazers will play McKinley Tech. At this point it seems that the Tech Team has a slight edge on our boys because of the experience of the players.

Blair, however, seems to have a smoother game than Tech and we are able to work the ball into the forward line more quickly. The action of our team is co-ordinated.

Because of this, we shall give Tech a fight for the game, which we predict will be close.

But because of Tech's calmer attitude toward the game at all times due to their experience, they will probably take Friday's game. They do not blow up on plays when the tension is high, as our men did last year, and might this year.

Tech has one much-used screen play which is usually successful in breaking through the defense.

Required Gym Tests TESTS MUST BE PASSED BEFORE DECEMBER 23, 1941

- 10th grade Tests—
1. Forward Roll
2. Head Stand
3. Dive over two persons
4. Chin up five times
5. Gymnastic Stunt
- 11th Grade Tests—
1. Forward Roll
2. Head Stand
3. Dive over three persons
4. Chin up six times.
5. Stunt
- 12th Grade Tests—
1. Forward Roll
2. Head Stand
3. Dive over four persons
4. Chin up seven times
5. Stunt

S. C. Staff Attends All-Day Convention

Four Blairites were all-day guests of George Washington University on November 28, heard speakers Raymond Clapper, Washington News columnist, Eugene Meyer, editor and publisher of the Post, and other famous newspaper men in a High School Press Conference at the University. Staff members Connie Young, Lucille Cordell, Bob Lyon and Don Boyer were only four of the several hundred high school journalists who came from as far as Richmond to attend.

During the day everyone was shown around the University. SILVER CHIPS representatives were particularly impressed by the old frame building which housed the Hatchet offices. After the conference everyone was invited to attend a dinner given by the University in the National Press Auditorium.

ROSS HIGH SCORER; 1st GAME VICTORY WILL HELP MORALE

As snow first fell on Blair, our hard fighting basketball team took its first game easily by a score of 33 to 25. The game was close all the way, and up until the last few minutes the outcome was in doubt.

Outstanding throughout the game were two Sophomores, Bruce Ross, who was high scorer, and John O'Connor, another soph. Bobby Tabbut ran wild in the Jayvee game and scored fifteen points. Ross' total was fourteen points. Other outstanding players were Bob Weir, Kenny Bargmann, Boo Clarke, and Sparrow Davis.

Readily apparent in our boys was a great amount of fighting spirit and although ball handling was not the best possible, the Blazers made up for it with their fight under the baskets. Inexperienced as a whole, most of the boys were pretty calm; that was one of the things that contributed to the victory. Most players in their first game get very nervous and over-anxious; this was not noticeable.

The start of the game did not produce any prolific scoring, both teams being more or less on the defensive. Briarley ran up 6 points but the Blazers soon went ahead and were leading at the half. Then in the second half Briarley evened the score but the Blazers soon edged into a 3-point lead and then a 5-point lead. Briarley came back again but their attempts were futile. In the last few minutes of the game Briarley's zone defense opened up considerably and Blair ran up the score.

John O'Connor and Bruce Ross are two boys who show great promise and should not be overlooked when considering Blair's chances for this year. In fact the whole team figures to improve as they play more games. Physically they have the ability to give Blair a very good season, and whether they do or not will probably be decided before the first Bethesda game. Bethesda doesn't have such an exceptional team this year despite their defeat of Roosevelt the other day and it is entirely within the realm of possibility that Blair will beat Bethesda this year.

| Box Score | | | |
|-----------------|----|---|----|
| Blair | FG | F | TP |
| Ross | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| O'Connor | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Weir | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Bargman | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Clarke | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Davis | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| McDaniel | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Lascola | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | | | |
| Briarley | FG | F | TP |
| Lodge | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Meyers | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Cordova | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Read | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Stitt | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Love | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | | | |
| Referee—Sivigny | | | |

GIRLS' BASKET SCHEDULE

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|----------|----|---------------|------|------|
| January | 19 | Mount Rainier | 3:15 | Home |
| January | 23 | Sherwood | 7:30 | Home |
| January | 26 | Bladensburg | 3:00 | Home |
| January | 28 | Damascus | 3:00 | Home |
| February | 6 | Bethesda | 3:00 | Away |
| February | 9 | Rockville | 7:30 | Home |
| February | 13 | Sherwood | 7:30 | Away |
| February | 20 | Bethesda | 3:00 | Home |
| February | 25 | Rockville | 3:15 | Away |
| February | 27 | Damascus | 2:30 | Away |
| March | 2 | Mount Rainier | 3:15 | Away |

TRAFFIC . . .

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Then the committee stepped ahead of its legal authority and put these plans into effect on the following morning without the approval of the legislature, although it had the personal approval of the president. Mr. Knight, who knew of the plan now for the first time, approved it too.

Students Against Plan

The sentiment of the students generally was against the plan, especially the feature of the one-way stairs. Seniors in particular seemed incensed by the fact that they were taking orders from monitors who happened to be sophomores. However, almost everyone complied, if grudgingly, with the system. Over the three-day period when the monitor plan was in effect, eight seniors were the only ones reported for disobeying the monitors.

The consensus of the students during the period was that although a system for relieving congestion on the stairways, and especially the bottleneck on the first floor was indeed necessary, this plan was definitely not going to accomplish the purpose. Indeed, although students and teachers were greatly inconvenienced this plan produced very little relief at the first floor bottleneck, which is generally conceded to be the cause of all the confusion.

Legislature Acts

On Wednesday, December 3, at the next regular legislative meeting, George Lundquist, a member, moved that the plan be entirely abolished. He explained as the reason for his action that his section members had overwhelmingly demanded it. This was the report of several other members too. It was then suggested that the plan be left in operation for a week as a trial; at this Lundquist withdrew his previous motion and substituted one to this effect.

This motion was voted on, and at first there was a tie—8-8. President Smith was ready to cast his tie-breaking vote FOR the motion, when a recount was demanded. Leo Flaherty in the second count changed his vote from aye to nay, and thus brought the count to 9-7 AGAINST continuing the traffic system for a trial week.

Mistake Legalized

Thus, the legislature never voted to establish the traffic system, and the committee was acting outside its authority when it did so. However, the legislature recognized, and in effect legalized, the committee's action when it passed the ruling to abolish the trial period.

Blair Sees Halifax Tapped By Frat

Probably the most impressive statement heard by the seventy-odd students who were privileged to witness Lord Halifax speak at Maryland University was, "Education is what remains after we have forgotten all we were taught." The occasion was the tapping on November 28 of honorary, faculty, and undergraduate members of Omicron Delta Kappa, an honorary fraternity.

Mrs. Edwards' third period and Mr. Marsh's second period classes were transported to Ritchie Coliseum in busses to hear the British ambassador's talk. Governor O'Connor, of Maryland, and Dr. Byrd, president of the University, also spoke.

CLUB NEWS . . .

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beasties" in Sligo Creek, dissects the creatures found in Blair's nooks and crannies, and does any other activities which catch their fancy. The club will, in the near future, join a national science league sponsored by the editors of the Science News Letter.

We Blairites ought to hang our heads in shame. The Radio Club sent out a call for old papers and magazines and what response do you 'spose they got? One measley stack of magazines! This drive has been undertaken in order to raise funds for repair work of the Radio Club. Mr. Greenfield, club adviser, stated that Blairites were asked to bring in small amounts of paper or magazines which the club could sell which would otherwise be burned or thrown away. But one stack of magazines will bring hardly enough lucre to buy a piece of wire. Shame on you, Blairites. Come on, let's show the club what we can do.

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Bowling Club Coached By Women's Champion

The bowling club, which meets every Friday, was privileged at its meeting on December 5 to be instructed in this sport by Miss Ida Simmons, who was for three straight years the world's highest bowler. Although Miss Simmons, who was sponsored by Mr. Stocking, manager of the Silver Spring Bowling Alleys, did not actually bowl, she gave the girls pointers on the sport.

The girls have been divided into teams of their own. These are as follows:

| First Team | Second Team |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Joyce Tobin | Joyce Walker |
| Barbara Seviour | Ruth Bancroft |
| Cath. Anderson | Juanita Lee |
| Cath. Anderson | Priscilla Alden |
| Marj. Thompson | Ruth Mangum |
| Grace Hatcher | Lucille Cordell |
| Third Team | Fourth Team |
| Ruth Curtis | Audrey Tobin |
| Betty Turner | Carolyn Milstead |
| Dorothy Cleveland | Martha Thomas |
| Elizabeth Denham | Jasmine Armstrong |
| Nancy Schweinhart | Dorothy Santini |
| Thel. McClanahan | Sylvia Roby |
| Fifth Team | Sixth Team |
| Ruth Killen | Lydia Hunter |
| F. Lundquist | Telma Rundvold |
| Virginia Mower | Rosemary McKnight |
| Ells Rae Mathews | Barbara Smith |

Blair Taken In Hockey

Blair was defeated in its hockey game with Bethesda, November 25, by a score of 3-0. Pat McDamiel and Marilyn Batter, both juniors, led the attack for Blair, but were unable to score for us because of the expert guarding done by our opponent's goalie.

LeFEBRE . . .

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Madame Lefebre also organized and edited the famous newspaper, "La Libre Belgique," which passed throughout the Belgian countryside without its source being discovered by the Germans. This newspaper, published in Madame's wine cellar, was delivered in loaves of bread purchased in Monsieur's Patisserie.

One war ago, a nation's lifeblood passed through my teacher's fingers. Now, once more, her country has been overrun by the Germans. I am quite certain that if Madame Lefebre is still alive she is once more, in her own way, conducting some method, underground or no, in which to aid Belgium in her hour of need.

An original composition by June Traver, a junior, who lived in Brussels, Belgium for three years. This is a true account.—Ed.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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New Point System Girls' Letters Started

The requirements for girls' athletic awards have been changed this year from a point system to participation in team and individual sports. Instead of building up a certain number of points, Blairettes will be required to participate in a determined number of individual and team sports and to follow through with several extra activities.

A first year medal will be given to girls who take two team and two individual sports after school and are enrolled in a physical education class.

The school letter will have been earned by girls after they receive their first year medal. In addition to this they will need credits from two teams and three individual sports after school, must be enrolled in a physical education class, and go on an all day hike.

A school star will go to Blairites who have earned their first year medals and school letters. They must, in addition, participate in one team and four individual sports after school.

HOLIDAY JOBS . . .

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and Dick Merrill are there also.

The Bell Clothing Store is also represented, with Marjorie Tague typing in the office. Lorraine Young has a filing job at the Credit Bureau.

All told there are about ninety students working in other downtown and suburban stores under this program during the Christmas rush.

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Easter Holiday May Be Cut

3-Point Program Will Organize School System On All-Out Basis

During the second semester the whole school program will be reorganized in the interests of National Defense. This primarily concerns the club periods, when all of the new activities are to be carried out.

Protection Activities, Productive Activities, and the reorganization of teaching methods are the headings of this new program, as outlined by Mr. Douglass.

Protection Activity includes all those which deal with air-raids and their possible results. The fire drill committee will be taught how to deal with air-raid drills and possible fires that may result from a bombing. A demolition squad, headed by Mr. Best, will clear away wreckage and other destruction caused by an air-raid.

Miss McCulloch will head a First Aid group which will receive instruction in the care of the wounded.

Mr. Marsh is in charge of general air-raid arrangements, while Mr. Douglass, as air-raid warden of the school, will supervise.

Individual co-operation of the students in an air-raid drill is also stressed in the new program. In a drill speed isn't the only important factor. During these drills everyone will have a specific thing to do, whether being at an assigned place or merely following directions.

The second point, Productive Activities, includes all war and conservation work. The war work will include knitting, bandage making, and splint making.

The third point is the reorganization of teaching methods. Stressing patriotism will primarily take part in the history classes. Teaching math and other important subjects helpful to men entering the service will also be stressed in this new program.

In general, the whole school will be under an extensive program that will provide knowledge in overcoming any situation or emergency which might arise. The program got underway last Thursday and will probably continue "for the duration."

11-6 Leads Dec. Attendance Race

The section topping the rest of the school in attendance for the month of December was Miss Canada's, 11-6, with a percentage of 97.3. 12-7, Miss Stickley's, came in second with a percentage of 96.11.

There were only 964.5 days of absence for the entire school during December, a great improvement over 1098.5, November's total.

The senior class as a whole had the best attendance of the month with a percentage of 94.07. 10-3, Mr. Greenfield's section, was the highest section in the sophomore class.

Song Contest Open To Student Body

A song written by one of the students in one of the seven county high schools is the entry in a contest sponsored by the Inter-County Council. The winner, whose song will be judged by a group of three county music teachers, will receive a surprise award.

The song must be applicable to any high school in the county and will be sung at athletic meets and inter-county assemblies. It is to be written to a college tune, or some other spirited melody, but the words must be entirely original. Entries should be submitted to Miss Hendershot, Blair music teacher, or Miss Canada, sponsor of the Inter-County Council at Blair, on or before the closing date of the contest, January 23.

This idea was suggested by the Inter-County Council from Blair, headed by Norma Bauserman. Charles Ryan, one of her committee members, has charge of publicizing the contest here.

"Unrulies" Bring On Guest Card Limit

As a result of an incident occurring at the Defense Dance, January 10, a restriction will be placed upon the issuing of guest cards. Students desiring them will be allowed only one or two per dance; formerly some signed out for ten or more. They will be issued only by Barbara Spencer, dance committee chairman, and Mrs. Muma.

The undesirable conduct and appearance of several Blair boys and outsiders at this last dance brought this ruling about. Not only will fewer guest cards be issued, but the student bringing a guest will be responsible for his behavior and records will be kept of the outsiders who attend Blair dances.

No more open dances will be held this year until the level of the type of outsiders attending is considerably raised.

Only a very small sum was made at this dance because so many outsiders, with the aid of Blair boys, broke in a door into the boys' locker room and succeeded in getting in without paying.

Victory Book Campaign

We know those Sons of Heaven well
Bring books to send them all
to . . . Siberia.

Columbia Honors '41 Yearbook; '42 Edition Smaller For Defense

Magazine Type Cover Will Be Featured In New 25 Page Annual

The 1942 Silverlogue will be shortened from an all-school annual to a senior class book, according to action taken at a recent Senior Class meeting. It was decided that the book will contain senior pictures and activities and junior and sophomore pictures.

As much information and as many pictures as possible will be put in this condensed edition with stress laid primarily on the seniors and important school activities. Under the senior pictures will be a list of the activities in which the student has participated while attending Blair. The activities to which some room will be given will probably be basketball and the dances.

Individual junior portraits will be used if there is the space. It is definite that the sophomores will be represented in section photographs.

The book will have a heavy paper cover, magazine style, and will probably be given a different title. It will See SILVERLOGUE, Page 2

Inferior Lithography Lowers Score Of Otherwise Perfect Book

The reason for the beaming faces of the Silverlogue staff is a very good one. Last year they were awarded a silver medal by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, the third award they have received from this group in the last three years.

The layout of last year's Silverlogue was said to be one of the most original that the committee had ever seen. It was divided into five parts, B, L, A, I, R, with classes, clubs, organizations, and subjects arranged therein. Johnnie Q. Blair, who was the little cartoon used to illustrate many of the activities, drew praises as well as chuckles from the Association.

The only thing that kept the Silverlogue from getting a gold medal instead of the silver one they were awarded, was the actual lithographing. The pictures were rated excellent, but the fine detail in them was lost in their reproduction. This, however will be corrected this year as Miss Williams and her staff will em-

Six Day Week Is A Possibility

Montgomery County high school students might be going to school Saturdays and during the aster holidays, according to a new program brought up in the last inter-county high school meeting, Friday, January 9. This will let the students out on or about May 15 instead of the usual June 20.

The most probable effect of the plan this year will be for Easter week vacation to be cut out and graduation held a few weeks early.

Since plans for shortening the school year are being discussed by federal and state committees, it will be some time before definite arrangements can be made. The program might pertain only to seniors, school hours might be changed from eight to four, or Saturday classes might be organized from eight to one.

Releasing Montgomery County high school students for farm and industrial jobs vacated by men now in the service was the original purpose of having graduation a month early.

Giving academic students a chance for a brief vacation before entering college is the second main reason for such a program. Since many colleges are putting their schools on a three-year basis with students going to school during the summer and receiving a short vacation later in the year, earlier graduation from high school is advisable.

The program will most likely be introduced to the students by degrees, with one or two steps taken each year.

Blair Band Plans Wide Local Tours

The twenty-eight members of the Blair Band have several important functions in which they will participate this year, under the direction of Raymond Hart. These include the annual Easter celebration at the White House on Easter Monday, the Cherry Blossom Festival at Kenwood, and the schoolboy patrol parade.

They played at the first basketball game and will probably perform at several others. Their first appearance was made at the Armistice Day celebration at the Silver Spring Armory.

There are two drums, three flutes, nine clarinets, eight coronets, two saxophones, a piano, and an alto horn enrolled in the band at present, but more are expected to join, according to Ruth Viereck, assistant to Mr. Hart. There are also some students enrolled who play these instruments when they are not sitting in the corner covered with dust.

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Why Not Use New Cheers?

"Fight team, fight!" and "B-L-A-I-R" are fine cheers. So much so that practically every other school with any cheerleaders at all uses them. Why can't we be different from other schools? If any others than these were heard more than once at the same game, the entire audience of spectators would probably gasp with astonishment, but when they recovered, they would cheer like mad.

At the beginning of the season we were given a set of cheers to learn. They were brand new, full of tricky lines and accompanied by smooth motions, but what gives? We still croak, "Fight team, fight!"

We have been given an explanation for this, though. The cheerleaders say they haven't learned the new motions well enough to lead the cheers. After all, that's a popular set of girls. What can you expect? They're so busy with other things that they just haven't had the time. So Blairites go through the halls and around the campus singing the new conga cheer, with about one opportunity every other game to give it.

Some of the seldom-used last-year's cheers might be brought out into the light, too. What happened to "Rub-a-dub-dub" and "Horn and Hoof?" Most of us know them and all of us like them.

Come on, girls, we learned those cheers, now how about using them once in a while?

To Empty School Would Be Safer

It is pretty obvious that the protection of the nation's younger generation is of prime importance in this war. Granted that there is slight chance of this area being bombed during the day, still we should always prepare for the worst.

