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Do You Care?

Through a correlated movie and assembly, the student body of Montgomery Blair became familiarized with the present living conditions of post-war Europe, and CARE, a relief agency which has done much to ease the discomfort of millions.

The movie, "Seeds of Destiny," was shown at Blair for the second time. Those who saw it last year were shocked by the grim, tragic story of hunger and destitution which haunts Europe. At that time, Europe's needs were little known to the rest of the world. Hunger, pestilence, death—the vivid film which gave life to these empty words struck home to the students. Mingled feelings of nausea, horror and revulsion shocked the student body into action. They asked, "What can we do about it?" The answer was the inauguration of the CARE program at Montgomery Blair.

Again this year, that same movie wrenched the hearts of those who saw it for the first time, and stimulated the emotions of those who had seen it before. Again the answer is CARE.

CARE is a condensation of Cooperative for American Remittance to Europe. It is non-profit, government-approved, and a receipt signed by the beneficiary named guarantees delivery.

The CARE service has been extended to include three packages: food, woollens, and blankets. Each package costs \$10.00, which covers everything—contents, shipping, and delivery. The new improved food package contains 21.5 pounds of a highly nutritious food. The woolen package con-

tains enough materials to make a coat or suit for an adult, two suits for children, or many other articles of desperately needed clothing. The blanket package contains two all virgin wool blankets, and an assortment of sewing notions.

Currently, aid to Europe is a touchy subject. There are many conflicting sentiments concerning the problem. Many contend that these people deserve no help because they were our enemies. These children, undernourished, dwarfed, maimed, driven out of their minds by the horrible things their eyes have seen, are they our enemies? Is the mother who watches life ebbing out of her child, powerless to do anything about it, our enemy? No, these are not our enemies—yet. But through their hunger, cold, and despair, they could be. Europe is a breeding ground for communism, and communism is the recognized enemy of democracy. Freedom means little to these people who find living a day to day problem. So great is their need, they are willing to clutch at any straw in the wind. If that straw is communism, then the whole world will suffer.

Common decency and humanity demand that CARE receive adequate support. We Americans are apt to be complacent in our comparatively luxurious life, but realizing that what we take for granted is the difference between life and death to our neighbors across the sea should make us stop and think. We can't let these suffering people down. They need us, our moral support as well as our aid. Show them that we do CARE.

N.T.A. Asks Students' Support

The National Tuberculosis Association and its 2,500 affiliates in the 48 states, District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Phillipines, and the Canal Zone, have again begun their annual sale of Christmas seals in order to raise badly needed funds with which to continue the fight against tuberculosis. Since the establishment of this most worthy association, the death rate from this most dreaded disease has been reduced about seventy-five percent, due to the vigorous campaign for prevention and con-

trol sponsored by the N.T.A.

In spite of this continued effort to bring about the complete eradication of the "White Plague," as tuberculosis has been commonly termed, the fight can hardly be considered over. The work of the association must continue until the last person has been completely cured, and the germ which causes this terrifying malady has been extinguished. There can be no peace treaty with tuberculosis; one must fight it. And in order to fight it, one must have money; money for research, nurses and

Among the '800'

With the football season in full swing, so are the parties. Many students have added "vita" to the social events of Blair by participating in these parties.

An open house, in the Falkland Manor, was given by Nancy MacCaleb and Joan Davies. Those enjoying music by Ted McGowan, Al Harding, Bolney Schulze, Joan Davies and Mrs. Davies' trumpet were Bob Lunow, Harry Carroll, Dave Gardner, Dot Gardner, Jack Gould, Lou Spencer, Ken Baliles, Gerald Keister, Bob Appleby, and Delmar Taylor plus some Central sorority girls.

Dancing on the checked floor in Marilyn Middleton's recreation room Saturday night were John Ford, Priscilla Varney, Frank Simmonds, Bob Appleby, Dave Mann, Paul Taggart, Demar Taylor, Joan Haney, Evelyn Bean, Dick Cole, Jack Goode, Tom Prichard, Nathalie Eck, George White, Walter Cobak, Frank Proctor, Barbara Neal, Howard Muhley, Joyce Atchinson, Neal Wildman, Lois Young, Harry Sullivan, Harvey Ray, Ted Crafton, Ted Smith, Sud Bubes and Dale Butler.

Wide eyed was Beverly Hunt when she walked into her surprise birthday party at Ellen Ridgeway's home. Walter Chamberlin, Betty Hemstreet, Bill Mess, Ginger Evans, Bob Cushman, Ellen Ridgeway, John Kennedy, Rae Davis, Jeanne Forcade, Pat Althaus, Mel Hobbs, Dave Smith, Pat Hall, Buddy Doten, Bob Rodeffer, Ricky Harrison, Anne Livingston, Louis Simpson, Evan Arrington, Monroe Hite, Dolly Burr and Kenny Baliles enjoyed cokes and doughnuts.

At the open houses which are following on this list my pencil just didn't go quite fast enough to get all the names.

Indulging in sweet cider, doughnuts, peanuts and robbing the ice box at Ann Livingston's house were many Blairites and a goodly number of alumni, including Chris Middleton, Jimmy Fischer, Bill Meserole, Bill Massey, Shirley Haycraft, Syd Bubes, Carl Olson, Ralph Reno, Paul Kennedy, Chuck Kelly, Parker Kirby, Olie Brockdorf, and John Bennix.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Winnie Winn's open house were innumerable Blairites and the following alumni: Buddy Blocker, Chris Middleton, Jimmy Fischer, Anna May Murphy, Paul Keister and Paul Milstead.

doctors, proper hospitalization, equipment, diagnostic clinics, adult and child education, professional education, and post-sanatorium care. True, some of this money comes from taxes and government appropriations, both of which are very meager, and the medical profession spends a large portion, but the bulk of the job lies with volunteer agencies and individuals. These donations are made in the form of cash and the purchase of Christmas seals.

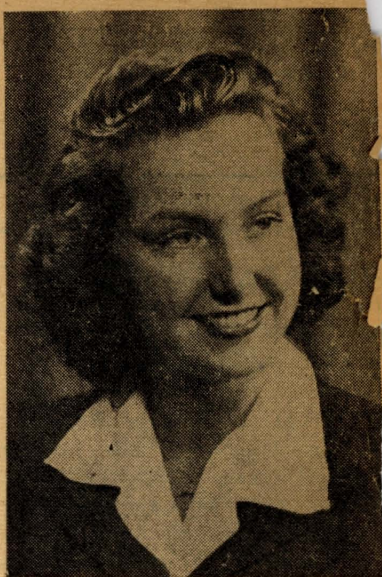
The purchase of these seals is something that everyone can and must do. Tuberculosis is not hereditary; it is a communicable disease. There is no way of determining when it will strike, or who it will strike. It is the essential duty of every citizen to do his part. The fight against tuberculosis belongs to the nation, and those who neglect to lend all possible aid are guilty of murder.

Hendersons Happy With Hope

Tall, hazel-eyed, Hope Henderson dropped in on Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson of 7745 Thayer Avenue, Silver Spring, on November 27, 1930, and, pleased with the atmosphere, decided to stay.

Her first alma mater was East Silver Spring Elementary school from which she progressed to Silver Spring Intermediate. After having expounded her quota of "blood, sweat and tears," to say nothing of enforced labor, Hope was ready to enter her present sanctuary, Montgomery Blair. Good ol' Blair! Hope simply adores it here.

While serving time in this fair school, Hope has had her fingers in virtually every pie. She was active in the drum majorettes, dancing club, ramblers club, monogram committee, and cheer leading squad, in which she was recently injured. She is the alumni editor of Silver Chips and writes



"Chicks and Chaps" for the Maryland News.

Hope is undecided as to her future plans, but she is far from being at a loss for ideas, having interior decorating, dress designing, and newspaper writing to chose from. Whatever she finally decides upon, her past record can be accepted as an excellent guarantee of her future success.

EXCHANGES

Another year and with it another year of exchanges, which will bring you some of the humor from schols far and near.

It seems that the students of Montgomery County aren't the only students who have the opportunity for driving in the high school course, our friends from Benson High School, Omaha, Nebraska, are soon planning to install driving as a high school course.

This little morsel was taken from the National Echo, which in turn was taken from Lion Tales, Abraham Lincoln High School, San Jose, California:

"Hey, You!

If you have:

moved,

eloped,

died.

sold out,

been born,

been drafted,

been robbed,

been married,

bought a car,

sold one,

had company,

been murdered,

been visiting,

lost your hair,

lost your teeth,

lost your dog,

been in a fight,

sold your hogs,

stolen something,

had an operation,

got a new boy friend,

got a new girl friend,

IT'S NEWS. TURN IT IN SO WE CAN PRINT IT."

We hope this brings a quick response from you who have often wondered just what news is—well now you know or at least have a vague idea, so let's have some news.

Platter Chatter

Attention Blairites! For a rare time at the next "Platter Party," be sure to have some of these, the hottest records in town.

For those who like the sentimental type records, Sammy Kaye really does justice to the songs, "An Apple Blossom Wedding" and "That's My Desire," to say nothing of "Ask Anyone Who Knows" with that sweet sentimental gal, Dinah Shore.

"Ain'tcha Ever Coming Back" is another song that is climbing to the top of the Hit Parade. Incidentally, that is beautifully done by Toni Martin.

Preview Peeks

Hey, fellows and gals! Let's take a peek at the coming attractions at the Silver for the next few weeks.

On October 23, "Marked Woman" is on its way. It's a heavy drama, starring Bette Davis and that "daring" Humphrey Bogart.

A re-issue you might have seen previously is to be seen at the Silver on October 24. "Dust Be My Destiny" stars John Garfield and Priscilla Lane.

Like comedy mysteries? Well, here's one that should send you blood pressure soaring! It's "Song of the Thin Man," starring your old favorites, William Powell and Myrna Loy. It's coming our way on October 25.

A top-rating comedy musical that we'll be laughing at on October 26 and 27 is "Variety Girl." It stars Mary Hatch Olga San Juan and most of Paramount stars.

A real good chiller called "The Sign of Death" is rounding up on October 28, 29. The ex-convict is played by Victor Mature, and Brian Donlevy stars as the D.A.

Well, here's another oldie coming up. This time it's a melodrama called "West of the Moon," with Robert Young, Scott, Virginia Gilmore, and the leads. This "hoss" arrives at the Silver October 30.

Another great disc is the one of songs, "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke," with Tex Williams. This well done by Phil Harris.

Nellie Lutcher is a fan favorite with her "Hurry on Down Baby," and "I'll Be With You."

Another "must" is "Harlem Nocturne," a dreamy song by Randy Brown.

Dorothy Sayers is a happy "Fussin'" and Francis Craig is "Sweet Country" with his "Near You."

Long-hairs will love Oscar's new album of Chopin. A dream!

Now we've given you the hits, so if you've any urge to watch flying discs, make sure they're the most popular.

Interesting People I Have Met From Behind the Counter

By Helen Merell

If distinguished service crosses were given to civilians, I think that ten-cent store girls would be among the most deserving. I am in a position to know; I worked in the S. S. Kresge store in Silver Spring for almost a year, and you can believe me, we have seen hand-to-hand combat with the greatest army of them all—consumers!

Our day began at 9.00 a.m. The more conscientious of us greeted the day by renewing our pledge to be kind, helpful, and above all, keep smiling. Generally our first customers were people who worked at the other stores in the Shopping Center, and came dashing into our store to obtain various articles in a terrible hurry, lest their absence be discovered by the boss. This meant dropping whatever we were doing, wrapping the merchandise, and getting change for the inevitable five dollar bill. If this maneuver cannot be successfully executed within sixty seconds, the salesgirl is automatically demoted to the ranks of mentally incompetent.

About 10 a.m. the public released its secret weapon on us—children! In waiting on children, it is necessary to have three basic qualifications: patience, patience and more patience.

Children consumers are invariably divided into three categories: inquisitive, exasperating, and adorable.

The vocabulary of the inquisitor usually consists of "what are you doing, why are you doing that, and how are you doing it?"

If the inquisitor is really interested in what you are doing, why and how you are doing it, Heaven help you, because then he wants to assist you.

Exasperating might also include the inquisitor, depending on to what degree he takes the inquisition. However, exasperating usually infests the toy counter. He either devours the latest comic books while consuming sticky, gooey candy, or races from one end of the counter to the other, strewn merchandise in his wake. His most exasperating talent is the disappearance act, which he performs always just as the manager approaches. In short, he leaves you holding the well-known bag. Now manager is usually a very understanding fellow, but one can appreciate his attitude toward the sight which he is about to behold. After all, he is responsible for this particular branch of the enterprise in our fair city, and appearance is one of the factors which influences the public through appeal. It is definitely not a very appealing sight he sees. Manager surveys counter coolly, then casts a glance at salesgirl which would cause the Rio Grande to freeze in July. It is important that toy girl have no homicidal tendencies.

The adorable group is universally popular with salesgirls. These are the very youngest of patrons, who occupy either perambulator or stroller. They simply sit and omit obliging gurgles or broad grins from time to time.

At lunch time, we were very rushed because that is the only time many people have to do their shopping. Aside from an inadequate number of girls due to the coinciding lunch hours, things progressed rather smoothly.

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"A thing worth doing is worth doing well."

Blair Supports Georgetown At Griffith Stadium

On Friday night, October 10, 1947, Montgomery Blair High School was greatly honored by the invitation of Georgetown University extended to the band, majorettes, cheerleaders, and the football team, to be guests at Griffith Stadium.

Blair did herself proud before the great crowd which gathered to see Georgetown U. play St. Louis U. Student tickets were sold at 50 cents per person for bleacher seats on the north end of the gridiron and many Blairites filled this section.

Mr. Meserole led the band on to the field and to the seats on the Georgetown side of the stadium, before the kick-off.

During the intermission between halves, the band and majorettes put on an elaborate exhibition. Peggy Bowman twirled and strutted from the south goal post to the center of the field, followed and imitated by Michelle Roth, age 4. From the other end came Virginia Hendron and the twirlers, followed by the pom-pom girls and Barbara Browning with her group of three acrobats. Behind these came the cheerleaders and the band led by Mr. Meserole. Each participant was in perfect step with the band.

The cheerleaders led the "Two bits, four bits," cheer for Georgetown at the beginning of the game. Betty Lee also had a little strawberry blond mascot named "Pinky," for the cheerleaders. "Pinky" was full of pep and marched about the field on the hand of Betty.

After the game many compliments were paid by the spectators about the way in which Blair showed her spirit.

CLASS OFFICERS

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class secretary-treasurer.

Vice-president of the junior class is Bob Alexander, who is an active member of the school band, the Ramblers Club, manager of the conservation project, and the Rifle Club.

The secretary of the junior class is Jessie Pickett, a staff writer of the Silver Chips, and a participant in last year's variety show.

Jean Heffner is the treasurer of the junior class, and is also a member of the Glee Club, secretary-treasurer of the Tri-Hi-Y, vice-president of the sophomore class, and constantly on the list of honor roll students.

Walter Chamblin has been selected as the junior representative to the monogram committee. He was president of his homeroom last year, and participated in intramurals.

Sophomore Elections Held

Newly elected officers of the sophomore class were announced at the tacky party on October 17. They are Bill Larimore from Takoma Park Junior High as president, Joyce Duvall from Silver Spring Intermediate as vice-president, and Evelyn Bean of Silver Spring Intermediate as secretary. The sophomore class has not yet elected its representative to the monogram committee.

Library Club Initiates 22

The Library Club held its first initiation of the year recently in the Blair Library under the sponsorship of Mrs. Elizabeth Macdonald and Miss Susan Aud.

Recently the Library Club sponsored a successful Book Dance in the Blair Gym for the purpose of increasing the number of books in the library.

BLAIR RATES HIGH AT NAVY AND PRINCETON

"You'll be interested in the Navy's and Princeton's opinion of Blair," writes Sprigg Duvall, 1947 graduate of Blair, now attending Princeton University.

Since Sprigg did so well on the College Entrance Board examination and had honor grades in physics in high school, and because of "the fact that both Navy and Princeton consider Blair one of the best high schools in the East," he was given an opportunity to drop physics (a required subject for all men in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps), and to take another science in its place.

That Sprigg is a very busy person is evident. He has a heavy schedule and his letter to Mrs. Macdonald was signed "Your struggling ex-student."

Of particular interest to all chemistry students is his advice to Mrs. Macdonald that she "take it easy on her chemistry classes."

Efficiency of Fire Drills

"The two fire drills we had a few days ago, the latter promoted by the fire department, weren't too well run," claimed Mr. Ernest Rhodes.

In order to have these drills running smoothly, the committee is having a floor plan drawn up, showing the different exits of the school. They will be posted all around the bulletin boards in Blair, where students will be expected to make it a point to look at them and find what exit they should use.

While the weather is good, two drills will be planned for each month. After that, one per month will be sufficient.

Molly Hoff Longs for Blair

Molly Hoff, a popular junior at Blair last year, is now residing in Fort Monroe, Virginia, where her father is stationed.

As many of you know, Molly was chosen at the end of last semester to be managing editor of "Silver Chips." Now, she finds her new alma mater has no school paper and she finds it quite hard to adjust herself to these new surroundings. At the present, she is trying to secure a position on the school yearbook staff.

Aside from her journalistic talents, Molly was an outstanding athlete at Blair, playing in such varsity sports as basketball, softball, hockey, track and tumbling teams. She also participated in ping-pong intramurals. Her new school offers basketball and softball as its main sports but from what she can gather they are both "very inactive."

Blair feels the loss of one such student, and Molly's friends here are looking forward to the visit to Silver Spring, which she plans for the very near future.

Sophomores Stage Party

On Friday night, October 17, the sophomores held their "tacky party" in the Blair gymnasium.

There was dancing, food, games and prizes, and it was all conducted on a strictly stag basis. A multiplication dance, spot dance and "the old shoe game" made up part of the entertainment.

The records for dancing were supplied by the sophomore party committee, and the sophomore teachers and a few parents chaperoned the event.

Support Your New Class Officers!

Blair Alumna Wins Music Scholarship

Commercial Students See Champion Typist Perform

Blair typing, shorthand and bookkeeping students were entertained Thursday, October 9, in the gym, by Norman P. Saksvig, who won the World's Grand Professional Typewriting Championship in 1938 on a stock model L. C. Smith typewriter.

In 1941, Mr. Saksvig was appointed as an instructor in typing at the Air Corps Technical School, Fort Logan, Col. Mr. Saksvig was commissioned by the Navy in January, 1942, and served as Officer-in-Charge of Group II Service School at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, where he taught typing to thousands of yeomen, storekeepers, and radio-men.

With four years experience as a Naval instructor added to his knowledge of speed typing, Norman Saksvig is unusually well qualified to show typists how to lessen the fatigue of typing while at the same time, increasing production.

Mr. Saksvig not only showed the proper ways of typing but also humorously demonstrated various improper techniques. His fastest average for a steady hour of typing is 159 words per minute, while the most words per minute he has ever recorded is 207.

Editor of N. Y. Paper Speaks at Town Hall

The second annual Town Hall, sponsored by the Rotary Club for the benefit of the student loan fund, opened Thursday, October 9, in the Silver Spring Armory, with Joseph Barnes speaking on "The Future of World Freedom and Democracy."

Mr. Barnes, a famous foreign editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, is well acquainted with Soviet Russia and Eastern European Nations.

In the future there will be other equally interesting speakers. Iris Carpenter, a noted author, Washington correspondent and radio commentator, will speak on the subject, "No Woman's World," November 12.

John C. Metcalfe, presenting a new idea for the first time on the American Lecture Stage, will speak on "The New German Challenge," December 11.

Assembly Programs Organized for Year

The student body can expect a well-organized program of assemblies this year due to the planning of the assembly committee.

The committee is composed of both faculty members and student representatives of the three grades. The students are Peggy Bowman, Laura Lee Degen, Sid Butler, Phoebe Overdorff, Ronnie Troxler, Mary Ann Kiefer, and Billy Larimore. Representing the faculty are Mr. K. Rhodes, Mr. E. Rhodes, Miss June Lippy and Miss Mary Silvey.

The program for the year includes ten assemblies, the next being scheduled for October 29, when Miss Katherine Greaney, the exchange teacher from Montgomery County to England last year, will speak on the needs of students in other countries.

Following that will be the Armistice Day program on November 11, and annual Thanksgiving and Christmas assemblies.

Marguerite Martinelli, graduate of Blair in 1946, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by winning a vocal contest, which took place in Washington, D.C., last summer.

Marguerite is now enrolled in Florida South College, Lakeland, Florida, with schooling expenses paid by this scholarship. Later on, Marguerite will be notified of a future contest, which will entitle the winner to one more year of college.

Bells Ring for Blair Grads

Weddings, anniversaries, and engagements have occupied many alumni recently with Thelma Jett and Bob Smith leading the way on October 2, when they became man and wife. Jeanne Hoffman and Arthur Lasher heard wedding bells on October 18, Jeanne's attendants being Gladys Lessig and Jeanne Grutzik.

Lorraine Young has announced her engagement to Ernest Barnes, while Barbara Mitchell and Bill Cheek have set the date of their wedding for some time in January.

Shirley (Bergman) Shirkey celebrated her first wedding anniversary at the Stone House Inn a couple of weeks ago. Helping the celebration were Barbara (Bergmann) Davis and her husband; Bill and Audrey Thompson; and Lois Bergman and Conrad Strahley.

Armed Forces Attract Students

Among those in the armed services is Jimmy Karikoff, who is now flying through the "wild blue yonder" with the air forces. He is stationed in Texas. Skipper Swayzee is on another cruise with the Navy. Dick Weiss, who has been stationed in Northern Korea, is supposed to be home in January. Sailor Sonny Johnson is going to night school down at Roosevelt.

College or other types of educational training occupy many former Blairites.

Joanne Zieber is training to be a nurse in Reading, Penna., while Marguerite Kost and Libby Hartfelder are in training at Garfield Hospital. Studying pre-nursing at Maryland University are Lizzie Smith and Enid Bean.

George Butler is now plugging away at Maryland University along with Ronny and Tommy Kindness. Also enjoying life at the university are freshmen Rosa Ridge and Mary Lakeman.

Fred Hattersley is learning drafting at Columbia Tech., Buster Frazier and Jimmy Fischer are doing fine at Bullis, and Ralph Smith is now attending Western Maryland.

Marilyn and Virginia Piegrass are working hard at Wheaton College in Illinois. Virginia is planning to be an English teacher.

Martha Barber is no longer at Oberlin, having transferred to Bryn Mawr.

Still other "grads" are working diligently at varied jobs, among them Johnny Courson, who is now working at Hahn's. Johnny Klipstein is working the mail at the Silver Spring Office. Jimmy Hardy can be found laboring in Shenandoah, Va. Faye Whitman Schneider's hubby, Donald, became parent a short time ago.

The Blair Bank staff has opened its Students' Saving Department and welcomes all teachers and students who wish to open accounts.

Bank hours are: 8.30-11.45; 12.30-2.30; 3.30-4.00.

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Sports Shorts

Don Ferguson

As you know, on February 22, a great man was born. He is known for his leadership, responsibility, and for always telling the truth (?). Of course, this great person's name is none other than Donald C. Ferguson. There is some talk of someone else being born on the same day, but according to Don no one is as great and as important as Ferguson.

He was born in Baltimore in 1930, and now being a senior makes him feel very important, to say nothing of the other eleven years he has attended school.

Don attended Garrett Heights Grammar School in Baltimore until the fifth grade, when he entered East Silver Spring. His great life was then carried to S. S. I., better known as Sing Sing Institute, as he and some of his teachers didn't agree on certain items. After spending two very eventful years there he journeyed to Takoma Park Junior High, where in the ninth grade he served as president of the student body.

He then ventured forth in the unknown by coming to Blair and received a cold welcome by being initiated five or six times with "Niagara Falls." After things settled down, he worked as homeroom president and was also on the junior varsity basketball team and golf team.

In his junior year Don was homeroom president, intramural captain, and again was on the baseball and golf teams, being one of the standouts on the latter.

This year Don was nominated for president of the twelfth grade. He is hoping to make the golf and baseball teams again this year.

Barbara Dillon

If you are looking for a cute brunette, about 5 feet, 6 inches, with luscious brown eyes and a wonderful personality, here's just the gal for you. Her name is Barbara Dillon, known to most of us as "Bobbie."

This, her senior year, and I might add her first at Blair, has proven very successful and active. Being a member of the girls' varsity hockey team and a member of the glee club, she expects to complete her year by trying out for a position in the senior class play and for membership in the Ramblers.

She has attended Wicomico High, in Salisbury, Md., for the past two years. For just one year at Blair, she is climbing to the top. Congratulations, Bobbie! We will always remember you.

s Cops Disc Prizes

Don Owens, using "Till the Clouds Roll By" as his theme, captured the W.W.D.C. Disk Jockey Contest for the week of October 13.

His winning selections were "When My Baby Smiles At Me," by Ted Lewis; "I understand," by Gordon McKee; and "Song of India," by Tommy Dorsey.

For this, he received three albums of records, \$10 in cash, and an "Amateur Disk Jockey" certificate.

BLAZERS TROUNCE FREDERICK

Blazers Lose Hard Fought Game to St. John's, 36-20

Last Saturday the Blair football team put up a stiff fight against St. John's at the Blair stadium, starting with a quick touchdown and seemingly breaking St. John's spirit. Then the St. John's star passer got to work and the Johnnies pulled ahead. This continued all through the first half, and at half time the score was 27-20.

In the second half St. John's passing began to click and they scored another touchdown, bringing the score to 20-34, favor of St. John's. Toward the end of the game they scored a touchback again, and the final score was 36-20.

In addition to the Blair Band and Drum Majorettes, the St. John's Band played at varied intervals.

Georgetown Wins Over Blair by Score of 32-6

The Blair-Georgetown Prep contest was practically a reverse of the Rockville tilt, the Prepsters winning by a score of 32-6. The Prepster's attack was spearheaded by end sweeps (this also defeated the red and white last year). Much of the yardage gained by Georgetown Prep resulted from the recovery of fumbles and interceptions of Blair passes.

The first tally of the game was made by the Prepsters in the first quarter. End sweeps covered most of the yardage. The ball was pushed over the goal by a line plunge. The kick for extra point was not good.

The kick by Georgetown at the beginning of the second quarter was fumbled by Blair. This luck, plus yardage gained by plunges through the line and a thirty-yard pass, resulted in another score for the blue and white. The conversion for extra point failed.

Georgetown backs ran Blair ends ragged in the last part of the second quarter. A line plunge pushed the ball over for another score against the Blazer eleven. A kick for extra point failed.

The Blair Band, Majorettes, and Pom-pom girls, presented the brightest part of the contest to loyal Blazer fans. They held the audience's attention during the entire half-time program.

Prep kicked off to Blair in the beginning of the second half. Blair tried in vain to push the Prep eleven back but lost the ball after four downs. After Georgetown got the ball it again scored by an end sweep. A short pass was completed for extra point.

One of the most outstanding features of this quarter was Chuck Richards' beautiful 50-yard punt, which pushed Prep back to its own fifteen.

At the beginning of the last quarter the Blue and White's combination of end sweeps and a short pass resulted in another score. A kick for the conversion bounced off Mess' shoulder for a perfect point.

After the kick, the Blazers pushed forward for several first downs. Blair's only score resulted from the best play of the day; Luckett, on a double pass, heaved a fifty-yard pass into the waiting arms of Chuck Richards, who ran the remaining five yards to paydirt. The Blazers' kick for extra point failed.

Final score was Georgetown Prep 32, Blair 6.

BLAIR WINS OPENER AGAINST ROCKVILLE

Blair opened its '47 football season with a bang this year, by defeating Rockville 32-0, on the new Blair field. The game was played before 2,500 students, parents and fans.

The whole Blair eleven shone as everyone played clean, hard, football, as was shown by the score.

The starting line for the game was as follows:

Blair		Rockville
Richards	L.E.	Redifer
Smith	L.T.	Ray
Gossman	L.G.	Griscoe
Doten	C.	Headly
Harrison	R.G.	Fraley
Fehr	R.T.	Monday
Armentrout	R.E.	Brodie
Mess	O.B.	Ratten
Pritchard	R.H.	Violotte
Baker	L.H.	Moneymaker
Cushman	F.B.	Ferow

Stands To Be Ready For Tech Game

Blairites eagerly await the completion of their stadium.

The football field has been finished, and the stands are gradually being completed. Up to this time, the western bank has been graded in preparation for placing steel frames for the concrete. The seats are expected to be up by the first part of November when the Blazers face McKinley Tech on the field.

It has been estimated that the stadium will be completed in about six weeks.

Blair Meets Mt. Vernon In First Night Game

Blair's Blazers, with their second victory under their belts, tackle the hard-fighting Mount Vernon eleven on Saturday, Oct. 25, in the Blazers' first appearance under the lights this season. Barring injury to Blair's grid-ders, she will be slightly favored.

In these teams' first meet two years ago, Mt. Vernon rolled over the inexperienced Blair squad. Their second clash was a complete reverse of their first, with Blair's romping over the Virginians by an identical score of 18-0.

The Red and White will be out for its second straight over Mt. Vernon and also its third victory of this season.

Blair's band, drum majorettes, and pom-pom girls will be on hand with a new and more interesting performance, which will be presented at the half time and before the game.

Mr. Meserole to Open Music Studio Sunday

Mr. Harrison T. Meserole, director of instrumental music and English teacher at Blair, extended an invitation to the members of the faculty and their families to attend the formal opening of the Meserole Studios, 959 Selim Road, Silver Spring, on Sunday afternoon, October 19, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Hockey Schedule

Oct. 21—W. and L.	Away
Oct. 28—Friends	Home
Oct. 31—Fairfax	Away
Nov. 4—B. C. C.	Away
Nov. 7—Annapolis	Home
Nov. 14—W. and L.	Home
Nov. 18—Friends	Away
Nov. 21—Fairfax	Away

Montgomery Blair Wins Season's Second

Playing inspired ball last Friday, the Blair gridders trounced the Frederick eleven 30-0.

The Blazers scored early in the first period on a jump pass to Chuck Richards. Rick Harrison's attempt to place kick the extra point was no good. Midway in the second period Richards snagged a thirty-yard pass to set up another touchdown. Luckett tossed a quick pass again to Richards, who handed it back to Ken (Sloggis) Baker, who raced the remaining yards to pay dirt. Ricky's second attempt for extra point was also blocked, but nevertheless the Blazers led 12-0.

The next time Blair obtained possession of the ball, Frederick intercepted a pass on its own forty and immediately fumbled to give the Red and White another scoring opportunity. On a play following, Blair fumbled and the referee took an important part in the play. Attempting to leap over the ball, the referee kicked the ball out of bounds, thus preventing Frederick's recovery.

Then, following good interference, Bob Theofield raced over from the 20-yard stripe to give Blair an 18-0 half-time lead.

Frederick received the kick-off and began to march down the field, but upon reaching the Blazers' thirty, their attack petered out.

Blair, shortly after the beginning of the final quarter, advanced to the Frederick ten. Bob Cushman on two line smashes advanced the ball to within two yards of the goal, when Baldy Mess plunged over for the tally.

Once again the extra point attempt failed, and Frederick received the kick and promptly marched to the Blair thirty. At that time they fumbled, and Blair again threatened.

Cushman plunged twice and got within one foot of the Blair's "happy hunting grounds," only to be penalized to the five for off-side.

A quick pass to Richards put the Blazers on the edge of another score, and Cushman dove over scrimmage for the final tally to give Blair a 30-0 lead.

Even after Blair's greenies took the field, Walker carried the ball 15 yards to Frederick territory. With the gun's sounding the minute of play, Blair stood at the .500 mark with a record of 2 wins and 2 losses.

HERE AN' THERE IN SPORTS

By Don Ferguson

Blair got off to a typical "Blazing" start by trouncing Rockville 32-9, despite her inexperienced backfield. The new Red and White uniforms, plus the majorettes, the cheerleaders, made the debut of the '47 Blair grid squad very colorful.

At its present rate, high school football in Montgomery County will be more popular and draw larger crowds than all other sports combined. Blair's "stadium" after completion could easily be the most publicized athletic field for miles around. Its location is excellent being easily reached by both Takoma Park and Silver Spring residents.

Of course, it almost breaks my heart but it looks as though I'll have to admit that Saturday games will draw larger crowds, judging from the turnouts at the Rockville and St. John's games. There were, however, many students not present at the events due to working, but four or five times that number alumni and no telling how many residents of the vicinity who are rabid gridiron fans attended.

Messrs. Continetti and Creme, please accept my apology. Everyone knows by now about Richard Montgomery High School's being painted up before our opening game against them. I don't imagine any Blair student would be such a poor sport as to have a hand in such a thing, but in any case, Mr. Shaw made it clear that if any more of that type of vandalism occurs, football will be banned in Montgomery County.

All of the coaches and fellows of the county schools have put everything they've had into football. It's taken years to get football where it is now; by having teams, Maryland schools can prove to the District schools that they can produce excellent grid squads and outstanding athletics.

I feel that all of the students owe too much to those alumni and administrators responsible for football revival to do anything out of the way which might prevent its continuance. Sure—it's fine to celebrate a game won—but not by destruction, or against the will of anyone.

So—the Blazers had a "blazing" start, but Georgetown and St. John's put out the blaze, just like diminishing a four-alarm fire to ashes.

Where there's smoke, there's fire and unless Tech, Bethesda and the rest are armed with fire extinguishers, they'll have a hot time with the fiery Blair gridders.

It's been said that Blair improved over last year in its Georgetown tilt, but the only improvement was in score, 32-6 instead of 31-0.

The Georgetown game was a spectators' game, at least whenever the Prepsters were in possession of the pigskin, they either ran end sweeps or completed passes for their most impressive gains. Yes—it was a spectators' game, but if they enjoyed it, they were definitely not Blair spectators.

At the time of this writing the latest thorn in the side of the football team is Jack George, St. John's passing ace, who tossed his powerful eleven to its 36-20 triumph over the Red and White squad. His passing was so great that our backs were awed, they just stood there while the Johnnies' ends plucked his passes out of the air for long gains.

The Johnnies were sort of spell-bound themselves when the Blair men scored early in the first quarter.

It wasn't long however before the score was tied at 7-7, and Bob Cushman received the Johnnies' kick-off and reversed it to Bob Frenzel, who raced along the sidelines to paydirt while the St. John's coach mopped his brow.

Actually, what proved to be the winning touchdown was scored in the last minute of the first half when George heaved a 40-yard pass for a tally which provided the Johnnies with a 27-20 half-time margin.

That difference, plus another tally and a touchback set the Blazers down for the second time in their third attempt.

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Ten Montgomery Blair Seniors Enter Competition for Pepsi Cola Scholarship

Other Honors Conferred On Deserving Applicants

Seniors elected ten of their number yesterday whom they deemed capable of competing in the Pepsi Cola scholarship contest examinations, which are scheduled for Friday morning, November 21, from 9 to 11.

The one hundred and nineteen winners throughout the country will be given full tuition at any accredited college, traveling expenses, and \$25.00 per month for board, books, and room.

Opportunities Increase

Notices of other scholarship opportunities continue to arrive several times a week adding to the current list, according to Miss Schwartz, college adviser, one important local one being the Mary Graydon scholarship of \$350 per year to American University.

Applications will be accepted until March 1, 1948, by Cornell University in competition for the 25 Cornell National Scholarships and more than 30 John McMullen Regional Scholarships. Selection is made on a basis of character, academic achievement and aptitude, and general ability. The aptitude test will be given December 6.

Winners of the Cornell National Scholarships will receive \$600 yearly in addition to tuition, while McMullen Regional Scholarships are worth \$500 annually for five years in any division of the College of Engineering.

Applications Due Early

Those wishing to obtain applications to Harvard should do so by February 20.

Of interest to the girls is the fact that applications to Swarthmore College are due by Feb. 15.

Application forms will be received from Wellesley College by those who have registered there.

Ten \$100 scholarships are offered in the State of Maryland to the State Teachers College at Annapolis by Mrs. Helen A. Linthicum, wife of a former member of the state legislature.

Conduct and Morale of Blair Students Highly Commended by G.U. President

To express appreciation of the Blair Night at Griffith Stadium on the occasion of the St. Louis-Georgetown football game, the president of Georgetown University, the Reverend Lawrence C. Egan, S.J., highly commended the morale and conduct in a letter to Mr. Guy S. Gale, president of the Blair P.T.A.

Mr. Gorman said, in part: "It was indeed a pleasure to have you and your boys and girls with us at the game. They certainly added considerable to the color and spectator interest on the occasion." And again, "Yours was one of the most orderly and cooperative groups that has ever been with us, and you may be sure that it will be a real pleasure to continue this sort of activity at your school in the future." The invitation of Georgetown University, members of the football squad were guests at the game, while the band, leaders, majorettes, and pom-pom girls provided the half-time entertainment.

Activities Occupy Three Periods Weekly

A new activity program has been introduced to the students of Blair this year.

This program provides three days on which students may undertake activities which have aroused their interest. These periods alternate with regular class periods, and consume the same amount of time as the class period.

