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State Student Organizations To Meet in Baltimore Next Week; Many Blairites Will Attend

Future Teachers, Press, Library Clubs to Meet

In connection with the meeting of the Maryland State Teachers' Association October 20, 21, and 22, the state Council of Student Library Clubs, Scholastic Press Association, and Future Teachers of America will also have activities.

The Maryland Scholastic Press Association will sponsor an exhibit of school publications, prizes, and journalism references at the Fifth Regiment Armory. Silver Chips staff members who will help with the exhibit are Charles Brailer, Pat Parkman, and Patty Levendoski. Mrs. Lucille Moler and Mrs. Alma Davidson will attend a luncheon for advisors at the Lord Baltimore Hotel on October 21.

Clark to Run

Members of library clubs all over the state will meet in the Enoch Pratt Library Friday morning. Miss Phyllis Fenner, librarian of the Plandome School in Manhasset, New York, will be their guest. The program will include book reviews by Mrs. Margaret Edwards, head of the Young People's Division of the Pratt Library, and election of state officers. Miss Stickley has requested that as many Blair Club members as possible be present, as Blairite Carleton Clark will be running for the presidency of the Maryland Library Council.

Future Teachers of America will begin their meeting at Towson Teachers' College Friday evening with a box supper provided by the college cafeteria.

F. T. A. to Exhibit

The meeting will feature a panel discussion, aimed at helping to organize new F. T. A. chapters and to stimulate existing ones, prepared by the chapters of three high schools and three colleges. Mrs. Wilda Freeborn Faust, national director of F. T. A., National Education Association, will act as consultant. The meeting will close with a discussion of a state-wide program.

Materials prepared by local F. T. A. chapters will be on exhibit.

Twenty-one Blair F. T. A. members have signed up to attend the meeting.

PTA To Show Fashions

The Parent Teachers' Association of Blair will present their annual fashion show October 19 at 8:00 P. M. in the Silver Spring Armory.

The new fall fashions will be modeled by girls from Blair along with some professional models. The Hecht Company of Silver Spring and Washington will supply the clothes.

The Blair orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Harrison T. Meserole, will also provide entertainment.

State Musicians Plan Concert Rehearsals

The state band, orchestra, and chorus will begin rehearsal clinics on October 19 in Baltimore City College, Eastern High School, and Polytechnic Institute Auditoriums respectively.

The purpose of the rehearsal clinics, Miss Mary Cross explained, is not only to prepare for concerts on Friday and Saturday, but to teach advanced techniques, give students the experience of working with large groups and "raise the standard of music teaching in the state."

Concerts to Be Given

Conductors of these groups will be Arthur H. Brandenburg, Supervisor of Music, Elizabeth, New Jersey, band; Dr. Louis Wersen, Supervisor of Music, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, orchestra; Dr. Luther W. Goodhart, Dean of Music education, New York University, Chorus.

Concerts will be given by the band and combined orchestra and chorus on October 21 and 22 respectively for the Maryland Teachers' Association. The combined groups will present a concert for the public Friday evening at the Polytechnic Institute Auditorium.

Students Chosen for Chorus

Members of the three organizations will be the guests of the Baltimore Department of Recreation and Parks at a party and dance Thursday evening in the Eastern High School Gymnasium.

Blairites who were selected for the state chorus at auditions in June are Carol Bauer, Anne Simpson, Jean Edwards, Phyllis Harrison, and Sally Cameron. Blair band members participating will be Bobby Carr, Dan Levine, Don Praisner, and Nick Lee, while Jeanne Rembert, Howard Roth, and Neal Hillerman will represent Blair in the state orchestra. Miss Mary Cross, Mr. Harrison Meserole, and several mothers will accompany the group, who will stay at hotels in Baltimore.

NOL Sponsors Essay Contest for Students

To those students who attended Community Day at N. O. L. (Naval Ordnance Laboratory) on September 28, there is offered an essay contest, sponsored by the Technical Reserve of the Laboratory.

The essay will be entitled "Impressions of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory" and the prizes range from a \$100 savings bond first prize, to a \$25 bond for third. Second prize is a \$50 savings bond.

The essays are to be from three hundred to one thousand words and are to be written in manuscript form on standard sized paper.

The manuscripts must be turned in at school before October 26.

The winners will be announced on or before November 8.

Students To Work With BandBoosters

The Band and Majorettes recently selected representatives to the "BBB," otherwise known as the Blair Band Boosters.