In the event of a day raid, the high school building might be mistaken for a public utilities building or hospital. In which case it would be an excellent target. A direct hit would not go all the way through the building IF the bomb were not a heavy one. A heavier bomb might penetrate several floors.

Disregarding these facts it is still evident that the safest place for

Miss Hay Married; Miss Brechbill and Miss Hendershot Flashing Costly Rocks

Dan Cupid was cooperating with Santa this year, it seems, as two of Blair's beautiful pedagogues became engaged, and a third actually set sail on the sea of matrimony.

Miss Mary Hay was married in Chevy Chase on December 27 to Mr. Frank Southard, professor of economics at Cornell. Both have traveled widely, and they met in South America over a year ago.

Other Schools Plan Defense Programs

Defense stamps are being sold in many schools. Knitting clubs and defense discussions are everyday activities.

The usual night activities such as dances, games, and plays, of the District high schools will be held during the day instead of at night. Two District schools, Western and Roosevelt, have already had air-raid drills. Western's alumni dance was cancelled due to the emergency. Anacostia students are bringing papers to the school where they are collected for the government.

Eastern is offering a course in aeronautics to its boys and the home economics girls have first aid and home nursing in place of its regular club activities. The wages of Eastern's N.Y.A. workers have been cut in half.

Rib-Tickling Plays To Be Presented By Dramatic Club

Two plays dealing with high school pupils and one with young marrieds will be presented by Miss Bratt's dramatic club to Blair audiences about the middle of February for the benefit of the Red Cross, Civilian Defense, and the School Library Fund.

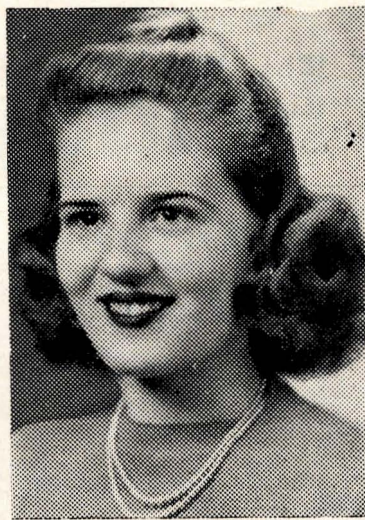
In "When the Wife's Away," Cleopatra, played by Lucille Cordell, plays havoc with a marriage and an engagement. During the wife's absence hubby, Ernest Harmon, and his college chum, Bill McDaniel, do a little sowing of wild oats. Wifey, Pat Maas, and the girl friend, Connie Young, don't exactly appreciate the situation when they arrive unexpectedly on the scene. Things are straightened out by Ken Craglow, who takes the part of a doctor.

"Be Home By Midnight!" depicts the trials of two high school students, Jan Bien, and Bob Lyon, in educating their parents, Marjorie Tague and Dwight Smith, to the fact that they are quite grown up. Harry Thompson is little brother who is set up as the ideal child, but who sadly disappoints his parents and unwittingly aids his brother and sister.

By impersonating his mother for the benefit of the high school nurse, a high school boy, Charles Ryan, gets himself and his pal, Donald Claggett, from a bad situation to a worse one. Jeanette Weston and Betty Jane Moore are also in the cast.

seven hundred-odd students is not in the school building if, for no other reason, than that other county schools are clearing their buildings entirely.

Leland Junior High School is clearing its building, scattering the children throughout 100 homes within five or ten minutes of the school. This system has been efficiently worked out with a child in each home as host.



Courtesy Washington Post
MISS HENDERSHOT

As for the future, Mrs. Southard intends to continue teaching here, but refuses to answer any questions concerning honeymoon plans.

Miss Edith Brechbill is next on the vital statistics roll. Her Big Day will be January 30, when at eight p. m. she will be married to Mr. Chester Wood Hitz at College Park. January 30, at eight p. m. will also see most Blairites just as nervous as the bride, and only a few blocks away at Ritchie Coliseum, tensely watching the Bethesda game.

Miss Grace Hendershot returned on January 5 with a gleam in her eye, but a larger one on her finger. Her fiancé is Lieut. Richard W. May of Cleveland, now serving at Fort Adams. They have set no date yet for the wedding.

Mural On School Shows Mr. Knight

Mr. Knight's portrait graces one of the two murals illustrating familiar scenes around Blair that has been done by members of the art department. One, on its way to completion, is in the form of a "B" and is being drawn by Dorothy Randlett. The other has been completed and is hanging at the head of the steps leading to the art room. This one is a Blairette at the blackboard.

Small figures, representing the feminine life of a Blairite, form the subject of a mural by Margaret Briggs and Harriett Atherton. Eddie Emshwiller has just completed a large pastel drawing which illustrates the short story, "A Most Dangerous Game."

Silverlogue

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consist of twenty-five pages.

A year book, similar to the one we have always had could not be guaranteed to us by the printer because of the war situation. Another difficulty would be the book's financing, as advertising is harder to get than formerly because of lack of products and higher taxes.

Students wishing to subscribe to the regular year book would have to pay a minimum of \$4, and possibly more, and be willing that the Silverlogue staff sign a release to the printer.

Blair's Waltonians Receive Speakers

"We pledge ourselves to restore to posterity the outdoor America of our ancestors." This is the slogan adopted by a group of fifty-four inspired conservationists in 1922, when the first Izaak Walton League was organized. The League was so named in honor of Father Izaak Walton because of his philosophy of outdoor living.

From this tiny group there has grown a national unified body of conservationists, sportsmen, and nature lovers, all striving toward a common end, the restoration of America's woods, waters, and wildlife.

The Izaak Walton Club at Blair is doing its best to live up to the slogan of the nation-wide League. This year the members have been actively engaged in clearing the fields around Blair, in ridding the grounds of trash, and filling the food stations with food for the birds.

Many speakers have appeared before the Blair "Waltonians," among whom were Dr. McGee of the Rockville chapter, who gave the members their Junior Izaak Walton pins, and Dr. Mullit, who spoke of his experiences in the Izaak Walton League.

New Books

Inside Latin America

by John Gunther

Mr. Gunther is a newspaper man, and in his line of work as a foreign correspondent has also written *Inside Europe* and *Inside Asia*. In this book he particularly delves into historical background, reasoning that to understand the South American situation, Americans must first know the history involved.

America del Sur is composed of twenty "republics." They are republics because they have constitutional government, but in general these facts hold true for them; all have presidents who, once in office, contrive to stay in office indefinitely by adjusting the constitution; these countries have thought the United States very imperialistic and overbearing, and have been jealous of us, but our present Good Neighbor policy, pursued sometimes at our disadvantage, is now beginning to reap fruit, and the republics are gradually coming to regard us as really Good Neighbors; whether the countries in question care to admit it, they owe most of their commercial wealth to us, and our complete withdrawal would cause collapse in many cases.

Germany has not wasted her good opportunities in South America. Until recently she controlled strategic airlines, supported Nazi schools, owned influential newspapers, and Germans owned much land and controlled industries. This condition has rapidly been changing. The prospect for a Nazi-controlled South America is not nearly so threatening as it was only a year ago.

Inside Latin America commands attention throughout, though it is really no more than a series of statistics and history lessons. Gunther has apparently learned very well from his newspaper days how to write in an interesting manner on boring topics. The book is as captivating as fiction.

Library Collecting Books For Yanks

Anxious Fellas Await Invitation to Vice-Versa

1942 may not be a leap year, still the young ladies (!) of Montgomery Blair will be given a chance to invite a gentleman to a dance without being accused of chasing him. Have you longed for a date with a certain young man who is too shy to ask you out? Have you been going steady and need a chance to repay the boy friend? Then this is your big chance.

The annual Vice-Versa dance will be held in the gym Saturday, January 31, to the music of Max Callaway's Orchestra. The price is only 65 cents plus a ten percent federal tax and it is informal. No boys will be admitted stag, so don't let any be left out.

Corsages are definitely in order and should preferably be made of candy or vegetables so that you and the date can munch on them during the evening. Then you won't have to buy so much for him at the Hot Shoppe after the dance.

Another little item is that of transportation. Either you take the family car, or pay for the gasoline he uses. No kidding! You must also open doors for him and help him into his coat.

Club News

Apparently still righteously heeding New Year's resolutions, many Blair clubs (except those still suffering from the proverbial "New Year's hangover") have set to work with a bang.

For instance, let's spy on the Science Club. Members have split into groups of two or three persons and are giving demonstrations, usually resulting in a quantity of odoriferous gas, which those outside the club can't quite appreciate. Another favorite concerns making something out of nothing or, to be more specific, chemical magic.

The Bachelor Club members must have been collecting recipes over the holidays. That's one for Betty Crocker, fellas! If any of you readers of the gentler sex are acting as mother's helpers in the future, when Mother asks for an egg, just do as the Bachelors do: i.e. Yell, "Think fast" and hurl it through space. Just think of all the steps you'll save!

The Radio Club has probably felt the war more than have the other Blair clubs so far. All amateur radio stations have gone "out of business." Radio Club members have been forced to take up individual projects "for the duration."

The Singing Club, directed by Mr. Marsh, is planning a minstrel show, chock full of songs, jokes, and even the proverbial black-(ened) face endmen. All members are taking part in the program, either actively singing or dancing, or working on costumes, scenery, lighting, or script writing.

VICE-VERSA

Saturday, January 31

9 'til 12

Informal

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Courtesy Washington Post
Royalty's night was December 27 at Blair, when Barbara Spencer was crowned Queen for 1942 in an impressive ceremony at the Christmas Formal. At ten o'clock the hall was quiet as each person strained to hear Queen "Pete" Smith announce her successor to the throne.

Queen Barbara and her famous court are pictured above looking on while the orchestra played a number in honor of the Royal Assembly.

QUIZ, KIDS

I. Askem, your inquiring reporter, had national defense on his mind as he quizzed Blair students this issue. Comes the blackout, comes the question: "What were you doing during the test blackouts?"

Kenny Bargman is not affected by air raids at all. He just stays in the same place as usual, under the table.

Bill Taylor and Bruce Ross were both consuming vittles. Botts was at home eating and Bruce was at Duke's making headway on a plate of fried chicken. Dick Johnson was at Dudley's, but that's all the information we could get from him.

Helen Gibson's bath and Miss Stickley's dinner were interrupted by the sirens. Thelma Herriman said she was busy and Jimmy McCeney was just about as informative. His

Turn in the answer to this before January 20, 20422 and SILVER CHIPS staff will present you with a handsome gift, a pearl studded corkscrew.

- odel airplane fiend
- ll 'round guy
- ollects stamps
- nows all, tells nothing
- as blond, wavy hair
- ne of Reside's
- uns Senior Class
- cetotaler
- wns Ford coupe
- uts about golf

At the Christmas formal some girls wore saddle shoes, but most of them came with heels. answer was, quote, Woo, Woo! unquote.

Jim Olsen was having himself a time in Baltimore, while Ray Briggs was visiting Lucille Robins. Betty Yingling conveniently didn't remember. All we could get out of Carita Moss was that she wasn't alone!

Queer Boos Coach

"Come on Mole," "Shoot it Monk," are only two of the many unusual phrases coming from the gym during boys' basketball practices. In fact, almost every boy on the team is called by a nickname. Dick "Mole" Beatty, Jim "Sparrow" Davis, Kenny "Monk" Bargmann, Jack "Boo" Clarke, Gene "Cornhusker" Boyd, John "Firehouse" O'Connor, Bill "Coach" McDaniel, David "Vicki" Wells, Bob "Queer" Weir, Bruce "Machine-Gun" Ross, and Tony "Cascola" LaScola. Stu Hackstaff does not have a pseudonym.

Probably the most unusual nickname is owned by Dick Beatty. A few weeks after The Mole was in-

troduced in the Dick Tracy comic strip, Dick got his hair cut in a whiffle. Some of the boys professed to see a resemblance between the two, so Beatty has since been "The Mole." Poor Dick doesn't particularly appreciate his new name.

"Cornhusker" Boyd got his nickname because he hails from Nebraska. "Firehouse" was attached to Johnny O'Connor since he spends a lot of time at the Takoma Firehouse playing basketball. "Machine-gun" Ross was the high-scorer in two games, hence the name.

For the elite, we have "Vicki" Wells, named after that well-known public figure.

All Kinds Are Needed To 'Keep 'Em Happy'

The students of Montgomery Blair are taking part in the nationwide "Victory Book Campaign," inaugurated January 12 and running (at Blair) until Friday, January 23. The American Library Association, the Red Cross, and the United Service Organizations are among those nation-wide organizations by which it is sponsored.

Its primary purpose is to collect reading matter of all types for men in the service. Good books of every kind are needed and donations of money will be gratefully accepted.

Not only are "Keep 'em Flying" and "Keep 'em Afloat" important slogans in these times of home defense. "Keep 'em Happy" is just as necessary if the men in the service are going to do their job "up brown." So, keep 'em happy by donating as many books and as much money as possible.

Yellow Jap Dogs Destroyed Here

It was raining cats and dogs outside of Miss Kendall's home room last week, as a few porcelain animals which were labelled, "Made in Japan," joined their most illustrious ancestors. They were hastened upon their journey by some sophomores in a moment of frenzied patriotism.

The animals were part of a collection owned by Betty Cannon and had been loaned to Home Room 10-10 to place along the window-ledges.

In our saner moments such actions would only indicate an ineffective and foolish way of striking at our enemy.

SILVER CHIPS formally apologizes to Miss Mary Mattix for being slighted. She rendered invaluable aid on a story, even though she isn't on the SILVER CHIPS staff.

FOR DEFENSE



**BUY
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Defense stamps and bonds are now within the reach, both literally and figuratively, of every Montgomery Blair student. The school bank sells them in all the available denominations from ten cents through \$5.

Up to press time the bank has sold \$148.80 worth of savings stamps and four \$25 bonds!

President of the bank, Russell Chapman, gives this message to the student body, "I urge all of the students of Montgomery Blair High School to aid our country by buying stamps and bonds because the country needs all the help and support you can possibly give it!"

KNIGHT SPONSORS INDOOR TRACK

Mr. Knight, student adviser, has consented to regulate the indoor track team of 1942. Mr. Knight coached the track team at Takoma Silver Spring when it was the Silver Spring high school, so he is not void of experience in that field.

Dick Neumann, recently appointed captain of the indoor track team, expects a good season with the material at hand. Members of the squad who show promise in practice (practice in the Blair halls) are Weir, Jack Davis, Dodd, Baines, Palmer, Johnson, Little, Hopkins, Mitchell, and Briggs.

A few of the boys, Dodd, Neumann, Davis, and Congdon (manager), went over to the University of Maryland to receive some training advice and exercise schedules from Tommy Fields, crack distance runners Conference mile, two mile, and cross country champ, will come here to practice with the boys whenever he can.

The boys hope to engage in a few meets soon. The Washington Athletic Association and Catholic University track meets in February may be attended by the team. The 5th Regiment (University of Maryland) Track Meet, usually held in Baltimore about the first of March, will be called off because of the war. Plans for a dual meet with Coolidge are tentative.

Stories & Scores Of Recent Bouts

A hard-fighting Blair team lost to Coolidge on the opponents' court, 29-36. The team was hit hard by the loss of Davis and O'Connor who were put out of the game before the third quarter due to personal fouls.

It is interesting to note that Coolidge made four more points in foul shots than it did in field goals, while Blair made three less points in foul shots than it did in field goals.

High scorer was Bargmann with eight points to his credit.

Blair, playing the second game of the season, lost to a machine-like Tech team, 37-14. High scorers for the Blazers were Bob Weir and Ken-ny Bargmann with four points apiece.

| Tech | G | FG | P |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Brown, f | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Ray, f | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Mater, f | 6 | 1 | 13 |
| Brewer, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Sithen, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lundmark, c | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Pizza, g | 6 | 1 | 13 |
| Thompson, g | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Heindaugh, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Krinking, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tulenka, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 15 | 7 | 37 |

SILVER SPORTS CHIPS

Blazers Blast Sherwood, 28-13

Breaking a losing streak of four games, Blair's scrappy Blazers swamped Sherwood by a score of 28 to 13.

Starting off in high gear, Sherwood gained a five-point lead, but within a few minutes, Blair started clicking and at the end of the first quarter they boasted a meager 7-5 lead. This margin was increased in the following period and at the half Blair led 16-8. In the second half Coach Bride made frequent substitutions and the whole squad got into the game at one time or another.

Outstanding for the home team in the offensive department were sophomore Johnny O'Connor with seven points, Bob Weir with six, and Jimmy Davis with five. In the defensive department Bob Weir's performance was probably the best. He held Sherwood's star venter to a grand total of two points while scoring six himself.

| Blair | G | FG | P |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Ross, f | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Davis, f | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Bargman, f | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| LaScola, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Hackstaff, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Weir, c | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Boyd, c | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Wells, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fisher, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| O'Connor, g | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Clark, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McDaniel, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 11 | 6 | 28 |

Blair Blazers Bow To Charlotte Hall, 29-32

Blair's Blazers were whipped by Charlotte Hall last Saturday night to the tune of 29-23 at Charlotte Hall.

At the end of the first quarter Blair was ahead, 7-6, but soon relinquished it to the opponents and at the half the score was 20-13, Charlotte Hall.

O'Connor was the Blazer's high scorer with eight points to his credit. Bargmann followed with six.

| C.H.M.A. | G | FG | P |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Cady, f | 6 | 5 | 17 |
| Coffey, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Doetsche, c | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Rector, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ruh, g | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Sandlin, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S'dheimer, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 12 | 5 | 29 |
| Blair | G | FG | P |
| O'Connor, f | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Ross, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Barkman, f | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| LaScola, f | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Weir, c | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Clark, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McDaniel, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Davis, g | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Totals | 10 | 3 | 23 |

Girl's Basketball Team Formed; Game Friday

The girls' varsity basketball team was chosen this year after many long hours. This was due to the fact that so many girls turned out for the tryouts this season. The team carries eighteen players, the largest ever organized at Blair.