Each pupil may participate in only two clubs, one being service and the other social. Pupils who do not belong to organized clubs are scheduled in study halls. Once belonging to a club, a student must remain in that club all year.

Social clubs, most of which meet on Monday, include Dramatics, Photography, Kennel, Ramblers, Varsity, B.B.A., Home Planning, Junior Stag, Dancing, and Symphonette.

Wednesdays are reserved for homeroom meetings, class meetings and assemblies. A period one day each week, when the weather is agreeable, will be devoted to intramurals.

On Fridays are scheduled most of the service groups, which include Student Council, Visual Aids, Drum Majorettes, CARE, Cheerleaders, Silverlogue, Silver Chips, Monogram Committee and Rifle. Tri-Hi-Y and Legislature, however, meet on Monday.

Ingleton Recuperates From Two Operations

Lorraine Ingleton, popular Society Editor of CHIPS, is now at home recuperating from an appendix and minor spinal operations, which she underwent Monday morning, November 3, at Sibley Hospital.

Lorraine's home life must be kept quiet, and most of her time must be spent in bed, so she will not be in school until after the Thanksgiving holidays.

Section 12-3, Lorraine's homeroom, sent her flowers.

Quill and Scroll Sponsor Editorial Contest for All

SILVER CHIPS is planning an editorial contest, sponsored by Quill and Scroll, and open to all students of Blair.

The contest will be held on November 21 in room 312, the second period. Contestants who wish to enter should notify Mrs. Moler before school, November 2.

A number of topics will be listed, from which each contestant may select one. Forty-five minutes will be allotted for the writing. The names of the winners will appear in the Christmas issue of Quill and Scroll.

Two seniors, Patsy Piegrass, editor of Silverlogue, and Sonya Goodman, editor of SILVER CHIPS, are at present members of Quill and Scroll, an international honorary society for student journalists. It is planned, before the end of the first semester, to admit other deserving members of the two staffs to the organization.

Ferguson Fourth in M.S.P.A. Contest

Silver Chips Staff Visits University of Maryland

Don Ferguson took fourth place in the sports writing contest in the M.S.P.A. Conference held at Maryland University on Saturday, November 8.

The event was the Second Annual Maryland Scholastic Press Association Conference, held for publication advisers and student journalists of secondary schools of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

M.S.P.A. Director Speaks

Following the registration in the lobby of the administration building, the opening session was held upstairs in the auditorium. After the opening with the "Star Spangled Banner" and the Lord's Prayer, Miss Mary E. Murray, M.S.P.A. director, gave the address of welcome. Miss Eleni Sakes, fashion editor of The Star, told of her recent experiences in entering the newspaper world. Then, speaking to the girls, she confessed that it is much harder for a woman to advance in the journalistic world than it is for a man.

There was also a feature, a news, and an editorial contest which Mary Jane Doane, Sonya Goodman, and Helen Merrell, respectively, entered. While these contests were being held, the advisers met.

Lunch Precedes Clinics

Following luncheon in the University dining hall, there were two clinics—feature and makeup.

Mr. Joseph M. Murphy, director of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, New York, addressed the closing session with an inspiring talk.

Jane Gale, Laura Lee Degen, Joyce Darby and Joyce King also attended as delegates from Blair.

Douglass Speaks To Blair Teachers

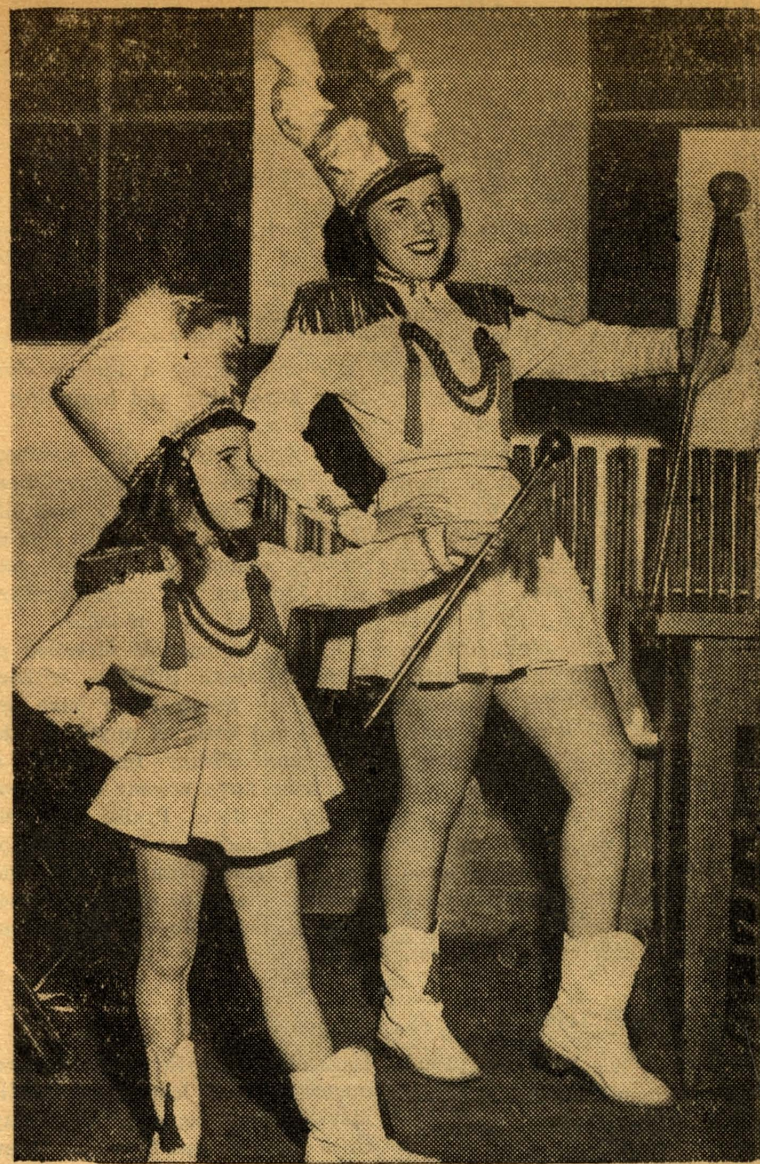
At a recent professional meeting of the Blair faculty, Mr. E. M. Douglass, former principal of Blair, spoke about the school's history.

Originally the school was known as the Takoma Silver Spring School. Eventually, the Parent-Teacher Association studied suggestions submitted for a site for a new school. The present site was selected. It was then surrounded by woods and a vast hill. Mr. Frank Proctor had some laborers find the way through the thickets to the present site of Montgomery Blair.

In 1935 there were 260 students enrolled. It was originally the entire Blair estate, and Montgomery Blair, for whom the school was named, was Postmaster in Lincoln's Cabinet. Even in the early days, T.S.S. students wore sweaters with Blair written on them, so it was only natural to name the school BLAIR.

Now to quote Mr. Douglass on his idea of what makes Blair so outstanding: "The thing, to my mind, that makes Montgomery Blair so outstanding, is the understanding which exists between the student and teacher. The philosophy of Blair has been the same (Continued on Page 2)

Blairites Perform at Uline Arena



PEGGY BOWMAN, co-captain of Blair's Drum Majorette squad, and MICHELE ROTHE, mascot of the group, caught in a charming pose. —Courtesy, Maryland News

Students Accept Standing Invitation

Jr. College Dean Speaks To P.T.A. Group Tonight

Members of the Blair Parent-Teacher Association will have the pleasure this evening of hearing an address by Hugh G. Price, dean of the Montgomery Junior College, who will speak on the work of the college and its advantages to the community. His address will be preceded by a short business meeting.

The evening's entertainment will be provided by the school's majorettes, pom-pom girls, and the school band. In full costume, they will present the cheers, music and routine that have won them so much favorable comment since their public appearances in the metropolitan and suburban areas.

Mr. Guy S. Gale, president of the association, has recently announced the appointment of new chairmen of two standing committees. They are Mrs. Bruce D. Fales, heading the health and welfare committee, and Mrs. Lucille N. Moler, chairman of publicity.

Seniors Enjoy Second Childhood; Win Prizes

"Big Time" seniors had their last fling at the Baby Party held in the gym last Friday, Nov. 14.

Fond memories of their childhood were brought back to the seniors by the lollipops, which everyone received, and the blue and pink decorations. Appropriate games were played, and everyone racked his brain to remember his favorite from nursery days.

An unusual program provided musical entertainment, and the evening was topped off when three prizes were awarded to the best dressed seniors.

Those very fortunate boys remaining on the football team due to the fact that they didn't get kicked off on account of their last report cards can at least breathe easier. All they have to worry about is the next issue of grades.

Between halves, the Blair Band, Drum Majorettes, and Cheerleaders entertained the fans at Uline Arena during a basketball game in which the Washington Capitals and the Baltimore Bullets participated Wednesday night, November 12.

The manager of Uline Arena extended a standing invitation to the groups to appear at any of the Capitals' fifty-two scheduled games. The students have accepted for several of these games, most of which will be held on Saturday nights.

Divert Fans' Attention

Previous to this appearance, the groups diverted the audience during halftime of the game between the Capitals and the Indianapolis Kautskys on November 5.

Due to the success of their public appearances, these students have also been asked to perform at the All-Star game at Griffith Stadium scheduled for Saturday, December 6, but due to a misunderstanding, they will not appear.

Students Accept Invitation

Since the management of Griffith Stadium also asked the Elks' Club Band to perform, and many of Blair Band and Majorettes are affiliated with that group, the Blair students decided not to perform because the Elks Club was the first to accept the invitation.

However, the groups have numerous other performances scheduled throughout the school year.

Seniors to Give Class Play Before Christmas

Contrary to preceding years, Blair's senior play will be given before Christmas. Under consideration for production are "Junior Miss," "Ghost Train," "Spring Dance," and "The Moonstone."

Forty seniors have indicated a desire to be in the production, and out of these people a cast will be chosen. Most of the rehearsals will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and will start as soon as the play has been selected.

Thoughts Turn to Library

With the arrival of National Book Week, extending from the sixteenth of November through the twenty-second, it comes to mind that the library of Montgomery Blair is now in its seventeenth year of service to the school.

Beginning in 1930 with a grand total of ten books and a Library Club of six students, which was, in reality, merely a book committee, the library grew slowly but steadily until 1935, when sixty new books were acquired and duly catalogued, and a pamphlet section was started. The club devised the plan of giving a book a month to the library.

In 1939 the first club banquet was held, and the first teachers were inducted into the organization. A constitution for the group was also established in that year.

The year 1941 saw great progress for the library. The room was enlarged by the students, who tore down a brick wall, thus opening two classrooms for use. It was made inviting and comfortable by the addition of upholstered chairs, student-built shelves and cases,

and interesting pictures and maps, many done by students.

Since then, the library club has increased greatly in number, now totaling approximately one hundred members, and the library itself now contains almost 5,000 volumes, which include fiction, biographies, autobiographies, textbooks and poetry.

Blair was the first school in the state to organize a library club, later advocating and beginning a state library club.

It is noteworthy that members of the library club have been chosen as state library club officers, in the person of Ed Fox as state president of 1945-46, and Sally Johnson as state secretary for the same term of office.

Under the capable direction of Miss Elizabeth Stickley, without whom the group could have accomplished little, if anything, the club and library for which it functions have become a precious corner of Blair. Praise for their accomplishments and undying support of their future plans, will increase the value of this serviceable organization—the heart of Blair!

Blair in Limelight . . .

Blairites may well be proud of the accomplishments of their band, orchestra, drum majorettes, and cheer leaders. On the strength of their excellent performances at Griffith Stadium on Friday, October 10, and at Uline Arena Wednesday, November 5, as well as at all Blair games and activities, a goodly measure of praise should be extended them.

What is a band without instruments? Starting with only five members and building up to twenty-two within seven weeks in preparation for the Blair-Bethesda game last year, the band was handicapped by lack of instruments. Even today there are still more members wanting to be in the band than there are instruments available.

Therefore the band, in particular, merits resounding applause, for it is ordinarily extremely difficult to produce a group of such high quality in so short a time, especially considering the fact that members are never constant from year to year, due to graduation. The band, directed by Mr. Meserole, the Majorettes, guided by the capable hands of Mr. Roy

DeLauder, and the Cheerleaders, under the able leadership of Mr. Marsh, have come a long way since these groups first became an established part of life at Blair.

Substituting talent and ingenuity for snappy looking uniforms, the Majorettes performed at the Blair-Bethesda game last year for the first time. Since then the Band and Majorettes have appeared in parades and many other events. The girls have bought material, designed and made new uniforms entirely on their own time. The P.T.A. supplied the money for the pom-pom girls' new uniforms which first caught the gleam of the spotlight at Uline Arena.

The Cheerleaders deserve part of the glory bestowed on these groups. They have now organized a cheering section. As a result of the Georgetown game, Blair's leaders are invited to attend all Georgetown University's home games, and have been offered the assistance of Georgetown Cheerleaders.

These three groups have brought abounding praise and fame to the name of Blair, and to the student body.

Platter Chatter—

Ted Lewis Completes Club Cairo Engagement

Ted Lewis ended a very successful engagement at the Club Cairo last week, and sounded good to the crowds that flocked there. At the same time his new album (Decca) is doing quite well.

While the ole' Maestro himself has not felt too well in recent weeks, he has still gone on with his top-notch review, proof of the saying, "The show must go on."

Eddie Heywood will soon release a new disc. It's titled "The Continental," and if it's in the usual Heywood vein it should do quite well.

"How Soon" Released to Public

Jack Owens, the man who writes a new song every week, has written one and waxed it. The title is "How Soon," buyable on a Tower label.

Mercury label has a new star named John Lawrenz, and he looks like a gold mine. Speaking of gold, he has the golden voice of Russ Colombo. John has been selected to play the part in a new pix life of Russ Colombo. Their voices, except for technical differences in platters now and then, are so close that it is amazing.

Horace Heidt is stepping into the spotlight once again with a new band. He will do a show not unlike "Godfrey Talent Scouts."

Ted Weems Heads for D.C.

Ted Weems is booked in D.C. for late November. He's signed up for a two-day stand. You might be interested in knowing that it was Ted who wrote "The Martins and The Coys."

Johnny Mercer is out with two new Caps. The first, entitled "Sugar Blues," is a best seller and has been for many years. Also with the King Cole Trio, Mercer has cut a novelty named "Save the Bones for Henry Jones Cuz Henry Don't Eat No Meat."

Capitol Produces Novelty Album

Capitol can be proud of their new album, "Benny Rides Again." Also Gorden MacCrea and "I understand." Not on Cap but worth a listen: "Screamin Boogie," Sonny Thompson.

Don't forget to watch Ted Weems' "Mickey," which sounds O.K., also "As You Desire Me," and Jo Stafford's Capitol platter of "Stanley Steamer." Eddie Arnold, the "Tennessee Plow Jockey," has received the highest wages this year of any hillbilly recording star. Last year it was Ernest Tubbs. However, if you like good hillbilly music with a swell vocalist, far beyond the average mountain moaner, catch on to some Elton Britt platters. Tommy Dorsey and Frankie do a nice job on "I'll Be Seeing You," an oldie.

Take Time to Thank God

Gripping is an American institution. Three hundred sixty-four days a year everyone complains about something trivial, like the weather, school, or the man up the block who plays the sax; or maybe it's something more important, such as the higher cost of living, taxes, or politics. "And what of the three hundred sixty-fifth day," one might ask? Why that's Thanksgiving, of course!

Thanksgiving is like a shot of adrenalin to the heart of America. No matter what crisis they are facing, whether political or personal, Americans the world over take a holiday from their current troubles, and thank God for what they already have. They sort of "take time out and rack up," to coin a phrase from highschool vernacular. At least once a year,

Blue Eyed Buddy Busy at Blair

On November 16, way back in 1930, the peace and quiet of the Doten domicile was shattered. Buddy was born! The Takoma Park Sanitarium was the first to realize this event, but later most of the residents around 321 Greenwood Avenue threw out their alarm clocks, and waited for his early morning "serenade."

When still a "wee tot," his mom took him to the Takoma Park Elementary School, where he served his time until the seventh grade. From there he advanced to the Takoma Park Junior High, then on to Blair.

Because of his overwhelming personality and the fact that he has taken an active part in numerous social activities, Buddy has been an outstanding citizen of Blair for the past two years.

Being vice-president of the Student Council and on the Monogram Committee takes a lot of work, but besides these duties, Buddy is vice-president of the senior class, a member of the Library Club, on the Inter-School Relations Committee, and, as No. 28, plays center on the football team.

Like most people, Buddy (known to many as "Ears") has a few pet peeves. Among these are Be-

Exchanges—

American U. Offers Prizes For That "New Look"

It seems that the "new look," or for explanation to those who aren't aware of this boon to the fashion world, the 1890 or 1900 look, has invaded the colleges, as well as Blair. We hear from American U., that a special committee has been set up to offer prizes for those fashion-minded characters—so you see, fellas, somebody must like 'em.

The Fort Hill students of Cumberland, Maryland, visited the Drama Clinic of Brownsville, Pa. Among the activities were lectures on drama, discussion, and make-up demonstration, and they were also entertained by a play.

Here's some news! The Roosevelt High School Stadium was declared unsafe for large crowds, and no football games will be played in the stadium until it is rebuilt.

This rib-tickling (?) piece of humor comes from the "Fort Hill Ha Ha" column:

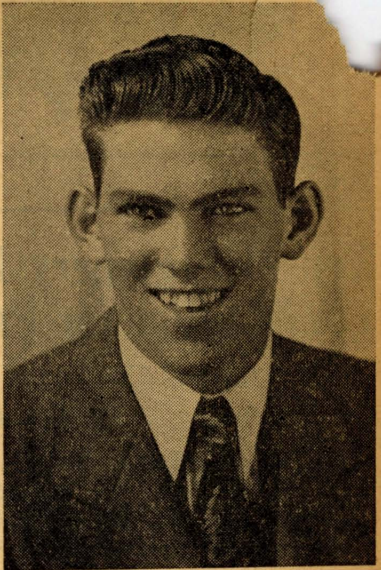
The teacher turned on a junior. "Young man," she said, "I will have to keep you in after school again." "Okay," replied the junior, "but I'll have you know that half of the town says that we are going steady!" (So take note teachers—men of the opposite sex, that is.)

This is all I can squeeze in this space so I'll hang up for now.

they recognize the apparently insignificant details of daily living, and appreciate them as well as the big things in life. Family, true friends, buildings standing upright, the invigorating autumn air, a warm fireside; the list of each individual would have a different meaning for each person.

This annual inventory of intangibles and worldly possessions is good. Somehow, everyone always returns from the holidays with a more cheerful outlook, a stronger will to forge ahead, and renewed hope.

Mother and sister will probably be preparing the food for the table; here's a little food for thought: Count your blessings well this Thanksgiving, 1947; dwell upon them at length, in tribute to those the world over who have so few.



thesda, themes, and above all, girls that smoke. Have you listened to the radio lately and heard that obnoxious little parrot crying MORTON'S — MORTON'S — MORTON'S? Well, that's another of his dislikes.

Bing Crosby and Fred Allen fill the bill as his favorite singer and radio star, respectively. He likes milk and steak very much, and his idea of a perfect date is to go dancing or to a party.

That all sounds very normal and average, doesn't it? Maybe that's why Buddy Doten is the senior of this issue—because he's an average guy, and very likeable.

THE VIRGINIAN

By CHARLES BRAILER

The Virginian, (by Owen Wister we are told), Was a man of fame in the West of old.

His manner with Wister was polite and mellow; He was indeed a "trustworthy fellow."

The Virginian always thought calm and clear; I will state a few examples here. The Virginian wanted the peddler's bed, And he got it by using his head.

Molly Wood was a spinster fair; With her beauty none could compare.

She came from stately Vermont, But a staid life she did not want.

Trampas had lied at the barbecue, But the Virginian knew just what to do.

He gave Trampas a disarming look,

And forced an apology from the dirty crook.

The Virginian's friend, Steve, was a cattle thief,

And his hanging caused him a lot of grief.

Trampas shot Shorty in the back When he knew the Virginian was on his track.

Trampas is dead, the Virginian is wed,

The story's the best I've ever read.

If you like to read, here's what you do,

Get the book; you'll like it.

P.S. I'll tell you, friends, out further ado.

'Twas Molly Wood who said, "do."

Douglass Speaks

(Continued from Page 1) since it was first drafted (much trying and many attempts). The youngster here is considering a person."

And again Mr. Douglass "I look to see this school come to be a school that is outstanding in every way. It is a credit to our teaching that Blair is the top schools in this section of the country. We hear from students who tell us they been able to compete with the best of them, and with ci

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Interesting People I Have Met From Behind the Counter

(Continued from last Issue)

In the afternoon, we have madame shopper; she has all afternoon to do her shopping, and is apparently going to spend it making one purchase. While she's making up her mind, salesgirl is elected to hear of anything from madame's current illnesses to her domestic troubles. Meanwhile, the customers are lining up in the aisles, and getting just a little impatient. Then comes the inevitable question of who is next. While some people consider this an inconsequential matter, to others it is a major controversy. One of my secret ambitions was to wait on the last person first, then step back and observe the repercussion. However, despite the fact that I was far too young to see such a horrible death, I abandoned this idea as utter folly. After 4 p.m. the "woikin'" girls were victimized by the lounging lotharios, who obviously thought that we had nothing else to do but entertain them. They were often obnoxious and embarrassing to us. This sort of thing looks very bad to the eyes of the public, and I think it has contributed greatly to the gen-

"Swing Yer Partnur 'Round We Go"

"Swing yer partnur and 'round we go" was the theme of the Farmer Party given by the Junior Class last Friday night.

The make-believe farmers and farmerettes tried their luck at square dancing, and found their country cousins had plenty of pep to keep up with directions of the caller, Mr. Harold Mansfield, and in step with the music.

The main event of the evening was the pie-eating contest. Priscilla Ridge, Wynetta Winn, Frank Simonds, and Paul Taggart put their hands behind their backs, and their faces in the pie, and began to gulp. Paul Taggart opened his mouth extra, extra, wide and had his pie down first.

Priscilla Ridge, as she danced in her bare feet, was selected best dressed farmerette of the evening, and Bob Alexander, the best dressed farmer.

Editors Plan Publicity For All-Star Game

Don Ferguson, boys' sports editor of SILVER CHIPS, joined other editors of prep and high school publications in the metropolitan area when they gathered last week at the Ambassador Hotel to discuss publicity plans for the fifth annual All-Star football game sponsored by the Touchdown Club and the Times-Herald Welfare Association.

eral misconception that ten-cent store girls are cheap, ordinary pick-ups.

If there is anyone reading this that thinks that is true, I'd like to correct that impression right now. Ten-cent store girls are no different, morally, than any other girls you would meet in church or colleges. They are clean, respectable girls, with hearts sometimes too big for their own good. Conceding that some girls who are employed in such stores are primarily interested in attracting any member of the opposite sex, it would be unfair to blame the public wholly, but is it fair to judge the majority by the indiscretions of a few?

By 5 p.m. our smiles had faded and with only a dim recollection of our morning pledges, we await the ringing of the 6 o'clock bell, which means that we are free of John Q. Public. We have long since decided that there must be an easier way to make a living.

Officially our day ended at 6 p.m.—officially that is. Of course there are always those last minute individuals who wait until 5.59 $\frac{1}{2}$ to decide that they desperately need a box of thumb tacks, or a card of bobby pins. Orchids are in order for manager, who welcomes these last stragglers as enthusiastically as he did the first customer in the morning. However, salesgirl is more than ready to go home by this time, so she is about as subtle as a sawed off shotgun in her remarks to girl friend about some people who would perhaps like the store to stay open all night for their benefit. If it was one of those ten hour days, she did not bother to be subtle.

Many of you probably think that I am exaggerating the lot of the salesgirl; well, I am. Don't get me wrong—I love people!

Many Students on First Honor Roll

Ninety-three students made the first six weeks honor roll. Students receiving all A's and B's in major subjects with no lower than a C in minor subjects merit this honor.

Homerooms 12-4 and 12-7 tie for first place by having ten members make the roll this time, while 11-9 comes in second with nine. Close behind is 10-2 with eight members.

The following made the Honor Roll in the grades as indicated: Betty Wyman, Evelyn Cocoros, Murel Duey, Margaret Riggs, Polly Billings, Virginia Evans, Jeanne Forcade, Virginia Keller, Betty Joseph, Donna Kohl, Julia Ann Miller, Margaret Jean Smith, Thomas Warfield, Jean Robertson, Richard North, Frank Rhicter, Marguerite Chesley, Louise Peake, Everett Bryon, Priscilla Crockett, Frances Dunlap, Pat Heizer, Volney Schulze, James Miller, Marcia Steadman, Shirley Sterne, Mildred Zaugge, and Myrtle Wright.

From the eleventh grade the ones who made the roll are Pat Beall, Genevieve Coe, Ollie May Miller, Anita Hafermann, Joan Martin, Anthony Stankus, Joseph Miller, Shirley Robbins, Joyce Darby, Walter Chamblin, John Campbell, Dale Butler, Priscilla Ridge, Robert Merrick, Carolyn Wilkins, Joan Haney, Andrew Russo, Pat Lee, George Candish, John Linton, Lou Ann Leighton, Lorraine Powers, Keith Donnellan, Sher Lee Cheek, Peggy Davis, Betty Fox, Lillian Longley, Lucille Ovenden, Muriel Sandifer, Bertha Ann Shapley, and Ronnie Troxler.

Representing the sophomores are James Blanchard, Betty Jean Collier, Mary Ann Keifer, Sue Mitchell, Pat Parkman, Sarah Pryor,

Newly Wed McLeods On Honeymoon

Armistice Day Observed

Blair observed Armistice Day by participating in a memorial assembly, which took place on November 11 in the school auditorium.

The program commenced with the flag salute, led by Peggy Bowman, followed by the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner." Betty Lee presented a reading from the Bible, and led the students in the Lord's Prayer.

After a selection by the band, Nick Lee read "The Unknown," by Booth Tarkington, a familiar story of the symbolic meaning of Armistice Day. Mr. Meserole then called for a moment of silence at eleven o'clock. As the students stood in absolute silence, trumpet "Taps" was played, with a most effective echo provided by another trumpeter from backstage.

The program was concluded with singing of the "Marine Hymn."

In accordance with this year's plans for more frequent and better assemblies, the English Department will sponsor a program of entertainment on Wednesday, November 26.

Students of Mr. H. T. Meserole's fourth period Public Speaking class will present two short plays.

Percy Goody, Nick Lee, Richard Waters, Vivian Cherrix, Mary Louise Hanson, Marlita Scott, Ann Fling, Judith Anderson, Barbara Beall, Joyce Duvall, Mary Rasher, Richard Fitzald, Bill Riggs, Ann Hertsfield, Nancy Kendrick, Lillian Wold, Eleanor Wood, Barbara Managhan, Charles Brailer, Joan Smith, Dorothy Tomlinson, Joyce Kidwell, Lawrence Collison, Clep Whitling, Sylvia Hallach, and Shirley Scherrer.

Miss Jamie Gill became Mrs. James H. McLeod at Woodside Methodist Church on November 9. Jamie was attended by her sister, Bett, Jerry Jean Smith, and Rita Carothers. Ushering were Robert Hunter, Thomas Blunt, Richard and Gordon English.

Following the honeymoon at Hot Springs the couple will live at 8602 Manchester Road, in Silver Spring.

Wedding bells rang for Jeanne Limric and James F. Brown, Jr., a few weeks ago. The double ring ceremony was held at Marvin Memorial Church in Four Corners. Jeanne was attended by Mary Ann Saffel. Best man was Norman Brown, the groom's brother. The couple plan to make their home in Takoma Park.

Also taking the marriage vows were Anna Pauline Curtis and Edward Francis Schrider. The marriage was held at St. John's Catholic Church in Forest Glen, after which a reception was held at Hayden Farm. The maid of honor and bridesmaids were Margaret Kelly and Theresa and Cecelia Schrider, respectively. The groom's brother, William, was the best man, while John, Jerome, Alfred Schrider, and Willam Lynch were ushers. The couple will live in Montgomery Hills.

Not yet, but pretty soon, Susie Harper and Dave Foster will become Mr. and Mrs. They've been engaged for a month.

Stork Arrives

Margie (Batter) Neuman presented husband Richie with a baby boy a couple of weeks ago.

Gene Bergman is working as an announcer over station WGAY. Dick Wiess is a step nearer home. He's in Japan now.

Al Janes is attending Montgomery Junior College.



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Sports Shorts

Manager Given Credit for Spirit of Hockey Team

If you've been wondering why the girls' hockey team is always in such high spirits, much credit is due to Donna Kohl.

If you haven't already guessed, she is their manager, and, I might add, a mighty good one, too. This is her first year as manager, and from the way she talks, she's enjoying every minute of it! "They're a swell bunch of girls," says Donna, and I believe most of us are inclined to agree.

When asked where she hails from, the answer was Youngstown, Ohio, until the past five years, when she established her residence in Silver Spring.

Donna is a senior this year, and after graduation, will attend Western Maryland College to major in music.

Meet Mullican

On September 27, 1929, a great personality entered this world to become a very popular senior at Blair. To those people who have not had the privilege of meeting him, we now introduce him as Tommy Mullican.

He was born in Washington, D.C., and has lived around Silver Spring most of his life, although some winters were spent in Florida.

After attending East Silver Spring, he transferred to S.S.I. to carry on his studies. Not many years after this, Tommy traveled to Takoma Park Junior High, where he climbed to the top fast.

Upon entering Blair he at once became very popular and took active part in organizations around Blair. Tommy was on the baseball team and now in his senior year he serves on the student council as head of the boy's intramurals.

Blair Bows to Mt. Vernon

On Saturday night, October 25, the Blazers journeyed to Virginia to take on the Mt. Vernon eleven in their first night game of the year.

The Mount Vernon team lost no time in scoring, as the Blazers fumbled deep in their own territory almost immediately. The Mounts took the ball, and promptly marched to pay dirt.

Mt. Vernon then kicked to Blair and the Blazers marched deep into

BETHESDA SLIGHT FAVORITE

The Game of Field Hockey

We number eleven all in toll. Five forwards a'running, Three halfbacks a'backing, Two fullbacks a'wacking, And one at the goal.

"Give the ball to the wing," Is usually heard As we tear down the field Like a thundering herd. With our sticks at our sides, And our breath running short. Oh, why that last cigarette? That last little sport? Our opponents are charging, They are nearing our goal! But there goes a hockey stick; The player's out cold.

The fullback then swings; Sends the ball down the field. There's power behind the stick, That that gal wields! Our opponents are conquered, And the game is now won; We all do agree: We've had a great deal of fun.

enemy territory, only to be halted abruptly.

Mt. Vernon then tried punting out of danger, and the ball hit the foot of a Blair blocker, Mt. Vernon recovering and marching to another touchdown.

The second and third periods were played on even terms, with both teams marching up and down the field, but not being able to score.

Then in the fourth period, the Blazers fell apart and the Mounts made two quick touchdowns and one extra point, ending the game.

Business Students View Ediphone

Donald Hamilton, Jr., district manager of the Ediphone Corporation, gave a demonstration of the Ediphone Voice Equipment to the senior secretarial and junior stenographic classes on November 6.

This machine has three office voice units: one, a dictating machine; two, a secretarial instrument; and three, a shaving unit. Mr. Hamilton listed spelling, typing, and grammar as prerequisites for successful operation.

The Ediphone releases the secretary for other duties by taking less time for dictation work, thus

Blair Girls Edge Rivals

Blair met Bethesda for the second time November 4 on Bethesda's field.

The first half showed Bethesda that Blair was out to win, and win they did. By the end of the first half, he score remained at 0-0. During that half, Blair was generally on the offensive, and it was during the last half that Blair scored her winning point. Ruth Bubes made the winning point, leaving the final score at 1-0, in favor of Blair.

The starting line for Blair and Bethesda was as follows:

Blair		Bethesda
Pemberton	R.W.	Cornpher
Huntt	R.I.	Atwood
Bean	C.F.	Karge
Bubes	L.I.	Winkler
Mitchell	L.W.	Frock
Bevan	C.H.	Mason
Buchanan	R.H.	Albertson
Gleim	L.H.	Carpenter
Walker	L.F.	Trail
Fox	R.F.	Chaffin
Bowman	G.	Garwin

W. & L. Scores Over Blair

The girls' hockey team journeyed to Virginia on October 21, to play Washington and Lee.

W. & L. won one goal during the first half, then another during the last half, making the game a 2-0 loss for Blair.

Blair		W. and L.
Cherrix	R.W.	Sterling
Ellington	R.I.	Polyos
Bean	C.F.	R. Sorrison
Bubes	L.I.	B. Sorrison
Mitchell	L.W.	Cornett
Bevan	C.H.	E. Goddard
Benson	R.H.	N. Goddard
Gleim	L.H.	Kerns
Fox	R.F.	Bennett
Walker	L.F.	Berton
Bowman	G.	South

Washington Lee's Ruth Sorrison made both of their goals.

After the game, cookies and "cakes" were served to the teams by the W. & L. players. Afterward, both teams felt that a good game was played, and both are looking forward to the next one.

saving time for both executive and secretary.

Groups attending this demonstration included the classes in vocations, commercial English, and bookkeeping.

The "Ditto Spirit," including the use of color, was also demonstrated to the office practice classes on November 7.

Gossip

Gossip is an ugly word, There's evil in her wake. If you listen to her very long, She spoils the path you take. Her garb may seem of varied hue, Attractive or repelling, But if attraction takes command, Her grasp will be compelling. Craftily she walks with you, With unassuming mien, While tucked beneath her simple garb, A dagger waits, unseen. The stories that she circulates, Are told without selection, And as she speaks her viciousness, She whispers her, and fatal hate, Greed, revenge, with no defeat. If you fraternize at all with her, Enslavement is complete.

The new dishwasher in the cafeteria is causing the girls who take Home-Ec and wash their own, to complain.

Blazers Underdogs for Game on Nov. 22

This year's game against Blair's arch rival, Bethesda, should be better than the two played previously. As will be remembered, the first game was a 6-6 tie, and in the second one, Blair rolled over the Barons by a 26-6 count. Bethesda has won five out of six of their games this year, bowing only to Fairfax 20-0, and have shut out their other opponents without a single tally.

While on the other side, Blair has won only two games out of their six. The opinion of many would be that Bethesda would have the better team, but, of course one can look for anything to happen between these two teams. In points made, Bethesda has 91, and their opponents have chalked up only 20. Blair has scored some 89 points, and against them they have 114. This (on paper) very good for Bethesda. Blair, however, should full strength when they meet Bethesda, and with the great spirit that Blair has shown, they should provide a thrilling game.

There is one thing that Blair can boast about, and that is they have never lost a football game to the Barons, and they can be expected to fight hard to make this year no exception.

Navy Home Town Gals Squeeze Out 1-0 Triumph

On Friday, November 7, the girls' hockey team bowed to Annapolis, 1-0.

O'Neal of Annapolis, during the first half, made the only goal of the game, accounting for the score of 1-0.

The starting line-ups were as follows:

Annapolis		Blair
Collins	L.W.	Mitchell
O'Neal	L.I.	Bubes
Blen	C.F.	Bean
Miller	R.I.	Huntt
Belcher	R.W.	Pemberton
Woolford	L.H.	Gliem
Lanhlen	C.H.	Bevan
Winter	R.H.	Benson
Asher	E.F.	Walker
Donlan	R.F.	Fox
Peldick	G.K.	Bowman

After the game the Blair Team served refreshments to the Annapolis team. The girls decided it was the best way to get to know the other team.

Hagerstown Tops Blazers By Lone Tally in Mud Fray

The Blazers suffered their sixth setback of the season against two wins last Saturday when Hagerstown nipped them 7-0.

Only three passes were thrown during the entire game, Blair accounting for two of them. In the second quarter, one of the passes was intercepted to set up the Hagerstown eleven with the only score of the game.

HERE AN' THERE IN SPORTS

By Don Ferguson

As of now, Montgomery Blair is undefeated — in basketball. Only one game separates Blair from a completed football season. That game is with Bethesda, of which Continetti says, "The outlook is dark; the Barons have a strong eleven, and by comparing records, Blair will be the underdogs."

The undefeated Tech Trainers ran over the Blair squad 22-6 in their meeting on November 8. Previously, Tech had been unscored on in five games with metropolitan teams. The Blazers put on a drive in the fading moments of the contest, sparked by line smashes of that great fullback, Bob Cushman. Usually Bob is noted for his sparkling defensive play, but his offensive game was no less than sensational during the entire last five minutes of play. It was almost as exciting a drive as if it meant the winning touchdown. So, judging by that last minute score, Blair made a fine showing against the possible District champs.

At last a boys' Varsity Athletic Club is under way. Mr. Creme, the faculty sponsor, believes this to be a very worthwhile organization. It will include Blair students who have earned an athletic award. After things are in full swing, alumni also will be members of the club.

Blairites eagerly look forward to the opening of the basketball season, which starts during the first week of December. This year's schedule is about as tough as it ever has been in the history

of Blair. Again, students are expecting a successful season.