Forwards
Telma Rundvold
Joyce Tobin
Barbara Seviour
Ruth Cleveland
Clara Teffer
Betty Jean Turner
Dorothy Ford
Betty Kemp
Shirley Noonan

Guards
Joyce Brown
Mary Jane Deitrich
Pat McDaniel
Joyce Reside
Priscilla Alden
Ruth Bancroft
Virginia Connor
Jasmine Armstrong
Barbara Smith

| Alumni | G | FG | P |
|----------------|----|----|----|
| McKay, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Bacon, f | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Mason, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cassidy, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Norris, c | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Carter, c | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Donnelly, g | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Kelly, g | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Clark, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sils, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fincham, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fitzpatrick, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilkinson, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 14 | 6 | 34 |
| Varsity | G | FG | P |
| Ross, f | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| O'Connor, f | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Weir, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Davis, f | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Clarke, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beatty, c | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| McDaniel, g | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| LaScola, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Boyd, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wells, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hackstaff, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bargman, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 12 | 4 | 28 |

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BEAT BETHESDA! BLAIR MOTTO

"What we want to do most is beat Bethesda." This seems to be the prevailing sentiment of the Blair basketball teams, Varsity and Jay Vee. They can do it, too!

This ability to beat our traditional rival was shown in the game with Coolidge, January 9. Although we lost the game, a new team co-operation and spirit was shown, a great improvement over the game with Western. Bethesda also lost to Coolidge and by a similar score.

Yet records are not the only things to be considered. This year Coach Vogt of Bethesda has a squad composed of two lettermen and Jay Vee material from last year. Our squad contains one letterman, Jay Vee players, and material entirely new to Blair. So in experience, at least, the teams are even.

One difference between the two is the balance of material. The Barons play seven or eight men a game and all the scoring is done by two or three of the players. Blair, on the other hand, has a well-balanced squad and in every game the scoring is divided throughout the team. O'Connor, Ross, Beatty, Bargmann, Weir, La Scola, Clarke, McDaniel, and Davis all rank high in the scoring department.

Be not glum, Blairites, and don't be surprised to see our spirited Blazers win out over our traditional county rivals!

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Stringent Regulations Passed To Stop Cutting And Fights

ART CLASSES MAKE 150 POSTERS FOR COUNTY DEFENSE

The Blair Art Department is now actively serving the school and community in the present emergency through poster work.

According to Mrs. Sherry, Blair's art director, about one hundred and fifty posters supporting various defense campaigns are being designed and executed by the students. All art classes are working on these posters. A few pupils have made as many as five or six.

The posters cover all of the topics which were discussed in the home rooms in relation to student defense work. Among the various subjects for posters are planting defense gardens, conserving waste paper, daylight in place of electricity, knitting for the Red Cross, support of the Victory Book Campaign, and purchasing Defense stamps and Bonds. These posters, about fifty in number, are to be used here at Blair.

By far the largest single group of posters is being made in connection with the Country-wide Nutrition Campaign. This campaign, under the direction of Mrs. Bowie, the county Health Education Supervisor, will actively begin early in February. The purpose of this campaign, which will be carried on through a series of assemblies, is to educate the school children of Montgomery County on proper nutrition in order to promote better health for the future.

About one hundred posters are being made on this subject, the best of which will be selected for use in the assemblies. According to Mrs. Sherry, Blairites should be very proud to have been selected for this job.

Welfare 'All-Out' In Defense Work

The Welfare Committee is actively participating in Defense Activities this year, instead of in the Annual Mile of Dimes Drive.

Defense Stamps were sold in the halls during the week of January 11 through January 15; sixty-seven dollars was taken in from these sales.

On January 20, a Red Cross dance, sponsored by the Welfare Committee, was given. The fourteen dollars taken in at the door will be spent on Red Cross equipment for the school. These Red Cross dances may become a regular event.

Stop Bethesda "Brawls"

The recent action of the Blairites in connection with the Bethesda-Blair incident has already caused a lot of talk, a lot of excitement and a lot of damage, not only to the school building but to the school reputation.

To say that we acted "childishly" would be a mild reproof. To re-hash the whole Blair-Bethesda "Brawl" (and the word fits the occasion) seems, at just a glance, to be a futile gesture; after all, we have already had our punishment meted out to us and now why shouldn't we just "forget it"? That is just what we must not do! Given the opportunity for another such demonstration, what certainty is there that we Blairites will not react in the same impulsive, senseless manner?

If we can erase from our minds all the petulant excuses: "Well, they did it first"; "We didn't do as much damage"; "Why shouldn't we give them their own medicine"; which after all, are simply child-hood hangovers; then, perhaps, we can look at the incident with a clearer vision.

Here at Blair we have always had a large amount of freedom; the camaraderie attitude between students and teachers, the students' opportunity to participate in school problems, are more apparent here than at many larger schools.

And this freedom, although it should be a great privilege, has often led to our "taking advantage"; we have become unable to take discipline, well-meant though it might be. We have come to look upon ourselves as "free men" with certain "unalienable Rights"; and we have overlooked the fact that free men also have certain inescapable duties and responsibilities. We have run away with ourselves in our efforts to assume an attitude of adult independence; the result is a juvenile, reckless "devil-may-care" pose which can do no one good. All this is not simply surmise. It is illustrated by many happenings at Blair; the most recent being the post incident and the current Bethesda-Blair demonstration.

If we have any regard for the reputation of our school, our class-mates and ourselves, we should at once attempt to find some solution to our problems. It's time that we Blairites surrendered our arrogance for a little responsibility, our "slap-happy" outlook for an adult vision. Surely our school is not quite so perfect that our effervescent enthusiasm would be wasted on it? Why can't we transfer our excess energy to constructive, instead of destructive, works—to sports, to scholastic betterment?

When we can face facts squarely, assume our responsibilities, cast off our impulsive actions, then, and only then, will we have earned the freedom that we are enjoying. Then, and only then, may we say that we have fulfilled a pledge which should be foremost in all our minds—that of loyalty to our school.

Students And Faculty Organize In All-Out Defense Activities

Defense Activities for the student and faculty have been planned and are already being enforced.

The Club period offers the most opportune time for initiating new activities. First Aid courses is the main topic to date; the gym classes are taking instructions in this subject on appointed days. The faculty is being directed by Miss McCulloch in the gym three hours a week. First Aid Clubs will be organized and begun around the first of February.

Many clubs, other than those in First Aid, have been formed. Among these are: the Knitting Club, in which sweaters, afghans, and socks will be knitted; the Red Cross Club, concerned with rolling bandages, etc.; an enlarged Art Club, in which posters for various defense campaigns will be drawn; and the continuance of the Library Club, which had already demonstrated their competence in their sponsorship of the Book Campaign.

SCHOOL OUTLAWS STORE; WILL STOP CUTS, MIS-CONDUCT

No students will be permitted in the future to eat or smoke in Greenwood Market, and any Blairites found there during school hours (8:45-4:00) will be automatically suspended from school.

Any student missing a class for more than three days during a semester without a doctor's certificate of illness will not receive any credit for that subject in that semester, except when the school judges that absence was justifiable.

Any student creating a disturbance at school activities, or at any public places such as the Hot Shoppe where school groups will be excluded from all school dances, games, plays and other activities. If any excluded student tries to attend, he will be suspended from school.

These are the more important rules embodied in three resolutions passed yesterday in a surprise joint session of the Student Council and Legislature called by the principal.

The new regulations will go into effect next week, and the Administration and Student Council are both making it known that they will be enforced rigorously, to the full extent of facilities, and that this is not just "another one for the books." That the age-old debate of eating at the store was disposed of in such a short time, after similar proposals had been defeated repeatedly in the Legislature, reflected the determination of the Student Government to rid the school of trouble-makers who are rapidly lowering its reputation.

Mr. Douglass, who asked the group to consider these resolutions, feels that in view of the several recent disturbances, the school can no longer tolerate the actions of the few people who are degrading the hard-earned reputation of Blair. He expressed the opinion that at this time when everyone must work harder and longer in the war effort, these regulations, which seem unuly stringent, are necessary to bring certain people into line.

On February 27 at 8:15 p. m., the Sing Club will present a Minstrel Show, appropriately named the Dark-Town Jamboree. The cast will be composed of tall, dark, and handsome, short, fat and dilapidated fellows, not to mention many beautiful, gorgeous damsels to be found only at Blair.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

It seems a little sad that the edi-tors of SILVER CHIPS have such diffi-culty in finding something to write about that they have to write about a subject they seem to know little about. Of all the editorials I have ever read, the writer seemed to have a complete knowledge of his subject. This was evidently not the case in the article referred to.

In this article it was alleged that our new Conga Cheer has not been used. Everyone who has regularly attended the games, and I mean everyone, will agree that we have used this cheer at every opportunity and at ever ygame.

Furthermore, anyone can see the futility of using a victory cheer, and these compose most of our cheers, when our team is behind. For instance, it would be silly to yell,

**"Sit down, sit down,
You're rocking our boat
Montgomery, Blair, High School's
got your goat!"**
when our team is trailing by ten or more points.

The Cheerleaders of Montgomery Blair have given up many of their evenings, afternoons, and club pe-riods to practice the cheers and they think the accusations made by the editors are very unfair. They feel, and I believe that the feeling is shared by many students, that they are doing their best to promote school spirit.

—A Cheerleader

Dear Girls,

We beg to differ with you on several points. First, the Conga cheer was not used at two games at the beginning of the season, when all the students were most enthusiastic about it. Now, since they did not have the chance to give it then, some have forgotten the words and others have lost interest in it. It's a fine cheer, the motions are clever, and we who have learned the words are glad that it is being used more frequently.

Second, I realize that it would be foolish to use a victory cheer when Blair is behind, but we have several good cheers which could be used any time, but which we are seldom given a chance to give. One of these, as was pointed out, is "Horn and Hoof." There are several others.

The cheerleaders this year have certainly helped stir up enthusiasm and are certainly an invaluable part of every basket-ball game. We would, however, like a little deviation from the same old cheers.

Ed.

Rally In Last Quarter Helps, But Not Enough

The Blazers, in a spirited 4th quarter rally boosted their score to within two points of Landon's score, but time prevented them from gain-ing the three points necessary to win, and Landon won 31-29.

Landon spurted early in the first quarter to grab an edge which it kept to the end. Blair was foiled by the Tech-like mechanism which the winners had, but urged on by high scorer Weir, the Blazers managed to break up Landon play under the bas-ket and to begin a counterattack. Fighting furiously at the end, Blair asked for an outside play instead of a foul shot but was hardly under way when the game ended.

| Landon | G | FG | P |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Cady, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Devereux, f | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Brawner, c | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| Kriner, g | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Sager, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Amussen, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 13 | 5 | 31 |
| Blair | G | FG | P |
| Bargman, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Hackstaff, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Beatty, f | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Ross, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Weir, c | 5 | 3 | 13 |
| LaScola, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| O'Connor, g | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| McDaniels, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 13 | 3 | 29 |

ALUMNAE GAME

One of the most interesting games of the season took place Thursday night when the girls' basketball team defeated a picked alumnae team, 16-10. Action was fast and furious, although several of the alumnae soon became a little winded.

Since some of the alumnae had not played basketball for sometime, they did an excellent job of hanging into the ball and their shots were superb.

| Alumnae | G | FG | P |
|--------------|---|----|----|
| Travis, cf | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Rundvold, f | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Ward, f | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Richards, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Widmayer, cf | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lundquist, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Turner, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Derrick, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Blair | G | FG | P |
| Teffer, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Noonan, f | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Tobin, f | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Seviour, f | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Turner, cf | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rundvold, f | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Reside, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cornor | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brown, cg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alden, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 8 | 8 | 16 |

Boo Clark, Dick Beatty, and Bill McDaniel have vowed not to slip their curly locks until Blair beats Bethesda. Call the barber, boys, you won't have long to wait.

How They Stand

Here's the way our boys stand in the scoring department. Bob Weir leads in total points with 40 for nine games while Johnny O'Connor has the best average of 4.87 points per game to Weir's 4.44.

| | GP | FG | FS | TP |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|
| Weir | 9 | 16 | 8 | 40 |
| O'Connor | 8 | 16 | 7 | 39 |
| Ross | 9 | 12 | 6 | 30 |
| Bargman | 9 | 10 | 4 | 24 |
| LaScola | 9 | 8 | 5 | 21 |
| Davis | 9 | 6 | 6 | 18 |
| McDaniel | 9 | 5 | 4 | 14 |
| Beatty | 5 | 6 | 1 | 13 |
| Clarke | 9 | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Boyd | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Wells | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hackstaff | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GP—games played | | | | |
| FG—field goals | | | | |
| FS—foul shot | | | | |
| TP—total points | | | | |

Blair Loses To Landon, Beats Md. Deaf School

In the last two games before the Bethesda game our cagers broke even, first they lost to Landon to the tune of 27-18 then three days later they bounced back to take the measure of the Maryland State School for the Deaf by a 19-13 count.

In the first game with Landon Boo Clarke played his best game of the year. In addition to dragging down top scoring honors with seven points he played a terrific floor game.

The Blazers winning effort at Frederick was paced by Bob Weir's eight points. Others outstanding in a very slow game were Dick Beatty and Tony LaScola.

BETHESDA GAME

The girls' winning streak was brought to an abrupt halt Friday when they played a fast moving Bthtesda team and lost by the score of 34-22. However, our girls were not put to shame and showed that Blair spirit by rallying in the sec-ond half and scoring 13 points while Bethesda was only scoring 6 points. Dot Ford was high scorer for Blair with 12 points, and Telma Rundvold was second with 7 points.

| Bethesda | G | FG | P |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| Milne, cf | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Stadler, f | 11 | 1 | 17 |
| Trigger, f | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Danson, f | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Gatt | | | |
| Small, cg | | | |
| Murphy | | | |
| Boteler, g | | | |
| Williams | | | |
| Eldridge, g | | | |
| Kinde | | | |
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The juke boxes are swinging and the cats are swaying to these latest hits and it might strike you right to add them to your waxed melodies.

Glenn Miller's latest recording is "The President's Birthday Ball" the Modernaires handling the vocal section.

Different styling is shown in "Har-lem Confusion" as recorded by Bob Chester who's latest waxing is "Madeline", an up and coming tune.

Tommy Dorsey, a top rater, has a solid arrangement of "Swinging on Nothing", featuring Frank Sonatra with "On the Alamo" filling in the reverse side.

Listen to Woody Herman's "Blues in the Night" and you've got the reason it's in this column.

If you like it sweet and semi-classified ask for Freddie (Concerts) Martin's latest "Concerto in A Flat Minor."

"Remember Pearl Harbor," motto of World War II and title of Sam-my Kaye's newest disc is the hep way of getting back at the corny Japs.

Big Kay Kyser's "White Cliffs of Dover" if you want it smooth and solid.

"Keep 'Em Flying" as made by the King of the Drums and news that Vaughn Monroe's "June Town Shuffle" is thrilling music-mongers all over the country.

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History Of Student Government From 1934-1942 Now Recorded

The present system of student government at Blair was begun during the school year 1934-36, the year in which the main Blair building was completed. This system was initiated by a relatively small group of students who wished to see the re-establishment of student government in the school.

Prior to that, in 1928, a class studying the "Problems of Democracy" had sponsored a student government. A constitution was drawn up, and an election of officers was approved by Mr. E. M. Douglass and continued to function, after a fashion, until the class was disbanded; many of the members having graduated, the student government was dissolved. Milton Christy, Ed Fitzgerald, and Charles Butler were among the leaders of this first inadequate and short-lived attempt at student government at Montgomery Blair High School.

The group which organized in December of 1934 was called the Student Government Club; its primary objective was the development of a good student government at the school. At first the club was made up of volunteer members. Staten Alden was elected president, but on his resignation, not much later, the vice-president, Ray Wilkinson, ascended to the office. A short time later a motion was made that the club should be converted into an honor society. This motion was passed, but never came into effect. The club acted on the same principles as does a court, with the jurisdiction to penalize students for violations of school laws; Henry McCeney was elected prosecuting attorney. A suggestion was made that a small group of teachers should form a supreme court, having the power to pass or veto any laws; however, this suggestion has never been carried out.

When the present Blair building was completed in March of 1935, the title, "The Student Government Club", was replaced by "The School Assembly." The officers of the club retained their positions, and Directors of Assemblies, Activities and Welfare were appointed. These officers, with the chief justice, formed the Executive Council, corresponding to the present "cabinet". This group, which assumed the title of Executive Council of the School Assembly, took charge of parking problems, assemblies, the student aid system, court problems, and so forth.

Since 1935 there has always been a student government at Blair. It has changed, and is constantly doing so, in the hope that every change is

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Mr. Greenfield's section, 10-3, led Blair in the January attendance record with 96.88% attendance. Section 11-7, Miss Wood's was second with 95.32%; and the seniors were represented by Mrs. Southard's section, 12-3, having 94.66%.

Art Dept. Working Without Director

A new type of classroom democracy is being tried at Blair, one never before attempted in the county schools; that is, the honor system. The Blair Art Department is functioning without a teacher.

This unusual happening was brought about when Mrs. Faye Sherry, former Blair Art director, left for Richmond with her husband who was transferred with other Patent Office workers.

On the day of her departure, Mrs. Sherry and Miss Billows, county art supervisor, met with the art students and formulated a plan whereby the art classes could continue without an instructor.

According to the present plan on trial, Miss Billows will meet with the classes at definite times for a "planning period." A student government consisting of a three-member council from each class, and members to care for materials and so forth, make up the present legislative system; the council settles all disciplinary problems. At some time in the near future Miss Billows will again meet with the students to check their program before new plans can be drawn

There is a possibility that an art teacher may be found before the end of the year, but until then, the art students may be considered as human guinea pigs in a new and definitely interesting experiment in democracy.

Honor Roll:

10th Grade:

Doris Abell, Margaret Aitcheson, Jasmine Armstrong, Lois Averill, Joanne Bromball, Meryl Brown, Patty Brown, Joan Cobb, Evelyn Cooley, Leon Dembrow, Don Clagett, Elizabeth Denham, William Freas, Louise Freidman.

Margaret Jacobsen, George Korsch, Ruth Killen, Ed Kulda, Betty Lank, Alice Kurk, Gordon Kindness, Ferris Linthicum, John Nason, Barbara Paine, Jimmie Phillips, Elsie Lou Oliver, Helen Horak, Phillis Hodges, Louise Hardesty.

Rita Wood, Margaret Wagg, Eleanor Wickes, Doris Vickers, Marynelle Weston, Neil Waldrop, Dorothy Santini, Marilyn Smith, Leslie Shores, Carolyn Milstead, Dean Myerson, Thelma McClanahan.

11th Grade:

Charles Phelan, Imogene Pletcher, Catherine Mendum, Russell Minick, Lelia Miller, Marietta Olso.

Barbara Stewart, Doris Ann Thorson, Barbara Townsend, June Traver, Page Waite, Joyce Walker, Marjorie Williams, Virginia Wright, Eddie Stock, David Wells, Eben Whitcomb, Ernest Wiley, Tom Brown, Douglas Brace, Robert Bayles, Anna

Minstrels Present Jr. Class Repeats Talent Program

February 27 saw the curtain rise on a rollicking, fun-packed, old-style minstrel show entitled "The Dark-Town Jamboree" presented by the Singing Club. The program was given at 8:00 P. M. in the Blair gym.

Interlocutor for the show was James Olsen, esq. There were singing, dancing, numerous dialogue and several specialty numbers.

The "Ebony Endmen" were as follows: "Hambone" Day; "Tony" Corcoros; "Wedgehead" Callis; "Meatball" Galbraith; "Sandy" Thompson; and "Alabama" Gawler. The chorus of fifty comprised the entire Singing Club.

The general chairman of the Minstrel Show was Eleanor McCeney. The director was Mr. Marsh.

Hopkins Now Jr. President

Eddie Emshwiller's recent departure to Richmond, his father's present place of business, caused a great deal of mourning from the Blairites, and reasonably so.

However, Eddie's former office as president of the junior class will be filled by former vice-president Joe Hopkins. We all wish to offer Joe our congratulations on his new office, and we wish him the best of luck as "President Hopkins."

Two of Blair Faculty Attend Nat'l Meet

Recently, five educators of Montgomery County, among whom were Miss Elizabeth Stickley and Mr. Douglass, were present at a National Conference of the Progressive Education Association. The conference was held at Atlantic City, on February 12, 13, and 14.

The subject before the conference was "Education in Time of War." The immediate problem was the reshaping of schooling as we have known it to a broad concept of education that meets our national emergency.

Miss Stickley, Blair librarian, spoke on our school program; on project exhibits; on our library system; and on the present work program directed by Mr. Mullinix, in which so many students are participating.

Mr. Douglass attended a section meeting, the topic under discussion being "The Challenge of Youth Services in Wartime as an Advance in Modern Education."

Dustin, Ethel Homan, Joe Hopkins, Mary Green, Roslyn Lassen, Rachel McReynolds, Martha Jane Kibler, Janice Jones, David Larsen, Juanita Lee, Dolores Kane, Maude Keating, Pat McDaniel, Eloise Inglehart, Vir-Kronenbitter.

Twelfth Grade:

Rhoda Fine, Ernest Harmon, Grace Hatcher.

On February 11 a program was given for the junior class which proved to be of such interest that it was again presented for the benefit of the whole school on February 18.

The bill of entertainment revealed a lot of new talent at Blair as well as the already "established" favorites. Eddie Emshwiller presided over the first program, Dick Johnson over the second.

Messil B. De-Smille was the director; Sis Anderson was his secretary, who chewed gum competently; Virginia Connor played the merry manicurist. All "applicants" for jobs were ushered in by Johnny Poole.

The first person to appear was Burton James, baritone, who sang "The Road to Mandalay," and did it so well that the audience demanded an encore, "Without a Song."

Burton was followed by Imogene Fletcher, interpretive dancer, and Alice Cramer, violinist, who played Tchaikowsky's Concerto.

Next the audience was hypnotized by the "fellow who plays the skins." Harold Day not only plays them, he brings them to life! Needless to say, the audience didn't want to part with Harold.

A dance by Jean Fidler and a song, "Melancholy Baby" sung by Dorothy Perkins, were followed by a dance team, Dick Beebe and Ruth Killen, who presented a conga in a definitely professional style; the accompaniment was supplied by Harold Day on the drums.

Jan Bien sang "Ragtime-Cowboy Joe," accompanying herself on the guitar; she also gave a harmonica selection.

The grand finale of the program was a chorus of six Blair lovelies, introduced by Bill Tunis; Bill McDaniel, Bob Weir, Bob Ware, Bob

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Library Club Members Pack Books For Yanks

Members of the Library Club are active, as always, in defense duties. After having sponsored the successful Book Campaign, they followed the job right up; several members of the club offered their services at the Silver Spring Library where the books were classified, packed, and labeled to be sent to the training camps.

The students assisting in this work were Priscilla Alden, Jane Frye, Marietta Olson, Catherine Mendum, Marian Kellams, Bob Ware, Randy Edwards, Leo Flaherty, Bill McDaniel, Ray Freas, Dick Beebe, and Morton Muma.

The Mile of Dimes Drive was brought to a successful close in Montgomery County on February 3; \$438 was collected in the county, one hundred dollars more than was brought in last year.

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AN EDITORIAL

The effect of the war on our present and our future mode of living is a subject that elicits universal interest. It is for us, each and every one of us, to say just what effect the war will have on us as individuals and as a citizenry; whether the war will leave us with a freedom which we are unable to use responsibly, or whether we shall rise from the shambles of war, a far more intelligent, far-thinking people than of former times, is, to put it bluntly, "up to us".

We, as high school students, as the prospective leaders of our country, should take our part in this war seriously. In war, as in peace, thinking, reasoning, listening, and speaking intelligently are all-important; we are not capable as yet, of participating in active service, but we are capable of insuring an able citizenry for our democracy in the future peace times.

We must remember that war is, after all, a temporary state; we must do all in our power to hasten the determination of that state, to bring it to a victorious close. But we must also do all in our power to prepare for the ensuing peace which will not, God willing, be a temporary state.

Our preparation consists of "sticking to our posts" here at school, of using the opportunities at hand with which we can mold an alert, ready and clear thinking people. Then we will know that the Freedom fought for so desperately will be in good hands, hands that will use it as a stepping stone for a greater, a better Democracy than has before been realized.

Mary A. Mitchell's Song First in Blair Contest

The winner of the song contest sponsored by the Inter-School Relations Committee was Mary Ann Mitchell, well-known Blair pianist and composer. Mary Ann's song, "To Montgomery County," was judged by a committee of twelve as being the most original, the easiest to sing and the most spirited of a number of songs entered in the contest.

Honorable mention was given to songs written by Marynelle Weston and Anna Ward.

"To Montgomery County" will be sent to Rockville as the representative song from Montgomery Blair High School, and will there be entered in a contest for a song that will be sung at assemblies of all the high schools of the county. A prize will be awarded the composer of the winning tune. The date for the finals has not as yet been announced.

SILVER CHIPS takes this opportunity to extend best wishes to Mrs. Richard W. May, the former Miss Grace Hendershot, whose marriage to Lieut May took place on February 28 at Walter Reed Chapel.

"Our Flag"

by Ruth Pruitt

"A thoughtful mind," Henry Ward Beecher said, "when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the nation itself." At first glance our flag might seem just three colors of bunting in an attractive design. However, on second thought the design itself brings to mind the history of its making and a realization of its significance. A study of this significance necessarily arouses in us a deep reverential spirit for our nation's emblem.

It is fitting that with the beginning of the struggle for national independence the thirteen Colonies should have considered an emblem which would symbolize their freedom. Consequently, a committee appointed for the purpose, recommended a flag of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white with a union composed of the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew still English emblems. In January 2, 1776 this flag was first flown over Washington Headquarters before Boston.

As the colonists began to win unexpected victories and the Declaration of Independence was signed, the people were led to believe that the flag with the British emblems had outlived its symbolism. Washington designed the first flag with the five pointed stars on a blue field, acting on the suggestion of Betsy Ross, according to tradition at least.

On June 14, 1777 Congress passed the resolution as to what our official flag should be. There were to be thirteen stripes alternately red and white and the union was to have thirteen white stars on a blue field.

An interesting account of the making of the first flag tells of an attack on Fort Stanwix made by the British, in 1777. Two hundred men of the Massachusetts Regiment sent forward to reinforce the garrison brought word of the "flag resolution" and immediately a flag was made from the soldiers' white shirts, the red petticoat of a soldier's wife, and the blue coat of Captain Abraham Startwout. This is the first occasion when the "Stars and Stripes" were fired upon.

At first the plan was to add a stripe and a star for each new state. When several states had been added, and the future had others in store, it became evident that the plan would ruin the artistic effect of the flag. Therefore, in 1818 Congress decided that the stripes should be reduced permanently to thirteen and the stars should be the number of states in the union.

Of all the flags since the beginning of the world there is none so full of meaning as the flag of this country.

The stripes mean burdens to be borne by the living—the red is the red life—blood of brave men and women, ready to die or to worthily live for their country, while the white lines speak of purity to be manifested in our words and our acts. The white stars bid us rise to nobler heights of service and vision, and to hold aloft, undimmed, to the rest of the world, our ideals of truth and righteousness. The blue represents justice like the blue of the star-filled heavens.

In spite of this ideal significance we attach to the flag, it is exactly what we make it, nothing more. It is a symbol of our nation—symbolizing everything that America is—her hopes, her ideals, her aspirations.

No other flag has meant so much to its people as our flag meant to

the early settlers of this country. To them it guaranteed their inalienable rights as set forth in the Declaration of Independence, among which are life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness. Always we have adhered to the principles of democracy—claiming ours to be a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Does any other flag hold so much meaning for the great masses of its people?

Probably we are apt to think that ours is the only flag, or, at least, the greatest flag. True, it seems to us the most beautiful, and to symbolize everything that is good and fine and noble. Yet, in order to maintain respect and good-will for America among other nations, we must realize the significance of those other nations as well—that they have a flag, of which they are just as proud, symbolizing a nation which means as much to them as ours to us.

True reverence and respect must come from the heart and be manifested in our lives as we live them day by day. Let us not make it necessary to be placed in adverse circumstances as did Philip Nolan in Edward Everett Hale's "The Man Without A Country." The young traitor who cursed his country and expressed the desire that he might never see the United States again was granted his wish. The punishment on him may be felt in these words spoken to a boy on the ship, "And for your country, boy, and for that flag never dream but of serving her as she bids you, though the service carry you through a thousand hells. No matter what happens to you, no matter who flatters you or abuses you, never look at any other flag; never let a night pass but you pray God to bless that flag."

It was not hard for Frances Scott Key to show his love for the flag when at dawn he found it still flying over Fort McHenry, after having expected it to be shot to pieces. It was then that he paid his famous tribute to the emblem by the beautiful words of "The Star Spangled Banner."

It is said that there has never been a greater lover of our flag than Captain Stephen Driver who gave it the name "Old Glory."

Others have paid their tribute and shown their love and reverence in various ways. Perhaps we shall never have the occasion to die for our flag, perhaps we can never express our feelings in eloquent words. But there is no finer way of showing our love than by living our lives worthily, thus proving to the world that we uphold the ideals and principles of our glorious insignia.

What wonder that our hearts throb so, and that the deepest, most reverential spirit of love and patriotism is aroused within us as we gaze upon the beauty and grandeur of "The Stars and Stripes." Such reverence necessarily results from a study of its history and of its significance. Always it carries with it American history, American ideas, American feelings—ever symbolizing this supreme idea. Divine Right of Liberty in Man.

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Watson, and Bob Vernier bedecked in gay turkish towels, presented a number which surpassed the Roxyettes in enthusiasm if not in form.

Mary Ann Mitchell accompanied all selections on the program. Miss McCulloch, eleventh grade adviser, directed the program.

Music Makers

Reg Comstock, as a member of the Rhythm Makers Orchestra, has been getting around; the Rhythm Makers played at a recent Blair dance, and also over a local radio station.

Dorothy Germann, Blair vocalist, was in the finals for the recent Smokes for Yanks song contest.

Speaking of orchestras, John Harden used to have his own sixteen-piece one in Illinois. John's hobby now is making and playing the drums.

Mary Ann Mitchell has added another composition to her already good-sized list; "To Montgomery County" is the name of this one, and there is a rumor that the song is now in government hands, being copyrighted.

Pat Robertson, pianist, has joined other Blairette music tutors; she now has two pupils.

Miss Hendershot, at the last dramatic productions, surrendered her place as conductor of the orchestra to a student, while she played the violin.

Time Out of Mind by Rachel Field

When Kate Fernald arrived at "Fortune's Folly", with her mother, the new housekeeper, she met Nat and 'Rissa Fortune, the two people whose lives were to be bound to hers forever.

The three children were exact opposites; 'Rissa, in her passionate love for her younger brother, jealousy fought anyone who tried to come close to Nat; Kate constantly "covered up" for the two Fortune's misdeeds, never demanding any reward but Nat's happiness; and Nat—Nat simply lived on in his idyllic dream world, coming to life only when he was in contact with his only love—Music.

This passion for Music wove the pattern of the three lives told of in "Time Out of Mind." The story is brilliant from start to finish; the finale being perhaps the most dramatic and magnificent section. It is at this time that Nat gains the Freedom he has sought throughout his life. The scene, as it is told in Kate's words is as follows: "'Rissa had failed and I had failed. In spite of our love for him we could not set him free. But earth and air and sea had taken him in their own way. They did not betray his confidence in that hour. They gave him back his music a hundred fold."

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an improvement in the system. Each year seems to present problems of greater complexity than have the preceding years; and each new Council seems to develop wiser and more just solutions to the problems.

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Blairettes Cover
Gala Society Ball

Three Blairite lasses were fortunate enough to interview many of the visiting Hollywood Stars on their arrival in Washington for the President's Birthday Ball. The girls, Margaret Briggs, Harriet Atherton, and Dorothy Flouton, submitted the following "play by play" description of their experience.

Your reporters, after having seen the stars arrive at Union Station, visited just the Willard and later the Carleton Hotels, where we saw Judy Canova, bundled in lush furs, and the P.I.O. leader, John Lewis, hiding behind the well-known eyebrows.

The Shoreham Hotel housed the greater number of the notables and it was there that we met the lovable Edward Arnold. Mr. Arnold made us feel "at home" immediately; he stated that he looked upon Washington as practically his home town, as he worked here in a stock company quite some time ago. He also advised us to "lay off Jim Stewart" as "the government's got its hands on him." Not much later the subject of this bit of advice ambled in. Tall, lanky James Stewart, garbed in uniform bearing lieutenant's stripes, gladly gave us autographs and a typical Stewart smile, before he had to hurry off with two fellow officers.

Vivacious Ruth Hussey, upon being asked her impression of the city said: "I love Washington, and I only wish that I could live here always."

Later in the afternoon A. F. Vanderbilt walked in, followed by autograph hounds. His presence, not as a screen star, but a well known public figure, overwhelmed us.

Later, "Mickey", "Buck", and "Dot" attended the \$10-a-plate dinner at the Willard Hotel, where they glimpsed many more stars.

The first of many stars whom we met was petite, strawberry-blond Bonita Granville, wearing a stunning gown of Aqua, studded with gold sequins; on her shoulder she wore a corsage of red carnellias.

We also met Bonita's mother, Mrs. Granville, and her uncle, Arch Anger. Mrs. Granville was charming; she talked with us for several minutes, requesting that we send her a copy of SILVER CHIPS.

The reception room was a symphony in patriotism; a huge bouquet of red and white carnellias graced the far end of the room, while the Aqua drapes supplied the "blue" of the theme.

Rosalind Russell, escorted by hubby Carl Bresson, was wearing a bewitching black lace gown. On one shoulder she sported a striking diamond clip, with which, incidentally, she pinned the hem of her dress later in the evening. After an enthusiastic dancer had trod upon it. Her coiffeur, a novel one, was arranged a la Victory, in a sleek roll coming to a sharp point low on her neck.

Judy Canova was radiant in white; a white gown and a luxurious white fox evening wrap. She also was wearing diamonds, in the point of a beautiful clip fastened in her hair. Judy stated that she "loved Washington" and that she thought

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In case your name didn't get in this paper elsewhere, you can find your nickname in this column by looking in the first column for the word with your first initial and then looking in the second column for the word with your last initial. Have you found them? Well, that's your nickname.

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"Spring" has cub'
And by sore nose I rub!"
Wida boomig of da flowers, anda
sigig of da birds, sprig cubs
brigig sweed cents and habbin-
ness.

As you cand zee, I doog sprig
too seriously, and I god a gold in
my 'ead.

Even if da burds are sigig, don't
be a chumb and stardh wearig sprig
close. till ya see da robins, den it
will be save to brig oud your sprig outfid.

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A SONG OF DUSK
Dusk cultivates a quiet thought
Within a person's mind;
A sight so clear and calmly felt,
Seen even by the blind.
Day's garments of the Sun's bright
fire
Are gay, but tiring, clothes;
So when Day's robe of gray is on
All weary minds repose.
—by Doris Ann Thorson

President Roosevelt "the greatest
man of our time."

Other celebrants attending the
gala Ball were the attractive French
star Michele Morgan; Gene Autrey
and his lovely wife; and the vivacious Betty Grable, glamorous in
pink taffeta and black net. The
handsome orchestra leader, Johnny
Long, whose music was heard earlier
in the evening at the Uline Ice
Arena was also at the Willard re-
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Did you miss your train, sir?
No—didn't like it's looks so I
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—Madison Crier.
* * *

The ship was sinking fast. The
captain rushed up to a group of
frantic passengers. "Who among you
can pray?" he asked.
"I can", answered a minister.
"Then pray mister, ordered the
skipper.

"The rest of you put on life pre-
servers, we're one short!"
* * *

A general and a colonel were
walking down the company street.
They were met by many privates
and each time the colonel saluted he
would mutter, "The same to you."

The general's curiosity soon got
the better of him and he asked,
"Why do you always say that?"

"I was once a private", answered
the colonel, "and I know what they
are thinking."—Capper's Weekly.
* * *

"The man who marries my daugh-
ter will get a prize."

"May I see it please?"
* * *

"My father has George Washing-
ton's watch".

That's nothing—my father has
Adam's apple".
—Pep O'Plant
* * *

Hi diddle diddle
The cat and the fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
She should have been in the West
Coast Track Meet.
—The Lion's Trail
* * *

This Will Kill You
Then there was the murderer who
always went around singing "Jingle
Bells" because it was the sleighing
song.

—The Paseo Press
* * *

And then there was the one about
the optician's daughter.—two glasses
and she made a spectacle of herself.
—Green and White

GUESS WHO?

Turn in the correct answer to
this in the next ten seconds and re-
ceive the yellow streak out of the
back of a son of the setting sun.