Last year's quint had a rather unimpressive record, but by playing good ball, captured the Rockville Invitational Sportsmanship Tournament to highlight a rather dull season.

The fifth annual All High-All Prep contest, to be held on the 6th of December, promises to be thrilling. Outstanding members of all 27 schools in the metropolitan area are selected by coaches of each of the schools. Blair should place at least one, maybe more, on the All High roster.

The band and majorettes have already been invited to perform for the affair, which is quite an honor considering this is only the second year of its existence.

November 22, at Maryland University's stadium, the Blazers host to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Barons in the long-awaited season thriller. The Barons have yet to leave the field victorious over the Red and White, although in the first meeting, in 1945, the game ended in a 6-6 deadlock. Last year Blair swamped them 26-6 in a tilt much more exciting than indicated by the score.

When the Blazers and the Barons meet, The fans are sure to have a treat Provided; there will be thrills galore, Irrespective of the final score. Let's all go out with vigor and vim, And root the Red and White to win!

Basketball Schedules

BOYS				
December				
9	Priory	at	Priory	3.30
*12	Hyattsville	at	Blair	8.00
16	Gaithersburg	at	Gaithersburg	2.30
19	Double Header at Ritchie Coliseum		Blair vs. Bladensburg	
			Hyattsville vs. Bethesda	
January				
9	Longwood	at	Longwood	3.30
13	W. and L.	at	W. and L.	3.30
*16	Rockville	at	Blair	8.00
*20	Fairfax	at	Blair	3.30
23	Bethesda	at	Ritchie Coliseum	8.00
*27	Bladensburg	at	Blair	3.30
*30	Gonzaga	at	Blair	8.00
February				
3	Greenbelt	at	Greenbelt	3.30
6	Bethesda	at	Ritchie Coliseum	8.00
*10	W. and L.	at	Blair	3.30
*13	Gaithersburg	at	Blair	8.00
*17	Coolidge	at	Blair	3.30
20	Fairfax	at	Fairfax	8.00
24	Gonzaga	at	Gonzaga	3.30
27	Frederick	at	Frederick	
*Home games				
GIRLS				
January 9, Friday	Fairfax	3.00	HOME	
January 13, Tuesday	Sherwood	3.00	Away	
January 16, Friday	Rockville	7.00	HOME	
January 20, Tuesday	Damascus	3.00	Away	
January 23, Friday	Westminster	3.00	HOME	
January 27, Tuesday	Open			
January 30, Friday	Poolesville	3.00	HOME	
February 3, Tuesday	Bladensburg	3.00	Away	
February 6, Friday	Annapolis	3.30	Away	
February 11, Wednesday	Bethesda	3.30	HOME	
February 13, Friday	Bladensburg	3.00	HOME	
February 17, Tuesday	Gaithersburg	3.00	Away	
February 20, Friday	Fairfax	2.00	Away	
February 24, Tuesday	Annapolis	3.00	HOME	
February 27, Friday	Westminster		Away	

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Language and Music Classes Present Christmas Pageants to Student Body

An impressive Christmas program was presented through the cooperation of the language and music departments, to the student body, today, December 17.

The pageant presented is based upon the Christmas traditions of the French, Spanish and Italian peoples.

The program opened with a procession of the choral music classes and the Glee Club singing "Adeste Fidelis." Following this, the Latin class presented a scene laid in the home of a peasant family on Christmas Eve, depicting the coming of the Befano, the Santa Claus of Italy. Nancy Bakke ably portrayed the Befano. Instead of the traditional Christmas tree was seen a "ceppo," a triangular tier-like arrangement upon which the manger scene was portrayed and the Befano placed gifts and fruits. The violin solo in this scene was by Carl Behrens.

The French classes presented two scenes, the first of which was laid in a pre-war French home of moderate means, showing the Creche, with the scene of the Nativity as its dominant theme. Members of the senior French class entered to the strains of "Cantique de Noel," and placed gifts around the Creche. The second scene, presented by the juniors, was laid in a home of humble circumstances in postwar France. The hopeless look of a war-torn nation is replaced by one of gratitude and new hope brought by the "CARE" packages sent from America.

The Spanish pageant was a typical scene laid in a Mexican inn, which shows the celebration of the "Pinata."

These pageants were accompanied by appropriate musical selections, including Shubert's "Ave Maria," sung by Priscilla Ridge, Jean Robertson, and Barbara Dillon, all voice students; the lovely and well-known "Jesu Bambino," sung by Priscilla Ridge; "Lo, How a Rose" and "Carol of the Bells" by the girls' choral classes; and "Softly the Stars Were Shining," by a small ensemble of girls.

Blair Students to Begin Christmas Season Jobs

When Mr. Shaw says his usual cheery, "Attention for Announcements," approximately fifty Blair students will have left their books at home and started to work for various business concerns during the Christmas rush.

The Christmas work program is under the direction of Mr. Cummings, who is helping the students find jobs in the business places of this area. It is an annual opportunity at Blair, and not all students are eligible, but only those who show definite interest and who have the approval of their parents and teachers may participate.

Blair Included In WGAY Program

Radio Station WGAY of Silver Spring, Md., is sponsoring a series of weekly programs each Tuesday morning at 10:45 in cooperation with the Montgomery County Schools.

Each school of the area is scheduled for a program some time during the year. Blair students have already appeared on two broadcasts, including a dramatization by Miss Wood's Public Speaking class, "The Proposal," by Anton Tchekoff. This one-act Russian play has only three characters: Natalya Stepanovna, portrayed by Evelyn Rodgers; Stephan Stepanovitch Chubukov, by Richard North; Ivan Vassilevitch Lomov, Frank Richter. Jerry Tobin read the prologue, following an introduction by "Chuck" Dulane. A debate on the question of the Maryland Sales Tax was given by Polly Billings, Buddy Dabney, Ann Livingston, and Kenny Baliles, members of Mr. Meserole's Public Speaking class. Future Blair participation will include two historical skits and a musical program in connection with the Variety Show.

In addition, Station WGAY is sponsoring a series of thirteen broadcasts on Saturday morning at 11:35 to be presented by the Prince Georges County Council of P.T.A.'s Parent Education Committee. The programs feature two parents and two teenagers from a different high school each week who discuss teenage problems.

Blair will be represented on January 24 to discuss, "What About Teenage Drinking? Is It as Prevalent as Some Writers Would Have Us Believe?"

Hope Henderson's Letter Wins Ripley's First Prize

Hope Henderson was awarded last week \$100 for first prize in the Ripley Believe It or Not Contest sponsored by Robert L. Ripley and the Washington Times-Herald.

The basis for the prize-winning entry was the story that Hope, who had injured her back while practicing a cheer-leading stunt the day before a football game, had received a letter from a Canadian girl of the same name, the same age, similar in appearance and also a cheerleader for her high school.

Hope had no idea of entering the contest and was surprised last week to receive a telephone call from the radio station which broadcasts Ripley's program asking her to come in for an interview with his representative, George Leffertes. Hope didn't send in the entry; it was suggested by Ed King, producer of the show.

Finzel Acts as Chairman In Debate Held at G.U.

Bob Finzel, Blair senior, was elected to preside as chairman over a conference of high school pupils from the District, Maryland, and Virginia, held recently at the George Washington University for the purpose of discussing the current problem important to everyone today, "How to Lower Prices."

Besides Bob, Don Ferguson, Ann Livingston, Norma Kelly, Laura Lee Degen, Buddy Dabney, Kenny Baliles, Jane Gale, Ellen Ridgeway, and Polly Billings represented Blair.

The students reassembled after lunch to divide into sections and discuss how management, labor, farmers, distributors, and the government can lower prices. At 3:30 the students again met and each group discussed their proposals, which were then voted upon, and at 5 p.m. the assembly adjourned.

Shapley Editorial Best; Entered in Quill and Scroll

Bertha Ann Shapley's editorial on "Your Thanksgiving Turkey Will Taste Better If You Have Helped the Hungry in Europe," was selected as the best in the editorial contest, sponsored by "Quill and Scroll," which was held during the second period on November 21.

Two other junior girls besides Bertha, Joyce King and Peggy Davis, all on the staff of SILVER CHIPS, entered the contest.

Contestants were permitted to select a topic from among the following: "You Can Make an 'A' Without Going to the School Library, But Why Learn Things the Hard Way?"; "Your Turkey Will Taste Better, If You Have Helped the Hungry in Europe"; "Keep Paganism at Bay in Europe by Sharing Your Christmas Plenty With Europe's Children."

Miss Silvey, Mr. K. Rhodes, and Mr. Hinckley judged the editorials.

The winning editorial has been entered in the "Quill and Scroll," national contest, the results of which will be announced in the December issue of "Quill and Scroll."

Lucky Number Entitles Burr to Woman's Outfit

Dolly Burr's lucky number was drawn at the Silver Dollar Ball, sponsored by the Blair P.T.A., last Friday evening in the gymnasium, thus entitling her to the complete woman's costume, including dress, shoes, and other accessories, all donated by the merchants of Silver Spring.

Three Silver Dollars were given away also to the winning persons who held cards with scrambled words written on them.

The proceeds of this affair were for the benefit of the school's general fund.

Mrs. William R. Simpson, the mother of Nancy Simpson, 11-9, was general chairman of the affair.

Bartlett, Henderson, Bergmann, Hall Lee, Bowman, Vie for Sweetheart Crown

Blair Pupils Visit Williamsburg, Va.

Twenty-six eleventh grade history students accompanied by Miss Silvey, Miss Schwartz and Miss Wood visited the old town of Williamsburg, Virginia, on December 5 and 6, in order to gain first hand information of Colonial life.

In a brand new, "classy" Greyhound bus which they had chartered, the group left for its destination at 7:30 Friday morning. The first stop was in Fredericksburg at the Kenmore House, which was the home of George Washington's sister. Then after a short time at the Richmond bus terminal, the group proceeded to Yorktown where an interesting lecture was given and a tour made over some of the battle grounds there.

Jamestown had to be omitted from the itinerary because the bridge, which is the only approach to the island, supports no more than five tons, while the bus weighed ten.

So on to Williamsburg they went. They had dinner at the Williamsburg Lodge, where they were to spend the night. That evening many of the group enjoyed "Magic Town" shown at the local theater while others held a party with dancing.

Saturday's schedule included breakfast at 8, then visits to the Governor's Palace, the old Capitol, George White's house, and a quick glance at William and Mary College.

While visiting the old shops in Williamsburg, a few surprised Blairites ran across Carol Gardner, an alumna of Blair, '46, now attending William and Mary.

11-8 Thrills Over News From European Family

In answer to the packages and a letter sent to their "family" in Europe, Miss Ring's 11-8 homeroom received a letter of gratitude recently.

The first of the year to be received by Blairites to thank them for CARE packages, the letter was from the Raif family, which consists of the sixty-five year old grandmother, the "papa," mother, and two small boys, two and one-half and four.

Mrs. Raif said in her letter, "You can hardly imagine our surprise by receiving your nice and kindly letter." Also, showing a grand spirit, she said, "You see, even we make a little joke, if the time is as black as she can be, but your letter has given us a sign of hope in our hopeless time."

The chief food in Europe now is potatoes and even they are scarce as they have had no rain in five months where the Raif family lives in Germany.

In closing her letter Mrs. Raif said, "God bless you" and sent special greetings to Miss Ring.

The secretive air typical of Christmastide is in the halls of Blair concerning the annual choice of the school's sweetheart.

At 11 p.m., December 26, Elizabeth Smith, last year's queen, will place the crown upon one of the seven beauties named by the student body last week. Her identity, as a result of student vote, will be kept secret until the crowning.

The girls causing the close consideration of every Blairite are Bea Bartlett, Lois Bergmann, Peggy Bowman, Barbara Browning, Pat Hall, Hope Henderson, and Betty Lee.

The music designed for this evening of honor and suspense will be furnished by Roberts Orchestra.

Established Tradition

The tradition of electing a Blair Queen dates back eight years, to 1939, when the SILVER CHIPS presented a plan for selecting a Blair Sweetheart. This was accepted and at a basketball game Jeanie Mieners was crowned Blair's first sweetheart. In the years following Mary Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Spencer, Mary Ann Mitchell, Fay Whitman, Libby Herdtfelder, Dolly Sapp, and last year, Elizabeth Smith, were chosen bearers of the crown.

Queen's Qualification

The qualification for the Sweetheart of Blair are as follows:

1. Her beauty in face and figure must excell all Petty, Varga, and 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. Marks on her last report must be 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 sweetheart must be a senior girl at Blair, who has attended the school at least since December of her Junior year.

Last year Elizabeth Smith presided over the following court: Betty Shinn, Emily Larimore, Jackie Lusby, Sally Johnson, Nancy Norman and Janice Bradshaw.

'47 Silverlogue Rates Third

The 1947 Silverlogue was awarded third place in the thirteenth annual yearbook critique and contest conducted by Columbia Scholastic Press Association at Columbia University in New York City.

The awards were given on the basis of photography, school coverage, and literary merit.

Pat Huntington was editor of the 1947 book with Mrs. Marshall, Mr. E. Rhodes, Mrs. Moler, Miss Robey, and Mr. Messerole as faculty advisers.

The 1947 yearbook was the first to be entered in the C.S.P.A. contest by Blair.

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Kris Kringle Controversy

Is there a Santa Claus? Children fervently believe there is. As adults, they scoff, but inwardly cling to the seemingly faraway fantasy of an obese, bearded old man in a red suit, descending chimneys, laden with gifts for the deserving.

In answering the previous question, first: what is Christmas? Christmas is an international, Christian holiday, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour. Christmas is celebrated in many lands in many ways. Americans observe it by means of Christmas trees, gifts, attendance at churches, and gay festivities. The epitome of all this celebration is a spirit en-

deared to young and old as Santa Claus. This robust, jovial character symbolizes the spirit of giving and helping; a broad, all-embracing good will for fellow men.

The question of Santa Claus is purely personal, and can be answered only by the individual. If the spirit of Christmas lives in the heart, then Santa Claus is very, very real.

*At Christmastide the open hand
Scatters its bounty o'er sea and
land,*

*And none are left to grieve alone,
For love is heaven, and claims its
own.*

—MARGARET SANGSTER

Passed Away

There appeared in a recent issue of a downtown paper, an obituary which read something like this:

"Smith, Elizabeth. On any day, 1947, at 9211 Main St., Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, beloved wife of John Smith, and mother of Mary and John, Jr., passed away. Cause of death: suicide resulting from mortification."

Naturally, such an unusual announcement attracted the attention of the alert CHIPS staff, which promptly sent a reporter to the scene. Investigation disclosed that the children of the late Mrs. Smith were Blair students, thus stimulating further interest in the case.

It seems that on the evening of her untimely death, Mrs. Smith had invited the Reverend Mr. Stubbs, and the socially prominent Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rockgilt, and family, to dinner. Cautioning the children as to the minding of their manners, she turned her attention to the art of being a good hostess. Relatives say Mrs. Smith appeared in excellent spirits at the beginning of the evening.

Mrs. Smith was suddenly very shocked as she observed her son, John, accidentally (?) kicking over the chair of young Cicero Rockgilt. Ordinarily this would have gone unnoticed, except that young Cicero was still in the chair. Next, John distracted Mr. Stubbs from his dinner discourse by nonchalantly tipping his chair backward, finally coming to rest against the wall. This also might have been overlooked had not John decided to hold target prac-

tice with the wastebasket in the adjoining room. It was then that Mrs. Smith began to show signs of nervousness, which increased as John and Mary engaged in a friendly argument, approaching a brawl.

Conversation was momentarily halted while John and Mary exchanged loud and angry taunts, accompanied by gestures. The flinging of Mary's arms delivered the filled water glasses of Mrs. Rockgilt and the Reverend into their respective laps. The climax to these activities came, when after dinner, Mary produced her comb and compact, and went into action. It was at this time that Mrs. Smith politely retired to her bedroom, and applied the business end of a "thirty-five" to her temple.

Of course, the above story is a mere plot to lure you on until the opportune moment arrives to present the case. The point is, the breaches of common etiquette described above, occur too often in Blair's cafeteria, much to the embarrassment of the more conscientious students, and members of the faculty, who are entertaining guests. Etiquette is an individual problem; but how many people who shout, tilt their chairs, explode paper bags, or throw things about would behave that way at home? Such actions are a reflection on individual homes, and on Blair.

If each student would cooperate by observing the common courtesies with which all are familiar, the Blair cafeteria would be a quieter, more serene place in which to enjoy the lunch period.

That Christmas Spirit

It's a couple weeks before Christmas, when the hustle-bustle of the season can just about be sniffed from the air—well, almost anyway, and both young and old alike are sitting on pins and needles waiting for the happy holidays to arrive.

For What Avail?

O Christ Child, for what avail
Came Thee forth to lift veil?
To roll away
The stones of clay.
To bring from Heaven above
Gifts of tolerance and love,
Heaven's portal,
Man immortal?
What has man made of this gift?
Among us still lies the rift
Of hatred, greed
And selfish creed.
Christ, Thy birth did not dispel
From the earth this living Hell.

If there happens to be three inches of snow on the ground that is wonderful. If there isn't any, that's O.K. too, because it's still traditionally white.

Everybody feels like dashing down the street after a friend just to pat him on the back and yell "Hey—it's Christmas!" For some reason or other, he wants to walk out of the house and leave the front door unlocked in case somebody wants to come in. He figures if he's a friend he's welcome. If he's an enemy, he should come in anyhow, forget his grudge, and become a friend.

The warm glow of a fire seems to make everybody feel like his brother's keeper, and that's the kind of feeling that comes from deep down. Whether it's a rough and tough character or the easy-going type, he can't help but soften up a little and have at least a small amount of friendliness for his fellow man.

Among the '800'

The holiday season spirits are high in the hearts of Blairites; hence the spirit of love and giving.

A Radad party was given in the recreation room of Frank Proctor's home by the fellas' club for the gals' club. Those indulging in the elements of food and soft drinks were Frank Richter, Anne Swayzee, Richard North, Stuart Colvin, Babs Everett, Frank Gossman, Beverly Hunt, Buddy Dabney, Polly Billings, Peggy Bowman, Don Palmer, Nelle Hardy, Kenny Baliles, Anne Livingston, Louie Spencer, Bob Rodeffer, Betty Farrar, and Betty Joseph.

Partaking of cokes, cookies and merriment at Donna Kohl's home was the girls' hockey team. Ruth Bubes, Betty Bevan, Sue Mitchell, Lou Ann Walker, Vivian Cherrix, Mary Jean Ellington, Beverly Hunt, Sergene Benson, Betty Straughan, Shirley Robins, Bobbie Dillon, and Nancy Fox. All seemed to have an "immense" time.

Again Bob Curtis played host for Blairites and Capitol pages. Blairites attending were Janice Patton, Dottie Shepherd and Evelyn Bean.

Jackie Steele threw a strictly sophomore slumber (?) party. Those "talking" were Nina Bailey, Sue Mitchell, Helen Blanche, Janice Patton, Shirley Graham, and Betty Howard.

Bea Bartlett has accepted a "glorious invitation from Dave Richard's ('46) parents to go to Daytona Beach, Florida, December 26.

Saturday night, section 12-5 threw a razzle-dazzle party at the Hillendale cabin. The persons with sore feet were Olie Brockdorf, Mary Jean Ellington, Dick Cissel, William Musgrove, Nelson Paine, Norma Kelly, Peggy Sisler, Anne Livingston, Frank Richter, Beverly Hunt, Frank Gossman, Pat Heizer, Jackie Runkle, Liz O'Connor, Ralph Reno, Nancy Norman, Jack Amick, Mel Faulconer, Evan Arrington, Jean Mathews, Harry Carroll, Buddy Doten, Pat Hall, Bill Thompson, Betty Butler, and Richard North.

The interschool-relations committee of the Student Council sponsored the Soph-Frosh Hop. The freshmen guests seemed to enjoy the hospitality of the Blair Sophomores.

Anne Livingston, Bob Rodeffer, Beverly Hunt, Bill Pickett, of B.C.C., Pat Hall and Frank Proctor patronized the Bethesda Hot Shoppe afterward.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas,
when out of the house,
Stole "wee" Ricky Harrison, just
like a mouse;
He turned up his collar and
trudged down the street,
In hope that some pal by chance
he might meet;
And all of a sudden, with the
speed of light,
A yellow convertible whizzed into
sight.
Its contents were "Bunky" and
"natch," Bobby Lang;
They picked up the Blairite and
raced off with a bang;
They had no destination, so they
sped on thru the night;
O'er familiar green hills, that
were buried by white;
The sounds of laughing voices
were ringing in the air;
And as we stopped to listen, they
seemed to echo there;
So to our happy trio, in farewell
note we say:
"God rest ye gentlemen, and a
merry Christmas day."

Pig-tailed Patsy Politically Inclined

One of the youngest bureaucrats in history is Patsy Piegrass, whose parents brought the blooming two-year old cherub to the initial inauguration of President Roosevelt in 1933, where hotel conditions were such that our tender young Blairite was forced to spend the night in a bureau drawer.

Patsy first beheld the sun's rays on February 4, 1931, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Making an interesting hegira from the land of wide-open spaces to the land of packed places, Patsy landed in Silver Spring, and spent the first grade at East Silver Spring Elementary School. From there, pig-tailed Patsy went to Woodside Elementary School, and upon graduating, entered "Monkey" Hills Junior High School, where she was the library representative of the ninth grade class.

Heads Year Book

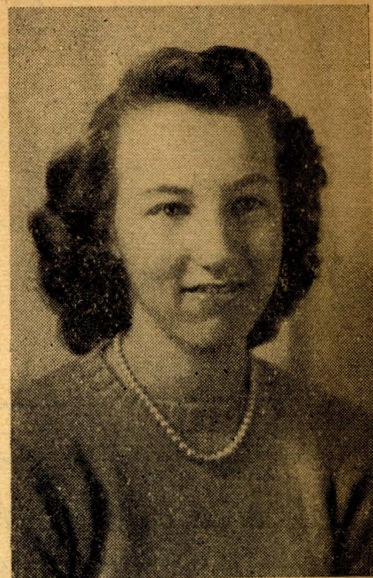
From the moment she started at Blair, Patsy's record has been one of achievement. In her sophomore year her time was divided between the *Silverlogue*, Library Club, Glee Club, intramurals and the hockey team. In her junior year, Patsy was assistant editor of the *Silverlogue*, president of the French Club, staff reporter for SILVER CHIPS, member of the Library Club, hockey team, track team, and active in intramurals. She was also made a member of the Honor Society. This year, our ambitious Patsy is editor of the *Silverlogue*, vice-president of the Library Club, B.B.A. Club secretary, a member of both the Safety and Order Committee and Quill and Scroll, and participates in intramurals. She is well known for her outstanding scholastic record.

"Say It With Music"

"Give Me Five Minutes More"—
Final exams.
"Time On My Hands"—You've
got the wrong school.
"Feudin' and Fightin'" — Blair-
Bethesda
"Civilization"—3.30.
"I Want A Girl"—Julian Sand-
ford.
"Save the Bones for Henry Jones"
—Cafeteria food.
"Smoke, Smoke, Smoke"—Park-
ing lot.
"Temptation"—Cut classes.
"I Don't Know Enough About
You"—Mr. K. Rhodes
"This Is Always"—Homework.
"It's a Good Day"—June 17.
"Gotta Be This or That"—Cafe-
teria lunches.
"That's My Desire"—Pass Miss
Wood's tests.
"April Showers"—Water guns.
"My, How the Time Goes By"—
Holidays
"Flying Home"—Parking lot at
3.30.
"Sooner or Later"—They'll catch
us.
"A Friend of Yours"—Miss Ap-
pleby.

To Those Who Have Not!

The spoiled little boy in the big house on the hill was experimenting with his new toys. By the light of the radiant Christmas tree, he had already torn apart a stuffed elephant and broken a new tow-truck.
"It's broken already!" his injured voice rang out. "I want a new one!"
"Now, now, dear. Daddy will get you a new one," his mother's soothing voice broke in.
At the same moment, many miles away, a little boy with sad, wise eyes sat by a meager fire hugging a broken doll he had salvaged from a nearby scrap



Enjoys Sports

Green-eyed, blonde Patsy likes fried chicken, ice cream, sports (especially basketball, ping pong, and swimming), boys, and classical music. Numbered among her avid dislikes are onions, catty girls, Coolidge, and jazz. She rarely goes to movies and hasn't much time for pleasantries, but occasionally goes to club meetings and enjoys concerts.

Patsy's great hope is to become a nurse and her pursuit of this career will take her to Wheaton College, Illinois, and the hospital at Oak Park, Illinois.

Carol's Christmas

It was a "Silent Night" on "Christmas Island" and in the far distance "Jingle Bells" could be heard. You see, "Santa Claus was Comin' to Town" and "Carol of the Bells" was all aglow. Dick's last words before he sailed had been "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and now "The Night Before Christmas," he was really coming home to his "Winter Wonderland" and her.

Carol recalled as she waited on the dock for Dick, the last "White Christmas" the two had spent together. After hours of sleighing and caroling she and Dick had gone to a little church in the country. The preacher had told a story of the "Beautiful Savior" who had been born in "The Little Town of Bethlehem." How close she had felt to him in that small country church. The boat was coming closer now and the orchestra was playing "O Come All Ye Faithful." Carol remembered "The First Noel" she had met Dick, and this one, she promised herself, would be the best Christmas yet.

CARE Dance Nets \$67

Sufficient clothing was collected during the CARE clothing drive for a full box for each of the sixteen families which Blair is supporting.

Approximately \$67, which was realized from the CARE dance, paid for postage plus enough for soap and sewing supplies, which were included in each box.

heap. He grasped it as if his very life depended on the possession of this one-legged, scratched doll.

"I'll take care of you, dolly. Santa sent you to me, and I'll take care of you," the little voice crooned soothingly.

As the sun faded, few stars appeared in the sky. There was no light on the big, new house on the hill, but around the scimp fire where a little boy lay sleeping and clutching a broken doll, a star in the East blazed with furious light, warming the heart of a thankful little boy, where the true spirit of Christmas still lived.

Biology Project Receives National Acclaim



Spring Plans Include Lake, Feeding Station

National recognition was given the school biology project at the annual meeting of the Izaak Walton League recently, when Owen knight, president of the Maryland Division of the Izaak Walton League, gave information on the Blair project.

This project in practical instruction, begun last February in the biology department of Blair, has been met with enthusiastic response from students. The instruction is based on the maintenance of a wild life refuge, all work on the refuge being done by the students themselves.

The area is operated cooperatively by Montgomery Blair and the commission; the former furnishing all labor and upkeep, the latter furnishing some materials and giving expert advice.

Plans Organized for Spring

Plans are already being made for work to be done in the spring. A spring-fed lake will be constructed in a natural bowl and stocked with fish and plant life. Weather-vane bird feeders and bird-feeding stations will be erected. Muskrats will be released in the area, and facilities for drinking water will be installed.

In October, 1946, arrangements were made by Montgomery Blair High School with the cooperation of the Maryland Fish and Game Commission to lease a 25-acre tract of land from Mr. William C. McCeney, in order to establish a wild life refuge. The land was leased for five years, with an option for another five years. The purpose of the program is to restore and develop a wild life habitat by providing natural food and cover areas, and to provide facilities for on-the-spot nature study by the Blair biology classes.

Mrs. Greene, Mr. Bowne, Direct

Work on the project was actually begun in February, 1947, during project week by a group of boys from the biology classes under the direction of Mr. George Bowne and Mrs. B. W. Greene, biology instructors. A one-strand wire fence was strung along three sides of the area, several

Writing Contest Sponsored By Seventeen Magazine

Seventeen, nationally known teen-age magazine, is offering to boys and girls between the ages of thirteen and nineteen, a short story contest, in which they will give away \$1,000.00 in prizes for the five winning selections.

All entries must be postmarked no later than midnight, December 31. Each manuscript, in order to be considered, must be accompanied by a statement, signed and certified by a notary public, attesting writer's age and the originality of the story.

The story may take any style desired and may be in the realm of romance, comedy, or other field.



bridges over gullies were built, trails were laid, a loading platform at the entrance was erected, and signs furnished by the Inland Fish and Game Commission of Maryland were posted.

Additional work was done during the spring by biology classes. Planting of food trees and wild flowers and building of houses for birds and muskrats were accomplished. Identification of the various types of trees and plants was started.

Mr. McCeney Donates Cabin

In May a four-room cabin was given by Mr. McCeney for use on the area and renovation was commenced before the end of the school year.

During the summer the refuge was under the control of a warden of The Inland Fish and Game Commission.

In the fall, work was again undertaken by students at Blair. Trails were cleared out, renovation and painting of the cabin was completed, fencing was mended, and debris which had accumulated around the bridges during summer rains was removed. During the winter months conservation projects such as the filling of feeding boxes, and releasing of squirrels in the area, will be carried on. All work this year is under the direction of student superintendent, Lee Koetzle, appointed by the school in June, 1947.

Tri-Hi-Y Plans Handbook As Year's Project

Tri-Hi-Y has assumed its year's project, the development of a handbook, which will contain general information about Blair, significant to both students and faculty.

Inclosed in an appropriate cover, the booklet will contain facts about the faculty history, and tradition of the school, as well as songs and cheers, and other useful data that will be interesting and valuable to the current and succeeding classes for years to come. This book will be in permanent form, and of handy size. Funds necessary to meet the expenses of the handbook will be raised by the bake sale, now being planned, and similar activities.

Biology students are caught at work on various phases of the wild life refuge begun by the Biology Department last February. Left — Bob Forward (on ladder) and Paul Seltzer, painting cabin. Below—Mary Lasher, Joyce Duvall, and Barbara Beall working on rock garden project. All the students are members of section 10-4.

Peggy Pumphrey Weds J. W. Wheeler In Candlelight, Double Ring Ceremony

Weddings Bells Ring For Lorraine Cooper

Margaret Ann (Peggy) Pumphrey and John W. Wheeler, Jr., were joined in marriage at Trinity Episcopal Church in a beautiful candlelight, double ring ceremony. Peggy's attendants were Rosemary Steadman, Betty Washburn, and Delores Ashwell. Best man was Petty Officer 3/c Raymond P. Rombeck, and ushers were Petty Officer 3/c Louis T. Freese, and Edward G. Bartlett. A reception was held later at the bride's home.

Party Given for Former Student

A shower was given for Peggy by Mrs. Ruth Wheeler and Mrs. Ruth Pumphrey at the bride's future home at 15 Ash Avenue. Those there were Mrs. Anna Pumphrey, Peggy Murphy, Virginia Tye, Joyce Pitzer, Rosemary Steadman, Mary Auerra, Elizabeth, Fay Aswell, Dorothy Julkerson, Dorothy Pumphrey, Ruth Wheeler, and Betty Washburn.

In an informal home wedding Ruth Lorraine Cooper became Mrs. H. Theodore Myers. The attendants for the couple were Frances Znamenacek and Mrs. Ward Aurand. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend J. Adrian Pfeiffer.

Mrs. Jeanne Lymric Brown Given Shower

Mrs. Larry Haynes gave a shower for Mrs. James Brown. the former Jeanne Lymric. Guests present were Francis Colleti, Joan Coy, Mary Ann Saffell, and Margaret Bevan.

Kathy Faulconer and her mother, Mrs. J. E. Faulconer, gave a bridal shower for Mrs. Brooke Johns, III, formerly Marilyn

"Jukes Family," "Abie's Irish Rose," Presented

The fourth period public speaking class, directed by Mr. Meserole, provided the student body with some of the best entertainment of the year when it presented the Thanksgiving assembly.

The program began with Lorraine Ingleton's reading the Bible.

The first skit was a clever impersonation of the popular "Soap Box Opera," entitled "The Jukes Family." Participating in the play were Ann Livingston as "Ma," Polly Billings as Ann, Buddy Dabney as "Pa," and Kenny Baliles, Ginger Evans, Betty Joseph, Bobby Finzel, and Pat Smith as the children.

The second skit was "Abie's Irish Rose," also a comedy. Acting in this play were Don Ferguson as Solomon Levi; Johnny Theofield as Abie; Norma Kelly as Rosie; Ellen Ridgeway as Mrs. Cohen; Jane Gale as Isaac Cohen; and Laura Lee Degan as the Rabbi. Pat Hall was mistress of ceremonies, and Pattie Brett was narrator.

Whittaker. The guests were Alice Rernes, Laura Nicholson, Mrs. L. W. Whittaker, Ann Whittaker, Mrs. W. E. Yeager, Mrs. Frank Kefauver, Mrs. Jack Baines, Betty Pissapia, Virginia Randlett, Mary Ann Saffell, Sally Haseh, Mirian Fallar, and Janet Maddox.

Stork Active With Alumni

Paul and Alice Boerum Mears are the proud parents of 8 lb., 14 oz., Katherine Anne. She was born November 30 at the Takoma Sanatorium.



**"Pleased....
and more than a little proud!"**

"That's the way I feel about my telephone job.

"It's not only the important, interesting work I do. It's the good salary, the people I meet and a lot of other things.

"I hadn't had any business experience, but I was well paid right from the start. And regular, frequent raises in pay have come as I've gained experience.

"Something else I like about telephone work is the bright, pleasant environment. The offices are so clean and comfortable. There's a roomy lounge where we can relax during off-duty hours.

"Then there's the friendly atmosphere that seems to go with a telephone job. I can hardly count all the new friends I've made since I started there.

"Just between you and me, I wouldn't trade jobs with anyone!"



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Personality Plus

A personality whom you may see hobbling around Blair on crutches is none other than that popular junior, Bobby Theofield. Bobby was born at Long Island, New York, on January 18, 1930, and during the first few years of his life moved to Washington, D.C., North Carolina, and back to his favorite state, Maryland. He attended the Bethesda Elementary School, North Four Corners, and then traveled to Takoma Park Junior High School, where he started his sports career as a member of the basketball and softball teams. It was with this flying start that Robert began his sophomore year at Blair as a true Blairite. In his first year at Blair, he made the football, basketball, and baseball teams. With the necessary experience in football during his sophomore year, Bobby has advanced very fast. Just as he was turning on the steam, he hurt his leg in the Tech game and was unable to make the most of his talent. All in all though, it will be agreed he is a great football player. This outstanding junior holds the important job of treasurer of the Student Council.

A True Blazerette

A senior here at Blair, Lois has been very busy in her many activities. In her sophomore year, she was a member of the girls' hockey team, basketball team, baseball team, tumbling team and track team, as well as an active member of her class. In her junior year she was forced to leave Blair because of a heart ailment. However, this year she is back, and has kept up the reputation of her ability as she is a member of the girls' basketball team again and you've all seen her as a cheerleader leading the root'n for the red and white. After graduation Lois plans to go to Strayer's Business College, and later, to work in the Silver Spring Suburban Bank.

Solomon's Say So's

The Silver Spring unlimited cage loop, largely comprised of Blair alumni, got under way Sunday, November 30, under the guidance of Coaches Creme and Continetti. This league is made up of eight teams, namely the Elks, Myron Cowell, Hubbard Cleaners, Grotto Grill, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Tom's Auto Service, Sherwood Alumni, and Bee and Dee Cleaners. Grotto Grill and the Silver Spring Elks are the powerhouses, both including many former high school stars such as Johnny Norris, Johy Klipstein, Buddy Pritchard, Freddie Gloyd, Bill Paden, Parker Kirby, Bill Hosselbarth, Scotty Cranstan and Gene Taylor. Probably the best basketball in the Blair gym this season can be seen on Sunday night for the small sum of forty cents for four games. Been noticing in all of the papers where the Blazers lost their first basketball game; understand a Blair fellow will receive his letter from Priory. Guess he didn't see any sense in shooting at Blair's basket, when Priory's was so much closer. Boys' basketball intramurals have started with a bang—literally, too. Undoubtedly the outstanding stars will be found in the forms of Ralph Reno, Norman Fehr and Rick Harrison. These light, nimble-toed artists are capturing the spotlight continu-

Colvin Elected To Head Rifle Club

With the best prospects in the three years of its existence, the Blair Rifle Club has elected a new group of officers. Stuart Colvin, shooting for the third consecutive year with the team, was elected president. Jim Maloy, in his second year of competitive shooting was chosen as vice-president and John Wright, a third year stalwart, was named executive officer. Handling the money is Bob Ewing as treasurer, and in the secretary's job is Rick Waters, a new member. Mel Hobbs was appointed to the job of manager. The team is coached by Commander and Mrs. H. J. Waters as in previous years, and the faculty advisers are Mr. Steigner and Mr. Schwartz. Commander Waters is very pleased with the fine turnout this year and said that he looks for even a more successful season than last year.