- aby Face
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- asketball Star
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America 1775-?

by Bill Brooks

After the Revolutionary War there was a new nation o nearth—Amer-ica! America has lasted until now, 1942, and will go on as long as the earth is inhabited. We are now engaged in a great World War; the second such war in fifty years. After this war there will be new ideas, new inventions, and new customs. It is with these that this paper deals.

America's future now depends on two things; one—the fitness and abil-ity of the younger generation and, two, the outcome of the war. It is generally agreed that America will win the war no matter how much time or money it takes to do so. Af-ter the war people can only guess what conditions will be and in the following pages, I shall air my views and the views of some American writers on this subject.

In the two points mentioned above and from the experiences of the last war, I believe America's future lies. As to point number one, I believe the younger generation was caught nap-ping but quick to sense the danger, there is a great health program go-ing on to build themselves up. Al-ready thousands of boys are giving up plans for a college career and joining the Army, Navy or Marines. Girls, too, instead of using their hands for boys to hold are holding drills, arc welders, and knitting needles. Girls are doin ga lot of jobs to leave the boys free to fight, so America's future concerning point one is a rosy one indeed.

Point two is a little harder to judge, but America will win the War and after this war there will probably be a great depression. I don't think Americans will be both-ered long by the depression because of the strong national unity that will develop from this war.

After this war more Americans will want to take an active part in their government. More people will vote because they will recognize it not only as a privilege but also as a duty.

So in summing up, let me say as I said in the beginning, the future depends on us the younger genera-tion, and what it is we will make it.

SILVER CHIPS wishes to inform the public that Stuart Hackstaff does not have a nickname. He was dubbed "SEAL" at the Charlotte Hall Game. Guess why.

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Blair Blazers Lose To Barons



Blair vs. Central Indoor Track Team

With only half of its members present the Track Team of Montgomery Blair threw a terrific scare into the forces of Central on Thursday, February 12, on the Md. U. track. As the first two races came up, Blair won them easily, but the outnumbering forces of last year's inter-high champs soon told on the score. After that start Bob Weir went on to get a tie for first place in the high jump. Johnson got a 3rd place in the 1000 yd. run. The relay team, composed of boys worn out from the races before, managed a close second for five points.

The Blazers emerged from the meet with one of the best showings of their history. Jack Davis in one of the most thrilling races witnessed by the Blair trackers defeated Jimmy.

Mile Run

- 1. Neumann—Blair
Time, 5 min., 29.8 sec.
- 2. Remson—Central
Time, 5 min., 35 sec.
- 3. Valaer—Central

440 yd. Run

- 1. J. Davis—Blair
Time, 59.4 sec.
- 2. J. Dunn—Central
Time, 61.2 sec.
- 3. Seal—Central

1,000 yd. Run

- 1. Samperton—Central
Time 2 min., 40 sec.
- 2. Simon—Central
Time, 2 min., 44 sec.
- 3. Johnson—Blair

High Jump

- 1. Weir—Blair
Roberts—Central—Tied
Height: 6 ft.
- 2. Wright—Central
Height: 5 ft. 9 in.

Mile Relay

- 1. Central—(Chacos, Grosbeam, Ward, F. Dunn)
- 2. Blair — (Neumann, Little, Weir, J. Davis)
- 3. Central—(Lavinder, Beaver,

Blair Blazers Lose To Coolidge, 29-22 Score

In a dual meet with Coolidge at Maryland University, Feb. 18, Blair came out on the short end of a 29-22 score. The Blair team was highly outnumbered, having only 7 men to Coolidge's 20 or more. Also, the Coolidge boys were accompanied by a coach. Out of five events Blair captured three first places. These events were the mile run, won by Dick Neumann; the 440-yd. run, won by Jack Davis; and the shot put won by Stanley Berry. Frank (Cunningham) Page took third place in the mile, doing better than was expected of him. Al Sharp, Bob Little, Davis, and Neuman nplaced second in the 1 1/8 mile relay.

Mile Run

- 1. Neumann—Blair, Time 5 min. 14 sec.
- 2. Hord—Coolidge
- 3. Page—Blair

440 yd. Run

- 1. J. Davis—Blair, Time 59 sec.
- 2. Breck—Coolidge
- 3. Li Causi—Coolidge

Shot Put

- 1. Berry—Blair, Distance, 45 ft. 7 in.
- 2. Fleishman—Coolidge, Distance, 35 ft., 4 1/2 in.
- 3. Li Causi—Coolidge, Distance 34 ft., 8 in.

880 yd. Run

- 1. Saylor—Coolidge, Time, 2 min., 15 sec.
- 2. Mueller—Coolidge
- 3. Keister—Blair

1 1/8 mile medley Relay

- 1. Coolidge—(Formant, Weems, Saylor, Chartak)
- 2. Blair—(Sharp, J. Davis, Little, Neumann)

Final Score

- Coolidge—29
- Blair—22
- Porter, Deltufo)

Final Score

- Central—31
- Blair—20

Blair Blazers Lose To Anacostia, 47-35

Minus Weir and Boyd (if the latter had been allowed to play), the home team had no players tall enough to challenge the towering Leukhardt in backboard-snatching. As a result, the Anacostia center had his best scoring session of the season, totalling 19 points. John O'Connor, who has the highest scoring average per game, played a usually fine game and chalked up the evening's second highest tally, 13.

Blazers Attend So. Conference

The Southern Conference Indoor Track Meet held at the University of North Carolina, Saturday, Feb. 28, will be attended by the Montgomery Blair Indoor Track Team. Mr. Douglass signed the final acceptance papers on Thursday, Feb. 18.

Six Blair boys will leave Friday, Feb. 27, to enter the inter-high school division of the meet. The boys, and the events which they will enter, are as follows: Charley Mitchell, Charley Davis—60-yd. dash; Bob Weir—high jump; Dick Neumann, Bob Weir — 1000 yr.- run; Jack Davis, Bob Weir, Bob Baines, Dick Neumann—mile relay.

| Beth. J. V. | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| | G | FG | P |
| Andrews, f | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| Slaughter, f | 7 | 2 | 16 |
| Allmet, f | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Garvin, f | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Younger, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hughes, c | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Tauscher, g | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Farren, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McClure, g | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Mobley, g | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Totals | 15 | 11 | 41 |
| Blair | | | |
| | G | FG | P |
| Nixon, f | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Phippeny, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taylor, f | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Smith, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Callis, f | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Saulpaul, c | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Tabbutt, g | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Wiley, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Snyder, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Edwards, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 9 | 4 | 22 |

Ritchie Scene Of Blair Defeat

Before an enthusiastic crowd at Ritchie Coliseum the Bethesda Barons swamped Blair Blazers with a 46-22 score. Playing a fine first half Blair was trailing by only five points at the half.

Paced by Dick Poerstel and Harry Phillips the Barons staged a terrific rally in the second half and won by 24 points.

In the preliminaries Bethesda was victorious also, with a 41-22 score. Bill (Botts) Taylor was high man for the Blair boys, having 9 points, while Slaughter led Bethesda with 16 points.

On the brightest side for our side were the performances of "Boo" Clark and Johnny O'Connor. Clark was undoubtedly the best defensive player of our team and on the offense played a calm game against the harassing of the Bethesda forwards. He also ran his total of consecutive games to three without missing a foul shot; in these three games he had made six without a miss.

Firehouse Johnny played a scrappy game on the defense and his deadly set shots contributed 10 points to the Blair cause. Weir was the runner-up with 8 points.

| Bethesda | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|
| | G | FG | P |
| Jullien, f | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Rettew, f | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Poerstel, f | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| Rogers, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Appleby, c | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Phillips, c | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Brewer, g | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Latimer, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Sherline, g | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Kirby, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cremins, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Williams, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 18 | 10 | 46 |
| Blair | | | |
| | G | FG | P |
| Ross, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bargmann, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| O'Connor, f | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Beatty, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Weir, c | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| LaScala, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clarke, g | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| McDaniel, g | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Hackstaff, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 10 | 2 | 22 |
| Totals—18.-13 3...25.3shrdleutaof | | | |
| Referees—Boyd and Shirley. | | | |

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Easter

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HONOR ROLL LISTS 110 STUDENTS FOR FOURTH REPORTS

Five Seniors Receive Straight "A's;" Twelve "A" Honor Students On Roll

Seventeen students are listed on the "A" honor roll for the fourth term, the highest amount recorded in the last two years. Five seniors received all "A's," while seven seniors and five sophomores had an average of "A".

Although this comparatively large amount of students received exceptionally high grades, the percentage on the combined "A" and "B" honor rolls is only fourteen per cent of the entire school. This figure is comparatively low when placed beside past reports. Nineteen per cent of the seniors, fifteen per cent of the juniors, and nine per cent of the sophomores attained the honor roll. They are:

All "A's": John Iglehart, Joyce Reside, Barbara Seviour, Mildred Stokeley, and Joyce Tobin. Jasmine Armstrong, Joanne Bramhall, Dorothy Clarke, Alice Davey, Ernest Harmon, George Lundquist, Dwight Smith, Kenneth Tobin, Neil Waldrop, Eleanor Wickes, and Connie Young had "A" averages.

Seniors on the "B" honor roll were: Catherine Anderson, Charles Bean, Evelyn Bergmann, Jan Bien, Paul Boerum, Betty Bouis, Gene Boyd, Georgia Briggs, Paul Buck, Russell

(See HONOR ROLL, page 2)

Students Attend College Classes

Members of the Izaak Walton League and several other Blair students attended gardening classes recently at Maryland University. Lectures were given at the Agricultural Auditorium on Friday, March 6.

Mr. Vernon Stoutmeyer of the United States Department of Agriculture, spoke on propagation, stating that saving flower seeds was not practical unless the seeds were given special care. He also talked on the planting and care of several new plants.

Insect and disease control was the next discussion held, which was followed by a lecture on the need for more widely spread home preservation of food. Miss Margaret McPheeters, who spoke on canning, urged every family to have a canning budget.

After lunch a class on flower arrangement was given in which a South American-style arrangement was shown. Trees and shrubs new to the market were also described.

Students of Blair are taking part in a gardening program sponsored by the 4 H clubs, which is to be carried on by individuals during the summer.

HACK LEAVES BLAIR

Recently Mr. Hack, former Blair shop teacher, left us in order to direct Takoma-Silver Spring Junior High School shop classes which prior to that time, had been without an instructor. Mr. Hack's classes have been taken over by Mr. Best.

Charles Ryan, Variety Show M. C., Awarded First Prize

The hard work of a master of ceremonies was, for once, recognized and Charles Ryan, M. C. for the Annual Blair Variety Show, held last Friday and Saturday nights, was awarded the prize for the best all-round performance of the production. Incidental to keeping the show running Charlie recited a monologue, "George de Wash."

Imogene Pletcher, a prize-winner in last year's show, danced off with top position in the terpsichorean groups, followed by those representatives of the Blair masculine population, the dainty members of the boys' dance team.

Miss Clark New Director of Art

The art department of Blair has gotten a new deal—it is no longer without an art teacher. Miss Ruth Mari Clark has taken over the reins in the art room. She is a native of Dayton, Ohio and comes to Blair from Buffalo State Teachers' College, where she was an art critic.

Miss Clark's career as an art teacher began at Columbia University where she received her degree of Bachelor of Science and later of Master of Arts, both in an art major. A period of study and art work in New York City was followed by a commission as Director of Art in the schools of Great Neck, Long Island.

Blair is the smallest school in which Miss Clark has ever taught, but it is the first with student government. In her opinion there is an intangible something different about Blair; students, perhaps, or their air of freedom. She also enjoys Blair's art room, which, she says, is more modern than most others.

For the past several weeks Blair art classes have been without a teacher. After Mrs. Sherry's departure, work was planned and executed by the students and carried out under the honor system. Miss Marjorie Billows, county elementary art supervisor, visited Blair each Friday and graded the students on the basis of work done during that week.

Lt. Comdr. Mumma Awarded Medal

Blair has the honor of having for a student the son of one of the seven recipients of the Navy Cross. Lieutenant Commander Morton C. Mumma, Jr., submarine skipper, was awarded this medal for "especially meritorious conduct during actions with the enemy in the Far East." Morton C. Mumma, 3d, is a senior at Blair.

The Mumma's have just recently arrived in Silver Spring after having been stationed at the Canal Zone, Hawaii, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

When Mort came to Blair this year, he joined the Library Club and has been an eager and enthusiastic member ever since. In return for this and in recognition of his father's service, the other members of the club surprised Mort with a party, complete with a cake decorated with anchors and an American flag.

"The Adventures of Mallory Mean," a radio drama, written and directed by Bill McDaniel, received the prize for the skits produced. The boys in his group were Eddie Stock, Douglas Brace, Harry Smith, and Charles Phelan.

The Three Igleharts, Eloise, John, and Norman, sang their way to the first award for vocalists with "I Want to be A Cowboy's Sweetheart." Eddie Kulda, singing "Asleep in the Deep," and Dorothy Perkins, with "Chloe," were second and third, respectively.

"Basin Street Blues," swung in the best style of Mary Ann Mitchell, Alden Emery, and Harold Day, won for them the first prize of the instrumentalists. Alden Emery and his flute and Charlie Cook with the accordion tied for second place.

Special recognition was made to Mary Ann Mitchell Friday night when she was given a corsage of red roses by the cast for accompanying the musical numbers. Jan Bien, guitarist, harmonica-player, singer, yodeler, flutist and toyer with several other odd instruments, won a prize for the uniqueness of her performance.

Judges of the numbers were H. C. Peacock, Dorothy Murray, and Wick Byron. Mr. Frank F. Smith, president of the P.T.A., awarded the prizes. Guest star was Miss Willie Wyvill, Blair '41, who sang, "Saint Louis Blues."

Oldsters attending the program were taken back to their childhood days by the dance put on by seven unrecognizable Blair lovelies. Pillow cases, sweaters, gloves, and old shoes changed Barbara Spenser, Beverly Hoover, Evelyn Baliles, Winnie Meyerson, Lois Reed, Louise Richards, and Betty Jane Moore into monstrosities quite "out of this world."

Curiosity Prompts Box Investigation

Long, green, casket-like boxes have been a source of wonder to many Blair students since their installation last month. These boxes, marked "Casualty Station No. 2," designate Blair's position in case of an air raid or some other emergency. We are Casualty Station No. 2 for Montgomery County.

Dr. Shoemaker, well-known in Silver Spring, is head of this post. He has three doctors, nine nurses, and their assistants working with him.

ARBOR DAY PLAN GIVEN BY COUNCIL TO EACH SECTION

Recent Student Government
Change Names Brace
Committee Head

Douglas Brace, Blair junior, has been chosen by Dwight Smith, school president, head of the Publicity Committee for the remainder of the year. Doug, an industrious member of the legislature, was named to fill the job vacated by the resignation of Bob Galbraith.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day plans which call for the donation of a tree or shrub by each section in the school were drawn up at the last legislature meeting. The School Improvement Committee directed by Ernest Harmon, and the Izaak Walton League will draw up a list of plants needed by the school, which will be passed to each section. The home rooms will select one item from the list, arrange to secure it, and choose a spot on the campus on which to place their donation.

Inter-School Meeting

The first inter-school meeting in several months will be held here at Blair this afternoon. Arranged by Norma Bauserman, Inter-School Relations Committee head of Blair, the meeting will primarily concern the selection of the county song.

Physical Fitness Goal of Program

Every single student in Blair will be taking part in an all-out muscle-building program next year, in the interests of National Defense, or so Blair's own Coach Bride has told us. The County Board of Education is now discussing and drawing up plans for this physical education program.

Upon consultation with Coach Bride, it was discovered that in all probability there will be compulsory physical education for all students in the county at least two or three days a week. It would be desirable to have this training five days a week, but due to the size of the student body, this will not be possible.

BLAIR VOICES HEARD

A program composed of one hundred voices chosen from the Montgomery County schools was presented at Leland Junior High School on the night of March 17, at a county teachers' meeting.

There were eleven Blair students participating in this musical event. The pupils, chosen by Mrs. May, Blair music instructor, were: sopranos, Elsie Hartzell, Justine Thompson, Marynelle Weston, and Dorothy Perkins; altos, Patricia Robertson, Ruth Bancroft, Carolyn Gaither, and Frances Thompson; tenors, Eddie Kulda, John Nasoe, and Joe Kyle.

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Seniors Only?

Of late the seniors have been pain-
fully called to our attention by un-
favorable comments through edi-
torials handed in to us. It seems that
the conduct of our upper-classmen
has been considerably worthy of re-
proach in several isolated instances
and also in general cases.

Some industrious soul wrote us a
326-word editorial on cafeteria con-
duct, naming the seniors as the main
offenders. It was held that seniors
throw paper, bend silverware, cut in
on both the ice cream and sandwich
lines, leave their tables in a mess,
and generally create an unwarranted
amount of confusion.

Then, of course, there is the mat-
ter of assemblies. It is pretty path-
etic when a group is so noisy that
it has to have its assembly privileges
taken away for the rest of the year
and be herded into study halls, when
it could be enjoying a movie, lecture,
or talent show.

There are other instances we could
cite, too. Walking across the grass,
creating confusion in the halls, and
skipping classes and school are a
few. It hardly seems possible that
these are the students who, in less
than three months will be expected
to act like adults in a job or away
at school.

Johnny Q. Blair made another ap-
pearance at Blair last week, this
time with his hair slightly trimmed
and shaved and the color of it
changed. We wonder if his girl still
goes out with him.

HONOR ROLL Cont.

Chapman, Grace Hatcher, Beverly
Hoover, Marian Hobbs, Margaret Inge,
Jeanette Jones, Gertrude Kibler, Su-
san Lank, Audrey Lord, Frank Mc-
Williams, Lyn Mess, Winifred Meyer-
son, John Palmer, Charles Piepgrass,
Warner Ragsdale, Charles Ryan, Lois
Scheller, Mary Lou Stevens, Sophie
Van Hoesen, and Audrey Wilson.

Juniors on the "B" honor roll were:
Priscilla Alden, Ruth Bancroft, Robert
Bayles, Lois Bowman, Douglas Brace,
Alice Cramer, Mary Daly, Mildred
Degering, Ann Dustin, Dorothy Floun-
ton, Mary Green, Ethel Homan, John
Huckert, Eloise Iglehart, Janice Jones,
Dolores Kane, Martha Jane Kibler,
Elsa Kronenbitter, David Larson, Ros-
lyn Lassen, Juanita Lee, Mary Mad-
dox, Hilda Magruder, Catherine Men-
dum, Leila Miller, Russell Minick,
Alice Richards, Jean Roby, Ethel
Seek, Philip Skinner, Eddie Stock,
Doris Ann Thorson, June Traver,
Page Waite, Joyce Walker, Ernest
Wiley, Eben Whitcomb.

Sophomores on the "B" honor roll
were: Doris Able, Margaret Aitcheson,
Meryl Brown, Dorothy Coolie, Leon
Dembrow, Alouise Friedman, William
Freese, Margaret Jacobsen, Ruth Kil-
len, Gordon Kindness, George Kor-
schen, Eddie Kulda, Joe Kyle, Betty
Lank, Ferris Linthicum, Thelma Mc-
Clanahan, Carolyn Milstead, Virginia
Mower, John Nasoe, Elsie Oliver,
Barbara Paine, Jimmy Phillips, Robert
Rich, Thomas Russell, Dorothy
Santini, Leslie Shores, Doris Small-
wood, Bob Solomon, Lumir Svetlik,
Frances Thompson, John Thorson,
Audrey Tobin, Jeanette Van Hoy,
Richard Vaughn, Doris Vickers, Mar-
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ternoons when the teachers' first
aid course was in session. Thirty or
more county teachers had the oppor-
tunity to become students again in
a worthwhile course of study for the
present emergency. The group was
under the leadership of Miss McCul-
loch, Blair gym teacher.

According to Mr. Marsh, the teach-
ers were tired, but the course com-
pensated for the trouble, and was
made doubly interesting by the hu-
mor and wit of Mr. Greenfield and
himself. At the beginning of each
meeting refreshments were served
by the Home Arts department.

Each person in the class did his
share of acting as victim, but, ac-
cording to his own story, Mr. Marsh
took more than his share of the beat-
ings, most of them at the hands of
Mr. Greenfield and Mr. Knight. Per-
haps that's why these two looked so
cheerful after the artificial respira-
tion lesson, while Mr. Marsh emerged
dishevelled and exhausted. It has
been rumored that at the end of one
meeting, when Mr. Marsh had a
splint on each arm and leg, his head
was bandaged by Mr. Douglass, af-
ter which everyone left.

Two per cent iodine was stressed
time after time by Miss McCulloch
as the proper dressing for minor
wounds, until this medicine became
a class byword. For this reason,
whenever asked about it, the class
replied "Mercurochrome" with in-
furiating regularity.

At the close of the course Miss
McCulloch was presented with a de-
fense bond, in appreciation of her
excellent instruction.

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Outdoor Track Team Plans Future;
Marsh, At Team's Request, To Direct

The first meeting of the 1942 Blair Outdoor Track Team produced
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Track: 100 and 220 yard dashes—Al Sharp, Charlie Davis, and Dwight
Smith (I. H. T. O.)*

Baseball Season Open;
16 Games Scheduled

Well, sport's fans, spring is just
around the corner, and as out goes
winter and in comes spring; out goes
basketball and in comes baseball.

This year's team will be made up
for the most part of new players,
because the majority of players grad-
uated last June. Positions open be-
cause of graduation are: catcher,
which was previously occupied by
Gil Thompson; first base, which was
held down by "lanky" Bill Linkins;
second base, home, last season, for
Bill Cassidy; and third base, left
open by Nick Carter. All positions
in the outfield were left open by:
Alex Carson, left fielder; Red Clark,
center fielder; and right fielders Car-
lisle Nixon and Ed Fincham. The
graduating pitchers were Herb
Southgate, Warren "Deacon" Perry
(who left school), and Joe Thomp-
son.

Blair's schedule this year consists
of nine home games and seven games
away. The schedule is:

April 17—Gonzaga Home
April 22—Devitt Home
April 23—Sherwood Home
April 24—Landon Home
April 25—Charlotte Hall Away
April 28—Briarly Away
May 1—Nat'l. Train. Sch. Home
May 6—Bethesda Home
May 8—Charlotte Hall Home
May 12—Briarly Home
May 14—Nat'l. Train. Sch. Away
May 15—Sherwood Away
May 18—Landon Away
May 19—Gonzaga Away
May 22—Tech Home
May 26—Bethesda Away

440-yard run—Jack Davis and
Paul Koester
880-yard run—Bob Weir and Bob
Bains
Mile run—Dick Neumann, Bob
Weir, and John Palmer
Field: Shot put—Stanley Berry and
Gene Boyd
Discus throw—Berry and Boyd
Javelin throw—Berry, Boyd, and
Weir
Broad jump—Dwight Smith
(I.H.T.O.)*
High jump—Berry, Koester, and
Weir
(It will be observed that the squad
is composed almost entirely of men
with three years of team experience.)
*If He Turns Out
Mr. Marsh, adopter of the team,
states that he doesn't pretend to
know too much about track, and will
not attempt to teach the boys every-
thing about the sport. He will, how-
ever, give fundamental exercises,
training rules, and diet programs.

Concerning meets to be held, let-
ters have been sent to Coolidge, Beth-
esda, Charlotte Hall, Hyattsville, Ha-
gerstown, and Annapolis high
schools, challenging for meets.

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Ryan, Horton, Tobin Chosen Graduation Speakers In Ballot

The three class speakers elected Wednesday are Mack Horton, Charles Ryan, and Kenneth Tobin.

Ryan received the greatest number of votes, Horton was next, and Tobin third. Tied for fourth place, but not winning the honors were Dwight Smith and Joe Savarese.

The speakers were chosen from a list of twelve candidates chosen previously including Connie Young, Marion Hobbs, John Palmer, Dick Johnson, and Beverly Hoover.

Charlie "Mouse" Ryan's success as Variety Show M. C. probably gained him a winning number of votes for speaker.

The Takoma Park Episcopal Church will be the scene of the Baccalaureate service this year on Sunday, June 7.

There will probably be a tea afterward in the church. Choosing this church follows the school policy of choosing, from year to year, alternate churches in Silver Spring and Takoma Park.

Shop Helps Construct Half Million Models

A short while ago Secretary of the Navy Knox requested that all high school vocational shop students participate in the production of five hundred thousand scale model planes. These planes will be used for training gunners, spotting, and for sighting. They are being made of English, American, German, and Japanese types.

Blair is cooperating with our government in the production of model planes. Workers in the shop are turning them out by the score. Not only boys are working on them, either. One Blairette in particular who is helping in the project is Dorothy Perkins.

Other defense duties being carried out by the shop are the production and distribution of thirty-six first aid kits, the making of blackout curtains for Blair classrooms, and the making of model incendiary bombs.

Faculty Registers Draftees

There will be a second draft registration on April 25, 26, and 27. At that time Blair will be opened to men between forty-five and sixty-five years of age, those who must sign up in the present registration. The Blair faculty, as in the first enrollment, will take charge of the registration.

MEET HEARS KELLAMS

Miss Stickley, Blair librarian, and Marian Kellams, president of the Library Club, attended the Eastern Shore Library Association meeting at Salisbury on April 11. Both spoke as representatives from Montgomery Blair.

41 Students Take Civil Service Here

In the great need of our government for typists and stenographers, Mr. Reid of the Silver Spring Post Office was ordered to give Civil Service examinations to Blair students. Forty-one pupils took the exams, given April 1.

Divided into two groups, those over and under eighteen, the senior typing and shorthand students took examinations under Mrs. Kendall for junior typists and under Miss Watkins for junior stenographers.

Since December 7, 44,000 typists and stenographers have been employed by the U. S. War Department and many additional ones will be utilized as building space can be provided.

Help Us Win!

The boys enrolled in Coach Bride's gym classes are now conducting a campaign not only to help Blair, but to help their country. Paper in all forms, newspapers, magazines, and cartons, are being collected by the boys for national defense. The papers will help us win the war and the money taken in from selling them will go toward paying for towels for the boys in next year's gym classes.

Students Adopt Roles As Musical Directors

Elsie Hartzell, Blair junior, is now directing the Glee Club, due to the sudden departure of Mrs. May. Elsie's position as a student director of some fifty voices indicates a great deal of natural talent in the musical field as well as a thorough understanding of the technicalities of directing. She will probably plan on a Glee Club presentation of three selections for some future spring assembly.

The directorship of the orchestra has been taken over by Joan Cobb and Mary Ann Mitchell. They have not made any future plans as yet.

History Classes See Film

Two government movies on subjects related to American History were shown to senior History and Economics classes who paid two cents a head to see a pictorial summary of Continental and territorial expansion of the United States.

The pictures were shown during third period on March 31, and because they ran past noon, the lunch period was extended.

Mary Ann Writes Prize County Hit

It was recently announced that Mary Ann Mitchell, talented Blair junior, had been awarded first prize for the composition of an original song, "To Montgomery County." The song was chosen from a large group written by Montgomery County junior and senior high school students.



Courtesy Washington Star
MISS MITCHELL

Mary Ann's song was judged on the following merits: originality, adaptability to be easily sung, patriotic spirit, good musical form, and the general continuity of words and music that is a prerequisite of a truly "good" song.

"To Montgomery County" will probably be classified as a county high school song and will be sung at many high school assemblies. It was recently presented to a Blair audience by Eddie Kulda and sung by the entire student body at an assembly, with great success.

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Seniors Compete For College Scholarships

About a dozen seniors, with the assistance of or through the Scholarship Committee, headed by Miss Schwartz, have applied for scholarships at various universities and business schools.

One scholarship is offered to Montgomery County by Strayer's Business College in Washington. Those applying for this award from Blair, which pays complete tuition for the first year, are Mildred Stokely, Charles Piegrass, Eldon Forcey, Russel Chapman, Eugene Boyd, and Vernon Mower.

Although about half a dozen Blairites plan to go to Northwestern in Evanston, Illinois, only three girls Joyce Tobin, Grace Hatcher, and Connie Young have tried out for part tuition scholarships.

Bob Lyon and Phil Krouse went down town last Saturday to compete for a Georgetown scholarship, while two students, Ken Tobin and Connie Young, handed in their essays on Inter-Americanism Tuesday to compete in a nation-wide contest for a \$6,000 award.

Shrubs Planted Around Building

Ernest Harmon Postpones Setting Out Plants Because Of Rain

A rainy Arbor Day postponed the plans of the School Improvement Committee until Saturday, when members of the Izaak Walton League and Improvement Committee planted over a dozen shrubs at the front and on the southwest side of the Commercial Building.

Although the plan was originally to have each section bring a fruit tree to plant on the campus, it was altered, providing for the Committee to buy flowering shrubs and to take up a collection among the sections to pay for them.

Ernest Harmon, head of the Improvement group, purchased the shrubs, consisting of a butterfly bush, a pink flowering almond, a dwarf red spyrea, a mock orange, a white deutzia, three bridal wreath bushes, and four pink and red weigelia.

Senior Play Cancelled On Account Of War

One of the annual events of the Senior Class is to be cancelled this year, as the class play, formerly held some time late in May or in early June, is being abandoned.

Miss Schwartz, director of these plays in the past, brought out several reasons for discarding the project this season.

Transportation difficulties, including shortages of tires and the proposed rationing of gas are major factors. So many seniors are out on defense work and other jobs that it would be difficult to organize a cast and stage crew which would be in school for the remainder of the year. There is also the question of government offices being moved to other cities, a situation which is fast transferring students and teachers from Blair to schools elsewhere. Practice blackouts would also hinder the rehearsals, which would have to be held three or more evenings a week.

Blair Music Director Leaves For Arkansas

Recently Mrs. Richard May, Blair director of music, left school to establish her home in Arkansas with her husband, a lieutenant in the army, stationed at Fort White.

Mrs. May's going, as sudden as it was, did not cause the usual confusion in her classes and in the Glee Club. The music classes are continuing much the same as usual and the Glee Club is being directed by Elsie Hartzell, Blair junior.

Mrs. May intends to stay with her husband as long as he is stationed in this country. It is possible that she may come back to Blair at some future date if Lt. May is sent abroad.

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Better Movies

News Dispatch: The Blair student body was dismissed from a movie held in the gym, March 31, for being too rowdy to allow the picture to continue.

We won't say that the faculty wasn't justified in stopping the movie and sending the students back to class, but it is pretty much to expect us to sit through such shows as "Tombstone Canyon" without a squirm. It is rumored around school that this picture was one of the first talkies ever produced.

Why can't we have more shows like "Lost Horizon," secured last month by the School Improvement Committee? It will be remembered that there was little misbehaving at that picture. Besides, we see enough grade "C" movies at the Seco on Saturday afternoons. Why can't we have grade "A" pictures in school?

Save The Grass

When Blair students get behind a campaign and push, that campaign goes over. This has been proven time and time again. If, for some reason, the idea doesn't catch, nothing at all seems to be accomplished. ly slow on the uptake over a certain phrase, now painfully familiar — KEEP OFF THE GRASS. Posters shout it from almost every wall and loudspeaker announcements are frequent enough to inform even the illiterate.

Nevertheless, the lawns are still almost grassless, converted into mudholes after rain—many are plowed up by auto tracks. "It's shorter to cut across the grounds, and there is no grass for us to hurt anyway," seems to be the usual excuse of the short-cut taker.

These excuses need not have any basis. The distance is shorter? Yes, but the extra distance is negligible. The lawns may be leveled and landscaped in the future; whether they are or not

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Tobin and Thompson In Badminton Finals

Joyce Tobin and Frances Thompson emerged finalists in the girls' singles badminton tournament, held during the last two weeks, with the semi-final play-off Monday, April 13. The girls will vie for the championship when the finals of the doubles tournament, now in progress, are played.

Joyce defeated Barbara Seviour in the semi-finals, while Frances took Janet Buckingham. Quarter-finalists along with these girls were Joyce Brown, Muriel Cornor, Mary Miller, and Betty Jane Turner.

Under the competent leadership of Catherine "Teeny" Anderson, the doubles tournament is now in full swing. On numerous afternoons after school the girls rush over to the gym, change into different ensembles, and whack the poor birdie over, under, and even through the net.

CADET TEACHERS HERE

Mr. Robert Smith and Mr. Merrle DuVall, cadet teachers from Maryland University, are each teaching one history class a day at Blair. Mr. Smith teaches two classes in freshman army at the university, where he is a Lieutenant Colonel of Cadets.

MITCHELL

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This achievement is Mary Ann's latest (at press time) but by no means the only indication of her talent in the world of music. She is constantly adding new laurels to her bonnet. Mary Ann has appeared on many of the bills of entertainment in the Nation's Capital, and has been on radio programs innumerable times.

For a more detailed account of Mary Ann's musical career, see the second issue of this volume of SILVER CHIPS.

does not make a great deal of difference. The point is that the lawns should be kept in at least as good a condition as possible.

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Blazers' Golf Team Captures 1st Meet of Season From St. Johns

The Blair Golf team started off its '42 season by swamping St. John's 8 to 1, at Woodmont on April 7. The team showed good spirit and ability in spite of having been organized only one day in advance.

Blair's lone defeat came when Bobby Clark, first man on last year's Blair team, now playing for St. John's, defeated Mack Horton 4 and 3.

The other matches all ended in Blair's favor. They were: Tunis, 8 and 7; Phippeny, 6 and 4; McDaniel, 8 and 7; Wells, 8 and 7; Hopkins, 8 and 7. Bill McDaniel had low score of 86, and Bill Tunis was next with 87.

The qualifying meet was held Monday, April 6, when twelve boys went to White Flint Golf Course to qualify. Playing in foursomes the boys teed off at 9 o'clock and played an 18-hole qualifying round. The scores of the first six are as follows:

Horton—81
Tunis—83
Phippeny—85
McDaniel—88
Wells—91
Hopkins—95

Team Picked For Baseball Game

The Blazers chosen by Coach Bride to play in the Blair-Gonzaga baseball game, April 17, on the Blair field are as follows:

Edwards; Beatty; Taylor; Charles Mitchell, a sophomore, on first; Walker, on second; Xander, on third; Ridgeway, short stop. Three of the following will be chosen for outfield: Clarke, Ross, Harrison, Goundry, and Galbraith; the catcher will be either Settle, Schnider, or Haugh.

Track Schedule

April 17—Coolidge & Roosevelt,
at Roosevelt 3:00
April 21—George Washington, and
G. W. 3:00
May 2—Md. U. Interschol-
astic, at Maryland 12:00
May 6—Western, & Western 4:00
May 12—Hyattsville & Cool-
idge, at Md. U. 3:00
May 16—"C" Club, at Central 1:00
May 19—Fairfax, at Fairfax 2:00
May 23—Charlotte Hall, at
C.H.M.A. 1:00
May 27—Blair Intramural, at
Blair 1:30

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Blazers Defeated 7 to 1 In Practice

In a practice game Wednesday, the Blazer baseball team was defeated 7 to 1 by Holy Trinity College in a five-inning game. Randy Edwards pitched most of the game and scored Blair's single run. Edwards also made two singles and Fred Walker made a double. Bill Taylor and Dick Johnson also pitched.

Blair's hitting looked rather weak in the game, and about five errors were made in the field.

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Oxon Hill and Blair "Cross-Inspected"

Last Friday was the occasion of an inter-change of representatives between Oxon Hill and Montgomery Blair. Mayo Shines, a senior and vice-president of their student forum, and Ted Anderson, a sophomore, were squired around school for two hours by Blair's president, Dwight Smith. Beverly Hoover and Jack Davis visited Oxon Hill and were escorted through the day by two members of their council.

This was only one of the many visits which Oxon Hill makes to various schools to look over their different activities. They were especially impressed with our nice, big cafeteria, for they have none at all, and the *Silverlogue*.

Beverly and Jack were met by members of the council of Oxon Hill, introduced to the principal, and visited classes. From Jack we hear that their school is smaller than ours, contains both senior high and elementary departments, and is on much of the same work program for the older students as ours is.

Golf Club Praised, But Needs Support

There has been a rumor around Blair that we have a golf team. When questioned, Mr. Douglass admitted sponsoring such a group. Matches have been played with St. Johns, Bethesda, Georgetown Prep, and St. Albans.

A committee of boys from the team called on the management of the Argyle Country Club and were extended the courtesies of the club as a home course on which they may practice and entertain visiting school teams. This, however, would involve expensive entertainment which it appears the boys may have to dig down into their pockets to provide. Other teams are furnished with uniforms, transportation facilities, and equipment. Other schools supply their team members with new balls for their matches.