To Compete With D.C. Schools

Enthusiasm is running high now that Executive Officer John Wright and Manager Mel Hobbs have announced that they have arranged shoulder-to-shoulder matches with six District schools including Central, Anacostia, and Western for January. Mel and John are both working hard to complete a full schedule for the team during the first four months of next year. The team is all set for these matches and confident of a victorious season. Activity of the club to date has included a course lasting six weeks of Basic Rifle Instruction attended by 55 club members, and the annual Army qualification firing which so far has earned Marksman qualifications for 25 members, Sharpshooter qualifications for 10 members, and an Expert qualification for one member. The Army will award medals to those qualified. Two teams were entered in the National N.R.A. Scholastic Team Championship, which consists of a series of four matches, one each in November, December, January, and February. In the November match, strangely enough, the two teams were exactly tied, each scoring 477 points out of a possible 500. High shooters on one team were Colvin and Dixon, who tied with 97 out of 100 points, while Tashley and Waters led the other team with identical scores of 96 out of 100. Scores of the 300 other teams are not yet known, but the Blazer's scores will certainly place them in the standings.

D. O. Group Holds Class Party

The Diversified Occupations class held a party at Joan Curtis' home last November 21. Those attending included Joan Curtis, Tommy Melvin, Pat Heizer, Jackie Runkel, Vera Butler, Melvin Faulkner, "Millie" Zaugg, "Buddy" Schlosser, Eugene Gingell, Volney Schulze, Bill Cauble, Ray Mellin, Ella Wingo, Bob Ross, Everett Bryan, Lois Bergamann, Joan Groves, Wally Tarmar, Robert Vierling, Mr. C. C. Cummings, Jack Goode, Joan Ganey. All had a fine time eating, talking, and dancing. Note: The D. O. Class is composed of those working in the afternoon and receiving credit for their work.

ally due to their superhuman ability to rack up points against all opposition. Well, see you next issue, those men in white say it's time for me to go back to my straight-jacket.

Boys' Varsity Basketball Season Under Way

Boys' basketball season is finally here after an unsuccessful grid season and it's time to have a look at this year's prospects. From last year's varsity come Mitchell Parsons, Harry Carroll, Louis Simpson, Jack Goode and Volney Schulze. A few of these seasoned veterans have shown up well in practice. Chuck Richards, John Linton, Dickie Comer, John Ford, have earned a berth on this year's varsity after serving on last year's junior varsity. Bob Theofield, outstanding athlete, in his junior year, will have to pass up basketball this year due to a leg injury acquired while playing football. Promising new talent has appeared in the form of Ed Chapin, from New York. Bill Larrimore, from Takoma, and Bill Schief and Ray Luckett, from S.S.I., will undoubtedly see much action this year.

Girls' Hockey Season Ends

This year's varsity hockey team not only showed that the girls had athletic ability, but also a warm and friendly sportsmanlike attitude in the games they played, which were square and clean with no hint of foul play showing up in any of them. This year's captain, Nancy Fox, plus the girls who made up the backfield did a wonderful job of holding off most of the team's opponents and made the scores more evenly balanced at the end of the game. The forward line, made up mostly of sophomores and juniors, was the weaker part of the team, since they lacked the experience of the older girls in the backfield. Blazerettes hockey season record: Oct. 15, tied Bethesda 0-0; Oct. 21, lost to W. & L., 2-0; Nov. 4, beat Bethesda, 1-0; Nov. 14, lost to J. & L., 2-1; Nov. 18, lost to Friends, 3-0; Nov. 21, lost to Fairfax 3-0.

Fairfax Game Opens Season

The girls' basketball season gets under way with Fairfax as their first opponent. The game opens at 3:00 p.m. in Blair's gym on January 9. Up to this time the Fairfax team hasn't played any games and is expected to be the underdog on January 9. The Blazerettes have been practicing three nights a week in order to make a good showing. The expected line-up is as follows: Forwards — Betty Bevan, Lois Bergmann, and Betty Lee; guards — Jean Forcade, Brook Buchanan, and Nancy Fox.

Sports Rivals Working Together With Clubs

Blair Library Club helped the new Bethesda-Chevy-Chase Library Club get its start, Wednesday, November 3, by initiating their new officers and committee members. The initiation was held in the Blair Library with Miss Stickley as sponsor. Those initiated were Bill Pickett, president; Helen Ford, vice-president; Marie Clark, secretary; Julia Whitcomb, treasurer; Janet Le Valle, chairman of the social committee; Paul Bond, chairman of the publicity committee; June Wilkin, chairman of the art committee; Vernon Brewster, parliamentarian; and Bill Sheppard, chairman of the membership committee, all officers of the new B.C.-C. Club. After the initiation the guests and the Blair Library Club officers went to Miss Appleby's house in Kensington for refreshments.

Grid Thriller Results in All-Prep's Second Straight Triumph Over All-High

Beyer Tallies Twice For 26 to 20 Margin

Playing sensational football, the All-Prep team turned back a fighting All-High aggregation 26-20 in the fifth annual scholastic all-star game sponsored by the Times-Herald Welfare Association and the Touchdown Club last week. Over 10,000 chilled spectators watched Prep score its second successive victory over the AA-High squad. The first three games resulted in ties of 0-0, 0-0 and 6-6. After marching back and forth during the first quarter the period ended 0-0. The second period had hardly gotten under way when All-High's Bob Thompson ran 8 yards for their first tally. Prep came right back to score on a 29-yard pass play from Tommy Dean to Tom Fannon. Cecil Gray (High) and Jim Joyce (Prep) made conversions that tied the score at 7-7. As the half ended, the AA-High was on Prep's eight-yard line, ready to score again. Shortly after the third quarter got under way, Bill Beyer (Prep) took a lateral from teammate Tom Crowley to scamper 24 yards to pay dirt. Joyce booted the extra point to give Prep a 14-7 lead. Cecil Gray (High) then tossed a pass to Dick Fletcher, good for 30 yards and a touchdown. Gray converted to tie the score. Then with Prep's Joyce slinging an aerial to Paul Daniels, Joe Gargan and Gil Buckingham, they moved from their own 44-yard line to the All-High 21. At that point Joyce whipped a pass to Buckingham on the five, who tore across the goal line. This time Joyce failed in his attempt for a placement conversion, but the Preps had taken the lead again 20-14. But early in the last period All-

How They Stand

Girls' intramural teams, both hockey and volley ball, last week played one more game that brought them closer to the top or kept them even with the board. The eleventh grade is out in front in volley ball just as they are in hockey. They have won 9 games, tied 0, and lost 7. The tenth grade follows close with 7 wins, 7 ties and 0 losses. The twelfth grade takes the boobie prize, having 4 wins, 0 ties, and 6 losses. In hockey again the top rank is occupied by the eleventh grade, having won 3, tied 1, and lost 1. The tenth and twelfth grades are working hard to gain the position of second place. The tenth grade has won 2 games, tied 1, and lost 2. The twelfth grade won 2, tied 1, and lost 3. It looks like congratulations will be in order for the eleventh grade.

Oh, Yes!

Basketball is here at last, The game we've waited for We won't remember last year's fouls, Or all those losing scores. Instead we will look forward, To the games that we will win In hopes that this year's varsities Their opposing teams will trim. High tied it up again after Carl Bergmann of Georgetown Prep fumbled and Tech's Phil Bernstein recovered on Prep's 5-yard line. Gray smashed over on the second play from scrimmage. The Highs then missed a chance to take the lead when Gray's attempt for a placement conversion was blocked. It was a fumble that set up Prep's winning tally. Thompson's fumble was recovered on High own 30. After working the ball to the two-yard line, Bill Beyer plunged over to give Prep a 26-20 triumph

HERE AN' THERE IN SPORTS

By Don Ferguson

The best grid tilt of the '47 season took place December 6 at Griffith tadium. Thru the generosity of The Times-Herald Welfare Association I was able to witness it from the press box. It was the fifth annual scholastic All-Star game, which the Preps won for the second straight time. Seems as tho before the Blazers' season I predicted a win and loss total for them, but because of its being rather dismal, as far as Blair is concerned, I omitted it from the paper. So just for fun I'll stick my neck out and predict the result of the basketball season: "The Blair quint will wind up its season with 10 wins and 9 losses, a slightly better showing than last year." Many questions have been raised about why Blair could not participate in the All-High All-Prep game. It was due to the fact that Maryland schools (not just Blair) belong to an association called the National Federation of Public High School Athletics. Most of the states already belong to the Federation, but it is the organization's aim to get one hundred per cent participation so standard rules can be set up for age and scholastic eligibility, number of years a student may participate, and types of opposition. Last spring, when Maryland joined the Federation, it was discovered that Blair's eligibility requirements met those of the Federation. Virginia also joined at the same time as Maryland, but their age limit was 21 instead of the required 19, so this season their

limit was dropped to 20 and by next spring it will be standard. District schools have not joined the Federation yet, but it is expected that they will do so by next year. The only reason Blair was permitted to compete against Georgetown Prep, St. John's and Tech was because their age requirements met ours. (At the same time, however, many prep schools, some of which participate in the All-High game, have a higher age limit than the Federation permits. The Federation bars participation in the All-High All-Prep event because it is sponsored by a commercial agency (Times-Herald Newspaper and Touchdown Club) without supervision of an educational committee, thus lacking uniform eligibility regulations, such as age. Ight now our belonging to such an organization may keep us from playing some prep schools, but in the long run it will be beneficial to all concerned. Seems as tho the Barons took advantage of all their good breaks to eke out that 6-0 win. Blair's bad luck came in the crucial moments, altho they would have been helped greatly by a half-way decent punter. There's always that old cry: "Wait until next year." Too bad a little more discretion wasn't used when Blair's outstanding player of the game was selected. The fellow who received it did play a fine game, but how about that smart linesman, Rick Harrison, the sensational ground game, Baldy Mess after he... the full-back sl...

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Seniors to Present "The Ghost Train"

Miss Schwartz Directs

"The Ghost Train," by Arnold Ridley, will be presented by the senior class as its annual play, on Thursday and Friday, February 19 and 20. Having the play on Thursday and Friday nights is an innovation, since in previous years the production has been given on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The action of the play takes place in the waiting-room of the railway station at Clear Vale Junction near Rockland, Maine. "Ghost Train" is a story about a train which is not a train but which is The only way to get that sentence straightened out is to see the play.

Cast Selected

The cast was chosen by Miss Schwartz, who is director of the group. Ruth Bubes is playing Miss Bourne, a severe spinster type of woman who indeed puts life into the play.

Julia Price, an attractive woman in her late twenties, is portrayed by Polly Billings.

Jeanne Forcade, as Elsie Winthrop, plays the part of a girl who is entirely mixed up in her married life. Will her husband, Richard Winthrop (Frank Richter), and she get a divorce? Stay 'til the end and find out.

Peggy Murdock (Sonya Goodman), is a sweet, innocent, new bride soon to be separated from her newly-acquired husband, Charles (Kenneth Baililes). But why?

Richard Hilarious "Teddie"

Richard North, as Teddie Deaken, gets to use his English accent to the best of his ability. Saul Hodgkin (William Thompson) is a very decrepit sixty-year old man, with an uncertain voice. Herbert Price (Robert Finzel) and John Sterling (Jerry Tobin) seem to know more than they tell, or do they? Three characters are still to be cast.

Understudies for Ruth Bubes, Polly Billings and Kenneth Baililes are Louise Lonsway, Anne Livingston and Frank Proctor, respectively.

Other seniors helping on the various committees are Norma Kelly, Betty Joseph, Pat Hall, Ed Griffin, Bill Marks, Mel Hobbs, Jean Elliott, Nancy Marr, Ellen

Senior Girls Eligible For Ohio College Awards

Girls who wish to be admitted to Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, as freshmen in September, may be possible recipients of five trustee scholarships of \$2,000 each, which are being awarded by the college to the students chosen.

Senior girls at Montgomery Blair may apply for these scholarships, which will be awarded on the basis of competitive examination, past scholastic achievement, character, health, and general intellectual and social interest.

If students desire further information and application blanks, they may write to the Director of Admissions, Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio.

Western College for Women offers all of the traditional liberal arts courses in addition to work in such fields as radio, theater, photography, business, and nursery schools. Founded in 1853, it is located in southwestern Ohio.

"World-Talked-About Dance Huge Success," Remarks Buford Smith

The Inter-High Dance, much talked about by Buford Smith and the whole world, was held last Saturday night with much success in the Silver Spring Armory.

The attendance from Blair may be credited to the entertaining "radio programs" over the public address system in the mornings. These "radio programs" took the students to famous celebrities in the United States and around the world for their views of the coming dance and for Buford Smith's famous quotes, which were also posted throughout the school.

Music was by H. Vincent and his band.

Ridgeway, Betty Hemstreet, Mary Jane Doane, Jerry Davies, Betty Lee, Nelle Hardy, Buddy Doten, Bobby Rodeffer, Ginger Evans, and Don Gratz.

The group is rehearsing on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings to have it ready by February.

"Star" Sponsors Writing Contest

Stimulating creative writing among high school students is the purpose of the "Scholastic Writing Awards," sponsored by the *Washington Star*.

These Scholastic Awards are annual competitions for students in many branches of creative expression. A few of these branches are the short story of 4,000 words or under, the informal essay, all forms of poetry, an autobiographical sketch, a radio script, and a news story covering an important event at school.

Numerous Awards Offered

Awards are numerous. Gold Achievement Keys, and Certificates of Merit are the regional honors awarded in areas co-sponsored by leading newspapers. National honors are cash awards. In addition, there are Honorable Mention Certificates. There are also other special national awards, including a four-year tuition scholarship to the University of Pitt for the most promising senior.

English Teachers Have Rules

English teachers have a "1948 Rules Booklet," which contains all information concerning entries and awards.

All manuscripts must be in by February 20, 1948. All entries should be sent to Scholastic Awards, The *Washington Star*, Washington, D.C.

Mid-year Killers Here Again; Torture Starts January 26

Mid-year tests, reviewing the work covered this semester, will begin on January 26. These tests will follow a schedule, as stated below, unless otherwise changed by the office.

Monday, tests will be given in the fine arts and sciences. English, journalism, shorthand, banking and public speaking will be the subjects for Tuesday's examinations. Wednesday will be set aside for tests in social studies, psychology, typing, office practice and commercial law. Thursday, mathematics, consumer education, vocations, bookkeeping, and foreign language tests will be given. No tests will be given on Friday.

Office Practice Room Added

The new office practice classroom is now on the second floor of the commercial building. The old typing room has been converted into three rooms for the bookkeeping classroom, the room for office practice equipment, and the ediphone room.

New equipment now in the school consists of two FM and AM radios, and one wire recorder, which may be used to record radio programs broadcast during out-of-school time, and may be played back to the classes. Also it may be used to record students' voices and play them back for checking purposes. Then the wire may be erased by recording on top of it.

Also among the school's new equipment is a dual-speed playback.

Use your head and stop taking chances.

Meet Queen Bee



Lovely BEE BARTLETT, Blair's ninth consecutive Sweetheart, snapped while being crowned by LIZZIE SMITH, last year's Queen, at the annual Christmas Formal on December 26.

—Courtesy of Maryland News

Gray Cells to Receive Long-Awaited Rest, as Project Week Opens

TB Checked With X-Rays

In cooperation with the nationwide drive to check tuberculosis, the Montgomery County Tuberculosis Association is sponsoring a campaign to have everyone in Montgomery County of fifteen years of age or over X-rayed.

The survey will begin this month and continue into March. X-ray machines will be set up in convenient locations throughout the suburban areas, providing free X-rays for all, as the program is financed by the Health Department and the sale of Christmas seals.

Since tuberculosis seldom begins with any noticeable symptoms, an X-ray is necessary, for the early diagnosis is of vital importance. When the treatment is begun early, the disease may be cured quickly and easily in its early stages.

P.-T.A. Meeting Tonight

The P.-T.A. meeting being held this evening is in charge of the faculty. Following a twenty-minute business meeting, the parents will visit the classrooms following their sons and daughters' daily schedule of classes.

During the six fifteen-minute periods, teachers will explain the class program and the high points of interest in their respective courses.

A brief period for parents to confer informally with individual teachers will be provided after the conclusion of the class schedule.

At 10 p.m. refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

Students to View Movies

All students are invited to attend the "Blair Movie Theater," held Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week at noon in room 305.

Comedies, cartoons, sports, and selected short subjects are presented at this time by the Visual Aids Club, which is sponsored by Mr. Bowne.

The admission fee is ten cents per person, or twenty-five cents per week.

Yes, it's really true! One whole week without any classes and a chance for every Blairite to select, plan and organize a project in which he is interested. From February 2 to 6, after the mid-year cramming and straining the old gray matter, students will be able to turn their intellectual powers toward another field; namely, that of project week.

During this week opportunity is afforded every student to assume the responsibility of selecting a problem, finding his own resources and material, and of finishing his project. If properly organized and carried out, project week can be the most important phase of education in the school year. Project week, when no one is reminded, persuaded, or pushed to work on this project, may develop a sense of responsibility, personal interest in hobbies, and enable teachers to know better the students' abilities and interests.

Teachers to Confer With Pupils

Homeroom teachers will schedule, during this week, a conference with each student in his group to talk over the remaining school year, his problems and his project.

After working, slaving, and rushing, to complete their "pet" problem, students will evaluate their own projects, and teachers directing their work will grade them.

Display of projects in the homeroom and their evaluation by a visiting committee will follow, probably during the second week of February, but a definite schedule will be announced later.

Mrs. Shannon, Blair Secretary, Taken Ill

On account of illness, Mrs. Dorothy Ann Shannon will be absent approximately six weeks from her position as office secretary at Blair.

During her absence Mrs. Shannon will stay two weeks at Sibley Hospital, then return to her home on Silver Spring Avenue for the remaining four weeks.

Mrs. Nancy Brooks, the former Nancy Buckingham, Blair alumna, is temporary secretary in the office until Mrs. Shannon's return.

Read It — We Dare You!

Patriotism is the love of home. There is one little corner of the earth that you love above all others. It is where your home is.

The time will come when you will be far from it, but you will never be beyond the thought of home. Always it will come, and most deeply will it move you when you are far, far away. Just ask our boys who served their country all over the world!

For your home is your own corner of the world. All the beatings of your heart are wrapped up in it. The things you dreamed in those golden days, all the longings and hopes and expectations go back there—AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!

We love our home because it shelters us, and so we love our country.

We owe it to our country to KEEP IT STRONG. All the knowledge that is written in books, our country has given us. The wonderful pleasures we enjoy, our country has given us; AND LET'S REMEMBER IT ALWAYS! Patriotism is the desire to make your country the best in the world.

Now you Blairites—change the underscored words to Blair and then rate yourself. "Patriotism is the love of BLAIR."

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Voice of America Speaks

Clearly Peter remembered the scene. Mama had bitterly said, "They have everything while we have so little." The expression on her face had been unforgettable.

Now all the family and neighbors were eagerly gathered about an old, tattered radio. A feeling of expectancy existed in the poorly-heated room as the group sat in silence, waiting. Peter wondered what the voice would say. Papa had been so sure that Mama would feel differently after listening to it.

At first dimly, now louder, a warm and friendly voice spoke over the radio in their language.

Time to Project Talents

"Oh, ever so much fun, an interesting variation, and yet extremely worthwhile"—that must be project week, of course!

This special week relieves students from a fixed classroom procedure, makes it possible for every student to select, plan, and organize a worthwhile project in which he himself is interested.

The topic of a project may deal with any hobby, favorite sport, a vocational interest or even a

Something MUST Be Done

Something should be done about the defacing of school property in Montgomery Blair. The recent incident in the boys' lavatory in the commercial building a few weeks ago was inexcusable.

It seems unfair that everyone should suffer because a few persons do wrong. The situation now, is that the only boys' rooms available are the ones in the gym and the first floor of the old building.

Have You Given?

The darling little blue-eyed, blonde-haired boy was working an appeal to the public for the March of Dimes. The people could not help smiling as his babyish voice stumbled over, "Give your con-tri-bu-shion." Yet the meaning of his message was well understood.

Rest ye minds, give more dimes

Thus help fight with all your might
That which strikes adults and "tikes"—
Infantile paralysis!

It told of the wheat sent by the United States Government to Europe, the money lent, the food in CARE packages, the attempt at peace by the individuals and groups of America.

Then the second part of the program began, the American story of a typical country boy named Abraham Lincoln, who became a famous president. Then the clear notes of "America, The Beautiful" rang out and filled the room.

Glancing at Mama, Peter noticed tears streaming down her face and a smile which had begun to form. The voice of America had spoken.

special phase of class subjects such as early American history or modern literary figures.

However, in choosing a project, each student should carry in mind that he accepts personal responsibility for budgeting his time, finding resources and materials, and completing the goal of his project.

If properly organized and carried out, project week can be one of the most important phases of education for students.

This means that those having classes in the commercial building cannot go to the lavatory for fear of being late for classes.

If the person or persons responsible for the breaking of the partition between the toilets and the writing of filthy and obscene language on the walls have so much excess energy, it seems that he or they could find a much better way of using it.

Meet 'em and Greet 'em

Sherry Stone, senior—brunette, likes open air theaters, pals with Patty Jean, loves "Chevy" convertibles, dislikes school and English, likes all sports, wants to be a nurse.

Frank Richter, senior cheerleader—favorite pastime is poker, likes school, dislikes "trig," girls with personality count, pals with Richard North, ambition is to spend the rest of his life in bed.

Among the '800'

By LORRAINE INGLETON

Everyone seemed exceedingly active over the holidays. Participating in these activities were many Blair students, old and new.

Paul Taggart had a bull session December 22 for Morgan Wootten, Chuck Richards, Johnny Ford, Bob Cushman, Walter Chamblin, Dave Waldron, Frank Simmons. Tommy Kennedy, Tom Taggart, Donny Mackover and Sid Butler. They trimmed the Christmas tree with their artistic touch.

Attending Sue Mitchell's roller skating party at the new National Skating Rink were Chuck Richards, Morgan Wootten, Evelyn Bean, Paul Taggart, Betty Waldron, George Dove, Jackie Steele, Dave Waldron, Mary Jane Howly, Jack Klienstuber, and Priscilla Varney.

Luncheon and Breakfast Highlight Month

January 7 was the second (month) anniversary of steadies Winnie Winn and Ed Hamilton.

Renewing old acquaintances are Beverly Hunt and Walter Cobak.

Jackie Steele gave a luncheon, and the guests went roller skating afterward. The persons standing (? were Nina Bailey, Sue Mitchell, Helen Blanche, Evelyn Bean, Pat Steele, Virginia Baggett, and Joyce Duvall.

Enjoying breakfast after the Christmas Formal were Buddy Dewhirst and Marlita Scott, Dotti Reagh, Kenneth Bazzle, Jim Corsini, Jackie Steele, Pat Steele, George Dove, Sue Mitchell, Chuck Richards, and Dwight Smith. The charming hostess was Shirley Graham.

Bubes, Gale and Degen Play Hostesses

Takoma Park was a place of festivity over the vacation.

Successful parties were given by Ruth Bubes and Jane Gale.

Indulging in cokes, sandwiches, candy, popcorn, potato chips, and cookies were Donna Kohl, Polly Billings, Annette Haynes, Pat Hall, Buddy Doten, Evan Arrington, Norman Fehr, Louise Lonsway, Everett Stille, Mary Ellington, Dickie Cissel, Jimmy Downs, Joe Down, Syd Bubes, Rusty Southard, Bill Chapin, Mary Brennon, Jane Gale, Frank Daly, Buddy Blocker, and Ken Clark.

Jane Gale was hostess to Laura Lee Degen, Buddy Russo, Betty Butler, Pete Peterson, Bill Solomon, Bill and Ed Chapin. Everyone agreed the party was a success.

A roulette party was given following the Alumni basketball game by Laura Lee Degen. Those stacking the chips were Jane Gale, Don Graham, Bob Herdfelder, Betty Butler, Andy and Buddy Russo and Frank Daly.

John Kennedy, junior homeroom vice-president, gets along swell with everyone, likes blondes, on the football team, looking forward to a big league baseball career.

Silvia Reed, junior known for changeable mind—favorite food is fried chicken, likes to talk on the phone, pals with seven popular junior girls, likes fellows who have been around, wants to marry young.

Donnit Bell, witty sophomore—pals with Kelly, likes "wine, women and song," known for his out of place remarks, likes biology trips to Fairland.

Evelyn Bean, blonde sophomore—nickname "Beanie," pals with sue and Helen, likes boys with personality, likes all sports, loves strawberry ice cream, wishes a certain junior boy were more friendly, would like to be a nurse.

Johnny Presidential Material

Do you hate to travel? Do you get car sick? If you were Johnny, you wouldn't mind in the least. You'd have spent most of your life moving from place to place.

John Peter Theofield was born October 13, 1929, in Myersville, Md. Between that historic event and his eleventh birthday, Johnny had lived on Long Island, in North Carolina, Washington, D. C., and Bethesda.

This "gypsy" began his "book learnin'" at Bethesda Elementary and—believe it or not—stayed long enough to graduate from the sixth grade. He attended Leland Junior High for one year, but, getting the wander lust again, took off for Takoma Junior High for the eighth and then the last year, before being graduated to Blair.

Fill Honor Position

Upon his arrival here, "Johnnykins" (so called by many of his friends) was elected President of his class in the Sophomore year and filled this office for the next two years. He has been on the baseball team for the last two years, and has hope of making it again this spring. Other activities of Johnny's include being a member of the Library Club for three years, member of the

EXCHANGES

By Polly Billings

The students of Fort Hill High School, Cumberland, Md., enjoyed the music of Hazel Scott, the noted pianist, who offered a combination of Beethoven, Bach and "boogie woogie." While scanning the newspaper of Fort Hill, I ran across this piece of catching humor: "The landlord eyed his prospective tenant coldly. 'I must remind you,' he said, 'that I will not tolerate children, dogs, cats or parrots. And no piano playing. And no radio. Is that clear?'"

"Yes, sir," said the tenant meekly. "But I think you ought to know that my fountain pen scratches a little."

The Roosevelt Reporter offered a few new definitions which seemed worth passing on: An epigram is condensed milk from contented thoughts.

Western Union is cowboy underwear.

Character analysis is figuring out the other fellow so that you can outfigure him.

Bacteria is the rear entrance to a cafeteria.

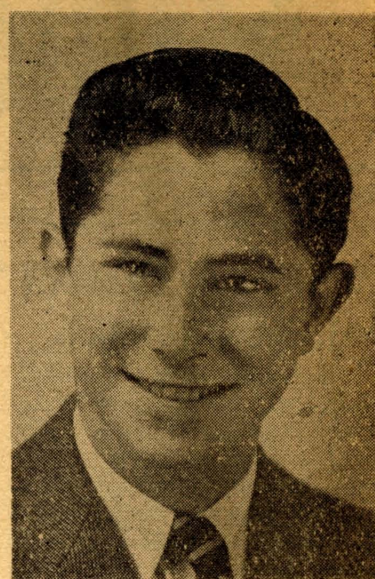
A book worm is a worm that turned (pages, that is).

We just heard from "The Sentinel" of Fort Hill High that their Tri-Hi-Y Clubs gave twenty-four baskets of food for the needy of Cumberland.

It seems that not only is Blair planning a really smash-up play; the Dramatic Club of Hagers-town High School is to present the well-known play, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."

The students of St. Paul's Academy are really on the ball. The Red Cross of this school has taken up a new project to spur friendship with other countries, to correspond with the children of foreign countries in booklet form.

Boys of New Ulm High School, New Ulm, Minnesota, are going to organize an Air Scouts Squadron, to be open to boys fifteen years of age and older, interested in any of the phases of the broad field of aviation. This surely sounds interesting—and not only to boys.



Honor Society, Sports Editor of SILVER CHIPS last year, Senior homeroom president, and a number of other committees.

A list of Johnny's favorites includes Public Speaking Class, Lux Radio Theater, steaks and fried chicken, blondes and baseball. His dislikes are few but very definite. He DESPISES "long-hair" music and can't stand bad sportsmanship.

Maryland U to Claim Johnny

Johnny spends most of his summers working on a farm in Frederick County, and his main ambition in life after finishing at Maryland University is to start his own independent business, or to become a veterinarian.

They say that experience is the best teacher and "sho' nuff"—Johnnykins' experience in winning friends and influencing people has certainly shown itself around Blair.

Leap to It, Gals!

Ho! Miss Quiz is on the loose again. Question: How does Leap Year affect you? Well, how does it?

Johnny Theofield—I think it's great (says Johnny with a big red blush).

Hope Henderson—It gives me shocking ideas concerning Russell.

Gordon Townshend—Mentally, physically and financially. Need I explain?

Pat Hall—I'm a big girl now. Oh, happy day!

Ray Rife — I'm still walking. Anybody wanta chase?

Frank Lupac—Don't ask me. I haven't stopped running long enough to find out.

Nancy Simpson—Its effect is like oatmeal. Mushy!

Eddy Hamilton—Can't express my opinion. I don't want to land in the dog house.

Ginger Evans—It doesn't. I'm off men. (?)

Bobby Frenzel—Painfully.

Pat Higgins—Leapingly, that is.

Bob Rodeffer — Now I'll just sit back and take it easy along with the rest of the males while we watch the girls sweat it out.

John Davis—Attention wolverines! One lone wolf on the prowl. Ahooooooooooooo.

That's all for now. Good luck boys, and sprout those Leap Year wings. By the way, girls—Geronimo. Ho!

What If:

Nancy Fox were Nancy Wolf
Pat White were Pat Red
Bett Gill were Betty Fin
Patsy Piepgrass were Patsy Lookweed

Sherry Stone were Sherry Rock
William Furlow were William A.W.O.L.

Jack Goode were Jack Bad
Danny Lyons were Danny Mouse
Priscilla Ridge were Priscilla Canyon

Richard North were Richard South

Julia Murphy were Julia Woolworth

Bill Marks were Bill Erase

Inside Dope Given "Chips" Stating Club Activities

Many new clubs as well as students have been acquired at Blair. To introduce new clubs to old students *Chips* has gathered a few facts about some of the clubs.

Since space does not permit including all club stories in a single issue, others' activities will be reported in successive issues.

Scientific Home Planning

The Home Planning Club is made up of twelve senior girls who organized the club for the purpose of studying scientifically home planning. During the year the club members plan to investigate such interesting aspects of home planning as patterns of silverware, and glass ware, furniture for the home and different types of houses.

The club hopes to visit some of the typical homes. The girls are going to start their hope chests and know the things that go into a trousseau. Some time during the year the club members hope to start their silverware and glassware.

They have divided into six different groups to sponsor activities covering the topics listed above. In this capacity they are to make arrangements for luncheons, speakers, exhibits, trips, and any related activities.

Officers are Norma Walters, president; Shirley Harvey, vice-president; Muriel Duey, treasurer; Barbara Kellums and Bette Maye, secretaries. Sponsor is Mrs. Collins.

Later in the year it is planned to initiate twelve juniors and sophomores. One of the prerequisites is wearing the right kind of ring or having the right attitude.

Group Selects Picture

When a "Picture of the Week" is displayed in the halls for everyone to see, it can be classed as the very best student work by one of the leading art students. These pictures are selected by members of the Art Club under the leadership of Mrs. Faye Sherry.

Pat Cochran is president of this club.

Another activity conducted by the group is the decorative posters announcing the many school events.

On the afternoon of Sunday, December 14, a tea was given at the Takoma Park Public Library with an exhibition of art work done by the students in the art classes as one of the main features.

Wolfe Presides Over Kennel

If you happen to hear a "bow-wow," or a "woof-woof," upon passing the door of Room 310 on Mondays, that is the Kennel Club, meeting under the direction of Mrs. Andrews.

"Stoney" Mitchell Feted by Alumnae

Others To Be Wed Soon

Romance and a multitude of other activities have occupied Blair alumni recently.

Barbara "Stoney" Mitchell has had several showers given for her.

Betty Shinn gave her a miscellaneous shower. On the invited list were "Stoney's" mother and sister, Joan Clemer, Lois Procter, Sis Page, Mary Lakeman, Miriam Knight, Liz O'Connor, Liz Smith, Enid Bean, Jackie Lusby, Shirley (Hall) Burress, Dolly Burr, and one or two more.

Enid Bean, Liz O'Connor, Miriam Knight and Sis Page gave "Stoney" a personal shower. Attending were Pat Lunn, Sher Lee Cheek, Mrs. Cheek, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Mitchell, Char-

Yearbook Ready May 15

Silverlogue, under the direction of Mrs. Marshall, has gone to press, and is expected to be in the hands of students by May 15.

During the year, the class book has had three deadlines. The first was November 15; the second, December 15; and finally, January 15. At these times, senior pictures, sports, teachers' pictures, advertisement, junior and sophomore pictures, clubs, queen's court, basketball, baseball, and outstanding seniors' pictures, respectively, were sent to printer.

Patsy Piegrass is editor-in-chief, ably supported by a staff of student writers and photographers.

The president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and chairman in charge of programs are respectively, Lillian Wolf, Broderick McCrossin, Joy Goggin, and Charles Brailer.

This new club at Blair is studying different types of dogs and learning to identify all of them. Show dogs, their characteristics, and what makes them eligible for a show dog are also being discussed, as well as a chart identifying the parts of a dog. Each week there is a report to further acquaint these dog lovers with their pets.

The only activities planned for the future are visits to kennels in the Washington area.

Technique of Plays Taught

The Dramatic Club was organized at the beginning of the school year by request of a few of the students, its aim to give plays for the school and the club, and to teach the members more about the technical end of production by working on these plays. The club also wants to increase the school's interest in dramatics.

The tenth and eleventh grade units, which have recently combined, have elected officers. Lucille Ovendon is president; Paul Seltzer, vice-president; Sarah Pryor, secretary; John Wright, treasurer.

Blair Born Again

The B.B.A. Club has been formed under the sponsorship of Miss Appleby for the purpose of engaging in Christian fellowship and Bible study. The president of this new and different club at Blair is Winfield Talley; the secretary, Patsy Piegrass; and Joan Elliott serves as publicity manager.

Meetings are held on Monday, during the regular activity period, and evening meetings at the homes of various members. The regular business meetings are held at school, while hymn singing and Bible study are the themes of

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Mrs. Lippy Addresses Girls

Girls' gym classes of Blair had the pleasure on Monday, January 12, of hearing Miss June Lippy's mother, Mrs. Mariam R. Lippy, give them a few points on the care of the hair.

Mrs. Lippy operates a beauty shop in Westminster, Md., and thus spoke from actual experience. Her theme was "Be Kind To Your Hair."

She brought out the fact that fresh air and sunshine do more good than the most expensive creams. Her main criticism of the high school girl was her constant use of a bandanna, wrapped tightly around her head. After her talk, time was provided for an individual question-answer period.

Good homes are essential to building national unity and morale.

Sing and Cheer for Blair

Editor's note: It is felt by the staff of *Silver Chips* that the new students would appreciate our printing some of Blair's songs and cheers, so that they could learn them for the next game, on Saturday, September 27. The upperclassmen might like to review them, too.

ALMA MATER

By old Sligo's winding water,
Gentle hills of green,
Shelter as their proudest treasure,
Alma Mater Queen.
We thy students will be loyal
For thy glory fight,
Always keep thy name untarnished,
And they honor bright.

As the years shall bring thee power,
And thy share of fame,
Countless students coming after
Shall exalt thy name.
Speak thee fairly,
Speak thee proudly,
Shout it to the air,
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Hail Montgomery Blair.

ON BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

On Blair High School
On Blair High School
Plunge right thru that line.
Run the ball clear round Bethesda,
Score Boys sure this time,
Rah! Rah! Rah!

On Blair High School
On Blair High School
Fight on for her fame,
Fight fellows! Fight! Fight! Fight!
We'll win this game.

ONWARD YE SONS OF BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

Onward Ye Sons of Blair High School
Victory's not very far,
Shatter the foe into atoms,
To show them who we are,
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Fight loyal sons of Blair High School
Light up our hopes of Victory
Victory goes to the best team,
Show them that means Blair.

RED HOT CHEER

Students! Yea man.
Students! Yea man.
Our team's red hot (clap, clap)
Come see what we've got (clap, clap)
Our team is red hot
Team, Team, Team
Yea, Blair.

1-2-3-4

One—Two—Three—Four
Three—Two—One—Four
Who for? What for?
Who we gonna root for?
Blazers, Blazers,
Sis Boob Bah,
Blair, Blair,
Rah, Rah, Rah!

Ninety-three Students Make Honor Roll

The following received all A's and B's for the second grading period:

Tenth graders, were Charles Armstrong, Phyllis Harrison, Ser-gene Benson, Diane Brockmiller, Betty Gene Collier, Percy Goody, Mary Ann Kifer, Nicholas Lee, Patricia Parkman, Richard Waters, Luanne Walker, Marlita Scott, Mary Louise Hanson, Ann Fling, Carl Behrens, Joyce Duvall, Richard Petzold, Laurene Smith, Barbara Beall, David Power, Bill Chapin, Elenor Wood, Ann Hartsfield, Nancy Kendrick, Shirley Brown, Charles Brailer, Joyce Kidwell and Lois McCurdy.

Those in the eleventh grade were Pat Beall, Genevieve Coe, Anita Hafermann, Betty LaMont, Hilda Swartz, Jean Heffner, June Mosby, Robert Jones, Don Markle, Jos. Miller, Anita Payne, Shirley Robbins, Joyce Atkinson, Dale Butler, John Campbell, Joan Hattersly, Priscilla Ridge, Sonja Strom, Robert Merrick, Winfield Talley, Betty Gleim, Maclyn Robey, Andy Russo, Pat Leef, John Linson, Keith Donnellan, Peggy Davis, Betty Fox, Audrey Merriam, Lucille Ovenden, Muriel Sandifer, Bertha Shapley and Emma Troxler.

Twelfth graders were Barbara Everett, Evelyn Cocoras, Muriel Duey, Nancy Fox, Sonya Goodman, Margaret Riggs, Beverly St. Clair, Jean Whitley, Julia Ann Miller, Margaret Jean Smith, Thomas Warfield, William Marks, Polly Billings, Jeanne Forcade, Betty Hemstreet, Jeane Hoyt, Betty Joseph, Virginia Keller, Anne Livingston, Jane Gale, Virginia Bender, Richard North, Sue Smith, Bill Thompson, Margaret Chesley, Louise Peake, Athan Santorios, Christine Coyle, Everett Bryan, Vera Butler, Frances Dunlap and Shirley Sterne.



"Don sounded as pleased as I am about my promotion. He said that on top of everything else I had really shown good business judgment when I went to work for the Telephone Company.

"I told him all the reasons why I'd decided on telephone work. For one thing, I said I didn't think a girl could choose a more important job — as vital as the telephone is to everyday life.

"Furthermore, the work is interesting and pleasant. The offices in the Telephone Building are bright and comfortable.

There's an attractive lounge where we can read or chat or relax when off duty.

"I like the friendly atmosphere of telephone work, too — the congenial spirit that makes the job easier and more enjoyable. The people I work with are the kind I'm proud to have as friends.

"Even when I was in training, I earned good wages. There have been regular, frequent raises in pay as I've gained experience. And now — a promotion! I'm not one for boasting, but maybe Don was right."



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Sports Shorts

She's the Team!

Hope Henderson has a big job on her hands being manager of the girls' basketball team. Her duties include taking care of equipment, roll call, time keeping, score keeping and all first aid cases.

These are just some of her problems. But nevertheless she's still smiling and loving every minute of it. She is getting a chance to meet many coaches and players of the opposing teams, which she likes very much. Although her duties are plentiful, she is very anxious to do the job the best she can, not only for the team, but for Miss Lippy, also. This, we know, she is succeeding in, because she's tops.

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Danny the Duffer

An outstanding member of one of Blair's least publicized sports, the golf team, is Danny Lyons.

Danny was born, I guess, in Washington, D. C., June 18, 1931, at Providence Hospital. Now, you've heard the expression about a person being born with a silver spoon in his mouth; well, Danny's spoon happened to be a golf club, a No. 3 wood (spoon, to golfers).

He is now in his junior year and is his home room intramural captain. Danny began his golfing career when his family moved from the District of Columbia to the Indian Spring development, adjacent to the Indian Spring Golf Course.

For being one of the stellar members of the golf squad in his sophomore year, Danny received an athletic award and is looking forward to two more successful seasons.

Blazers Capture Fourth Straight

The Startling Montgomery Blair cagers won their fourth consecutive game of the season by edging Longwood Prep 26-23, in the losers' gym.

It was a tight, low-scoring contest, which found the prepsters leading 2-0 at the end of the first quarter, but with Blair holding a 6-4 half-time advantage.

In what was supposed to be one of Blair's dismal years, they have surprised everyone by dropping their opening game, and that by only two points.

Bill Larimore dropped in five field goals to lead the Red and White's scoring attack with 10 points.

The line-up was as follows:

Blair	G	F
Luckett	0	0
Chapin	3	0
Larimore	5	0
Parsons	2	1
Schultz	1	0
Goode	0	0
Rodeffer	1	0
Richards	0	0
Schief	0	0
Ford	0	0
Total	12	1

Longwood	G	F
Hood	4	0
Jiras	3	1
Baker	2	0
Keister	0	0
Dangles	1	0
Holmes	1	0
McCleod	0	0
Sebastion	0	0
Riggs	0	0
Givaren	0	0
Total	11	1

Dimes Make Dollars;
Donate Yours Now!

Blair Whips Fairfax

Fairfax girls' basketball team met and tangled with the Blazerettes at Blair's gym on Jan. 9.

The Blair team proceeded to literally play rings around Fairfax from the very start of the game. At half-time Blair was leading by a score of 6-3.

When the whistle for the second half blew, Blair again forged ahead to finally defeat Fairfax, 14-6.

The guards did a swell job of getting the ball for Blair, and the girls who played forwards were really "tops" when it came to getting the ball through those ropes.

Jeane Hoyt was high scorer for the Blazerettes.

The starting line-up was as follows: **Blair**—Lois Bergmann, Betty Bevan, Jeane Hoyt, forwards; Nancy Fox, Brooke Buchanan, Jeane Forcade, guards. **Fairfax** — Rowland, Roseberry, Gartrell, forwards; Lindsey, Morgan, Breckinridge, guards.

Blazerettes Lose to Sherwood 15-9

The Blazerettes lost to Sherwood, January 13, on the winner's court.

The score at half time was 6 to 3, Blair falling behind. The final score was 15 to 9.

The starting line-up was as follows:

Blazerettes	Sherwood
Bevan	Martin
Hoyt	Gartrell
Bergmann	Easton
Bevan	Bryan
Buchanan	Watson
Forcade	Wynne
Mitchell	

Basketball Teams Beat Rockville

On Friday, January 16, the girls and boys' basketball teams beat Rockville in Blair's gym.

The Blazerettes won with the close score of 24-22 and the Blazers 46-16. The Blair teams were out front all the way.

Beverly Hunt was high scorer for the girls, chalking up 14 points; Ed Chapin for the boys, making 12 points.

Grammer— By Dotty Sevilla

One day I sets myself right down, and wrote you this here voice; Ya cud look da hole woild over, and ya'd never find one woice; So I decides to quit right here, and give youse all a treat; Fer I aint learnt much of grammer, and good poeltry is me meet.

Now is the time to develop that one world in which nations live together as friendly neighbors.

Unity was the key to victory over the forces which used hatred as a weapon of destruction.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

With the basketball season will under way, the boys having won 6 out of 7, and the girls having won 1 and lost 1, the **Chips** staff takes the liberty of repeating the remaining schedule for the convenience of its readers, believing they will not want to miss a single game.

Boys
Jan.
23 Bethesda, Ritchie Coliseum, 8
27 Bladensburg, home, 3.30
30 Gonzaga, home, 8
Feb.
3 Greenbelt, away, 8
6 Bethesda, Ritchie Coliseum, 8
10 W and L, home, 8

Blazers-Barons Clash; Blair Seeking Revenge

The high-riding Blazers have looked great in their past eight games, and have eight wins against only one loss as a season record. Friday, they will compete against their old rivals, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Barons.

Basketball has long been the Barons outstanding sport, and they have caused the Blair quints trouble time and again.

Last year, the Bethesda aggregation triumphed twice over the Red and White. In their first meeting it took a long set shot by Kenny Poerstal, the Barons' star, in the last twenty seconds of play to edge Blair, but the second meeting resulted in an easy Bethesda win.

Bethesda will enter this game as slight favorite due to previous years, but their win-loss record is not as impressive as that of the Blazers for this season.

With a few good breaks, the Blair five should emerge victorious, which will possibly mean their receiving an invitation to the annual Star Tournament, held at Maryland University the latter part of February.

Activity cards will not serve as admittance to the "Double B" tussle, a student admission of 60c being required.

The junior varsity meets the Bethesda J.V. at 7:00 while the varsity is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., Friday, January 23.

Feel Lucky?

Winter is here again so we'll put away our hockey sticks and venture indoors to try our luck at ping pong and shuffle-board. This semester girls' intramurals will feature these two sports. And another surprise, gals! Basketball will be played—if there is a change in the activity period. So hurry and sign up with your homeroom representatives; it's a sure way to get in on some fun.

This is the first year shuffle-board has been included in the intramural schedule. If you know how, swell; if not, try it anyhow, kids. It's good for what ails you.

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the evening meetings

Many events have been, and are being planned. At Thanksgiving, an informal party was held. During the Christmas season, the members went caroling, ending the evening with a party. A Christmas project was that of preparing a basket containing food, clothing, and presents, to be sent to a family of eight.

Plans for the future include a progressive dinner party in February. The B.B.A.'s also plan to give a party for an orphanage, and to help foreign relief.

Evening meetings are open to visitors.

Blair Cagers Triumph Over W. & L. 47-44; First Time in Seven Years

"B" Club Takes in New Members

Blair was mildly shocked Friday, the second, when eight girls of good standing and reputation made their appearance in blue jeans, plain skirts, minus lipstick, their hair tied in two bunches, and a large sign loudly explaining their strange appearance.

The girls, these signs told you, were goating for that high society known to all Blazerettes as the girls' B Club!

The goats were instructed to carry the books of the senior members; namely, Bevan and Fox. They could not speak, laugh or carry on with their friends during lunch period and had to stand all the while they were eating. If they laughed, they had to stand on a chair all during the time for lunch.

The goats, who were no worse for their trying day, were Lois Bergmann, Jeane Forcade, Jeane Hoyt, Betty Lee, Patsy Piepgrass, Betty Gleim, Dorcas McLaughlen, and Betty Pemberton.

12-5 Rate Football Champions of School

Boys of 12-5, undefeated and unscored on in four games, won this year's football intramurals.

The 12-5 team was closely followed by 12-3, and 11-8 tied for second and third place, each with two wins and one loss.

The basketball intramurals are coming along very slowly due to the inadequate activity schedule for the intramural program, but as things stand these six teams are undefeated: 11-7, 10-5, 12-5, 11-3, and 11-8.

HERE AN' THERE IN SPORTS

By Don Ferguson

Past is Christmas, the holidays gone;
Comes the season for which we long,
The season for the Blazers' basketball,
The indoor sport, liked best of all.

An awesome hush fills the air,
The ball worked in with much care.
The players tense, now one is set,
Then comes the swish of the ball in the net.

That beautiful sound, to the coach's ear,
May mean the start of a very good year,
Not always had, here at Blair High;
Just look at the records, of days gone by.

So here's to the teams, and many a great guy,
Who fought for dear Blair, do or die,
And to the coaches who have had to choose
The teams, with hopes of never more to lose

The Blazer quint treated their old pals, the alumni, kind of harshly when they downed them 53-49 during an overtime period.

Surprise of all surprises came with just twenty seconds to play, when Olie Brockdorff (soon to be Commander Brockdorff), dropped in two foul shots to put the alumni out front, 49-48. Then Bill Larimore, of the varsity, sank his charity throw to send the game into extra minutes, when the Blazers put on the steam to emerge victorious, 53-49.

Larimore Paces Blazers Sixth Straight

Playing fast, clean basketball, the Blazers, for the first time in several years, downed Washington and Lee's "Little Generals" in a game which found Blair holding a 21-3 lead before the Little Generals turned on the steam to lose by 3 points, 47-44.

Blair's scoring was pretty well divided between Larimore, Luckett, Chapin and Parsons, who scored 12, 10, 10 and 7 points respectively, while Bill Burk paced the losers with 12.

The Blazers got a fast start and led at the quarter by a 12-point lead at the half and the third quarter, but at that point the Blair quint could suppress the Little Generals no more and were outscored by 9 points in the final quarter to add to the excitement by rapidly losing their large advantage.

Line-up was as follows:

Blair	G	F
Luckett	4	2
Chapin	5	0
Larimore	5	2
Parsons	3	1
Goode	2	0
Schultz	1	0
Rodeffer	1	0
Schief	0	0
Totals	21	5

W and L	G	F
Utterback	2	1
Johnson	1	1
Zimmerman	4	0
Warden	1	2
Porter	1	0
Duley	4	0
Russell	0	0
Burk	5	2
Rothrock	1	5
Totals	19	6

Don't Laugh Boys, It Could Happen to You

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Progressive Education Slays Blair Girl Also Hard on 'Poor' Kids

Teaching school is quite an experience when it is under the system of progressive education. However, the doctors say that in years to come, I may completely recover. Of course, everyone knows the theory of progressive education; the child is never wrong.

On my first day, I was introduced to a wiry little woman named Miss Sparrow. She was to be my supervising teacher. From appearances, Miss Sparrow's family did not believe in keeping their skeletons in the closet. When she turned sideways, she disappeared. In addition to being thin, she was a very nervous woman with a spasmodic twitch in her left eyebrow. I was later to marvel that she did not have epileptic fits.

After the introductions, I began adjusting myself to this new routine. Each morning, we went through a little ordeal known only as "show and tell." At this time, the children show objects or relate experiences to the other members of the class. Little Genevieve had an especially interesting collection of shrunken heads.

Teaching spelling proved to be very enlightening. I said to John, "Now, Johnnie, spell cat for me." Johnnie replied, "q-p-t."

"No, Johnnie," I corrected, in my most gentle tone, "c-a-t. Now try it again."

"Q-p-t," said Johnnie, stubbornly, his face beginning to cloud up.

"No, Johnnie," I said, "now listen to me carefully. Cat—c-a-t. Now, try it again."

"Q-p-t," cried Johnnie defiantly.

"No," I shouted, "c-a-t!"

At this, Johnnie shrieked, "q-p-t," and collapsed on his desk, weeping bitterly. A motherly-looking woman, hearing the noise, opened the door and rushed in. Sweeping Johnnie up in an effort to comfort him, she looked at me accusingly.

"What have you done," she demanded?

"John seems to stubbornly cling to the delusion that q-p-t spells cat," I said firmly.

"Well, of course it does," snapped the intruder. Then, evidently assured that John could withstand the shock of being contradicted, she drew me aside and explained that "we never, never force a child to believe anything he isn't ready to accept." By now, I was beginning to wonder just how one did spell cat.

Hastily I plunged into the subject of arithmetic. Confidently I reviewed the intricate processes of three number addition. At the end of my discourse, I asked if there were any questions. Joseph, in the second seat, raised his hand.

"What don't you understand about it, Joseph?" I asked,

"Oh, I understand this fine," he replied, "but I was wondering if you could explain the Einstein theory of relativity."

So opening my copy of "Just So" stories, I read to them. Glancing up, I noticed little Sharon wandering dazedly around the room.

Blair President Well-Read

Johnny "Bruno" Theofield, of the New York Times, winner of the Critics' Literary Award and the Nobel Prize for his excellent book reviews, addressed the annual Grizzlies International Conference which was held last week in Sligo Park.

Johnny stated that his love of books has brought him much enjoyment, since he has gained much valuable information and exciting adventures from them. Above all, Johnny said he prefers "Uncle Wiggily's Airship" which he has read and reread many times. He said that anyone craving excitement should make it a point to read "Poo-Poo and the Dragons." Other books that he has grown to love are "King of the Grizzlies," "The Old Time Story of the Three Bears," "Little Bear's Pinto Pony," and "Pokey Bear."

He also admitted that "Winnie the Pooh" was enticing, but highly exaggerated.

Johnny said that he owes his new-found pleasure to Miss Stickley, who always manages to make it convenient for him to be thrilled again and again with these juicy little episodes of the animal kingdom. In fact, Miss Stickley always reaches for the most interesting one on her desk the minute Johnny walks in the door.

I queried.

"Walking," said Sharon. "Don't you know it is impolite to get up and walk around the room when someone is reading to you?"

"Then why don't you tell me to sit down?" retorted Sharon gloomily.

Recalling the previous incident about q-p-t—I mean c-a-t—I did not press the matter further.

Next there was art period. I foolishly ventured to say, "You may paint anything you like today, children." Shortly afterward, I observed Butch sitting on Tommy's chest, painting his face a ghastly green. "You said anything," replied the cherub innocently. Of course, we did some finger painting, too. The children depicted everything from Sunday dinner at Gramma's to Vincent with the mumps. To me, all the paintings looked like violent illness in varied hues.

On the playground at lunch time, one of the teachers offered a few pointers about raising other people's children.

"Always give them encouragement," she said.

Just then, little Angela made a bid for our attention by clunking Miss Adams on the head with a rock.

"You were in my way," said Angela sulkily.

"I'm terribly sorry, dear," consoled Miss Adams, picking herself up off the ground. "I know if my head hadn't been in your way, you would have hit the wall."

"Wasn't aiming at the wall," snarled Angela, "aimed at the window."

"Oh, please forgive me, child!"

Man of Year Interviewed

The greatest sports figure ever to invade Blair is none other than Charles Richards, affectionately known as "Chuck." Chuck is truly an unusual personality.

Chuck came to Blair last year from Montgomery Hills Jr. High School and started his great career in sports with football. When Chuck came out for the team and performed in practice as an end, "Buster" Frazier and Olie Brockdorff, who were, until then, first string ends, immediately wanted to turn in their uniforms.

Chuck would have none of this and told Mr. Continetti he would sit on the bench and wait until next year in order to give Brockdorff and Frazier a chance.

When basketball season rolled around Chuck went out for the J.V., made it easily and proceeded to lead the team to an undefeated season. Chuck only averaged 40 points, said he would have had more but he broke both legs at midseason and had to set them himself; this, said Chuck, slowed him down somewhat. No one who ever saw last year's J.V. in action will ever forget their outstanding record.

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Ernie "Hot Lips" Rhodes Joins Navy to Forget

Mr. Ernest "Hot Lips" Rhodes was just slightly embarrassed recently when his diary was discovered, revealing the "real" Mr. Rhodes! Hanging his head he asked forgiveness of Mr. Shaw, who sternly told poor Ernest to stick to his knitting from now on.

The satin-bound, perfume saturated volume, which reads like Somerset Maugham, revealed that for several months, "Dusty" has been engaged in the art of writing letters to the Rough 'n Ready Hearts Club. As a result of this ardent correspondence, a great love has sprung up between our boy and one Miss Tondelaya Finklestein, known to her friends as "Miss Atomic Battleship of 1843." But, alas, poor Ernie already has six loving wives, and the law says that's the limit. And the government is so strict about mere trivialities. Poor Ernest!

The club won't let him desert Tondelaya, and, being a very honorable man, he can't, he simply can't leave his wives. To complicate matters more, "Hot Lips" has thirty-six children; but he has no trouble supporting them because of the enormous salary he makes as a school-teacher at Montgomery Blair.

Wait, a flash scoop has just been wired in by our reporters, who walk where even morons fear to tread. Ernie has left Blair! That's what we said! He left Blair! Amazing!

Ernie has given it all up and joined the Navy to see what "Little Bear Lake" looks like! Everyone at Blair will miss him, and so will forty-three other people we know of. But out of all those people, only six women are chasing him. His wives? Don't be silly! They're his mothers-in-law!

'Clay Pack' and 'Rub-Down' Start Teacher-Beautifying Enterprise

Class of 1960 to View Drama—If They're Lucky

The senior play, "The Ghost's Strain" will be presented March 4 and 5, although the year has not yet been determined. Tallulah Schwartz, the producer, has hopes of its being ready by 1960, but of course, no one can tell until the cast has practiced longer.

Many problems have arisen during the staging of the play, the largest one being how to inject alcoholic beverages into the cast, and have them remember their lines. How to get them all up off the floor presents a bigger problem. But they are all taking lessons from Miss "Dry Martini" Silvey, who has recently issued a manual entitled "How to Hold Your Likker" or "Life Can Be Booziful."

Another problem harassed the stage crew, when they found they could not get enough scotch tape to hold up the walls, but "Love 'em and Leave 'em Hobbs, the stage manager, settled that by buying a large supply of bubble gum, which fixes things nicely. Of course, rehearsals have been held up lately because it takes a great deal of time pulling the cast away from the walls. There has never been a cast so wrapped up in a play.

The train seems to be too big for the stage, so Miss Tallulah Schwartz is going to run it right down the middle of the gym, horses and all!

They also had a little trouble getting the four mink coats and the thirty-three carat diamond ring required by the script, but when Tiffany's heard of the stars in the cast, and thought of the publicity, they persuaded Saks 5th Avenue to GIVE the coats and they, the ring, to the famous actors and actresses starring in the play.

The use of firearms presented another problem, since the nasty ol' police department refused to permit the shooting of cannons during the play. They claimed the stage was too small, so only water pistols and cap guns now will be used.

There are so many criminal characters in this stirring drama that it was hard to find suitable boys for the parts, since Blair is completely devoid of boys having criminal tendencies. Always ready to help in emergencies, "Frankie-boy" Richter, "Willie-lump-lump" Thompson, "Sherlock" North, and "The Face" Bailles immediately offered their services. It is to be remembered that these boys are merely acting and do not actually kill the four hundred twenty people indicated in the script. And remember, Buford Smith recommends this for all imbeciles!

FLASH—Miss Lippy to teach the boys' gym classes while Mr. Creme teaches the girls. Mr. Continetti hopes to teach Miss Lippy.

Mr. Rhodes Backing

Mr. Richard "Clay Pack" Bowne and Miss Carrie "Rub-down" Robey with the financial aid of Mr. Rennard "Wall Street" Rhodes, have recently opened a beauty shop in Silver Spring called "Dracula's Charm Emporium," designed to help all those poor, unhappy teachers at Blair who have not been taken out by either Mr. Grove or Mr. Maguire, the school's entries in the next "Mr. America" contest.

The shop will also cater to men, and being located next door to Blair, students may often find Mr. Shaw or Mr. K. Rhodes in this heavenly establishment during free periods, getting a manicure; catching up on the latest gossip with Mr. Peaches N. Greene, the talkative tonsorial artist, while Miss Silly Silvey gaily buffs their toenails with Windex, and deftly ties little blue ribbons on their ankles with the inscription "Pabst's."

Mr. Bowne, the beauty expert, will be on hand at all times to do hairstyling and facial work on such customers as Mr. Continetti, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. March, and Mr. Horn. One of his more important jobs will be getting Dickie and Bobby ready for the "Mr. America" contest to be held in Hackensack, N. J.

Miss Robey, with the assistance of Miss Aud, will be in charge of figure-moulding, and will plan healthful reducing programs for "Baby" Bratt, "Lulu DeLauder, "Happy" Higgins, "Bubbles" Baker, "Whoozie" Wood, "Brassy" Ring, and "Cutie" Collins.

Mrs. "Formaldehyde" Greene, Miss "Port" Sherry, Miss "Slats" Lippy, Mr. "Messy" Meserole, Mrs. "Red Sox" Moler (whoopie), Miss "Pee Wee" Appleby, Miss "Red" Cross, Mr. "Frenchie" Horn, Mrs. "Never" Wright, Miss "Fifi" Stickley, Mr. "Dinky" Hinkley, Mrs. "Wacky" Ackerman, Mrs. "Testube" Macdonald, Mrs. "Deputy" Marshall, Mrs. "Lightfingers" Andrews, Mr. Ernest "Hot Lips" Rhodes, Miss "Legs" Schwartz, Mr. "Robin Hood" Steigner, Mrs. "Amber" Hincken, Mrs. "Wholesome" Holmead, and Mr. "Physique" Oass are among the regular customers which frequent the swank Dizzy Drive shop.

A unique feature of the shop is the dental service department, which enables patrons to leave their teeth for repairs and pick them up after school is out, and they have succeeded in terrifying the poor students.

HUMAN INTEREST — While teaching boxing in gym class last week Coach Continetti put the gloves on with a student to show him where he was leaving himself open for his opponent to use body punches. Coach gave a fake and shot in a fake and shot in a right cross, then a left cross and, strangely enough, he woke up in the Red Cross. Who put him there? Why Buddy Wilson, of course—5 feet and 98 pounds of dynamite. Well, keep trying, Coach!

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Please don't blame the teachers for this issue; they had nothing to do with it. And remember our slogan, "If you read it in the CHIPS, it's a lie."

Attention, Morons and Geniuses!

(Editor's note: Since every newspaper must have an editorial of some sort, we decided to lessen the monotony a little bit by giving you one that was written by a famous professor, William Thompson of Haavard. This editorial is unique in that only Quiz Kids can decipher it. We would like to give you all pocket dictionaries with each copy of CHIPS but Webster is out to lunch.

Here it is, the editorial you've been waiting for, direct from its long engagement in Miss Wood's wastebasket.)

Misogynists, miscreants, and misanthropes.

Monday morning, my malignant mugwumps, the matriculates of Millicent Moore's merry mausoleum mildly modulate a malodorous masque. Misanthropes, mayhap you miss the murly malevolence mired demurely in the moiety, midst of Millicent's macabre mishmash.

Are you mylogistic men, or merely mooncalves, minute, mean, myoptic mendicants?

Surely, my shrewd, you shan't shirk this savory shog to short circuit a silly soliloquy. Surmise the sordid circumstances surrounding such sorry sonnets. Simply scads of sniggering citizens are circling about being happy. Certainly so snell cynics as I see sitting serenely in the sumptuous seiges surrounding the scented cypress stage, shall stand, shrieking, screaming, and shouting. They should scarcely stall a single second in deciding the sure certain course.

News Flashes of History

By H. V. Kadiddlehopper

Joe (Number One Man)) Adam is two-timing Eve with a frail called Lilit. . . . The latest Cain nifty is "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" and it looks like lilies for Abel. . . . It's a boy in the bullrushes. Old Man Noah is investing in a new yacht; they say the missus likes sea air. . . . It looks like an investigation for Sodom and Gomorrah. . . . Recommended for diversion seekers: Jacob's ladder act.

Seen around the lotus leaf sandwiches at Gus the Greek's restaurant. Plato, Socrates, and other big-timers. . . . Sophocles has signed up for three more three-acters for the Golden Age Guild. "Lysistrata" is still playing to a packed house on 9th street (the Little, that is). . . . Alexander's Town House is closed while the old boy is touring Asia Minor. . . Mark "It" Anthony is that way over an E-gip-pedress who signs her checks "Cleopatra." . . . The Early Christian lion act for

the Golden Manacles is wowing them over at the Coliseum. . . . Hannibal, the big Carthaginian Alp-and-Elephant man is rumored to be persona non grata in Rome. . . . Nero is promising a hot number on his fiddle. . . . Tip: A certain well-known emperor is a ten-to-one shot to be put on the spot next Ides of March.

Question: What Nordic blonde is the cause of William the Conqueror's frequent weekend trips to Britain? . . . Christopher "New World" Columbus has signed up for a lecture tour at a five figure salary. . . . Walt Raleigh, the nicotine king, is about to lose his head over a certain carrot thatched regentress. . . . It's revolution in the Colonies. America and John Bull are unhitching. . . . A certain sweet corporal, who found Europe too small, is about to be given some Elba-room. . . . Harriet Beecher Stowe, the famous abolitionist, it is gleaned from very reliable

Among the '800'

With the spirit of Valentines and "it's fun to win" Blair is in full activities.

Saturday night at Dot Gardiner's home there was a "get together." Attending were Volney Schulze, Joe Hardy. "Toy" Aswell, Parker Kirby, Morgan Wooten, Evelyn Bean, Jim Malloy, Lorraine Smith and Jim Macauley.

Marilyn Middleton was hostess to Fred Brooks, Sylvia Reed and Aubrey Marqus, Dick Cole and Aurdey Soderstrom, Jimmy Foster and Marion Elebe, Joyce Atkinson and Neal Wildman, Howard Muhly and Barbara Neal, Anita Payne and Howard Coates, Nancy Baake and Sandy Weller, Paul Taggart and Priscilla Varney, Chuck Richards and Evelyn Bean, Natalie Eck and somebody, Dolly Burr and Al Andreson. The bright red piano was the main attraction.

Welcome back to Blair Jerry Young.

Lou Anne Leighton threw a "gab session" for Mary Gunter, who is just back from England. Lois Young, Joyce Atkinson, Helen Harveycutter, and Barbara Neal accomplished much (?) on their knitting.

Couples having their troubles this issue are: Betty Pemberton and Irving Shawe. What's wrong kids? Evelyn Bean seemed to sweep Morgan Wooten out the exit. Why don't Dot Gardiner and Ray Luckett get together? Come on kids patch everything if possible.

The students with a pleased look on their faces are new steadies Marcella Aldous and Jack Goode, Marion Edwards and Bill Cauble, Alleda Allshire and Raymond Rice.

Engaged: Patty Althaus and Dave Smith.

A slumber party was given at Nancy Fox's new home. Crawling in bed at 7 a.m. Sunday were Betty Beven, Betty Pemberton, Rae Davis, Barbara Dillan, and Miss Lippy. Late comers were Betty Straughan and Shirley Robins.

Helen Brennon gave a magnificent party Saturday night. Being photographed by flash balls were Harry Lugenbeel, Marie Kramer, Baynard Cherrix, Mary Brennon and Bill Chapin, Ruth Railey, Keith Peirce, Joan Haney and Warren Russell, Rosemary O'Rourke, Paul Thompson, Charlotte Gary and Bob Weller, Dorothy Jillson and Ray somebody, Carrol Whitt and Skip Ovendon, Nancy Hieth, Larry O'Rourke, Shirley Camus, Barney Sullivan, Ed Chapin and Joe Berger.

Chagrined was Dolly Burr when Al Anderson, Barbara Dillon and Jim Clark, Ralph Reno, Betty Farrar and Monroe Hite, Betty Hemstreet and Parker Kirby, Jeanne Forcade and Mel Hobbs, Tommy Westermann, Peggy Bowman and Bill Larimore, Rae Davis and Bob Rodeffer, Lorraine Ingleton and Chuck Cummings, Nancy Fox and Frank Proctor, Vic Jacque, Nelson Payne, Beverly Hunt and Walter Cobak, Anne Livingston and Kenny Baliles, Shirley Robins, Rusty Southard and Buddy Dabney sang

sources, has hired two negro footmen which has so shocked her feline—oops! we mean feminine—associates, that they are not on speaking terms. Now, girls! . . . Carrie Nation is in jail in Pennsylvania. This is getting monotonous! Carrie, nice girls simply don't behave the way you do. Oh, put down that umbrella! Heeeellppp! All right, I'll go quietly!

Estrelita Slibberlip's Correspondence

Dear Miss Slibberlip,

I am fourteen years old and a student at Montgomery Blair High School. Unfortunately, I am but an insignificant sophomore and am madly in love with a wonderful senior. Tall and dark, he is all a Blair girl could hope for. He is on the basketball team and is a member of the Student Council and the Library Club.

My problem, Miss Slibberlip, is this: How can I, a poor little ol' sophomore, ever hope to catch a super huge senior. Please help me!

Anxiety

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Dear Anxiety,

My answer to you is but two words—give up! You should know a senior would never degrade himself to date a sophomore. To each his own. Stiek to your own class and when you become a senior yourself, you will understand this old Blair policy of segregation.

Estrelita

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Dear Estrelita,

I am going mad, mad, mad! I have the most wonderful male psychology teacher. He is handsome, brainy, and witty! I swoon over him, sigh over him, and drool over him! And what does he do in return. "Miss M. . . . give me sixty-four good reasons why you're taking this course." Or, "If you will be good enough, M. . . ., I would like at least thirty-two examples of a psycho case."

He ignores me, crushes me, and—flunks me. I don't mind the first two, but my parents mind the last one. Miss Slibberlip, how do you pass his course?

Hopeless

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Dear Hopeless,

It is a very simple policy. (1) Never miss anything on his thousand question short answer quizzes. (2) Be the first one to his desk waving your notebook

"Happy Birthday" to her at a surprise party at the Burr home.

Becoming quite the thing: "Toy" Aswell and Volney Schulze. Also Julian Sandford and Joan Davies.

Editor Sonya Goodman was the victim of a surprise birthday party also. Ask Nancy Fox, Betty Bevan, Irma Lee Ady, Mary Jane Doane, Helen Merrell, Jane Gale, Barbara Amick, and Laura Lee Degen who the cooks were and if it was as bad as they claimed. They enjoyed everything, even the burned hot dogs.

Sue Mitchell was hostess to a successful party Saturday night. Guests were Morgan Wooten, Shirley Graham and Tommy Troxler, Jo Be Moore and Bill Larimore, Frankie Farrar and Bob Lunow, Nina Bailey and Bobby Cushman, Helen Blanche and Pete Schwenhart, Betty Ann Howard and Ray Luckett, Janice Patton and Billy Fay, Joyce Duvall and Henry Magnuson, Maurine Marr and Ed Chapin, Evelyn Bean and Paul Taggart.

That flashing new boy who just transferred to Blair, Bob Witherpoon, has his eyes on several girls, but the main interest focuses on a little brunette in section 11-9.

When will a certain Rodney come home to Ronnie Troxler? Will he be snow bound again? Good luck!

Indulging in bicarbonate soda after the Sophomore Library Club Council dinner (hot dogs, cole slaw, beans and apple pie) at Miss Appleby's were Miss Stickley, Joyce Duvall, Evelyn Bean, Nancy Baake, Percy Goody, Betty Collier, Rick Waters, Bill



under his nose when he calls for them. (3) Aim for an "A" and you may get a "C."

E. S.

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Dear E. Slibberlip,

I don't quite know how to tell you this, but I have one or two small matters bothering me. First off, I am a widow with twenty-two children. We live in the Statler Hotel on the twenty-fourth floor. I have sixty million dollars and I am not happy. I have domestic troubles.

One of my youngest sons fell in a cement mixer the other day and is now holding up a new drugstore on Connecticut Avenue. My daughter, Prudence, has run away with the elevator operator, and my grandfather (who was living with us) has eloped with my maid. Perseverance, my oldest, was married to a lion tamer, and he has left her with nine tigers to take care of.

Most distressing to me are my two sons, Indiscretion and Hapless, who attend a school in Silver Spring named Montgomery Blair. They have taken up with those country boys and are now spending most of their time in a place called "Murphy's." What shall I do?

Desperate

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Dear Desperate,

You might try poison.

"Essie"

Riggs, Nick Lee, John Galliher, Colleen Fling, Jackie Steele, Anne Simpson and Anne Gregg.

Seen regularly together are John Brooks and Nancy Carpenter. New steadies Jane Gale and Don Graham.

"B" Club initiation Friday night at Betty Bevan's home was a true "jamboree." Receiving the works were Betty Lee, Lois Bergmann, Pat Piegrass, Betty Pemberton, Dorcas MacLaughlin, Betty Gleim, Jeanne Hoyt and Jeanne Forcade. Miss Lippy presided before Betty Bevan was elected president; Nancy Fox, vice-president; Jeanne Forcade, secretary, and Lois Bergmann, treasurer.

Mighell's Mongolian Monkeys beat Radar at the Armory Sunday in basketball 3-24.

The Blair boys' eyes have gotten much larger with the new Coolidge girls coming to Blair.

Betty Farrar was the giver of a hen party after the Gonzaga game. Eating hot dogs, cokes, potato chips, and gingerbread were Ginger Evans, Polly Billings, Annette Haynes, Peggy Sissler, Betty Hemstreet, Ellen Ridgeway, and Betty Joseph.

A bull session at Morgan Wooten's residence was quite the thing. Dave Waldron, Paul Taggart, John Kennedy, Chuck Richards, Beach and Jack McShay, George Fuchs, Sid Butler, Jack Klienstuber, John and Don Hogan, Tom Welsh, Joe Kelly, Buddy Wilson, Roland Kuch, Jimmy Carlton, and Don McKeever enjoyed coconut cake and pepsi colas.

Elaine Handabaka is training down at Walter Reed for the Takoma swimming team.

Platter Chatter

Modern music critics as well as record fans will have it known that there are no good recordings made today. They insist that bans are not what they once were, that the vocal stars of today fall far under par, and that, in general, platters are not worth purchasing. Be it known to all men that if this is to be the case these critics and cookie connoisseurs are mistaken.

One of the best orks of the present A. D. is Ray Noble, likewise one of the best vocalists is the Broadway baritone, Buddy Clark. It takes little time for a musical ear to detect this combo, and to arrive at the conclusion that here are two of the brainiest boys in all waxland. Noble, who has been recording for years, is close to a decade in front of most frontiers. In '38, Noble was pushing platters that sound terrific today. Clark, who ten years ago was used in a film as the voice of Jack Haley, is radio's number one lark. His recordings sell like mad, and his popularity is growing every day. Put these two together and you get "Linda," "I'll Dance at Your Wedding," "Two Loves Have I," "Sierre Madre," "Those Things Money Can't Buy." Several years hence and the critics will rave "music was unbeatable in those days."

Peggy Lee's "Manuana" is one of the best of her career. Mel Torme's "I Cover the Waterfront" is a must for fog fans. John Larenz, the young successor to Russ Columbo, sends you on "You Call It Madness" and "How Soon"; also look for his waxing of "The Treasure of Sierre Madre." Majestic has a sweet vocal in Lanny Ross' "Moonlight and Roses," backed with "Winter Song." Frankie, the bow tie, makes up for his many recent flops on "If I Only Had a Match." Al Jolson has issued the same but the title should read, "If I Only Had a Voice." Columbia has reissued three biscuits in their Archives Series, namely Lombard and Jolson with "April Showers," and Eddie Cantor with "If You Knew Susie." Other good versions of the last mentioned include Freddie Negals on Vita Coustic, which should sell. The other reissue from Columbia is a Jewish hymn by Jolson. Gracie Fields' London label of "Now Is the Hour" should finally convince Americans that English waxings are still far superior to anything that the U. S. can offer. For good, light music we suggest Buddy Baker and his outfit, now cutting on Exclusive. Don't miss Fred Lowery and "Song of the Island," from his new Columbia album. Perry Como turns in a terrific vocal on "Two Loves Have I."