Orchids to the boys who are doing so much with so little help.

Fewer orchids to those who could help a lot by doing a little.

Miss Germann Wed Apr. 11

Dorothy Germann, popular senior, now working at Hecht's, was married April 11, in Ellicott City to Mr. Lawrence J. Welsh, an apprentice seaman now at the Norfolk Naval Operating Base.

Until June, Dorothy will see her husband only on week-ends, when she drives to Norfolk; but at that time, she intends to make her home there with her husband.

1942 MARKS BLAIR SPORTS AWAKENING

This year a more extensive athletic program than of any previous year has been initiated at Blair. With physical fitness as the goal, the plan has been enthusiastically welcomed by the student body.

The home room period has been abolished and regular clubs have been disbanded in order to leave an entire period, the seventh in each day, for sports.

Swimming, horseback riding, hiking and bowling are newcomers to the girls' annual sports parade. The perennial favorites, softball, volleyball and badminton, are drawing capacity crowds.

Teachers assisting in the girls' athletic program are, Miss McCulloch, supervisor of the plan, Miss Canada, Mrs. Hitz, Mrs. Muma, Miss Santini, Miss Schneider, Mrs. Southard, and Miss Williams.

The boys' sports, under the general direction of Coach Bride, include baseball, track, golf and tumbling.

Swimming groups will go to Marjorie Webster on Monday and Fridays. The price, which includes transportation, is thirty-five cents. Some instruction will be given.

Horseback riding will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Sunnyside stables. The price is seventy-five cents and includes transportation.

Bowling is on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Silver Spring Alleys. The price is ten cents per game; the girls will walk to and from the alleys.

Hiking is scheduled every day. Softball and Volleyball teams will be chosen after three weeks of practice.

Library Club Makes "Pix" Debut April 14, In Filco System Films

Blairites had a chance to see themselves as others see them on Thursday, April 14, when the Filco movies filmed last October were shown at an assembly. The film showed the Filco system being used at a small rural school, and then at a large modern high school—Blair. Filco, which is a government-sponsored filing system of references, maps, and employment opportunities, was shown in all its phases in the Blair film and another reel.

Mr. Aldrich, a Filco representative, took the movies and spoke at the assembly when they were shown.

The Library Club was shown engaged in many activities, from marking new books to initiating Bobby Ware by making him eat an onion and recite a poem. Pat Maas, the head of Blair's Filco committee, was

Silver Scene of Commencement; Graduates Fewer Than Of 1941

Approximately 215 seniors will be graduated from Montgomery Blair high school in June, according to Principal E. Merritt Douglass. The commencement exercises will be held at the Silver Theatre on June 8, at 9:30 a. m.

War Diplomas Are Awarded Blairites

For the first time this year the school is issuing "war diplomas." These are regular diplomas, but are given before the regular graduation date to students who are working, and are making adequate grades in their subjects.

They are being given under the guidance of Mr. Mullinix, who has charge of the student work program. He calls them "war diplomas" only to distinguish them from regular diplomas to be awarded at commencement. Except for this one fact, they are the same, and carry no special honors.

So far, thirty-five students have graduated in the accelerated program. At least one, Philip Crosswait, has by now entered the service.

Jean Cavanaugh Is Married

Jean Cavanaugh, officially Blair's most beautiful graduate, since she was awarded second place in the Miss America contest of 1941, is giving up a Hollywood career, and her modeling career with John Powers, to become Mrs. Harry M. Kimball. The marriage took place on April 25, at the church of Our Lady of Sorrows.

This is the first year in the history of the school when its graduating class did not exceed that of the preceding year by a substantial number. Last year's record class had 227 members.

This year's class follows its predecessors in having a predominance of girls. There are 119 girls and only 96 boys scheduled to receive diplomas.

Seventy-four will receive academic diplomas; 51, commercial; and 90, general. These divisions are the three courses offered at the school.

The Silver Theatre was chosen by the seniors for graduation exercises in preference to the Silver Spring Armory, traditional commencement hall, mainly because of the almost unbearable heat which marred last year's ceremonies. Each senior is entitled to invite four guests to the ceremony. Attendance will be by invitation only.

Following is a list of the graduates:

Academic—Boys

Raymond Van Dyke, Barnes, Donald Day Boyer, William Teller Brooks, John Giel Buck, Paul Clarence Buck, Ralph Stanley Burdick, Albert Seely Cake, Jr., John DeLawder Davis, Robert Philip Davis, Robert Milton Derrick, and Clark William Dovel.

Also Darwin Raymer Drewyer, Jr., Alden Hayes Emery, Jr., Eldon DeWitt Forcey, Robert Winston Galbraith, Ernest Emery Harmon, Jr., Frank Stuart Heideck, Harry Mack Horton, Edward Joseph Hoy, Jr., Charles Richard Johnson, Philip Carlyle Krouse, Robert Wilson Little, George Arthur Lindquist, and Robert Howarth Lyon.

Also John Newton Magness, Morton Claire Mumma, III, Chester Frederick Nauman, John Lynner Palmer, William Robert Parker, Charles Earl Piepgrass, Kenneth William Prentice, John Earl Preston, and Warner Bernice Ragsdale, Jr.

Also Charles Luce Ryan, Joseph Vincent Savarese, Jr., Dwight Raymond Smith, Frank Foster Smith, Jr., Stan Lee Smolen, Kenneth Edmund Tobin, Jr., Robert Philip Vernier, Frederick Earle Walker, Jr., Robert James Weir, Jr.

Academic—Girls

Virginia Evelyn Balles, Mary-Ethel Banes, Norman Shenk Bauserman, Marilyn Ruth Brown, Alice Jeanette Davey, Natalie Jane Harben, Grace Clara Hatcher, Marian Stoneham Hobbs, Beverly Jayne Hoover, and Jeannette Alice Jones.

Also Susan Lank, Virginia Ann Long, Marjorie Ann McDonald, Winifred Aileen Meyerson, Helen Louise Patrick, Esther Marie Philleney, Lois Faye Reed, Joyce Robinson Reside, Louise Richards, Dolores Marie Stan-

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Marjorie Tague To Be Bride

Marjorie Tague, senior, is engaged to be married, on June 18, to Midshipman John Weeks, now at Annapolis. The ceremony will take place at the Woodside Methodist Church in the afternoon of the same day. Midshipman Weeks will graduate from Annapolis as an ensign.

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ne Boyd, Russell Beadle Chapman,
jr., James Samuel Ellis, jr., Eugene
John Haugh, Norman Carroll Ingles-
hart, Adeo Jennings, Vernon Edward
Mower, Joseph Richard Savary, and
John Standish White.

Commercial—Girls

Jean Elizabeth Beall, Marjorie Tem-
ple Bean, Evelyn Mae Bergmann,
Betty Doris Bouis, Georgia Elsie
Briggs, Elva Augusta Bryan, Eleanor
Mary Burroughs, Sue Virginia Busch-
er, Alberta Lee Butler, and Dorothy
Lee Clarke.
Also Edna Bruce Colie, Doris Elaine
Collins, Charlotte Elizabeth Elliott,
Dorothy Ellen Ford, Dorothy Estelle
Germann, Mary Ellen Hoover, Mar-
garet Louise Inge, Marian Augusta
Kellams, Lena Gertrude Kibler, Gloria
Ruth Largent, Audrey Boynton Lord,
Ruth Elizabeth Magee, Isabell Kath-
ryn Mauger and Mary Anne Mazur.

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Marie Milsted, Margaret Teresa Mo-
ran, Mary Jane Murtaugh, Minnie
Otilia Oates, Jane Meredith Potter,
Rhoda Lee Reed, Maebelle Virginia
Renn, and Anna Jean Scott.
Also Ruth Faye Southard, Mildred
Pearl Stokley, Eleanor Frances Stoll,
Elizabeth Marie Stone, Sue Ann Sut-
ton, Priscilla Dean Thomas, Barbara
Wentworth Vierling, and Lorraine
Catherine Young.

General—Boys

Robert Lee Bains, Carlton Freder-
ick Ballou, Kenneth Harlan Barg-
mann, Charles Harvey Bean, Paul
Gilbert Boerum, Raymond Charles
Briggs, jr., James Wesley Clinite,
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Congdon, jr., Charles Grandfield Cook,
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Dodd, jr., James Ellsworth Fisher,
James Bruce Garriss, jr., Stuart Thom-
as Hackstaff, Raymond Schaffer Hall,
jr., Francis John Horst, John Jacob
Ingelhart, Leon William Kost, and
Albert Francis Lingle, jr.

Also John Gordon Lowder, Theodore
Edward Mangum, Thomas Herbert
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Agnes Elaine Davis, Louida Mardelle
Dicus, Mary Ella Racine Disney, Rita
Rhoda Fine, and Patricia Rock Finni-
Dorothy Dunn, Dorothy Edna Fagan,
gan.

Also Margaret Elizabeth Fisher,
Mary Jane Frew, Mary Jane Garrison,
Phyllis Heigh Goul, Julia Charlotte
Herdtfelder, Thelma Mae Herriman,
Martha Elise Howard, and Eleanor
Louise Hubbard.

Also Barbara Jane Lockwood,
Eleanor Mae McCeney, Jean Ruth Mc-
Elhaney, Malinda Maryanne Mess,
Mary Janet Miller, Patricia Zane
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nor Frances Parkman, and Lois Vir-
ginia Phillips.

Also Nina Ruth Pruitt, Dorothy
Mina Randlett, Frances Beatrice Rob-
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BLAIR TRACK TEAM WINS OVER G.W.H.S. 68½-60½; BERRY, WEIR, BOYD ARE STARS

Blair's track team took a close meet from George Washington High School Tuesday, April 21. Our team won 68½-60½. Berry, Weir and Boyd starred for Blair. Berry garnered 13½ points, winning two firsts, the discus and the shot put. Ridge-way took the broad-jump with a jump of nineteen feet. Watch this team. It's going places.

The following is a summary of the scores:

100 yd. dash—1st, Renshaw, G.W., and Bell, G.W.; 2nd, Reece, G.W.,

Blazers Swamp Devitt

Pitching a beautiful two-hit game, Randy Edwards helped Blair to a 14-1 win over Devitt in the third game of the season. Blair scored in every inning but the fourth, Ridge-way supplying most of the batting power. Edwards struck out 12 and the opposing pitcher,—6.

| M.B. | AB. | H. | O. | A. |
|-------------|-----|----|----|----|
| Ridge'y, ss | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Sch'd'r, rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Coc'k's, rf | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Harri'n, cf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Goun'y, cf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Xand'r, 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ed'wds, p | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Haugh, c | 4 | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| Clark, lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ross, lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walker, 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bates, 2b | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mith'l, 1b | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 |

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----|----|----|----|
| Totals | 35 | 9 | 21 | 3 |
| Devitt | AB. | H. | O. | A. |
| Wallc'k, c | 3 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Carroll, lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| K'fm'n, cf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| O'Con'r, 1b | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Bren'n, p | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Clem'ts, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Davis, rf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Kerv'n, 3b | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Mu'phy, 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *Fishba'k, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Totals 24 2 18 1
*Batted for Murphy in seventh.
Blair 010 000 0—1
Devitt 322 042 x—14
Runs—Ridgeway (4), Schrider, Har-
rison (2), Goundry, Xander, Clark,
Walker (2), Bates, Mitchell. Errors—
Hugh, Walker, Wallack, (2), Carroll,
Brennan, Clements, Davis, Kervan (3),
Murphy. Two-base hits—Ridgeway,
Harrison. Three-base hit—Ridgeway.
Struck out—By Edwards, 12; by Bren-
nan, 6. Umpire—Mr. Schrider.

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Raiford, G.W.; 3rd, Neumann, Blair.
Time: 5:19.

Half-mile relay—1st, G.W.; 2nd,
Blair (Neumann, Bains, Keister,
Davis). Time: 1:39.

Mile relay—1st, Blair; 2nd, G.W.
Time: 3:59.5.

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G.W.; 2nd, Little, Blair; 3rd, Huth,
G.W.; Time: 28.

High jump—1st, Weir, Blair; 2nd,
Sutherland, G.W.; 3rd, Berry, Blair,
and Keister, Blair (tie). Height: 5
ft. 8 in.

Broad jump — 1st, Ridgeway,
Blair; 2nd, Little, Blair; 3rd, Smith,
Blair. Distance: 19 ft.

12 lb. Shot put—1st Berry, Blair;
2nd, Boyd, Blair; 3rd, Weir, Blair.
Distance, 41 ft. 3 in.

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2nd, Berry, Blair; 3rd, Weir, Blair.
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Blairites Witness Musical Pageant

The Ninth National Folk Festival drew some forty Blairites on May 7 to witness the folk dances and songs presented by groups from all over the U. S.

From the performances of the oldest Americans, the Indians, to the more recent, the Poles and Czechs, the entertainment was colorful, harmonious and thoroughly interesting. The performers were gleaned from the lumber camps of Maine to the tiny villages of Mexico, from the fisheries of Cape Cod to the forests of Washington. Negro Spirituals, Russian dances, square dances, cowboy tunes, French Canadian airs, Chinese, Polish, German, French, Spanish races all had their moment in the pageant that told a history of America in Music.

The Festival of this year took on a more significant aspect than of former times. The many races that make up our U. S. "melting-pot" flocked to the pageant, singing and dancing for each other. This blending of the culture of such varied peoples served to awaken even more fully the democratic spirit pervading the entire event.

Tobin Is Finalist In Speaking Contest

Ken Tobin, one of the senior class speakers for graduation, came out a finalist in the public speaking contest on Inter-American affairs held at American University Saturday, May 2, in which ten schools in and around the District of Columbia participated. John Preston was the other entrant from Blair.

Subjects were drawn from a hat and the orators were given an hour in which to prepare an eight-minute talk. Ken's first subject was, "The United States Business man in Latin America." After luncheon, the six finalists out of twenty students entered were announced. Ken was the only member of the finalists from a school outside of the District of Columbia.

The finalists again drew topics and were given an hour in which to prepare them, Ken's being "The Importance of the Caribbean in World War II." The final awards, a \$25 defense bond and ten dollars worth of defense stamps, went to District students. The order in which the finalists came out was not announced.

SERVICE POSTERS MADE

Blair art students, under the direction of Miss Clark, are currently making posters urging civilian participation in Canteen Service organizations. The posters are to be placed all over the country.

Carrying out the Defense theme, Blair shop boys are constructing black-out curtains for Miss Wood's room and for the two shops.

Senior Calendar

May 20: Pajama-Top Day. All seniors wear pajama-tops, bedroom slippers and no socks. Senior girls wear pigtails. (Wednesday.)

May 23: Junior-Senior Prom. Blair gym, 9 to 12, semi-formal, juniors and seniors only. (Saturday.)

May 29: Class Banquet. Indian Spring Club, 6:00 p. m., only seniors; dance afterward, dates allowed. Price \$1.50. (Friday)

June 1-5: Senior Week. No classes for seniors. Seniors have run of the buildings. (Monday thru Friday.)

June 7: Baccalaureate Service. Takoma Park Episcopal Church, Piney Branch Rd. at Dahlia, N. W. 4:00 p. m. (Sunday.)

June 8: Commencement. Silver Theatre, 9:30 a. m., girls wear white street-length dresses, boys wear business suits, any color. Four invitations per senior. (Monday.)

Blair Boys To Participate In Nation-Wide Farm Program

Forty-five boys are participating in the Blair Farm Program, in the hands of Mrs. M. E. Howard, this summer. It is in reality not a school program, but Blair is working along with the government in the nation's effort to get its younger men on the farms.

Farms in the Rockville, Poolesville, Gaithersburg and Laurel areas will receive the Blair workers, who will be able to expect excellent living conditions and good pay.

Students interested in the plan who have not already registered should do so immediately, either with Mr. Knight, in his office, or with Mrs. Howard at 8511 Colesville Pike, between 9:00 and 4:00.

The Volunteer Land Corps, an organization which is recruiting men to work on farms and in camps, is another alternative for boys who desire this type of work. Students interested in getting in touch with them should write to the organization at 8 West 40th Street, New York City.

Blair has come in contact with this program before, it will be recalled, in talks by a Professor of Agriculture from Maryland University, who spoke on physical fitness and agriculture, and by Mrs. Howard.

Thanks, Kid

SILVER CHIPS extends its grateful thanks to the young lady who has kept the paper going for three issues and who will be the moving factor behind the next two—Lucille Cordell. Lucie has given assignments, collected stories, and done editorial work for these issues.

Don't get the idea that ye eds are trying to shirk their duties. Both of us are, or have been, employed on Silver Spring weeklies; Don worked afternoons on the *Post* last month and I work three days a week and every afternoon on the *Standard*. We can get in on the mechanical end of things, but its difficult to see reporters or think of stories when you aren't in school.

—Connie Young

MEDAL, KEYS, and "B"s OFFERED TO SENIORS

Of the awards offered by Montgomery Blair High School, the Blair Key and the Blair "B" are the most noteworthy. Last year six keys and nine "B's" were presented to seniors who were outstanding in any one or more fields or who had been steadfast in service and loyalty to their school.

Awards are made by the Faculty Advisory Committee, although any club, group, teacher, or student may recommend individuals for the award. Names will be accepted if turned in to the office before May 15.

For excellence in mathematics and science, the Rinsler Medal is offered. The valedictorian and salutatorian are chosen on the basis of scholarship.

NURSES SPEAK HERE

Miss Genevieve Wilson, Superintendent of Nurses at Garfield Memorial Hospital, and Miss Clanton, Educational Adviser, spoke to the Blair girls recently on the need for nurses in the present emergency.

Miss Wilson and Miss Clanton cited many opportunities open to the would-be nurse.

BLAIR BOYS WINNERS

A belated notice of the winners of the third annual Silver Spring Hobby Show discloses the names of two Blairites among the prize-winners. The boys are Leo Flaherty and Tom Brown.

Tom placed first in the stamp collections and also in first day covers. Leo won first prize in mechanical drawing and in special ship first day covers.

Wonders Shown At A. U. Exhibit

Recently several Blairites attended the American University Science Exhibit and, at a later date, the Educational Forum. Mrs. Hitz and Mr. Greenfield planned the Science Show, which drew some thirty chemistry and physics students.