Best bets of the year are Buddy Clark, John Larenz and Gordon MacRae, as our top vocalists; best orchestras include Guy Lombardo, Buddy Baker and Vaughn Monroe; top female vocalists are Monica Lewis, Patti Page and Peggy Lee; smooth musicians are Esy Morales, a unique flutist, Nora Morales, tops in Latin, and Charlie Venturi, with the best sax in the biz.

Art Kassel turns in his best recent performance in one "I've Got A Feeling I'm Falling." Look for Arthur Godfrey and "Four Leaf Clover." "Honey, Honey, Honey" is the latest Hadda Brooks and one of the best. Perry Como amazes with the Russ Case ork and "Because."

Some simply lush albums coming up lately, with Alfred New-

'47-'48 Grads To Be Blair's Pride an' Joy

This issue of SILVER CHIPS has been given authority to print one of the famous Walter Winchell predictions of the future, for the members of the senior class, who will be ranked among the alumni of Blair come June.

From his statement we have read between the lines and find that "between the lines" is even more shocking than his actual words. "Like in every great high school," Mr. Winchell goes on to say, "there are students who will win acclaim long after leaving the stage on graduation day. These are of no interest to me. At the present time, the United States has more brilliant people than it can hold; every one is quarreling as to who is the most brilliant, which tends to make an unhappy nation. My advice to senior high school systems is to cut down on the good teachers who are encouraging intelligence; these people in the American schools are a menace to the happiness of a nation." Mr. Winchell was most interested in the social-minded and love-sick students who will go out into the world next year and make "alumni of renown." The social minds of Pat Moran and Pat Hall will compete against local prominents as Mrs. Helen Mason and Mrs. Warner E. Pumphrey in the years to follow. When residents of Silver Spring will be watched as closely as the movie stars in Hollywood, Patty Althaus and Dave Smith, who will then be Mr. and Mrs., will be noted for the largest family of Smiths ever to exist on this earth. Polly Billings as an alumna of Montgomery Blair, will be of equal caliber with Edith Head in dress designing. Though it isn't a habit with Mr. Winchell, he did mention the masculine set of future alumna. He laughed quite heartily when he made a small bet that Ralph Reno will be among the famous of famous trapeze artists due to his uncanny sense of balance and grace. For Norman Fehr, "Walter" predicts a great future in football. Already proving his outstanding ability as a quarterback by his marvelous work with the Blazer 11 this fall, he is destined to be the second Sammy Baugh in a pro league. This world famous com-

man conducting "Captain from Castile," one of the truly beautiful scores of his career. Look for "Conquest" with special interest, as it is a masterpiece. Buddy Clark sounds off with beauty in "For You Alone." The Velvet Fog sings with unusual interest in the album of the same name. Gene Autry repeats his great numbers in the new Columbia presentation of "Gene Autry Classics." Eddie Condon teams with George Wettling, Peanuts Hocko, Max Kiminsky, Bobby Hackett and others in his "We Call It Music."

An all time favorite, Jan Peerce, brings us the "Bluebird of Happiness." Henri Rene plays Lydia in classic manner with wonderful results. Columbia offers "Night on Bare Mountain" for your listening pleasure. Boston "Pops" gives the old favorite "Jalousie," also the "Warsaw Concerto." "Ave Maria" is done by Marian Anderson. Jose Iturbi and "Claire De Lune" go together as well as the "Bolero" and the ever-popular "Polonaise."

On the recommended list are "Rhapsody in Blue" by Oscar Levant, "Nutcracker Suite" by the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Rachmaninoff "Concerto No. 2 in C Minor" with Artur Rubenstein, "Strauss Waltzes" from Andre Kostelanetz, and "Golden Anniversary" by Paderewski.

Skeletons in Your Closet?



No! It's Buford Smith! At last, Blair students will have a view of their hero, Buford Smith. An excellent informal snap, this photo caught Buford and his manager, Herkimer Q. Jerkimer, in their luxurious office on the

top floor of the Empire County Building. There they are making plans by telephone to lend Buford to Messy Gags and Music, Incorporated, a Hollywood picture studio, for a colossal appearance in a new movie.

mentator has already contracted senior Sonya Goodman to sit by his side at the mike and use her ability for nosing news, only not within Blair's halls but within the world's boundaries. He says that no one will ever be able to track down Buddy Doten in years to come; he is destined to become a popular gambler and ladies' man. He will be sought after, it's true, by detectives and women, but even Hoover himself will not be able to tag him. Russell Armentrout will never lose his good looks, Winchell predicts; not only that, but he will be voted the best looking bruiser to ever enter the boxing ring for the heavyweight fight championship and win. Doris Johnson will be famous for her multi-marriages and with her alimony millions will settle down at 28 after nine spouses and decide that a wealthy girl is happier than a married one. Beatrice Bartlett will of course be the cover girl of the times for several years. Even though she may age as the years pass, her striking attractiveness will not fade but will be even brighter as is her mother, Mrs. Sara Bartlett. Hope Henderson is doomed for the antique business; some may even call her Miss Varnish, but nothing will keep her from spending hundreds of dollars weekly in search of a queer looking lamp or brass kettle. Her husband will laugh and make fun of her and people will be able to see the handsome boxer running to the nearest museum to hack a valuable piece of glass so that he can have that extra wardrobe.

There you have it, predicted by a man who very seldom slips up. It might be interesting to keep this issue under lock and key, and when the June graduates begin their predicted cycle, you can look at this article and say: "Though Winchell is in his grave, he has done it again"—please do not think we intend any drastic measures to see that Winchell dies within the next ten years, but we wouldn't like to state just when these things will come to pass, and we are giving them a good hundred years.

top floor of the Empire County Building. There they are making plans by telephone to lend Buford to Messy Gags and Music, Incorporated, a Hollywood picture studio, for a colossal appearance in a new movie.

Greene at Concord Club

Mrs. "Lightfooted" Greene, that stirring adagio dancer, is now engaged for a two-months' run at the Concord Club, from which she will go to New York to begin in a starring role in the new Rodgers and Hammerstein musical-comedy production, "Grab Him While You Can, Girls," or "Even a Track Star Can't Win."

During an interview in her dressing room between shows, the gorgeous "Lightfooted" told reporters that her main ambition is to live modestly in a twenty-five room penthouse, with sixty servants, and forty million dollars in the bank. Her pay for the run at the Concord Club will run well over three million dollars, but after taxes have been deducted, it will be thirty seven dollars and fifty cents.

Ideal Valentine for Boys

Has hair like ----- Mrs. Collins
Has smile like ----- Miss Aud
Has eyes like ----- Miss Bratt
Has legs like ----- Miss Roby
Has profile like ---- Miss Cross
Has hands like --- Miss Higgins
Has voice like ----- Miss Wood
Has figure like---Miss Schwartz
Has personality like Mrs. Greene
Dresses like ----- Mrs. Moler
Has feet like ---- Miss Appleby
Has intelligence of---Miss Ring

Ideal Valentine for Girls

Has hair like---Mr. K. Rhodes
Has smile like --- Mr. Hinckley
Has eyes like --- Mr. E. Rhodes
Has legs like ---- Mr. McGuire
Has profile like --- Mr. Meserole
Has hands like --- Coach Creme
Has voice like---Coach Continetti
Has physique like -- Mr. Bowne
Has personality like Mr. DeLauder
He dresses like --- Mr. Steigner
Has feet like ----- Mr. Pyles
Has intelligence of---Mr. Shaw

A pink elephant, a green rat and a yellow snake walked into a cocktail bar (Grotto).

"You're a little early, boys," said the bartender. "He aint here yet."

Quiz, Kids

Since Valentine's Day is practically here and little red hearts can be spotted in the air, we feel a question coming on, to wit: "How long has it been since you have had a broken heart?"

Bobby Cushman of 11-6 says: "Mine's always broken."

11-7 reports from Frank Simmons: "Not since I fell on it."

Coolidge brings us Ellen Latimer and "The last time Hap hit it with a hammer." Oooh, my!

Dale Butler of 11-5 looks kind of happy when he says "Never yet." Cheer up, Dale. Lots can happen during leap year.

"When I left South Carolina," comes from Sylvia Reed of 11-5.

Girls, believe it or not, 12-4's Bob Lang says "It don't break!" Someone ought to make him try prove that remark.

Marilyn Middleton exclaims: "The last time Taggart and I broke up" (sniff, sniff). "The last time" caught Paul off guard.

Eileen Collins of 11-9 has something to look forward to as she says: "It will be when Tommy is in Florida for two weeks." Won't somebody help to cheer Eileen up?

Jimmy Foster: "The second Tuesday in last week," and Louie Spencer: "Never." Girls, this situation is intolerable.

Ronnie Troxler says: "When Rodney was snowbound and was unable to get home."

From Ken Baliles of 12-3—"The last time my Aunt Min kissed another boy."

Progressive Education

Continued from Page 1

screamed Miss Adams, falling prostrate before the idol, and weeping hysterically.

At length, Angela's better self could stand it no longer. She said, "Aw, shut up," and ran off to play again.

"Oh, dear," remarked Miss Adams, wringing her hands. "I do hope I haven't given the child a complex."

Class was occasionally interrupted by trial-sized John L. Sullivans. When the going got too tough for me, I summoned the principal. The principal succeeded only in making regimented confusion out of unorganized chaos.

During the afternoon, we observed a Miss Talbert reprimanding one of the children for fighting.

"Poor Miss Talbert," sighed Miss Adams. "She never should have been a teacher. The children are driving her sane."

The crowning touch, came at the end of the day. I anxiously helped them on with their wraps, haunted by the constant fear that they might stay longer than was necessary. Heaving a sigh, my eyes followed the last little rear view as it trudged out the door. Then, turning around, my eyes lighted on something that made my blood run cold. One of the little monsters was still there! "Hold on," I said to myself, "you can't weaken now." Pulling myself together, I approached IT cautiously.

"What is the matter, Jerry," I said. "Why don't you go home?" "Can't find my galoshes," said Jerry solemnly.

"Oh, no," I thought, "not this." Opening the cupboard, I spied a lone pair of galoshes on the floor. "Why, Jerry," I said, "here are your galoshes!"

"Nope!"

Examination revealed that tags bearing Jerry's name were taped inside both galoshes. "Yes they are," I replied firmly.

"No, they're not," insisted Jerry. "Mine had snow on them."

Ah, yes. Progressive education is a wonderful thing.

Second Annual Game Thrills Millions

By Paul "Fearless" Taggart

Montgomery Blair High School sent ten of its best intramural players against the Washington Capitols at Uline Arena last nite. The game was scheduled to start at 8.30 p.m., but was held up until 10 o'clock because of the large crowd that forced its way into the small arena. After the Police, Fire Department, and Navy Reserve arrived and quieted the crowd, the two teams took the floor.

The crowd was estimated at some 98,000 people — and more than half the country were hugging their television sets to see the outcome of these two great, but evenly matched teams. B.L.S.S. (Blair Last String Squad) was captained by a frail and weak but true Blairite. He is also noted as the best dressed person in the school; of course we mean Ralph Reno. The Caps had their old reliable standby, Bob Feerick. The starting line-ups for both teams are as follows:

CAPITOLS

Norlander Forward
McKinney Forward
Torgoff Center
Scolari Guard
Feerick Guard

B.L.S.S.

Willy Jones Forward
John Campbell Forward
Keven Owens Center
Ralph Reno Guard
Frank Simons Guard

Now that the details are taken care of here is a brief recap of the game:

First quarter — Owens wins jump, taps ball to Reno, then Blair starts to weave the ball. Reno to Willy to Owens to Campbell to Simons who shoots taken off the backboard by Reno, who out-jumps "Bones" McKinney. Reno then passes to Owens to Campbell to Willy to Simons who shoots (again). Score at the end of the first quarter, B.L.S.S. 0, Caps 1. Feerick sank foul shot given to him by Reno for bouncing his head on the floor instead of ball. Reno argues with Ref but loses.

Second quarter — Substitutions: Blair—Redman for Owens at center. Caps—O'Keefe for Norlander at forward. Then play was resumed and Feerick—on the fast break—(2 points) Scolari pots (2 points) — McKinney — jump shot (2 points) Torgoff (sixteen hesitations under basket — 2 points) McKinney to Scolari to Torgoff to Feerick (2 points, ect. Score at half Blair 0 caps 106.

Blair's Band then played while the Drum Majorettes performed and then the game was resumed:

Coach Lippy did not return to the floor with the team, but she got her coat and hat and went home. Coach Continetti, who is used to situations such as the one at hand (106-0) gave the pep talk.

Third quarter—Line-up
Redman-center — Reno (with blood dripping from his chest and throat) guard — Simmons (with broken finger nail) guard Willy Jones (with no head) forward—and last a new comer to the line-up: Blair's best looking student for the tenth year — James Timmis—Forward.

Games starts — Redman loses jump, but the ball is stolen by Timmis who pots, and scores Blair's first basket (crowd goes wild — and some home). Then Willy steals ball from Norlander and passes to Simons over to Reno back to Simons over to Feerick who shoots two points, for Blair! **WRONG BASKET—**

Then a strange thing happens Timmis - Reno - Redman and Willy get hot and go wild—so time out is called while Simons cools them off!!!!

Play was then resumed??????

B.L.S.S. then hit a sudden streak, led by Redman and Willy who swished 52 quick baskets—Score at Caps 106 B.L.S.S. 104. Capitols then decided to freeze the ball for the remainder of the quarter. Score at the end of the quarter Blair 126—Caps 106 Caps' Scolari missed the signal — Timmis was responsible for the last 22 points (said he would of had more but—his bow tie came loose and he had to stop and fix it).

Fourth and final quarter—Substitutions—Tingle for Feerick and Hertzberg for Torgoff. Play is then resumed—and on the first play Reno trips and falls Ref calls time out while whole in floor is fixed—then play is resumed again with Simmons missing 28 more shots 27 of them (lay-ups) and I use the word loosely. Now both teams pore on the steam. Redman, Willy, Reno, Timmis All swish five or ten apiece while Simons continues to miss??? (Feerick was so sure Simons would miss, he left the floor and made a phone call also got a bite to eat—then returned in time to see Simons gets one free throw—!!! Will he make it or will he go scoreless in this big event????? The crowd is quiet; the players tense; Simons aims and fires— OH!!!! I'm sorry—well keep trying. Here is Sonny Hertzberg making a few more swishes from half-court. . .

Well the clock on the wall says only 2 (two) seconds left to play . . . Yes ladies and gentlemen this game is almost history. . . There's the gun and here are your long awaited totals — **WAIT!!! THERE WAS A FOUL COMMITTED ON THE GUN AND SIMONS GETS ONE FREE THROW!!!** Will he make it and break into the scoring column—Well here's the shot . . The crowd is quiet and the players are praying—Simons takes aim and shoots (left-handed) **SWISH!!!** The crowd goes wild and Simons is carried from the arena by many happy spectators. . Yes you see the score at the end of the game was 199½ to 199 and Simons "Lone" point won the game. . .

Coach Continetti said as he gently laid a kiss upon Simons forehead "I knew you had it in you—SON—And here is a word from our hero—"If you don't succeed at first—try—try again."

Well now that this great affair is over here are your totals:

BLAIR (B.L.S.S.)

Willy Jones 30
Keven Owens 30
Ralph Reno 50
J. Redman 30
J. Campbell 30
J. Timmis 28
F. Simons 1½

Totals 199½

WASH. CAPITOLS

Feerick 30
Torgoff 25
Hertzburg 50
Scolari 30
O'Keefe 26
Tingle 28
McKinney 0
Norlander 25

Totals 199

Referee, Rodefer. Timekeeper, Creme.

P.S. Reno played his usual "good game on defense holding McKinney scoreless.

P.P.S. The half point given to Simons was for effort.

An amoeba named Jerry, and his brother,
Went out to drink toasts to each other.

In the midst of their quaffing, They split themselves laughing, And now each of them is a mother.

Man of the Year

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Baseball, though, is really Chuck's game. He made last year's squad with no trouble at all and proceeded to run wild. Charles was a second Ty Cobb on the basepaths stealing uncountable bases. It is said that Charles was so slow covering a bunt down the first base line by the time he recovered the ball the batter had scored, gotten a drink of water and signed numerous autographs. After that incident Chuck was appropriately nicknamed "Glue-foot" by the members of the baseball squad.

Richards was an important cog in Mr. Continetti's wheel of progress. Whenever a player was needed to carry a jacket to a pitcher when he reached base, Chuck invariably got the nod.

Richards had a paltry batting average of .540. He explains this by admitting that he did suffer from malaria most of the season. When school closed last June, Richards had to cut his telephone wires, as he was being deluged by professional offers in all three sports from all over the country. For example: Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators baseball team offered Richards \$150,000 plus a bonus clause, but Charles hastily announced he was returning to good old Montgomery Blair in September.

In football this year, Richards played end. It was no accident however. When Coach Continetti saw Richards in action he had just one thing to say, "This is the end!" So — Richards played end.

Chuck is just getting started in basketball this year, playing Varsity of course, but promises his vast throng of admirers that he will average over 90 points a game if the rest of the team will only feed him the ball.

HERE AN' THERE IN SPORTS

By Don Ferguson

During the football season of 1948, the newly completed Montgomery Blair Stadium, the Spaghetti Bowl, will be the scene of the first annual Washington Redskin-Montgomery Blair tussle on Thanksgiving Day. The Redskins will try to provide the fans with a thrilling game, but Coach "Slats" Lippy of the Blazers says, "If I leave the third team in long enough, the 'Skins might stand a chance. I'm quite sure, however, that no team's defense could withstand our own version of the "Four Horsemen," Freddie Sharp, knifing through the line, Joe Fleming's talented punting (incidentally, Joe has not missed punting a placement in two years and has an average of 52-5 yards per try during a span of eighteen games), Anthony "Muscles" Stankus, sensational 280-pound blocking back, and Leroy English, who's deceptive and brilliant passing plays from quarterback have continually sparked our offense."

Coach Reno Continetti of the 'Skins, after much thought, came out with this reply to Coach Lippy's comment: "I'll admit things look dark for my boys, but if my new quarterback, Lucille "Bones" Appleby, uses a little discretion we'll show that powerful Red and White eleven that we have plenty of fight.

In Blair's former Thanksgiving Day tilts, their competition

This for the time being anyhow, ends the story of Blair's King of Sport, Charles Richards.

P.S.—It took years of scientific and psychologic research to obtain this thrilling interview, so be thankful you have such persevering reporters on the newspaper staff.

has been provided by the weaker Bethesda Baron team. After taking so many lopsided shellackings from the Blazers, the Baron's Coach Robert Lang, a former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, has decided to keep his boys from harm by dropping the powerful Blair team from their schedule and substituting the newly formed Marjorie Webster eleven.

Latest news flash—Joe Fulks, leading scorer of the American Basketball league, has decided to finish his schooling here at Blair. Due to the fact that he was forced to leave high school immediately after his sophomore year, the National Federation of High School Athletics has approved of his participation in interschool competition. Lean, lanky Harrison Meserole is considering filling in Fulks' position with the Philadelphia Warriors at \$1,000 per game.

Fulks' addition to the Blazer squad may force their famous set shot artist, Morgan "Rootin' Tootin'" Wooten back to the Junior Varsity for more experience. In the last several games, Wooten has failed to come up to his earlier season's average of 35 points per game and has sunk to the lowly average of 19 per game. Why, in his last game Morgan sank only 12 of his usual 200 field goal attempts.

Incidentally—

Did you hear about the man who spent \$15,000 putting his son through college and all he got was a quarterback.

An athletic coach usually has several big wheels.

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"I guess you'd
call it intuition!"



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Night Club Is Theme for Variety Show

Twenty-eight Acts on Bill

Acts for the twelfth annual Variety Show were chosen last Wednesday and the theme of the show will be the sophistication of night club life. Not all numbers will be on the same nights; the acts have not yet been assigned to any particular night.

The acts, which were winnowed out of the multitude of tryouts, are the opening number, which includes Anne Livingston, Polly Billings, Peggy Sisler, Barbara Browning, Betty Lee, Mary Jane Doane, Ginger Evans, and Patsy Mason; a vocal solo by Priscilla Ridge, one by Jean Robertson, and another by Evelyn Cocoros; six dance numbers done by Peggy Sisler, Barbara Browning, Jeanne Hoyt, Joan Hubbell, Peggy Bowman and Joan Hattersley, and Virginia Hendron, respectively; a comedy duet by Ann Swayzee and Bette Gill; a comedy skit entitled "Little Nell;" a duet by Peggy Bowman and Priscilla Ridge; a fashion show by the eleventh grade boys; television act starring Frank Richter, Richard North, Frank Proctor; the famous Boys' Ballet; a double duet by Margaret J. Smith, Jean Robertson, Rae Davis, and Barbara Hannegan; "Pass the Peace Pipe," by Sue Mitchell, Helen Chesky, and Carolyn Whittaur; a dance group with Donna Kohl, Evan Arrington, Ruth Bubes, Mary Jean Ellington, Jane Gale, and Laura Lee Degen; a clarinet solo by Joe Flemming; a violin solo by Don Koch; a flute solo by Dorcas McLaughlin; an accordion solo by the Hubbells; four piano solos by John Campbell, Joan Davis, Sidney Hepler, and Natalie Eck, respectively; and the boys' quartet with George Candish as chairman.

Two Deep, Dark Secrets

The teachers are planning to do a traditional skit which will be kept a deep, dark secret until the night of the show. Another deep, dark secret is the master of ceremonies, who will be chosen within the next week.

Patrons' tickets have gone up in price, for they are now \$1.25 per person and there are not as many seats this year. They are allowing only 300 reserved per night against last year's 500. The patrons' tickets will go on sale after Easter. Miss Stickley advises all parents to buy their tickets as early as possible.

Journalists to Compete In Coming Convention

April 17 was chosen as the date for the second annual Inter-High Press Tournament, by the Publicity Committee of the Inter-County Council, at a recent meeting held at Gaithersburg High School.

Mr. Blair Lee, III, editor of *The Maryland News*, will be the principal speaker at the convention.

Three clinics, newswriting, editorial, and sports, are being held to give student journalists an opportunity to compete with each other. Blair will take charge of publicizing the convention and sending out the invitations.

Post Poet Honors Students by Address

The student assembly, held on March 17 in the school gymnasium, was honored to have as a guest speaker, Mr. James Metcalfe, who is the author of the clever poetic human portraits published in the *Washington Post* every morning. Making an introductory message was Mr. Timmons of the *Washington Post*.

The assembly was opened in the usual manner with the Lord's Prayer, flag salute and one verse of "American The Beautiful."

In Mr. Metcalfe's fascinating talk, he revealed many humorous aspects of his work. Among these was the fact that the poet receives hundreds of letters from the love-lorn praising him as a perfect lover from his poems, and pleading to him to give advice on how to become such a person. Also, Mr. Metcalfe related, he has been quoted as "The detective who chooses poems to replace pistols." Mr. Metcalfe was employed by the F.B.I. for four years and was a member of the squad that captured John Dillinger on July 2, 1934. He related that his fancy for making rhymes began at the age of fourteen when he was assigned to write a poem for English class. Not until he had read his work over several times did he realize it contained talent.

From Mr. Metcalfe's sample poems it was quite evident that his wife and three children are a great inspiration to him, judging from such clever portraits as "Teaching My Wife How to Drive," and the story behind "A Letter From Teacher," which told the distressing tale of the use of tacks in school by fourteen year old Jimmy.

In keeping with March 17, Mr. Metcalfe read his "Story of St. Patrick."

Student Teachers Take Over Blair Classes

Recently many students from the University of Maryland and Western Maryland have come to Blair for the purpose of observing classes and practice teaching.

Working in cooperation with various members of the faculty, who direct their planning and supervise their work, these college students are observing and teaching various classes, both of which are required for Maryland Teacher's Certificates. They are also assuming responsibilities for assisting in home rooms, and with special activities.

Most of these student teachers attend Maryland U. These include Miss Mary Troy, who is teaching physical education under the supervision of Miss Lippy; Mr. Kenneth Hoyt, teaching chemistry under the supervision of Mrs. Macdonald; Mr. Frank Grubar, teaching social studies under the supervision of Mr. DeLauder and Mr. Marsh; Miss Mary K. Weiskittel, teaching mathematics under the supervision of Mr. Zimmerman; and Mr. Marion Sears, teaching English under the supervision of Miss Robey.

Miss Catherine Frounfelter, from Western Maryland, teaches French and English under the supervision of Miss Bratt and Mrs. Moler, respectively.

Wierd Sounds Fill Stage in Class Play

The long, low, eerie whistle of a train heralded the first act of the senior class production of "Ghost Train." The waiting room, complete with its old stove that wouldn't give much heat, and company benches, made the audience feel that a little old station had been transferred from Rockland, Maine, right down to Silver Spring, Maryland.

The audience shared the disgust of Jeanne Forcade and Frank Richter as Elsie and Richard Winthrop, Kenneth Bailies and Sonya Goodman as Peggy and Charles Murdock, when they found themselves marooned in this dreary spot. When Richard North (Teddie) pulled the emergency cord, stopping the train to get his hat, the train was unable to start for some unknown reason and the passengers spent an adventurous night, to say the least, in the old station. Ruth Bubes made a sufficiently proper and prim Miss Bourne. Her obvious annoyance was amusing and well conveyed. William Thompson as Saul Hodgkin told the story of the "Ghost Train" which had some mysteriously fatal effect on all those who saw it. It was a long story, and William Thompson's assumed voice of an old man seemed to fade and crack, but only to a natural degree, as would that of one of extreme age.

Complications of all types arose as Polly Billings as Julia Price hysterically burst on the stage with Robert Finzel as Herbert Price, Jerry Tobin as John Sterling chasing close behind. George Saah as Jackson, and Frank Procter as the officer were on hand to help clear up matters, so that when the curtain fell on the third act, the audience applauded enthusiastically.

Mrs. Marion L. Swartz directed the play with the help of Mr. E. Rhodes, in charge of the stage crew; Miss Silvey, as make-up artist; and Mr. DeLauder, who assembled the properties. To be mentioned also for their diligent work are Norma Kelly and Ann Livingston as stage managers; Betty Joseph as prompter; Betty Lee and Norma Kelly on the programs and tickets; Geraldine Davis and Ellen Ridgeway as wardrobe mistresses; Buddy Doten and Bob Rodeffer on the business staff; and last but not least, the publicity committee composed of Mrs. Moler, Mrs. Sherry, Virginia Evans, Anne Livingston, and Betty Farrar.

Irish Saluted

St. Patrick's Day was remembered by a dance this year on March 19, sponsored by the Legislature. The music was furnished by Dick McLeod's orchestra.

OPEN HOUSE — Blair has been extended an invitation from Gallinger Hospital to send girls interested in a career in nursing to the hospital as guests on April 12, 13 and 14.

Marjorie Webster Junior College also invites Blair junior and senior girls to an open house on Saturday, April 17.

Chips Places Second in C.S.P.A. Judging

Blair Enjoys Sabin Concert

The students of Blair were honored with the presence of a great artist and baritone, Nelson Sabin, on Thursday morning, February 5.

It was explained to the audience by Mr. Charles Cellini, Mr. Sabin's accompanist, that a poll had been taken to decide the songs which would be sung by Mr. Sabin on his tour. Forty-eight states responded to this poll.

The program was divided into four parts, with no intermission. During the first part, Mr. Cellini played two Strauss waltzes entitled "Artist's Life" and the beautiful "Blue Danube." Next, he played Chopin's immortal "Minute Waltz," which he explained had no rhythm. To add humor to his performance, he played a Spanish number, which he composed. The fourth composition was a rhapsody, "Salute to Budapest."

Passing Train Changes Song

The second part of the program was given over to Mr. Sabin. His first number was "All Day on the Prairie," a cowboy song. At the end of the song, Mr. Sabin whistled a very loud and shrill note, which he explained he had developed while giving a concert. He was singing the same song, "All Day on the Prairie," when at the end of the song, a train went by and blew a loud whistle. So, ever since, when he sings that song, he always whistles at the end. The next thing on the program was a song from a Nelson Eddy picture, "Stout Hearted Men."

Cellini Also Entertains

To add more variety and comedy to the show, Mr. Cellini again came on the stage to play Chopin's "Military Polonaise;" "Humming Bird," by Robert Franz; a group of minuets including Paderewski's "Minuet," Beethoven's and Mr. Cellini's; Mozart's "Turkish March," and a wonderful personal experience set to music entitled, "Giminy Gee."

Back on the stage came Nelson Sabin to sing a song, from the Fred Waring Show, "Sleigh;" "Truelight," a Negro spiritual; and his closing song, "Blue Bird of Happiness."

The audience enjoyed the program so much that it was necessary for Mr. Sabin to sing an additional song, for which he chose, "If I Were," by David Richards.

Edward Kellams Killed In Automobile Accident

Edward F. Kellams, Jr., veteran of World War II, and a graduate of Blair in the class of 1947, died on the morning of Saturday, March 13, after serious injury in an accident of the previous evening.

He and some friends from Silver Spring were on their way to Florida to attend motorcycle races when the accident occurred.

Following a requiem mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 17, he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

He is survived by his parents and his elder sister, Miss Marion Kellams, who is a secretary at Blair.

Cummings' Hands Full

Dolly Burr, Nancy Fox, Hope Henderson, Myrtle Wright, Laura Lee Degen, and Sonya Goodman were the members of the SILVER CHIPS staff who attended the annual convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in New York on March 10 through 14. Mr. Cummings accompanied the girls as chaperon, and they hung their hats at the Piccadilly Hotel.

Despite handicaps, the paper managed to raise last year's rating from third to second place; hope had been dampened because of mounting typographical errors, and the fact that SILVER CHIPS was placed in a higher population group to be judged, because of the increasing enrollment of Blair.

Girls Have Spree

The girls managed, during their free time, to see several movies, do some extensive shopping, and see several radio broadcasts, including the Jack Smith Show. They also saw several plays, including Ethel Merman in "Annie, Get Your Gun," and Helen Hayes in "Happy Birthday." Feminine shrieks filled the air when the girls caught sight of Vic Damone ambling down the street, and another thrill occurred during dinner at Jack Dempsey's restaurant, when the great man personally autographed pictures of the group.

The convention luncheon, held on Saturday in the main ballroom of the Commodore Hotel, was a swank affair, which the group enjoyed immensely. The delegates were addressed by Joseph M. Murphy, president of C.S.P.A., and the Honorable Warren R. Austin, United States Representative to the United Nations.

The daily convention meetings were addressed by many famous teachers and newspapermen from posts all over the world. At a combined assembly, the delegates were addressed and entertained by cartoonists Hal Foster and Otto Soglow, the originators of "Prince Valiant" and "The Little King," respectively.

"Dose Guys" Thrilled "Them-all"

The girls were amused at New Yorkers' reactions to their "southern drawl," and were singularly fascinated by the picturesque speech of "those Yankees."

The only major catastrophe occurred on the trip home, when the suitcases were placed on a train before the entire group had arrived at Pennsylvania Station, which resulted in the group's taking two different trains. In spite of this, and the confusing subways and taxicabs of that bustling metropolis of New York, all enjoyed the trip, and are hoping for a return engagement.

Banquet at Hotel Roosevelt

The annual Library Club Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 15, at the Hotel Roosevelt. Programs and menus are now being made in school colors, by a committee of Library Club members.

The guests of honor will be the president and vice-president of the State Library Council. There will be about twelve teachers initiated into the club during the evening. The Bethesda Library Club, which is newly formed, will be present.

On Which Side of the Fence?

Easter 1948. What does this mean to the average American? Does it represent new clothes, a holiday from work and school? Or is it rather, the time "when the old festival is observed with the gladness of a new solemnity?" Easter is the most important of all Christian religious festivals, and should be observed as such.

People of this modern age tend to desert religion in favor of other, much lesser things. Easter has developed into a large scale business venture. The main reason many people nowadays go to church is to display their newly acquired finery. Should this situation exist? Most decidedly not! It's time for people to stop and think about the common observance of this sacred occasion, and ask themselves what they are doing wrong, for something is definitely wrong.

Nothing is of any value to anyone if the thought behind it has been ignored to such an extent that the only thing left is cheap commercialization. Something must be done and quickly! What sort of an example does America set for the smaller nations of the world? How can the United States be expected to lead these countries, if her people ignore and cheapen religion, the basis of all good living? The answer is, she cannot, unless she changes face completely. And the time for change is now! The same thing occurs at Christmas; people are quick to give and receive gifts, but they are much slower in considering the most important aspect of Christmas—that of religion. It is commercialization which distorts the meaning of Christmas, and it is commercialization which suppresses true feeling at Easter.

People would do well to inspect their souls instead of their pocketbooks when a religious holiday approaches. On which side of the fence are you?

Blair Extends Welcome to Newcomers

On behalf of the student body and faculty, SILVER CHIPS warmly welcomes all persons who have recently become a "part" of Montgomery Blair. Among these newcomers are practice teachers from Maryland University, high school students who have lately moved into town, and teenagers from the district schools who transferred into Maryland.

Of these three groups the latter two are true Blairites from "here-on-out" and should accordingly be treated as such. Although a few thoughtless individuals have seemingly forgotten the policy of friendliness of which Blair has always boasted, it is hoped and believed that the majority at Blair have preserved the old feeling of good will.

Speaking of good will (or lack of it), much rivalry continually exists not only among the Montgomery County schools but between the students of the District and Maryland; this rivalry, however, has for the most part been a source of good fun and lively teasing, leaving no one with hurt feelings. It should remain this way. Many Blair and D.C. students have been life-long friends and are still neighbors.

It's a shame that Blair often becomes branded by a few "smart" and unprincipled "rough-necks" who tend to cause ill feeling and trouble within and about the school. What can Blairites do about them—besides laugh, that is!

Whatsa Matter Wit Youse Guys?

Is it true that the majority rules in the democratic form of government which this school practices?

The facts behind the restriction of stags at Blair's school dances are causing the rights of the majority to be sacrificed because of the misdeeds of the minority. The reasons for the uproar was caused by a small group of students who would cause trouble at the altar of their church if the occasion arose. Teachers have trouble with them, their friends have trouble with them, but why should the ruling majority suffer for their lack of control? There are protectors of the law to handle such people in society.

This school is growing, is acquiring a name for herself in the higher brackets, but now there arises this minority that is threatening the famous stag line of Montgomery Blair, and also threatening the respect which Blair has struggled to attain.

This present method of disciplining the local rough necks is developing within them a feeling of superiority rather than of humility. In facing a problem of society, the problem should be handled as society handles it.

Among the '800'

Leap year is in season with the Vice Versa, Bunny Sock Hop, and other parties in full swing.

Happy Birthday! Mary Lou Foeri celebrated her sixteenth birthday on the twenty-seventh of February. Those helping her were Jimmy Balilies, Ann Musslewhite, Joanne Taylor, Paul Selzer, Sara Pryor, and Pat Cocoran.

The canceling of the Gaithersburg game did not hinder the spirit of Blairites. Instead many went to Toy Aswell's party. Part of the list of merry-makers are Parker Kirby, Buddy Doten, Tom McNeil, Ann Herbert, Jim Malloy, Dot Gardner, John Bernard, Volney Schultz, Lea Bracken, Ed Chapin, Betty Lee, Ray Luckett.

Bobby Kinsey, Betty Bissel, Dick Hobday, Fred Sharp, Marge and Margaret Reynolds, Audrey Slattery, Pat Higgins, and Ted Slatterly attended Shirley Giddings' party a few Friday nights ago.

Lloyd Kelly had a buffet supper for Maurine Marr, Eugene Wolfe, Jobe Moore, Frances Farar, Bob Lunow, Joe Moore, Barbara Williams and Mickey Miller.

The "800" sends their heartiest wishes to Frances Dunlap and Earl Reed, Jr. The couple were married last October.

That diamond on Evelyn Rogers' hand matches the twinkle in her eye. The ring was given to her by Dan Lambert.

Mary Demas also showed excitement. The cause, a ring given to her by Steve Margelos.

Bill Chesley and Joanne Reed have just celebrated one and a half years of going steady.

Seen lately together, Johnny Theofield with his "nice little girl" from B. C. C. We quote Johnny.

Sara Pryor and John Wright are no more.

New Steadies! Betty Lou Emmonds and Delmar Taylor; Tommy Troxler and Shirley Graham.

Joyce King had a slumber party after the senior class play. Sleeping were Pat Wheeler, "Bee" Carroll, Joyce Darby, Pat White, and Dorcas MacLaughlin.

The senior members of the Library Club gave Miss Wood a birthday party last week. Happy Birthday, Miss Wood!

Kay Smith and Charles Braile are engaged.

Spring, Romance — Question

"In the Spring . . .," etc., brings to mind romance and quite naturally leads to this question, "What are your opinions of an ideal girls?"

When asked, certain Blair boys answered as follows:

Kenny Balilies—"arfffff"
Paul Taggart—Lana Turner
Frank Proctor—Well-p, small girls preferably, after all big things do come in small packages.
Johnny Kennedy—There aren't any.

Volney Schultz — Five foot, three, about 125 pounds, with brown hair.

Jerry Young — Take Ida Lupino, mix with Anne Sheridan, add two Betty Grables, small dash of June Allyson, stir gently, let it sit over night and if it's cool by morning, I'll take it.

Bob Finzel—Two eyes, symmetrically placed, two ears at the extremities of the temporal globe, a nose as the locus of all points equidistant from the aforementioned features. A body, preferably projecting downward—and that's all.

And from the girls — here's

Mistress Anne Carves Many-sided Career

At Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C., on January 18, 1931, there was a crash and a scream; then plunk, Anne Livingston dropped in, and seeing the nice, quiet, stately order of the hospital decided to stay—and rearrange it.

Anne had a foot-loose and fancy-free childhood, "tripping the light fantastic."

As Anne attended Woodside Elementary and Montgomery Hills Junior High, she learned of the birds, the bees, and the flowers.

Her final test came when she made the big leap into Blair. Now, whenever you hear a clang and a jangle—don't drop your teeth—it's only Anne on her pogo stick.

In her sophomore year, Anne was in the Glee Club, the Variety Show, and was the Ramblers' treasurer; she also was initiated into the Library Club, and participated in intramurals (busy, wasn't she?).

Anne, in her junior year, had an act in the Variety Show, played on the softball team, and was secretary of the Library Club, and last but not least, was elected president of the Dramatic Club (whew!).

Now for an account of industrious Anne's senior, and most important year. She finally made it to the top by being voted as president of the Library Club. Anne has been in Ramblers for three consecutive years; also she is directing the famed "Boys' Ballet," is in the Art Club, and also is a member of the Student Council. One must not forget she is still in the Dramatic Club; however Anne has displayed sufficient talent without any call to the latter.

Our gal's likes are a southern accent (you all), sports (baseball in particular), witty people,

Say It With Music

"Beg Your Pardon" — Jeanne Forcade and Mel Hobbs.

"What'll I Do"—in June.

"Slap 'er Down Ag'in, Paw"—Mr. Pyles.

"Two Loves Have I" — Louis Spenser.

"It's the Talk of the Town"—Variety Show.

"Lover, Come Back to Me"—Sue Mitchell and Morgan Wooten.

"Happy Days Are Here Again"—Easter vacation.

"You Can't Tell Who's Lovin' Who"—'round Blair.

"Serenade of the Bells"—3:30.

"Peculiar"—K. Rhodes.

"The One I Love Belongs to Somebody Else"—Paul Taggart.

"Those Things Money Can't Buy"—grades.

"You Were Meant for Me"—Patty Althaus and Dave Smith.

"Good News"—Baseball season's here again.

"How Soon"—graduation.

"Sunday, Monday, and Always"—homework.

their Dream Man:

Evan Arrington — Tall, blond, super personality, and just real good looking.

Gay DeNike—Tall, good looking, preferably blond, and just wonderful in general.

Patty Teetz — A certain tall, blond senior.

Betty Lee—Just someone real neat.

Joan Groves—Tall, dark, broad shoulders, topped with a smooth personality.

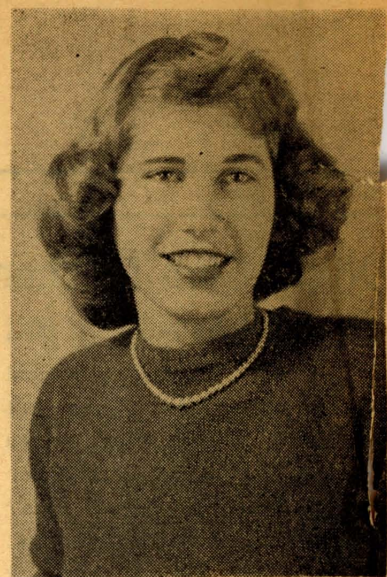
Lois Bergmann—Mr. Maguire.

Marilyn Middleton — Someone who owns a '48 Cadillac.

Patty Althaus—A man without a jealous streak, Ahem.

Bea Bartlett — Dave Richards.

Bette Gill—Frankenstein, 'cause he's so sweet and gentle.



driving, painting, and riding on motor scooters.

Are you-all there—still? Her dislikes are flighty people—amen!

Annie's main hobbies are painting, drawing, and driving. Her main ambition is to be an art teacher.

Anne's crowning glory, atop her 5-foot, 9-inch frame (nicely put together, too), is chestnut brown with brown eyes to match—neat, huh?

Yes sir, she surely is an interesting character.

Quiz, Kids

Question of the issue: "What effect does the coming of the Easter Bunny have on you?"

Well, from what these people have to say, the Easter Bunny really must have a big effect on them!

Bob Witherspoon says, "The coming of the Easter Bunny means it is Easter, and Easter means there is no school for a few days, and no school means a vacation and a vacation means I can sleep late in the morning. Easter also symbolizes that spring is here and spring is the time for love and romance. Need I say more?"

A poetic senior, known to all as Frank Proctor, said this about the Easter Bunny:

"Easter bunnies are quite the fad,

Although I haven't seen any; Other bunnies are also grand,

If only there weren't so many."

Dottie Shephard, sophomore, said (blushing a bright pink), "The coming of the Easter Bunny means that spring is here—and in the spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns—and turns—and 'come back here, Frank!'"

Bill Hagberg, a hungry soph, replies with this answer, "Well, it's like this. If I stay awake and catch him, we have rabbit stew, and if I don't, we don't eat."

Richard North mustn't trust the poor bunny because he came out with this reply: "Daaaaa—O. K., I'll bite. What effect does it have? Um-m-m-m?"

Bob Finzel, another "Shakespearean" senior, wrote this poem about the facts of Easter:

"Pardon me dear children, For my bold effrontery and gall, But I am of the opinion, That there's no Easter Bunny at all."

Al Harding says, "It affects me the same way that Christmas does. I can't sleep the night before."

Lorraine Ingleton replied with, "In the spring all things are sweet. Oh, chocolate bunny n.b.b-bits."

Last but not least is Percy Goody, who says, "It's nice to think that someone else has bigger ears than I do."

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Hinkson, Nicholson Married March 5

Honeymoon in Florida

Miss Betty Hinkson, alumna of Blair, and Johnny Nicholson, who graduated last June with the group of veterans attending Blair last term, became Mr. and Mrs. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on March 5. The reception was held at Stone House Inn. The Nicholsons spent their week-long honeymoon at Daytona Beach, Florida. They now make 9126 Sudbury Road, Silver Spring, their home.

Many former Blairites attended the reception at Stone House Inn, including Anna Mae Gill, '47, Muriel Richardson, Arch McDonald, "Peanuts" Reising, Sonny Hood, Rosemary Eckloff, Wilma Young, Margaret Kelly, Ed and Polly Schrider, Jean Davis, Dick and Beryl Bradshaw, Bev Newcomb, Dick Hesselgesser, and Bill Parater.

The wedding party consisted of Betty Lou Breen, who was maid of honor; Fred Steirner, best man; Nicky Nicholson, and Barbara Richardson, now Mrs. Robert Whittlesey, as bridesmaids, with Bob Whittlesey and Preston Walsh ushering.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. William Runkle of Silver Spring, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Patricia Davis Runkle, to Mr. Clarkson Richards Sherwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherwood, also of Silver Spring.

Pat is a graduate of Montgomery Blair High School, and attended Maryland University.

Clark is a World War II veteran, and is also attending Maryland U.

The wedding will take place during the Easter holidays.

Surprise Marriage

Alice Beasley, graduate of '47 and Bill Rahn surprised their friends when they married in Laurel on February 20th. The couple left immediately after the wedding for the West Coast, and are now making their home in Santa Monica, Calif.

Shirley Williams, '46, will marry Gardner Jordan of D.C. in the near future at Woodside Methodist Church.

LaRene Rahn and Jim McAllister have been engaged since Christmas time. Jim is a Blair grad of '45 and LaRene graduated from Blair last June.

Grads Win Honors

Howard Waters, a Maryland U. sophomore, landed a top individual spot in the National Rifle Association Contest at the Univesity. He tied last year's winning score, 191.

William Bosein was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of Doctor of Medicine at a convocation held in the Irvine Auditorium on the University Campus March 5.

Ben Elliott was graduated last month from Catholic U. with a Bachelor of Architecture degree.

Ben Pester Visits West Point

Midshipman Benjamin Pester took in an exchange visit to the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., recently.

Pat Clark will be married on Easter Monday at 8 a.m. The reception will be held in the Biltmore Hotel.

June, Bill Repeat Vows

June Wooten and Bill Ammann of Laurel, Maryland, were joined together Saturday, February 14, at 8 p.m., at the Liberty Grove Methodist Church. The maid of honor was Lorraine Ingleton, and bridesmaids were her sister, Shirley, and Dot Athey, Ruth Wolfrey. All wore satin hoop skirts with satin tops. They spent

Many Make Third Term, Semester Honor Rolls

The following students made the Blair honor roll for the third grading period. (A few names are missing because all the records were not available.)

In the tenth grade, the students included Phillis Harrison, Diane Brockmiller, Percy Goody, Mary Ann Kifer, Nick Lee, Pat Parkman, Richard Waters, Coleen Fling, Bill Diedrich, Mary Lou Hanson, Marlita Scott, Judith Anderson, Barbara Beall, Carl Behrens, Joyce Duvall, Mary Lasher, Richard Petzold, Laurene Smith, Ed Flemming, Joyce Kidwell, and Lawrence Collison.

Juniors were Pat Beall, Anita Hofermann, Ollie Miller, Hilda Schwartz, June Mosby, Jean Heffner, Sonja Strom, Betty Smythe, Priscilla Ridge, John Cambell, Dale Butler, Joyce Atkinson, Gay DeNike, Marion Roby, Andy Russo, Frank Simons, George Candish, David Feldmann, Carol Landis, Lorraine Powers, Pat Leef, John Linton, Rolf Peucker, Peggy Davis, Joan Evans, Betty Fox, Muriel Sandifer, Bertha Ann Shapley.

Seniors included Evelyn Rogers, Evelyn Cocoras, Muriel Duey, Sonya Goodman, Nelle Hardy, Margaret Riggs, Margaret Jean Smith, Jeanne Hoyt, Polly Billings, Betty Joseph, Donna Kohl, Ellen Reinhart, Laura Lee Degen, Patsy Piegrass, Betty Hemstreet, Thomas Warfield, William Marks, Virginia Keller, Frederica Trippe, Anne Livingston, Evan Arrington, Buddy Doten, Annette Haynes, Ben Hoffman, Richard North, Frank Richter, Bill Thompson, Marguerite Chesley, Louise Peake, and Anthan Santorios.

For the semester sophomores included Phillis Harrison, Charles Armstrong, Diane Brockmiller, Percy Goody, Mary Ann Kifer, Nick Lee, Pat Parkman, Richard Waters, Betty Gene Collier, Ser-gene Benson, Colleen Fling, Mary Lou Hanson, Marlita Scott, Judith Andreson, Barbara Bagby, Barbara Beall, Carl Behrens, Joyce Duvall, Mary Lasher, Richard Petzold, Laureen Smith, Ed Flemming, Joyce Kidwell, Estelle Byrd, and Lawrence Collison.

Eleventh graders were Pat Beall, Genevieve Coe, Anita Haf-ermann, Betty LaMont, Ollie Miller, Hilda Schwartz, June Mosby, Jean Heaffner, Sonja Strom, Betty Smythe, Priscilla Ridge, John Cambell, Dale Butler, Joyce Atkinson, Gay DeNike, Betty Gleim, George Candish, Pat Leef, John Linton, Lorraine Powers, Peggy Davis, Joan Evans, Betty Fox, Lillian Longley, Audrey Merriam, Muriel Sandifer, Bertha Ann Shapley and Emma Troxler.

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their honeymoon at the Statler Hotel as they plan to go away this summer.

Betty Jo Waldrop and Paul "Flash" Gordon became "one" on Valentine's Day at 3 p.m. at the Silver Spring Baptist Church.

Platter Chatter

Hey kids, when you get together for the next jam session, it would be swell to come up with some of the new records. So look over the following selections:

If you like the sentimental type, then Buddy Clark's Columbia disc, "Pianissimo," is just the thing for you. Buddy also does a bang-up job on "Haunted Heart."

Dinah Shore does "The Best Things in Life Are Free," backed up by "The Candle Light Cafe" on a Columbia Disc.

Cute but crazy are "I'm My Own Grandpa," done up by Tony Pastor, and also "Slap 'Er Down Agin', Paw."

Decca can be proud of Dick Haymes and the Andrews sisters' waxing of "Teresa" and "My Sin." Dick Haymes also does "What'll I Do?" and "Your Kiss."

In the unique Carmichael style, Hoagy says he's "Gonna Get A Girl." This is a Decca recording backed by "Feathery Feelin'."

With Easter just around the corner, Ethel Smith waxes "Easter Parade" and "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody."

Similar to the style of "Four Leaf Clover" is Art Mooney's new recording of "Baby Face."

In the slap-happy Spike Jones manner is "My Old Flame" and "People Are Funnier Than Anybody."

Sure 'n here's the way to make it a gay St. Patrick's Day! How? By getting Bing Crosby's St. Patrick's Day album, which includes "MacNamara's Band," "Dear Old Donegal," "Who Threw the Overalls in Mrs. Murphy's Chowder," "It's the Same Old

Baby Sitting — Take It or Leave It?

Gone are the days when you could put the baby to bed at 7, then settle down to listen to the radio, or invite a group of your friends over for an evening. The younger generation is getting smarter. They have a sixth sense that tells them that their parents are paying you xixty cents an hour, and they're going to make you earn it!

You'll take it, you say? Well, for those of you who are new at the game, here are a few pointers:

If the baby cries, sing to him, but don't think you can get away with that Rock-a-bye-baby stuff.

Remember — these are modern times; and you'll probably get better results with something like "Civilization."

Your charge may be a little older—in that case be prepared

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Shillalah," "Did Your Mother Come From Ireland?", "Where the River Shannon Flows," "The Rose of Trallee," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ra," and "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen."

Decca Recordings Company is putting out a series of albums entitled "Songs of Our Times," featuring the hit tunes of each year.

Here are some interesting facts taken from a poll by a leading teen-age magazine: (the months of February and March) The favorite bands are Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, Vaughn Monroe and Tex Beneke. The favorite male vocalists are Bing Crosby, Perry Como, Vaughn Monroe, and Frank Sinatra. The favorite female vocalists are Jo Stafford, Dinah Shore, Margaret Whiting and Peggy Lee.

Worth of Diversified Occupations Program Seen

The Diversified Occupations Program has been in operation here at Blair for seven years, and has begun to be recognized by the business men of Silver Spring and Washington.

Blair's D.O. program is one of three in Maryland, the others being Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Maryland Park.

The schedules of the pupils are slightly varied, but most of them have three periods in the morning, consisting of an elective first period; English IV, second period; and D.O. class third period. At 11:45 the class is dismissed for lunch and to report to their jobs at a scheduled time.

There are pupils working at various jobs, including ten working at the Hecht Company, five secretary-receptionists, three gas station attendants, one disc jockey and radio announcer, two supply checkers, one working at Canada Dry, and the other at the Coca-Cola plant, one piano teacher, one elevator operator at the Mayflower Hotel, one registrar, two clerks at retail stores, one printer, one mechanic, one truck driver, and one medical assistant.

These students work hours decided upon with their employers and sometimes work eight hours a day on a part-time schedule. Fifteen hours a week are necessary to get the two and a half credits given for the program. It is also necessary to be in the third period D.O. class.

Questions should be in writing and addressed to Mr. Cummings.

Because it has been impossible to coincide dates with Bethesda, there will be no "Double B. Hop" this year.

"I've found a new family!"



"I'm talking about the whole new family of friends I've made since I started my telephone job.

"The congenial spirit of telephone workers is one reason why I wouldn't trade jobs with anybody.

"But there are lots of other important reasons. One is the good pay. Even when I was in training, I earned a fine salary. And there have been reg-

ular, frequent increases as I have gained experience.

"Another thing is the pleasant environment of telephone work. The offices are so clean and comfortable. There's an attractive lounge where we can read or talk or relax when we're not on duty.

"It takes a lot of things just like these to make a good job."



The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City

Sports Shorts

An All-round Sport

When you speak of sports, you are almost forced to mention Mitchell Parsons' name. Mitch has been around these hallowed halls for three years and, sad for him, but lucky for Blair, he still has one more to go.

Last year Mitchell missed the train for football, but he came booming back to earn his letter in basketball. Then when spring came around he played tennis for Mr. Rhodes.

Lost track of during the summer, Mitch came back in the limelight when football was in the air again, until a leg injury forced him to retire. Basketball again brought him luck, and he not only received a letter, but was picked, and had the honor of being selected on the All County Team. Now that spring is fast coming on, Mitch is looking toward tennis and his third letter at Blair.

Varsity Girl

This year Blair is going to lose a lot of capable seniors, one of whom is a girl that is well known around school. Betty Bevan.

Brown-haired, blue-eyed Betty, has been in every sport conceivable during her three years at Blair. She is just an all-around varsity girl.

Last year she goated for the "B" Club and this year is president.

All told, she has a "B" and four stars to her credit and is still working to gain more before leaving Blair.

Sports aren't her only interests, for she likes good books and music and also dabbles in art.

She hasn't decided just what to do after graduation but thinks she might like to try college to carry out her talent in art.

Mr. M — Calls "Fore"

The "tee-off boys who will return to the Blair line-up for this season are Don Ferguson, Robert Wolfe, Danny Lyons, Charles James, and Dick Walker.

Mr. Meserole, who has directed the team to many successes for the past two years, said the boys are going to have to try hard, and be good to make this year's team. He said there are about twelve new prospects all together.

The team is run under the Inter-Scholastic Golf League.

Last year Bethesda came in first, but Blair was close behind, running second.

Mr. Meserole said the matches will probably take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. The team will start practicing as soon as clear weather arrives, or about March 20.

Batter Up

April 8, the Blair fans will hear that old familiar call, "Play Ball." Baseballs will fill the air and the hustle of players trying to earn their position on the team will be all you will hear them talking about from now until June.

There will be a few "old" letter men back this year and still more will be searching for their first!

Coach Continetti has his eyes on a few newcomers, one a fine left-handed pitcher, Bob Finzel, while still another is tall Delmar Taylor, also a left-handed pitcher. Then he has his old reliable stand-by, Ricky Harrison.

Rounding out the infield will be Johnny Theofield, Johnny Ford, Chuck Richards, and Frank Simons. In the outfield will be Bob Rodeffer, Walt Chamblin and Julian Sanford.

Blazers Down Faculty Spark Plugs 42-19

All the students of Blair were very much surprised when they heard the final gun that ended the annual Blazer-Spark Plug basketball game, held in the Blair gym last Friday afternoon.

The game opened with the strong Faculty team starting their last, and only string of players, "Shorty" Creme, "Hawk" Shaw, "Speedy" Rhodes, "Bones" Continetti, and "Swish" Groves. While Blair started its usual smooth, cool, fast breaking, unbeaten team. The Blair fans were very much surprised to see the Blazer team actually winning a game, even though it was from the "old men."

Highlights of the Game

"Hawk" Shaw's long shots (?) that swished after bouncing off the backboard rim and half a dozen players' heads, "Swishy" Groves' long, one handed, push shot that hit a girl in the last row of the balcony; "Legs" Marsh and his untied shoe (he sat on the ball at half court to tie it). Result, Blazers two more points. "Shorty" Creme and his fifty shots, seems his old saying is "if you get a good, clear shot, TAKE IT!" (And brother he did.)

Then came "Bones" Continetti, and there is not much that can be said about this clean, fair, good sport of a player. He has never, in all his basketball career, committed a foul. (I am beyond a doubt the best prevaricator in the world.) And at the end of the list we find Mr. E. "Speedy" Rhodes. He has such a good eye for shooting set-shots that he was betting the boys along the sidelines that he could hit the backboard from three feet out. (Careful "Speedy," that's a long shot.) The Blair men combined their talent to defeat the Spark Plugs 42-19. They were led by Mitch Parsons, John Linton and some "Luckshot Artist" known to all as Bob "Captain" Rodeffer.

Plugs—Shaw 4, Groves 6, Continetti 0, Marsh 2, Rhodes 1, and Creme 6.

Blazers — Parsons 8, Richards 2, Ford 2, Linton 8, Schultz 2, Larimore 4, Luckett 2, Chapin 2, Rodeffer 8, and Shief 3.

Bunny Sock Hop Success

A big question for the month of March was "What is the Bunny Sock Hop?"

The "Hop" held at Pinecrest Cabin, was a huge success, and the Tri-Hi-Y Chapters were very pleased that they had raised more money to forward the printing of a handbook to be given to incoming sophomores next year.

Girls' Sports

Editor's Note

I know many of you have wondered about the intramural program and I would like to confirm the rumors that have been going around.

There will be no more intramurals this year because of the confusion connected with the activity period.

Many of the teachers and students complained because they were missing other scheduled activities. This caused some of the students to withdraw from the intramurals and others to lose interest.

After talking it over, it was decided that it would be better to drop the intramurals program completely. Now we all agree the activity period runs much more smoothly and all confusion is avoided.

Outlook for Tennis Dark This Year

Although last year's tennis team was not the best to be found; this year's team looks even worse.

Henry Weeden and Jimmy Walters, two last year letter men, said that they found themselves unable to try out for this year's squad. Mr. Rhodes said that he had obtained Mr. Groves as assistant coach, and together they are planning the down-fall of Bethesda for the first time in tennis history.

P.-T. A. Sponsors School At Armony April 7 and 8

The first public cooking school in Silver Spring will be sponsored by Blair's P.-T. A. on Wednesday and Thursday, April 7 and 8, at the Armory.

Classes will be held afternoon and evening, the matinee classes at 8 p.m. Admission for the afternoon classes is 25c and 35c for the evening.

Merchants of Silver Spring, The Washington Gas Light Co., parents in the P.-T. A., and Blair students are helping to put on this cooking school, which is primarily to raise funds for the school band.

Blairites are to set up booths. and Silver Spring tradesmen will decorate them. Each one of these booths will donate an article to be given as a prize. The dishes which are used for demonstration will be given as prizes, also.

Three thousand visitors from Washington and Silver Spring are expected to attend this two-day affair.

Track Facts

Another varsity team has gotten under way and has promising young stars in its midst. This is the track team, coached by Mr. Creme.

Their mainstay for the '48 season will probably be one of last year's more stellar members, Ed Mighell. Ed racked up many points for the Red and White sprinters last year and it is hoped that with the aid of Bob Cushman and Russell Armentrout in the dashes, Warren Russell in the broadjump, Bob Teale in the highjump, and that mass of muscles (?), Bill Mess, hurling the discuss and shot-put, they may have a much more successful year.

Two more promising dash men are Baynard Cherrix (Lester's brother) and John Brookbank. Both received some experience last year and may have developed enough to turn in sensational performances for the coming season.

Although the first meet is scheduled for April 23 against Roosevelt, Mr. Creme is aiming toward the Interscholastic and State meet at College Park on May 1, and the State meet May 22, at Dundalk High School in Dundalk, Maryland.

Journalists Win Awards

Fourteen students have been accepted for membership in the Quill International Honor Society for student journalists.

Those who were accepted are Donald Armiger, Evan Arrington, William Barker, Ruth Bubes, Brearly Carroll, Marguerite Chesley, James Clark, Laura Dee DeGen, Donald Ferguson, Elizabeth Joseph, Annette Haynes, Emily Jean Hoyt, Louise Lonsway, Carol White, and Mary Jane Doane.

Plans are being made for an initiation in the near future.

The students of Montgomery Blair will start their Easter Holiday season on Wednesday, March 24, 1948.

Girls' Basketball Review

The girls' basketball team has played its last game for this year.

The season wasn't too victorious for the Blazerettes. They played 14 games, of which they won only four.

Jan. 9—Blair 14, Fairfax 6
Jan. 13—Blair 9, Sherwood 15
Jan. 16—Blair 23, Rockville 24
Jan. 20—Blair 10, Damascus 33
Jan. 28—Blair 19, Westminster 20
Jan. 30—Blair 22, Poolesville 17
Feb. 3—Blair 20, Bladensburg 35
Feb. 11—Blair 20, Bethesda 36
Feb. 13—Blair 18, Bladensburg 27
Feb. 17—Blair 18, Gaithersburg 10
Feb. 20—Blair 28, Fairfax 18
Feb. 24—Blair 13, Annapolis 19
Feb. 27—Blair 12, Westminster 30
Mar. 9—Blair 15, Annapolis 38

Orchids from Chips

A popular local paper among Blairites, namely *The Maryland News*, was recently awarded first place among all Maryland weeklies. In the same contest Kathleen Faulconer's column, "Kat's Kozy Korner," was given recognition.

Kathleen Faulconer, having been editor of CHIPS for two years while attending Blair, actually was responsible to a large degree for the revival of CHIPS and its being a printed rather than a mimeographed newspaper. She tirelessly strove to improve the publication, which this year has reached second place rating in the C.S.P.A. contest.

Kathleen Faulconer, CHIPS salutes you for your conscientious work and wishes you luck in the journalistic field!

Blair's Baseball Schedule

April

8, Thurs., Western, home, 3.30
9, Fri., Coolidge, home, 3.30
13, Tues., Friends, away, 3.30
17, Sat., W. & L., home, 1.30
20, Tues., Tech, away, 3.30
23, Fri., Hagerstown, home, 3.30
27, Tues., Wilson, home, 3.30
30, Fri., Bethesda, away, 3.30

May

4, Tues., Frederick, away, 3.30
7, Fri., Rockville, home, 3.30
11, Tues., Gaithersb'g, away, 3.30
15, Sat., W. & L., away, 3.30
18, Tues., Bladensb'g, home, 3.30
21, Fri., Bethesda, home, 3.30
25, Tues., George P., away, 3.30
28, Fri., Fairfax, away, 8.00

HERE AN' THERE IN SPORTS

By Don Ferguson

Basketball trunks and jerseys have long been forgotten and in two short weeks a fresh Blair nine will take the field to defeat (?) an excellent Western squad.

The loss felt most by the Red and White nine will be the superb hurling of Parker Kirby and Walt Cobak. Also missing will be the batting attack supplied by Smith, Brockdorff, Hosselbarth, and the two pitchers. Only four lettermen are returning to the squad, Johnny Theofield, a mild slugger and excellent man at the hot corner; Bob Rodeffer, also a fair hitter and a cautious outfielder; John Ford, a fast moving shortstop; and Rick Harrison, a fiery little moundsman. With a little more improvement over last year's hurling, Rick could very well make up for a good deal of the graduated pitching talent.

Among the last-year reserves is Bob Theofield, a junior, who after playing a great brand of ball during the summer, should be ready to roam center field for the Blazers and make up for much of their batting attack.

Hailing from New York is Bob Finzel, a small, speedy moundsman. With Harrison, Lefty Del Taylor and Finzel on the pitching

Twenty-two Admitted To Library Club

Two junior-senior initiations of the Blair Library Club occurred on the evenings of Wednesday, March 17, and Monday, March 22.

Bob Finzel, Betty Bevan, Bobby Theofield, Hope Henderson, Nancy Bakke, Joe Miller, Anita Haferman, and Buddy Dabney were the "victims" on March 17.

On Monday, March 22, a somewhat longer list was composed of Dolly Burr, Rae Davis, Joyce King, Pat Hall, Marguerite Chesley, Bob Frenzel, Marilyn Middleton, Dick Nichols, Mel Hobbs, Peggy Davis, Toy Aswell, Shirley Brownfield, Lea Bracken, and John Linton.

After Easter vacation a sophomore initiation will be held for the first time this year.

BABY SITTING

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for the after they're in bed routine—"Wa-ter, wa-ter, I want water." In two cases out of three, he doesn't really want a drink, but just likes to see you dash madly up and down the steps.

Read a story to the little ones. Be sure it is something on the mental level of young children, something like Shakespeare's "Macbeth" or "Murder in the Rue Morgue."

If you leave the little darling alone, he will busy himself and not bother you—which is very nice (you think) until you check up on him, and find him in the middle of the kitchen, mixing sugar, molasses, and a few graham crackers together.

By the time the parents return, you practically have the screaming meemies, but control yourself, smiling pleasantly and answering "yes" to the question of, "Was he a good child?" If they only knew!

Spring Is Really Here

With good weather breaking through, softball season is once again in the limelight. Practice began last week, and quite a few girls came out for the team.

As yet the schedule has not been drawn up.

Miss Baker is going to coach the team this year (to victory, we hope).

staff, it may round into good shape with coming practices.

Mr. Meserole's golf squad, the most under publicized team at Blair last year, will tee-off shortly against a snappy interhigh foursome. Last year the golf team emerged victorious in seven of nine matches, a better percentage than any other Blazer team of last year.

The mainstay will be Bob Wolfe, a fine linksman, who will be found tough by opposing golfers. Danny Lyons, a fourth man, will be another letterman returning. Danny has improved and will be up against stiffer competition this year.

Getting into the swing of things will be Eugene Wolfe, the cousin of Bob, who from all reports will have no trouble in finding his way against interhigh competition.

It's not too much to ask that these teams receive support, for they can make as much of a name for Blair as any other team and its hard to put one's heart in any activity unless one has student support (so I've been told).

Let's all get out and root for Red and White squads to victory.

Monogram Awards Conclude Series of Year's Assemblies

The gym was the scene of an Awards Assembly held on June 4. At this time students who had successfully completed the required amount of work received their monograms.

After a suspenseful build-up Mr. Concannon awarded to Victor Jungk the Harvard Prize Book on behalf of the Harvard Club of Washington, D.C., for scholarship, citizenship, and participation in school activities.

Seen receiving their monograms were Vic Jungk, William Thompson, Virginia Evan, Evan Arrington, Richard North, Mary Jean Ellington, Annette Haynes, Betty Joseph, Bob Alexander, Betty Lee, Mary Jane Doane, Laura Lee Degen, Jane Gale, Bette Gill, Peggy Davis, Anne Swayzee, Muriel Sandifer, Ronnie Troxler, Don Markle, Priscilla Ridge, Bill Barker, Donna Kohl, Sonya Goodman, James Clark, Hope Henderson, Don Ferguson, Ed Griffin, John Ford, Nancy Fox, Polly Billings, Ronald Spangenberg and Jean Robertson.

Cheerleaders Receive Megaphones

Mr. Marsh, sponsor of the cheerleaders, presented the senior members of the squad with gold megaphones. Those who received these were Bea Bartlett, Pat Hall, Hope Henderson, Frank Richter, Betty Lee, Buddy Dabney, Jean Forcade, and Rae Davis.

Dorcas McLaughlin Concert Mistress

Seniors presented awards by Mr. Meserole, for their outstanding work in the band were Alvin Harding, Richard North, Bill Thompson, Anna Lee Thierry, Roy Carpenter, Leroy English, Shirley Lindsey, Tom Mullican, and Pheobe Overdoff. Other juniors and sophomores mentioned were Bob Alexander, Bill Barker, George Candish, John Linton, Dorcas McLaughlin, Winfield Talley, Gordon North, Carolyn Wilkins, Richard Schaffer, David Feldman, Tom Keller, Nick Lee, Don Lindsey, Mary Parson, Willis Poole, David Power, Don Prasisner, Buddy Wilson, John White.

Receiving their orchestra letters were Carl Behrens, Don Koch, Donnie Rissler, Julie Miller, Louise Hanson, Mary Louise Hanson, Joe Flemming, Howard Roth, George Kennebeck, Gordon Townsend, Donald DeMott, and Bob Thompson.

The chief music award, that of concert mistress for next year, was bestowed upon Dorcas McLaughlin.

Awards to the majorettes were presented by Mr. DeLauder to the following: Virginia Hendron, Barbara Browning, Peggy Sisler, Betty Butler, Peggy Bowman and to the mascot of this year's squad, Michelle Rothe.

Athletic Letters Awarded

Miss Lippy presented athletic letters to Lou Ann Walker, Beverly Hunt, Betty Pemberton, Betty Gleim, Nancy Fox, Joan Tucker, Betty Straughan, Vivian Therix and Barbara Dillon for outstanding work in sports.

Boys receiving baseball awards were Dickie Comer, Bob Finzel, Johnny Theofield, Bob Rodeffer, and Don Lashey.

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Council Submits Report

Bobby Theofield, Student Council treasurer, has submitted a financial report from the Council, as follows:

Balance on hand, June, 1947, \$143.80; amount received June, 1947, to June, 1948, \$937.09; total, \$1080.89. Total expense withdrawals for '47-'48, \$949.11; balance on hand June, 1948, \$131.78.

Some outstanding projects the Student Council has participated in are the refinishing of the stage floor, a new movie screen for Mr. Bowne, awards in general, and a loan to the Senior Prom Committee.

Junior High Students Wander Through Future Alma Mater

Ninth grade students of Montgomery Hills, Silver Spring Intermediate and Takoma Junior High visited Blair May 11, 13, and 17, respectively.

These annual tours are only a part of the work of Ann Livingston's Interscholar Relations Committee. On May 17 a similar tour was held for the parents of the incoming students, preceded by a talk and refreshments.

Ann has also taken her committee, along with the band and drum majorette corps, to visit the junior high schools, telling them something of life at Blair.

Home Ec Girls Model

Girls at Blair were entertained by a fashion show presented by the Singer Sewing Machine Company and the Blair Home Arts Department on Friday afternoon, May 27.

Introduced by Jeanne Forcade, Mrs. Mitchell, a representative of the company in turn presented the models. Wearing the clothes of a typical teen age wardrobe were Virginia Alderton, Beatrice Bartlett, Nancy Leahy, Joan Hedgecock, Betty Lou Wolfe and Beatrice Cook.

After the show Mrs. Henrietta Hincken, home arts teacher, explained the courses offered. Refreshments were then served and all girls who were not acquainted with the home arts department were taken on a tour through that section of the building.

Various Trips Keep Majorettes Moving

Blair's majorette corps has had a busy year.

In addition to strutting at many of Blair's sports events, the members of the corps were the guests of both teams at the Georgetown-St. Louis football game in October, performed six times at Uline Arena, and once at the National Guard Armory during the basketball season.

In May the Blair majorettes visited Takoma Junior High, put on a show for the veterans at Mt. Alto Hospital, participated in the AAA Washington Safety Parade, and won fourth prize at the Winchester Apple Blossom Festival.

Visits to Kensington and Montgomery Junior High Schools are planned for June. Mr. DeLauder, the Majorettes' sponsor, adds to all this the staggering information that the corps is still turning down invitations!

Johnny Theofield Emcee At Junior Banquet June 15

The last real "get together" of the seniors will be the Annual Senior Banquet, which will take place June 15 at the Wardman Park Hotel.

Toastmaster of the evening will be that well known man at Blair, Johnny Theofield, president of the graduating class.

Junior-Senior Prom Success

Smartly dressed, laughing couples dancing gayly to the soft strains of the Alaskans Orchestra, marked the Junior-Senior Prom, an event that will remain for a long time in the memories of the upper classmen of '48.

This gala occasion took place in the spacious ball room of the Kennedy-Warren Hotel June 5.

Heading the Prom Committee was Victor Jungk, junior class president. His committee consisted of Gay DeNike, Muriel Sandifer, Sid Butler, Bette Gill, Johnny Ford, Barbara MacCollum, Eileen Collins, Roland Jones, Dick Nichols, Sylvia Reed, Jim Foster, Priscilla Varney, Ronnie Troxler, Frank Lupac, Joan Hoyer, Don Lashey.

Marguerite Chesley, Valedictorian; Margaret Jean Smith, Salutatorian; to Speak at Graduation Exercises June 22

Muriel Sandifer Assumes Presidency of Library Club

At the annual Library Club banquet on Saturday, May 15, Miss Sue Aud announced the results of the recent election for officers in which Muriel Sandifer was elected president; Joan Hoyer, vice-president; Percy Goody, secretary; and Don Markle, treasurer.

Miss Aud kept everyone at the banquet in suspense until the very last minute when she presented the toastmaster, Frank Richter, with an award and then announced the winners of the election.

Earlier in the evening Frank presented awards to Ellen Ridgeway, Louise Lonsway, Buddy Doten, Evan Arrington, Donna Kohl, Betty Joseph, Anne Livingston, Bobby Rodefer, Miss Aud, Miss Appleby and Mrs. Collins for their outstanding service to the Library Club this year. Mrs. Douglass received honorary membership in the club.

Preceding the teachers' initiation, Priscilla Ridge, John Wright and Jean Robertson entertained with their vocal solos.

\$1,280 Given CARE for Support of 14 Families

Over a thousand dollars has been contributed to the CARE Program by students of Montgomery Blair this year in order to relieve war-ravaged countries of Europe.

Originally sixteen families were supported, but at the present moment fourteen needy families are being supplied with food and clothing.