Highlights of the day were living and mounted algae, "burning" water, water seemingly appearing from nowhere, and the "dental zoos." Many students participated in the last event by having their mouths scraped. The residue was put under a microscope and the amazed spectators were invited to view the bacteria.

At the Educational Forum, talks were given on many different professions, including medicine, journalism, teaching, and agriculture. These were offered to familiarize students with the work they intend to follow upon graduation and to furnish them with practical information and advice as to how to best prepare for their future positions. The speakers were men and women who were outstanding in their own particular fields.

Miss Schwartz made arrangements for Blairites to attend the forum.

Students Participate In Sugar Rationing

Over two dozen students participated in the sugar registration of individuals May 5, 6, and 7 and in the gas rationing registration, May 12 13, and 14 at Parkside, Woodside, and East Silver Spring. Although these registrations were held at elementary schools, the burden on those teachers was so great that high school teachers were drafted and the students volunteered to help.

Although most of the students who participated in this patriotic effort acted only as assistants to the teachers, a few registered families unaided.

PUPILS LEARN RULES

A fortnight ago all Blairites were requested to sign certain "pledges," mimeographed sheets bearing most of the school's rules and regulations.

This measure was taken by the office, not as something to be held over students' heads, but only as a certainty that everyone knows the school laws concerning attendance, smoking, tardiness, skipping, and so forth.

GLEE ASSEMBLY SEEN

The Glee Club, despite many interruptions, has arranged a tentative program for a future summer assembly.

Elsie Hartzell, club director, released the following list of pieces to be presented: "Lullaby," from Jocelyn, "Glow-worm," and "He Met Her on the Stairs," a humorous composition by Sivorì Levery.

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Blair Beats Briarley On Home Court, 8-2

On May 11 Blair won over Briarley, 8-2, on our home court. The box score of the game follows:

| Blair | AB. | H. | PO. | A. |
|---------------|-----|----|-----|----|
| Hackstaff, rf | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Bates, 2b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Schrider, c | 4 | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| Ridgeway, ss | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| Mitchell, 1b | 3 | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| Harrison, cf | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Clarke, lf | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Xander, 3b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Edwards, p | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Two base hits—Schrider 1. Double plays, 1. Bases on balls—Off Edwards 5. Struck out—by Edwards 7. Opponents' hits—Off Edwards 3. Passed balls 1. Runs—Hackstaff, Schrider, Mitchell (1); Harrison (2); Xander (2); Edwards (1).

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blair | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Briarley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Raiders Take Blair In Track Meet

On May 6 Western defeated the Blazers in a track meet, 63-48, on the Raiders' field. Bob Little's 20'½" broad jump was one of the feats of the day.

Ray Briggs won the 220-yard dash and the Discus throw was captured by Berry.

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Blair Beats Bethesda; Wins And Loses Two

"It don't mean a thing if you ain't got that swing" is the way Blair feels toward Bethesda after the Blazers' 15-8 trouncing of the rival team on May 6. In past games between the two teams Blair has now won ten games to B. C. C.'s three in thirteen years.

Randy Edwards, winning pitcher and consistent batter, hurled Blair to a sweet victory, giving ten hits and striking out ten, to the opposing pitcher's 15 hits and 7 strike-outs.

| Blair | AB. | H. | O. | A. |
|--------------|-----|----|----|----|
| H'kst'ff, rf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bates, 2b | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Schrider, c | 5 | 2 | 15 | 2 |
| R'g'w'y, ss | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| H'risson, cf | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| J. Clark, lf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Xander, 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mitchell, 1b | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Edwards, p | 5 | 3 | 0 | 3 |

| | | | | |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Totals | 40 | 15 | 27 | 11 |
| Bethesda | 100 | 051 | 100 | 8 |
| Blair | 004 | 208 | 01x | 15 |

Runs—Hackstaff (2), Bates (3), Schrider, Ridgeway, Harrison, J. Clark, Xander, Mitchell (2), Edwards (3). Two-base hits—Harrison, Edwards. Three-base hits—Ridgeway, Mitchell. Bases on balls—Off Edwards, 6; off Latimer, 5; off Shoemaker, 4. Losing pitcher—Latimer, mpire—Messrs. Godfrey and Schrider.

Charlotte Hall

In a second upset, immediately following the one delivered to Bethesda Chevy Chase, Blair beat Charlotte Hall, 6-3 on May 8. "Lefty" Embree allowed only four hits and a base on balls. Blair pounded the two opposing pitchers ten hits and received two walks. Our lead was captured at the first of the game and kept easily throughout.

| Blair | AB. | H. | O. | A. |
|--------------|-----|----|----|----|
| H'st'ff, rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bates, 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Schrider, c | 4 | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| Ridge'y, ss | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Harrison, cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Clark, lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Xander, 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mitchell, 1b | 4 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| Embree, p | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 |

| | | | | |
|----------|----|----|----|---|
| Totals | 34 | 10 | 27 | 7 |
| C.H.M.A. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blair | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |

Runs—Bates, Schrider, Ridgeway, Xander, Mitchell, Embree. Errors—Hobbs, Hackstaff, Xander (3), Embree (3). Three-base hit—Ridgeway. First base on balls—Off Rector, 2; off Embree, 5; by Embree, 7. Hits—Off Rector, 1. Struck out—By Rector, 2; by tor, 9 in 5 innings; off Cady, 1 in 3 innings. Passed balls—Schrider (3), Sandlin (3).

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In one of the season's earlier games, Blair was defeated by National Training School by a score of 12-2 on their field. Blair's number of eight errors aided the winners in the game.

| Blair | AB. | H. | O. | A. |
|--------------|-----|----|----|----|
| H'st'ff, 1b | 4 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Bates, ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Sch'd'rf, rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Haugh, c | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| Rid'w'y, p | 3 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| X'nder, 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Cocoras, lf | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Ross, cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walker, 2b | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Clark, lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Embree, p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *Barrison | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| *Taylor | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Totals 36 2 27 14
 † Batted for Walker in ninth.
 * Batted for Coroas in ninth.
 N. T. S. 030 200 070—12
 Blair 100 000 010 2
 Walker (2). First base on balls—Off Embree, 8; Embree, 1. Struck out—By Bottomley, 7 by Ridgeway, 4; by Embree 1.

Landon

Despite a desperate rally in the 6th, Blair lost 13-12 to Landon. The game was slow until the sixth inning, at which time both teams scored heavily.

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Blair Golf Team Wins Victory Over Gonzaga

Blair's remodeled golf team took a decisive victory over Gonzaga at the Manor Club on Tuesday, May 11. The final score was 8 to 1.

The match was by no means an easy one as the lopsided score would indicate. The individual matches were very close, several boys winning on the last three or four holes.

Horton, Blair, lost, 3 and 2; McDaniel, Blair, won, 2 and 1. Best ball, Blair, 2 and 1.

Tunis Blair, won 4 and 3; Phippeny, Blair, won 3 and 2. Best ball, Blair, 5, and 4.

Tabutt, Blair, won 6 and 5. Wells, Blair, won, 1 up. Best ball, Blair, 3 and 2.

| Blair | AB. | H. | O. | A. |
|--------------|-----|----|----|----|
| Ridge'y, ss | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Schrider, rf | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Harrison, lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Goundry, lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ross, lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Edwards, cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Xander, 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Haugh, c | 3 | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| Walker, 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Mitchell, 1b | 4 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Embree, p | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| *Bates | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnson, p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Drewey, p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Totals 34 10 21 3
 †Batted for Embree in sixth.
 Landon 0 0 0 0 4 8 1—13
 Blair 0 0 0 1 0 11 0—12

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The 1942 Commencement exercises will be held on Monday morning, June 8, at 9:30 a. m., at the Silver Theatre. This year's graduating class numbers two hundred and twelve; there were two hundred and twenty-seven in the 1941 graduating class.

The senior speakers at the graduation exercises will be Charles Ryan, Kenneth Tobin and Mack Horton. Ryan will speak on "What the Secondary School Could And Should Do to Further Aid Our War Effort". The subject of Tobin's talk will be "What the Secondary Schools Have Done For the War Effort" and Horton will talk on "The Future of the High School Student In the U. S. At War."

Mr. Schearrer, pastor of the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, will give the invocation and benediction.

Mary Ann Mitchell's Processional, composed for the Class of '41, will be played. The exercises will be opened with the entire Senior Class singing "Alma Mater". Alden Emery will give a flute solo, and eight seniors will offer a vocal selection. The exercises will be concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

The diplomas will be awarded by Mrs. Walser, president of the Board of Education.

Smith Teaches In Junior High

The duties of president of Blair have been handed down to Jack Davis, vice-president, now that our original head, Dwight Smith, is teaching at Montgomery Hills Junior High School. The absence of "Coach" Sivigny, science and gym teacher, who left his teaching position for one in the Army Air Corps, necessitated Dwight's substituting.

His schedule includes one ninth grade general science class and five boys' physical education classes. His science class is getting astronomy now, one of Dwight's pet subjects. He has made out his own study outline, quizzes, and discussion questions and has done a little lecturing, too. His gym classes take regular exercises and are currently playing softball.

Dwight gets paid the regular substitute's salary and is also privileged to eat with the other teachers.

100 Seniors to Attend Tonight's Banquet and Class Night Dance

One of the most important events on a senior's calendar is the combined banquet and class night exercises to be held this evening in the main ball room of the Indian Spring Country Club. About one hundred seniors are expected to attend the banquet, which will be followed by an informal dance.

Girls Plan Dance For Bliss Sailors

Blairites are "going all out for victory" by participating in a program devised to afford recreation and pleasure for the one hundred sailors at the Bliss Electrical School taking special courses. Joan Foley, the school secretary, has charge of arrangements for a tea dance to be held some time before school closes and for other social activities to continue into the summer.

A list of girls willing to attend an informal afternoon or evening dance without escorts to which only Bliss boys will be invited, is now being formed. Girls interested in the program should see Joan Foley as soon as possible.

The dances will be chaperoned by teachers and parents and no Blair boys will be permitted to attend.

1/3 Senior Class Not At School; Working

Almost one-third of Blair's senior class is out of school doing full time work in the government or in private concerns. As of May 22, 75 students were employed and not attending school.

A large percentage of these students, working with Mr. Mullinix, are receiving war diplomas and are doing no school work the remainder of the school year. The others have agreed to make up the most important of their assignments and are receiving a regular diploma at graduation, but these students, mostly academic, are in the minority.

NOTICE

Miss Schwartz requests that all students turn in names of persons whom they believe eligible for Blair keys and B's immediately. The names may be given to your home-room teacher. Keys are awarded to seniors who have contributed toward the welfare of the school, the B's are awarded to seniors who have been outstanding in certain fields.

The banquet, from 7 until 8:30 p. m., will consist of a six-course steak dinner, between the courses of which toasts will be made by the students to events and organizations of their senior year. The will, written by members of the Class Night Committee, will be read by Bill Brooks, while the prophecy for each student will be printed on his place card. These cards will be read aloud by each student.

The informal dance, featuring Stan Brown and his five-piece orchestra, will be held from 9 until 12, the intervening half hour between 8:30 and 9 to be used for students to get their outside dates for the dance.

Bob Lyon heads the committee for arranging the affair, while members of the group are Ruth Pruitt, Bob Derrick, Lois Reed, Bill Brooks, Louise Richards, and Helen Patrick.

Upper-Classmen Flock To Prom

One of the most important events of Blair's social season was the Junior-Senior Prom, held last Saturday night in the school gymnasium from 9 until 12, at which Fred Bartel's Orchestra played. Not only were the classes well-represented, but many alumni were present as well. The Grand March, directed by Bill Sheehan, was led by Dwight Smith, school president, with Joyce Tobin, and Barbara Spenser, Blair Queen, with Nick Carter.

High points of the evening were: A certain young lady's \$3 worth of defense stamps instead of a corsage, Mr. Marsh's singing the bridal march for Mr. Greenfield and his charming companion, the conga chain in which so many more Blairites participated than ever before, the little silver and gold spoons given to the girls for favors, the lovely pink and white decorations, and Less Brooks' drumming.

Attention Sports Fans!

Silver Chips presents in this, its last issue of the year, resumes of the three leading spring sports—golf, track, and baseball. Turn this sheet over for the complete summaries of the year's activities in those sports.

J. Foley, B. Linkins, D. Perkins, Officers

Running against four well-known juniors Jack "Boo" Clark was elected President of the Student Council yesterday.

Officers of the election hardly expected that the president would be elected in a preliminary vote but the final count showed "Boo" fairly well in the lead.

Votes for all positions were quite close, although Treasurer Bob Linkins won by a majority.

The race between Dorothy Perkins and Ruth Spencer was very close but "Dot" won by a small majority.

Vice-President Joan Foley was elected by a rather large number of votes.

"Boo" Clark (that name has clung to him since childhood) is our eighth Student Council President. He has several interests, baseball, basketball and soccer taking the lead. Clark is now a member of the American Legion Baseball Team, and also of a local softball team.

Born right here in Silver Spring, on December 16, 1925, Boo has traveled around quite a bit. Maine, Boston, Connecticut, have all lured him northward. During his last year of junior high school, Boo went to New York with several other members of the T. S. S. newspaper staff.

Welfare Gives \$50 For Health Center

A Blair organization and class contributed in several ways to the opening of the new Silver Spring Health Center, May 18, on Bladensburg Road. The organization was the Welfare Committee of the Student Council, headed by Beverly Hoover, which appropriated \$50 toward the remodeling of the old Blair School into the new Health Center.

The shop students contributed to the project by constructing frames for the blackboards and making the sign in front of the building.

O.E.M. Calls Job-Seekers

Miss Jean Buck, a representative from the Office of Emergency Management, visited Blair last Friday, taking names and the interests of students wishing to apply for Civil Service jobs in that department. About fifty students were interviewed by Miss Buck for the jobs of secretary, messenger, and junior clerk. She directed the students where to apply for the positions and how to go about contacting the right people.

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It's Only As Bad, Or Good, As We Make It

So many of us have heard opinions expressed as to what a terrible world we seniors will have to cope with upon graduating June 8. They've told us that everything is topsy-turvy because of the war; at home our social and economic life has been violently disrupted because of our being involved in World War II. Abroad, the situation looks even worse; whole nations are being swallowed up and their inhabitants forced to exist through dictated lives. Yes, indeed, it looks pretty bad for our senior class and the thousands of others graduating this June.

Maybe the picture isn't quite as bad as all that, though. Things on the surface do look dark, but perhaps there is another side to it—a silver lining, if you wish. Possibly this is an opportunity for the students and young people of America to show the stuff of which democracies are truly made; to prove that we're not, as a certain German painter and paper-hanger would have the world believe, weak and unorganized, lacking the brains, brawn and backbone to bring this war to an end victorious for our democratic allies.

And in a democracy it's the individual that counts; the individual upon which its success or failure depends. That is why this is an opportunity for each one of us to select a job, whether it be with the army, in private industry, or in a home, and to do that job to the best of our ability.

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Track Season Ends With 1 Win Out of 4

Blair's track team won one dual meet and lost three in its 1942 season. The lone victim was George Washington High School of Alexandria, Va. Meets lost were those at Roosevelt, Western, Fairfax, and Maryland.

This season's high scorer was Stanley Berry with 36½ points. Bob Weir was second with 29¼, followed by Ray Briggs with 26¼ and Jack Davis with 19¼. Nine letters will be given for track this year. They will be presented to Berry, Weir, Briggs, Davis, Dick Neumann, Bob Baines, Gene Boyd, Bob Little, and Dwight Smith.

Fairfax Defeats Blair In Season's Last Meet

Blair was beaten by Fairfax last Tuesday in the last meet of Blair's track season. The score was 79½ to 40½. Blair was forced to compete without the services of several good men, but the squad present did as good a job as could be expected. Report starred for Fairfax with 20½ points and Weir led Blair with 8 points.

100 yd. dash: 1st Briggs, Blair; 2nd McDonough, Fairfax; 3rd Callis, Blair; Time—10.5 secs.
220 yd. dash: 1st Davis, Blair; 2nd Tie, Briggs, Blair, and Harmon, Fairfax; Time—24 secs.
440 yd. run: 1st Allen, Fairfax 2nd Smith, Fairfax; 3rd Davis, Blair; Time—55 secs.
Half Mile: 1st Rector, Fairfax; 2nd Grove, Fairfax 3rd Baines, Blair; Time—2 mins. 8 secs.
Mile: 1st Rector, Fairfax; 2nd Smith, Fairfax; 3rd Anchors, Fairfax; Time—4 mins. 4 secs.
Half Mile relay: 1st Fairfax, (Saunders, Watts, Carr, Poling), 2nd Blair; Time—1 min. 40 secs.
Mile relay: 1st Fairfax (Rector, Allen, Harmon, Grove), 2nd Blair; Time—3 min. 2 secs.

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1942 Golf Team Leads Blair Sports Parade With 4 Victories Out of 7 Matches On Scheuled

End Season With Coolidge Defeat On May 19; Low Score 78

This year's golf team made a better percentage than any other Blair sports team; they won 4 out of their 7 matches. Teams defeated were St. John's, Gonzaga, Devitt, and Coolidge, which they played in an exhibition match for their last game of the season, Tuesday, May 19. Teams lost to were St. Alban's, Bethesda, and Georgetown Prep.

Lowest scores for the season were Reed Phippeny's 78, made at the Manor Club against St. Alban's, Bill Tunis' 79, made the same afternoon, and Mack Horton's 79, made at Kenwood.

Two Blair golfers, Phippeny and Bill McDaniel, entered the District Schoolboy Championship matches held last week end. Phippeny won his first match Friday at the Manor Club by a default and McDaniel lost Saturday at Georgetown Prep Phippeny lost his match.

This is only the second year Blair has boasted a golf team. Last year's team was coached by Mr. Arthur Brady, now a Silver Spring lawyer, then math teacher.

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Baseball Season Ends With 4 Wins Out of 10

Blair's baseball team had a rather sad season with 6 losses out of 10 games played. Games we won were with Devitt, 14-1; Bethesda, 15-8; Charlotte Hall, 6-3; and Briarley, 8-2. Games lost were to Gonzaga, 15-1; Charlotte Hall 8-3; Briarley, 2-0; National Training School, 12-2; Landon, 13-12; and National Training School, 16-10.

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