From October to June, Blair has sent 114 packages and plans to send fourteen more in the month of June. For the present school year \$1,280.00 for food packages has been sent by Blairites. In the month of December alone twenty-four packages were distributed among sixteen families.

CARE parcels have been sent to France, Germany, Poland, Austria and Belgium; all the families of these lands express their deep gratitude and hope that Blair will continue to help them, according to their letters that they have sent.

Bob Preston Jockeys Gray Lark to Victory

Bob Preston has quite an interest in horses, particularly one by the name of Gray Lark.

Jockeying as usual whenever the eight year old is entered into the junior classes, Bob rode Gray Lark to victory on Sunday, May 9, at the Meadowbrook contest, sponsored by the National Saddle Horse Association.

Not only did Gray Lark win first prize as a junior hunter but also as a junior jumper, clearing four feet, six inches.

Asked about Gray Lark, Bob, a sophomore at Blair, proudly replied, "She's one of the best around here." He also mentioned that Gray Lark is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Hallman.

For having the first and second highest scholastic records of the class of '48, throughout their high school careers, Marguerite Chesley and Margaret Jean Smith have been designated to deliver the valedictory and salutatory speeches, respectively, at graduation exercises at Silver Theater on Tuesday, June 22, at 9.30 a.m.

Other graduation speakers, as chosen by vote of their classmates, are Bob Finzel, Frank Proctor and Frank Richter.

Graduation Day Discloses Recipients of Senior Honors

Various awards will be presented at the graduation exercises, including Blair Keys and B's, prizes for perfect attendance during the senior high period, a scholarship to Benjamin Franklin School of Accountancy, the Mary Graydon Scholarship to American University, and the B'nai B'rith Citizenship award presented by the Montgomery Lodge, and given to the senior who during the past year has exemplified good citizenship. The identity of recipients will not be disclosed until graduation day.

Music Class Provides Songs

Providing music for the graduation exercises will be the third period music class, who under the direction of Miss Mary C. Cross, will sing "Going Home," by Dvorak; "Ho-La-Li," an old folk song; and "Lift Thine Eyes," by Logan.

Quill and Scroll Initiates Five Student Journalists

Mary Jane Doane, Helen Merrell, Joyce Darby, Marilyn Sevilla, and Robert Alexander will be initiated in the near future into Quill and Scroll, the international organization for high school journalists.

Fourteen Blairites accepted into this organization earlier in the year will assist in the initiation, slated for the near future.

Mrs. Lucille Moler and Mrs. Alma Marshall are the faculty advisers.

Alexander Succeeds In Recent Election

Bob Alexander triumphed in the recent elections for presidency of the Student Council, the governing body at Blair. In the same elections Victor Jungk became vice-president; Joyce Duval, secretary; and Bill Larimore, treasurer.

Primaries were held first to determine the election candidates for the three open offices. Several days elapsed before the candidates were required to make a campaign speech before the assembled body. As by custom the council also appointed campaign managers to speak on behalf of each candidate at the student council assembly.

In the final election, the presidential candidate receiving the second highest number of votes automatically assumed the vice-presidential duties.

Hopeful candidates were Bob Alexander, Victor Jungk, George

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Memories, Sad and Sweet

At last comes the time when we must say goodbye. It is the last of high school, causing so many a sigh. Today school is over, and many hearts are sad. Though others are happy, for this means jobs may be had.

I remember we started like babes in the wood, Warned time and again we had to be good. Of course there were some, like Johnny and me, Who many times sat on Mr. Shaw's knee.

But it didn't take long to join the mad throng; New students soon were bound in friendship strong. When football began, studies seemed to be neglected, But reports came out and very few Es were detected.

Not only in sports did we find much pleasure, But many activities were had for good measure. A few formal dances, the vice versa besides. Caused girls to get outspoken, like two-year brides.

Vacation, oh, sweet vacation, finally arrived; School was all right, but 'twas then that we thrived. Yes, it was short, but oh, how sweet, Then it was nice coming back with old friends to greet.

Our Junior year started—this time we felt at home. Now we were acquainted with Blair from basement to dome, We were no longer small fry with only a year to go. Before we were to be seniors—how we longed for that day so!

Now we are Seniors and just beginning to know. All is not fun, we work even harder, although. Many a dance has been held, many a game the teams have won, Many times the band has performed, but still it's not all fun.

But all our activities and studies are now past, We all are prepared for life at last. Whether we further our education at some college we choose, Or start on our own in the business world, we hope never to lose. Our cherished memories of dear old Blair, memories that do rate. To all of us, the graduates of Montgomery Blair in the Class of '48.
—Don Ferguson

Good-bye, Good Luck, Have Fun!

In the years that you have attended Blair you have had but a dim concept of your graduation. Now it is suddenly upon you and it jolts you with all of its feverish preparations.

There are pictures to be taken, rings to be bought, tests to be passed, caps and gowns to be fitted, autographs to be gotten and books to be turned in.

Finally, during a brief lull in this activity, you are able to take stock of the situation. Of course, you realize that drastic changes are upon you. That familiar scene of those three red-brick buildings will no longer greet your sleepy eyes in the morning. That old schedule that you followed so habitually will be scrapped for a new daily plan of operation, and what were once living friendships will now gather dust on the shelf of yesterday.

On looking back on the broad expanse of three years, memories will come into focus—the old homeroom where you are trying to talk over the blare of the morning announcement, the daily race to the cafeteria, the gala

football field, where the boys are doing and dying for the glory of the Red and White—these are the things that flash into your mind. You picture the parking lot where the "hot-rods" are covering everybody with dust as they whip around the corner, or the assembly hall where the Christmas pageants and the noisy pep rallies are taking place, and where the guest speakers are basking in the warmth of your hospitality.

Yes, you really enjoyed yourself at Blair, and you have no regret. You have even forgotten the disappointment you received when that mark proved too heavy to raise.

Turning from yesterday and looking toward tomorrow you behold that gray, foggy wall that separates you from the future. Try as you will you cannot penetrate it with your imagination.

Just the thought of leaving high school leaves you with a certain feeling of doubt and uncertainty, and the words of the graduation speeches, such as, "grave responsibilities," "difficult

Over The Party Line

Saturday night "Smoe" Sandifer threw a party in honor of Ginny Van Derwerker, who moved to New Jersey last fall and was back for the week end. Welcoming her home were Ray Routt, Eileen Collins, Tommy Clark, Kenny Baliles, Gay De-Nike, Bob Lang, Betty Joseph, Paul Kelly, Joan Haney, Warren Russell, Sylvia Reed, Bette Gill, Jack Amick, Frank Gossman, "Toy" Aswell, Volney Schulze, Nancy Bakke, Bill Simpson, Joan Hover, "Vic" Jungk, Priscilla Varney, Jack Kleinstuber, Peggy Bowman, "Hambone" Lewis, Anne Livingstone, Dick Nichols, "Ronnie" Troxler, Rodney Dunkinson, Anne Swayzee, Frank Richter, Nancy Simpson, Charlie Snyder, Bob Cushman, Sherry Stone. Stags were Richard North, Bob Finzel, Buddy Doten, Chuck Richards, Walter Chamblin, Jerry Tobin, Tommy McNeil, Beach McShea, Alan Dodd, "Lefty" Benton, Parker Kirby and Walter Cobac.

Brearley Carroll and Pat Hamilton were elected to the line of officers and will eventually and automatically become Queen of Bethel, No. 18, Job's Daughters.

Despite the rain, lots of Blairites were seen at the beach over the holiday. Among them were Paul Taggart, Jean Yeatman, Jack Goode, Nancy Huth, Jerry Huth, Betty Lou Edmonds, Carolyn Wittauer, Frank Simons, Betsy Stewart, Dick Comer, Ann Clements, Walter Chamblin, Lee Keotzle, Jenny Coe, Betty Lamont, Tony Rose, Pat Steele, George Dove, Jackie Steele and Tim O'Callaghan.

Getting a sunburn on a hayride down to Beverly Beach were Jobe Moore, Helen Blance, Nina Bailey, Shirley Wooten, Peggy Smallwood, Evelyn Bean, Luanne Walker, Sally Curry, Virginia Baggott, Pat Beall and Ann Brown.

Celebrating Clair Randlett's birthday Saturday night at her home were Allen Wilson, Eleanor Wood, Neal Akin, Marian Ellerbe, Louis Wielding, Johnny O'Connor, Audrey Soderstrom, Betty Wieldron, Roland Williams, Mary Brennen, Bill Chapin, Dick Cole and Johnny Cornell.

Well, I'll be diggin' you later.

Alphabet Soup

Angelic	Bea Bartlett
Bashful	Nelle Hardy
Comical	Kenny Baker
Dynamic	Vera Butler
Ears	Buddy Doten
Friendly	Lorraine Ingleton
Great guy	Jimmy Clark
Happy-go-lucky	Alvin Harding
Interesting	Hope Henderson
Joker	Richard North
Killer-diller	Volney Schultz
Lover	Monroe Hite
Mischievous	Pat Heizer
Naive	Peggy Sisler
Oomphy	Rae Davis
Petite	Paul Kelly
Quiet	Jack Goode
Red hair	Frank Gossman
Spaghetti legs	Betty Lee
Tall	Jack Bennix
Unusual	Pat Hall
Voice	Bob Finzel
Winsome	Johnny Theofield
X (you name it, we'll print it)	Gee Gee Hendron
Youthful	Patty Althaus
Zestful	

problems" and "uncertain times," probably do not help to dispel your anxieties.

But cheer up! This is your graduation and a joyful occasion. And as for your ability to face the world, remember that in all the years that the "Old Red Mill on the Hill" has been grinding out graduates it has received few, if any, complaints from the world about the quality of its product.

Goodman Makes Good on Chips

Well, here we are putting out the last issue of "Chips" this year, so before she graduates, we'd like to give you (all) a bird's eye view of our hard-working editor, Sonya Goodman.

Sonya was born in Philadelphia on January 18, 1931. She entered the world as a "south paw" and has been ever since.

She moved to Washington, D. C., at the age of eight, then on to Silver Spring, where she attended Paul Junior High and Takoma Park Junior High before coming to Blair.

"Editor" Goodman has been an active young lady around Blair. She's been on **Silver Chips** Staff for three years, Quill and Scroll for two years, Library Club for two years, Majorettes one year and, among many other things, if you went to the senior play you couldn't have missed her performance as the newlywed bride.

As for her likes and dislikes, her favorite song is "Stardust," color, red or pink; band, Stan Kenton; star, Dane Clark; and she said she just adores "sax" players (wonder why? Eddie).

Pick Ups

I used to think when I was young All girls were sweet as pie. Now when I think of what I think I think I think a lie.

—Glendale High School
Explosion

I've never been dated, I've never been kissed; They say if I waited No man could resist. The lure of pure, innocent Miss. The trouble is . . . I'm fifty. "Stolen!"

The seven lives of women:

1. safety pins
2. bobby pins
3. sorority pins
4. diamond pins
5. rolling pins
6. clothes pins
7. safety pins

—The Mirror,
S. S. Palmer High School

Love-making hasn't changed in 2,000 years. Greek maidens used to sit and listen to a lyre all evening, too.—The Echo.

I wish I were a kangaroo. Despite his funny stances; I'd have a place to put the junk My girl brings to the dances.
—Orange and Black

Me had a she. Her did me dirt. I never knew she were a flirt. To those in love let I forbid, Lest they be dood, like I been did. Begged

Perfect class birthstones— Freshmen—Emerald (anything green)

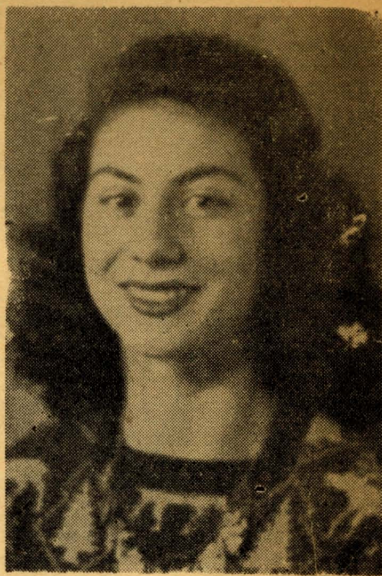
Sophomores—Moonstones (they usually get lovesick about this time)

Juniors—Grindstones (for reasons known to all)

Seniors — Tombstones (four years would kill anybody)
—Red and Gold

Ideal Faculty—

Girls' Gym Teacher — John "Muscles" Campbell
Boys' Gym Teacher — Betsy "Hefty" Stewart
Psychology — Russell Armen-trout
Spanish Teacher — Donald Gratz
Faculty Adviser — Richard North
Principal—Kenny Baker
Secretary—Lois Bergman
Journalism Teacher — Paul Taggart
Truant Officer—Joe Roberts
Banking—"Honest" John Kennedy
Band—Bob "Bee-Bop" Thompson



More of her likes are southern fried chicken, water melon, Eddie, pretty clothes, Brooklyn and the motion picture "Gone With the Wind." She hasn't many dislikes, but everyone has a few and her greatest is **discipline**; next in line are snobs and getting pulled out of bed at the ungodly hour of 8 or 9 a. m.

While attending Maryland or American University, Sonya plans to study to be an "exciting journalist." After all her dreams are realized, she expects to settle down in Brooklyn and knock out an umpire with a pop bottle. My gracious, what a ferocious woman!

Seriously, though, Sonya Goodman has been a wonderful editor and asset to Blair and all the **Silver Chips** Staff wishes her the best of everything in her future.

Seen Around Blair

Alphabet Soup

A—Senior girl, known for southern drawl

Hobbies are sewing, collecting elephants. Likes eating, sports, DON. Dislikes cauliflower and people who don't speak. Pals with Bett Gill and other people, mainly Don. Favorite food is fried chicken or shrimp. Added that she thinks Blair is tops and regrets that her full three years of high school weren't spent here.

B—Sophomore boy, athletically inclined

Hobbies are sports, period. Likes to take trips, hunt, fish and play ball. Dislikes smoking, girls (in small print) and reading. Favorite food is corn on the cob. Ambition is to become a bricklayer. Pals with Ted Davis, Bill Stubbs and Ricky Harrison.

C—Blond-headed Junior girl, active in sports

Hobbies are swimming, baseball, track and any other kind of sport. Favorite food is strawberry short cake. Likes good dances, baseball games, football games. Dislikes are mushy men, catty girls and over-crowded parties. Also Glen Echo. Pals with Rusty Southard and Dolly Burr.

Can You Imagine?

Babs without Stewart
Paul Taggart going steady
Bill Larimore girl crazy
Bob Thompson digging the classics
Muriel Sandifer getting an E
Mr. Shaw letting everyone have the day off to go to the beach
Betsy Stewart out with a guy six feet four inches
Bobby Eaves with a perfect attendance record
Miss Aud being absent
Mr. Hinckley in a bad mood
Bob Lang passing trig
Miss Appleby teaching gym
Having eight months' vacation from school

Recital Schedule Keeps Music Classes Busy

Groups Sing for Local Club

Entertainment for the Silver Spring Woman's Club was furnished by the choral groups of Blair.

The program, presented in the St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, consisted of five selections.

Numbers done by the girls' chorus consisted of "Lift Thine Eyes," by Mendlesohn; "Were You There?" a Negro spiritual; and "God of All Nature," by Tchaikowsky.

Voice Recitals Form Exams

Examinations for the Voice Class will be in the form of an annual recital, given June 16, in the music room.

Participants in this recital have been very active in school, community, church, and other activities.

Those persons who will be singing are Jim Clark, Jean Robertson, Priscilla Ridge, Doyle Yeager, Barbara Dillon, Donnie Rissler, and Patsy Piegrass.

Admission to this event will be by invitation from members of the voice class or from Miss Mary Cross, director.

Alumna Featured as Soloist

Singing for the Annual Spring Concert, held at Blair, will be the third and sixth period music classes.

The guest soloist will be Marguerite Martinelli, a former Blair student who was a member of the voice class, choral class, and glee club.

This program will be open to the public and will be held June 11.

The Prom

By DOT SEVILLA

The night was cooled by a summer breeze
That murmured softly through the trees;
The sounds of gay voices
Were hushed by a song
Of twinkling stars
In the blue beyond;
A girl snuggled tight
In her shining knight's arms;
A rustle of satin
That told of her charms;
A pause on the steps
As they kissed goodnight
And said fond farewells
In the pale moonlight;
Though there's only a memory
Of a rose or a tune,
You'll always remember
That Prom in June.

Future Journalists Watch Star Edition Go to Press

Approximately twenty students from Blair journalism class participated in a field tour of the Star newspaper building, Washington, D.C., on Friday, May 21.

The group was led through the different parts of the building and saw the makings of a newspaper in action. At the time of their arrival, the noon edition was coming off the presses for distribution and the next edition already being put together.

At the end of the tour, the students were taken to a library, where old copies of newspapers dating back as far as 1865 were inspected.

The class was under the supervision of Mrs. Lucille Moler, journalism teacher.

Alexander Succeeds

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Candish, and Don Markle for president; Sara Pryor, Bill Larimore, and Percy Goody for treasurer; Evelyn Bean and Joyce Duvall for secretary.

Fifth Term Honor Roll Reveals 110 Students

Report cards which bear the final results of the year will be issued on the morning of June 25.

However, the honor students of the fifth report card term are recorded below.

In the tenth grade are Charles Armstrong, Joan Hubbell, Nancy Butler, Betty Gene Collier, Brian Crowley, Percy Goody, Mary Ann Kifer, Nicholas Lee, Roberta Tompkins, Richard Waters, William Diedrich, Judith Anderson, Barbara Beall, Carl Behrens, Joyce Duvall, Miriam Thompson, Bradley Smith, Eleanor Wood, David Power, Bill Chapin, Eddie Hunter, Nancy Kendrick, Charles Brailer, Shirley Brown, Dorothy Shepard, Joyce Kendrick, Joan Smith, Dorothy Tomlinson, Lillian Wolfe, Lois Berry, Janet Frocke, Lawrence Collison, Lois McCurdy, Joyce Kidwell and Rowena Branthover.

Eleventh graders taking honors for this term are Anita Haferman, Pat Beall, Gloria Rausch, Ruth Cramer, Betty LaMont, Ollie M. Miller, Hilda Swartz, Genevieve Coe, Virginia Cosgrave, Agnes Minick, June Mosby, Robert Jones, Jeanne Heffner, Shirley Robbins, John Campbell, Ollie White, Joyce Atkinson, Joyce Darby, Priscilla Ridge, Betty Smythe, Dick Walker, Ronald Spangenberg, Joan Haney, Carolyn Wilkins, Gay de Nike, Betty Gleim, Maclin Roby, Robert Teale, Ed Camus, David Mann, Pat Leef, Bill Barker, Peggy Davis, Keith Donnellan, Joan Evans, Betty Fox, Lucille Ovenden, Muriel Sandifer, Bertha Shapley, Anne Swayzee, and Ronnie Troxler.

Twelfth graders taking honors for this term are Betty Wyman, Shirley Harvey, Barbara Everett, Evelyn Cocoras, Nancy Fox, Beverly St. Clair, Nelle Hardy, Betty Lee, Margaret Riggs, Thomas Warfield, Donna Kohl, Patsy Piegrass, Margaret Jean Smith, Virginia Keller, Evan Arrington, Ben Hoffman, William Thompson, Marguerite Chesley, Lillie Fisher, Louise Peake, Athan Santorios, Eugene Gingell, James Miller, Shirley Stern, Mildred Zaugg, Betty Joseph, Betty Hemstreet, Anne Livingston, Jane Gale, Polly Billings, Laura Lee Degan, Virginia Wans, Jean Robertson, and Fredrika Trippe.

"Who Am I?"

I catch the baseball for Blair and I think I am the greatest, handsomest, and roughest man alive. My friends are Walt, Bob, Paul, Frank and Betsy. (Who Am I?)

* * * *

I play pool like I play baseball. I like to stand out in left field and make errors. I have a new; old car and have never gone over 25 miles per hour. (Who Am I?)

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I am the coach of the lousiest bunch of ball players in Blair's history. Due to this fact and that I cannot find a permanent place to live in this rotten community, I am turning in my trunks and leaving for New York in July. Farewell dear Blair, fellow athletes, and Frank Simons. (Who Am I?)

WANTED

Sophomores and juniors who are interested in writing for Silver Chips next year. If you are particularly interested in writing sports, please get in touch with Paul Taggart.

He: Can I kiss you?

She: _____

He: Well?

Seh: _____

He: What's the matter, are you deaf?

She: Are you paralyzed?

School Grounds Given Face Lifting Treatment

"Beautification of the School Grounds" is the theme of the Conservation Club's project around the school ground.

As a result of complaints of adjoining property owners, Mr. John Reno, last year's P.T.A. president, made a survey of the grounds to find out what the outstanding ills were and what could be done to improve the appearance.

The Conservation Club, accompanied by state foresters and soil experts, have made numerous trips over the area, and clean-up jobs have been under way during the winter and spring. Poor and diseased trees have been cut down; good trees have been pruned; spraying has been done to kill poison ivy; and a careful selection and ordering of good trees is in process.

Paths with borders of barberry and perhaps a border of cherry or dogwood are being planned.

A contest is in progress to secure ideas for an arboretum and landscaping of the yard. The winner will be he who can present the best plan on paper.

Sixty-five flowering shrubs, donated by members of the club and parents, were planted and will later be transplanted around new buildings as they are erected.

New Field Site Chosen

The biology project at Fairland has been abandoned due to the danger of the gravel pit nearby. A new site has been selected, however, for which plans have not been completed.

I sit alone in the twilight
Forsaken by mice and men
And I murmur over and over
I'll never eat onions again.

—Middle Point High School

Mary Jean Ellington Wins Rotary Essay Contest

First prize in the essay contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Silver Spring was awarded to Mary Jean Ellington. Those receiving other honors were Lou Ann Leighton and Jim Booth, placing second and third, respectively.

The topic of the essay was "What the United States Should Do to Promote World Peace." The judges were Dr. Roy T. Davis, director of Inter-American Schools Service; Charles W. Woodward, Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit; and Dr. Reuben G. Steinmeyer, representing the University of Maryland.

Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 were presented on Wednesday, May 19, to the winners, who were guests of the Rotary Club at a luncheon held at the Indian Spring Country Club.

Mr. 'Z' Represents Faculty; Mrs. Mac Elected Again

Mr. Robert T. Zimmerman was elected by the Blair Faculty to represent them during the coming year in the Faculty Representatives of Montgomery County, a group consisting of one classroom teacher from each school faculty of the county, meeting monthly in Rockville. Mrs. Frances Andrews was named alternate.

Mrs. Elizabeth Macdonald, as a member of the Board of Directors of Classroom Teachers, has been selected by the National Education Association to attend a conference at Bolling Green, Ohio, beginning June 30. The conference will deal with the selection of teachers. She will later attend a N.E.A. conference in Cleveland.

Homecoming Planned for June 12

In hope that it will be an annual affair at Blair Homecoming is planned for about June 12, to be held at the gym on June 12.

Kathleen F. editor-in-chief of the school paper had an article published in the paper "It's All Your's" in the fifteen. For this Kathleen took over the regular "For a column discussing the ability of selecting an all-girl college.

John Kundt, class of '45, and now a student of Maryland University, was married to Deloris Landis on June 5.

It has been announced that sailor Bill Grey and Natilie Kuhn will tie the proverbial knot in September. At that time Bill will be home on a 30-day leave.

A seven pound, eight ounce boy was born to Nancy and Dutch Schulze. The baby, born in Suburban Hospital, will be called Philip Raymond.

Sonny Hood, who is president of his class at Longwood School, graduated the first week of June.

Dave Foster, class of '46, died at Providence Hospital on May 24. Though at Blair only one year, Dave was prominent in many activities despite the fact that he was in poor health. He was master of ceremonies at the Variety Show and for several assemblies, a member of the Silverlogue staff and in the Senior Play.

Answers: Seen Around Blair

A—Norma Kelly
B—Ray Luckett
C—Beverly Hunt



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"Just between you and me, I wouldn't trade jobs with anyone!"



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NEWS AND INTERVIEWS

By PAUL TAGGART

year's baseball
ed a game un-
week in Fairfax.
first night game

started about 8.35
low at the start.
back and forth for
with Fairfax out
then with two out
b Theofield hit a
tying the score at
en picked two men
ir eighth and they
compliment, down-
in the ninth,
one, two, three. In the ninth
both sides went down again in
order, but in the tenth Fairfax
loaded the sacks and a sharp
single by Ken Tomes put the
game on ice for Fairfax and the
lights for Blair.

Speaking of light, things look
pretty dark for next year in the
coaching department here at
Blair. Coach Continetti has
handed in his traveling papers
and is taking off for New York
in the summer. Mr. Creme also
is uncertain as to whether he is
staying or leaving Blair next
year. If a place can be found
for him to live Mr. Creme will
stay, but I am afraid a place
won't keep Mr. Continetti.

You all know that Mr. Conti-
netti came to Blair during the
war when he was attending
Maryland University, where he
played football. At that time
Blair had no football and he was
forced to coach basketball and
baseball, both of which were
very unfamiliar to him. But he
managed to defeat Bethesda in

both sports quite frequently.

When the county admitted
football, Coach, with the material
he had, turned out three fine
teams and one (last year) not so
fine.

He then took on a helper who
made an overnight hit with the
students and other teachers. His
name — Mr. or Coach Tony
Creme, who took up the backfield
coaching in football and chief of
the basketball and track teams.
Now that Blair has a chance
to become a name school with
the help of the new stadium, it's
almost a crime to see such fine
coaches leave Blair.

Well, changing the subject,
miracles still happen, I think.
Do you know that Bob Rodiffer
was batting .098 with 3 hits in
21 times at bat, before he went
into the last 4 games this season?
And he came out batting .314.
Don't see how you do it, Bob,
but congratulations!

P. S.—In football season Paul
Kelly was scolded for being too
rough and causing too many
penalties. Last week I was talk-
ing to a few Maryland College
boys of a few years back, and
in one game 190 yards on pen-
alties were marked against Mary-
land. Over 150 of those yards
were charged to Reno Continetti.
Well! I guess experience is the
best teacher. Bye, bye, Coach.

Blair Topples Gaithersburg 10-4

Bob Rodeffer, Johnny Ford
and Bob and Johnny Theofield
were individual batting champs
as Blair put a 10-4 "shiner" on
Gaithersburg at Gaithersburg
last week.

"Rapid" Rodeffer boosted his
batting average some 120 points
by banging out three singles in
four trips to the plate. Bob
Theofield also obtained three
bingles out of five times at bat.

The two Johns got two hits
each leading the way for the
others.

Blair was never in danger, and
played seven errorless innings.
Gaithersburg played well also but
was outclassed from start to end.

Box score:

Blair	AB	R	H
B. Theofield	5	3	3
J. Theofield	5	2	1
Luckett	4	1	0
Harrison	4	1	0
Chamblin	4	1	0
Comer	2	1	0
Ray	1	0	1
Richards	3	0	0
Rodeffer	4	3	2
Ford	3	2	3
Totals	35	14	10

Gaithersburg	AB	R	H
Federline	4	0	0
Manuel	4	1	1
Tetlow	4	1	0
Thomas	4	1	1
Webb	4	0	0
Kinsey	3	0	1
Beall	3	0	0
Owens	3	0	1
Bogley	3	0	0
Harper	3	2	0
Fitzwater	3	2	0
Totals	38	5	4

Poet's Corner

What a Relief

The sofa sagged in the corner,
The shades were pulled just so,
The family had retired and
The parlor light burned low.
There came a deep sigh from the
sofa,

As the clock was striking two;
The senior slammed his textbook
shut
And slowly breathed "I'm thru."

"Blunders" Blunder Into Win; Defeat Blazerettes

The day had come at last!
The Blair Blunders were again
out to beat the Blazerettes. The
Blunders trotted out on the field
with their gay (?) uniforms and
their white hats flapping in the
breeze. There was a great cheer
as these famous Blair Blunders
appeared.

Then the Blazerettes came on-
to the field. They knew this was
going to be a hard game to win,
and they were out to do their
best if it killed them (which it
just about did).

In the first inning the Blun-
ders took the lead by a 3-run
margin. The score was 7-4. The
Blazerettes had a look of deter-
mination on their faces as they
went out in the field in the sec-
ond inning. But something hap-
pened. They kept missing balls
and the runs kept pouring in.
Every time a ball was thrown to
first base, "Doctaire" Lippy al-
ways happened to get it before
the first baseman could and gave
it a heave out over the fielders'
heads. There were more runs in
the game. "Miss" Collins got up
to bat and tried to bunt, but
somehow the catcher got it—the
bat that is—almost in the face.

In the third inning the Blazer-
ettes almost caught up to the
Blunders but when "Fly Ball"
Aud pulled down a beautiful fly
ball, the inning was over. As
the Blunders came to bat for the
last time, "Doctaire" Lippy sug-
gested that the Blazerettes get
in a huddle and see what was the
matter. While they were in a
huddle, the Blunders started run-
ning around the bases and scored
about three runs before the
Blazerettes could get to their
senses and find the ball (which
was mysteriously missing).

So the game went on. "Bowling"
Green showed her ability
to hit by getting a single to left
field; "Slugger" Silvey got a
double, and "Criss" Cross got a
hit. Then "Mama" Baker got
up to bat and hit a homerun that
somehow happened to almost go
into the creek. "Long Shot"
Kellums flied out, but "Bat Boy"
Wright got a hit and "Shut Out"
Sherry sent her home with a
double. Then "Speedy" Shannon
and "Bunt 'Em" Bratt grounded
out to end the game. The Blun-
ders won by a score of 25-22.

"Doctaire" Lippy must be con-
gratulated for her pitching and
"Mama" Baker for her catching;
and, last but not least, "Criss"
Cross for her beautiful catching
at first base.

The Blazerettes will be out to
beat the "Blunders" next year.
So, "Blunders," you'd better
keep in practice.

Monogram Awards

Continued from Page 1

Bob Theofield, Chuck Richards,
Johnny Ford, Ray Luckett, Walt
Chamblin, Ricky Harrison and
Kenny Baker.

Mr. Creme presented awards
for work on the track team to
Bill Mess, Bill Chapin, Russell
Armentrout, Ed Mighel, Maurice
Boindise, Baynard Cherrix, Bob
Teale, and Bob Jones.

Receiving letters from Mr.
Grove for outstanding work on
the tennis team were Jimmy
Walters, Henry Weeden, Leonard
Lusby, and Bob Ewing.

Mr. Steiner presented awards
to the rifle team. Those who re-
ceived awards were Stuart Col-
vin, Don Lashley, Johnny Wright,
Mel Hobbs, and Jerry Young.

Presented letters for outstand-
ing work on the golf team were
Eugene Wolfe, Robert Wolfe,
Lloyd Kelley, Carl Dabbs, Don
Ferguson, Hugh McLaughlin, Bill
Foy, Charles James and Danny
Lyons.

Section 12-5 was presented a
letter by Mr. Continetti for be-
ing undefeated in intramurals.

Blair Nine Wins Over Prep, 5-4

Last week the Blazer nine trav-
eled to Georgetown Prep to earn
a 5-4 extra inning decision over
the Prepmen.

The host team got off to a good
start, combining two hits, a walk
and an error for two runs in the
first inning. Lefty Bob Finzel
settled down and allowed no hits
until the fourth inning when No-
lan singled and scored on an
error. Georgetown made it 4-0
after scoring again in the fifth.
Meanwhile Blair had obtained
only two hits off Garrett, one a
double by Ricky Harrison.

In the eighth, a Blair outburst
of four runs evened the score.
Johnny Theofield led off with a
home run to deep center field.
Two walks and a hit later loaded
the bases, and then John Ford
tripled, driving in three runs.
Both sides were retired in the
seventh, and extra innings were
necessary. Bob Rodeffer and Dick
Comer started the eighth with
singles and a walk filled the
bases. The Red and White pulled
a successful triple steal with the
notably slow Rodeffer tallying.
The win was the seventh in
twelve starts and assured Blair
of a winning season.

Continetti to Leave Blair

"Had it not been for the fine
cooperation of the administration,
faculty, and students I would
never have been able to do what
I have done," were the words of
Mr. Reno Continetti, director of
boys' athletics, as he announced
that he will not be returning to
Blair next fall.

Coach Continetti will say good-
bye to Blair to take a position
in his hometown high school, in
Syracuse, New York, an advance-
ment over the position here, where
he began teaching five years ago.

GOLF SUMMARY

The Blair golf team of 1948
has come through with a spark-
ling record of wins this year,
losing only two of its eight starts.
Comparing the records of this
year's golf team and last year's,
there is little difference in record.

Last year the team won six,
tied two, and lost one. There were
only three veterans this year
from last year's team—Don Fer-
guson, Bob Wolfe, and Danny
Lyons.

This year's golf team has won
over St. John's, 6-0; Western,
7-2; Georgetown Prep, 8-1; Wil-
son, 8-1; Gonzaga, 6-3; and Dev-
itt, 8-1. Their only defeats were
from Coolidge and Bethesda, 7-2
and 5-4, respectively.

The members of the golf team
were as follows: first man, Bob
Wolfe; second man, Gene Wolfe;
third man, Don Ferguson; fourth
man, Lloyd Kelley; fifth man,
Carl Dabbs; and sixth man, Mac
McLaughlin. Other team members
were Danny Lyons, Billy Foy,
Charles James, Robert Dixon, and
manager Frank Gossmann.

The Blazer golf team has ad-
vanced more than any other
golf team in the district in the
last two years and is noted as
one of the best, if not the best.

There are only two members of
this year's golf team that will
not be back next year; Don Fer-
guson and Carl Dabbs. The golf
team of next year expects to be
the best in the Metropolitan and
suburban area.

The golf team has two matches
to play yet this year with Ana-
costia and Roosevelt, which, how-
ever, are not in the Metropolitan
League with Blair. The Metropol-
itan League was won by Bethesda
and the schoolboy champion, Billy
D. Wolfe of Montgomery Hills
Junior High.

Blair Downed By Barons 13-2

After winning the first game
of the season from Bethesda last
week, May 28, they dropped the
second and deciding game 13-2
on their home diamond.

Harrison started the game and
was pounded out of the box in
the third inning. Bob Finzel was
next and within two innings he
also was knocked out. Then came
Gordon North, who lasted the re-
mainder of the game and showed
more than did the two preceding
pitchers before him. Blair played
very poor ball and as the result
they tied instead of won the
county championship with Bethes-
da, both winning one and losing
one.

"The Rookie"

By DOT SEVILLA

You're up to bat
The ball's coming fast
You get ready to strike
It wizzed past.
The pitcher winds up
You hang on tight
"Strike two"
No ball was in sight.
Your feet scrape the ground
Your mouth closed taut
There's not a sound;
You raise your arm to strike
With evil in your eye—
You see it coming
And let the bat fly!
Away goes the ball
It dribbles past first
You make a mad dash
You'll get there or burst!
Your foot on the base
You wait your chance to run
You finally get to second
And know you've almost won;
On third you catch your breath
Your pride seems to beam
At last you made it
You're a rookie on the team!

Girls Place Second In Track Meet

The girls' track team traveled
to Bethesda for their first meet
of the season on Friday, May 21.

Although the Blair team did
not place very high, Nancy Fox's
baseball throw of 87 feet, 11
inches not only brought her a
second place but beat her last
year's record.

In the second track meet, the
girls' track team and "B" Club
played host to 5 of the county
schools in a meet here at Blair
June 3. The meet started off
with the 50 yard dash and the
baseball throw in which Blair
ran second and third places and
second in the running broad jump.

Bethesda won the meet with
21 points, with Blair and Sher-
wood tying for second place with
14 points each.

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Girls' Softball Season Ends With Close Loss

Tuesday, May 11, the Blair
girls played host to Damascus.
Nancy Fox led the hitting with
three home runs. It was a close
game, with Damascus winning
16-15.

On the following Thursday,
May 14, the girls traveled to
Annapolis, where the game was
called in the sixth inning because
of rain. The final score was
23-16, in favor of Annapolis.

The next game, Blair was guest
of Bethesda to play their second
time for the season. It was an
exciting game with Blair leading
all the way and ending with
Blair the victor 11-4.

The last game of the season
was on Friday, May 28, when
Blair played host to a strong
Fairfax team, but Blair fought
hard all the way, only to lose
16-4.

The season closed with 4 wins
and 4 losses.

Outstanding Players Receive Varsity Awards

Friday, June 4, Miss Lippy
and Miss Baker played hosts to
all members and managers of the
girls' varsity teams of the year.

The girls celebrated all their
victories with a picnic supper and
scavenger hunt. Later they re-
turned to Miss Lippy's residence
to have the presentation of the
basketball awards.

Individual trophies were re-
ceived by Lois Bergman, the
outstanding forward of the year;
and the second trophy was pre-
sented to Nancy Fox, the out-
standing guard of the year. Both
girls will have their names added
to the "Winged Victory", Blair's
trophy dedicated to outstanding
players of the varsity teams.

In addition to these special
awards, Miss Lippy gave to each
senior girl a copy of the poem,
"Prayer of a Sportsman."

The party was such a success
the coaches hope to make it an
annual affair.