Representing the Band and Majorettes, respectively, on the various committees are Bill Stimpson and Marlita Scott on the Ways and Means Committee, the chairman of which is Mr. Arnold Anderson; Willis Poole and Lorene Ladd working with Mrs. Laura Power on the Membership Committee; Dick Batman and Aimee Lou Johannes working with Mrs. Charles Lee on the Supply and Equipment Committee; Percy Goody and Martha Smith on the Publicity Committee with Mrs. Mildred Smith.

Aim at Unity

Working with Mr. Carter C. Hubbel on the Engagement Committee are Danny Levine and "Tap" Hubbel; and on the Uniform Committee with Mrs. Dorothy Keller as chairman, are David Power, Phil Hendrick, and Aimee Lou Johannes. As ex-officio member to all committees is Bill Diedrich, Student Council President.

The Band and Majorettes are represented in the "BBB" for the first time this year, the purpose being to unify the efforts of all three groups to make the Band and Majorettes Corps "the best," and to enable the members of the student groups to understand more clearly the responsibilities of sponsoring such a group.

Mr. Batman President

These representatives will help plan in their respective committees the transportation to various engagements, the selection of appropriate engagements, the recording of all supplies, equipment, and uniforms, due publicity for activities, and the enlistment of new members in the Band Boosters.

On Monday, October 3, the "BBB" held their first meeting of the year. Mr. C. B. Batman and Mr. Arthur Stack were elected President and Vice-President, respectively.

Mr. Shaw Visits State, National Conferences

Mr. Daryl Shaw, Blair principal, attended two education institutes earlier this month.

The first, a Leadership Training Institute, sponsored by the Maryland State Teacher's Association, was held at Braddock Heights, Maryland, September 30 and October 1.

Train Education Leaders

The purpose of the institute was to find ways of making the State Teacher's Organization more helpful to teachers.

October 5 Mr. Shaw attended a National Conference on Driver Education at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, as one of the six representatives of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

AAA Co-sponsors

This conference, sponsored by the National Education Association, and co-sponsored by the American Automobile Association, met to develop policies for driver education in the schools.

Fene Leads Student Court; Pease, Farquhar Seniors

Larimore, Crum, Hazell Head Three Classes;
Monogram Group Names Viedt, Pease, Ladd

As a result of last Monday's elections, Dick Fene is now chief justice of the Blair Court.

Also elected were twelfth grade justices Bobby Pease and Brooke Farquhar, juniors Clarton Clark and Carol Funk, and sophomores Jon Hardee and Buster Brown.

The Blair Court, now in its second year, was formed last spring under the auspices of the Student Council to try cases of repeated misconduct in the student body.

Brown Sparkles in NOL Science Quiz

Richard Brown, a senior, put his science knowledge to good use at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory's open house on September 29.

It all came about when Dick proved to be the sole contestant on the inter-county science quiz show on Station WGAY who could answer correctly all questions asked him.

Richard, the only Blairite on the Montgomery County trio, collected thirty points for his team which, nevertheless, lost to Prince George's County.

400 Students Attend

Over 400 students from the physics, chemistry, metal shop and mechanical drawing classes attended the Community Day, which featured many fascinating exhibits.

One demonstration showed how to use liquid air to run a steam engine, fire a toy cannon or turn off an electric light.

In the hynronamics section a super slow-motion film showing the effect of falling spheres in water was exhibited.

Eternal Flow in Kitchen Sink

Two of the most interesting items, judging from the size of crowds around them, were the ever-running faucet and the "kissometer." The former was of the kitchen sink variety, hanging from a wire hook and spouting forth in true Niagara Falls tradition, but not visibly attached to any pipe. The latter was very seldom used but at all times enjoyed a large audience. One couple used it but "only in the interest of science."

Under the command of Rear Admiral Frank E. Beatty and the technical direction of Dr. Ralph D. Bennett, the NOL conducts research in such varied subjects as munitions, X-rays, plastics and magnetic and atmospheric influence.

In the NOL environmental test labs nearly all conditions existing on the earth can be duplicated. Temperature ranging from 100° F. below to 200° F. above can be produced as well as pressure equal to that one half mile deep in the ocean or that as high as an airplane can fly, enabling Navy scientists to study their equipment.

'Sorry' Isn't Enough!

The shooting accident which occurred at lunchtime on October 3 was extremely unfortunate and all those concerned are sorry.

But being sorry isn't enough! A boy's life was nearly lost and only by a delicate operation was he saved.

It seems that all those involved were in error. First, the boys with the rifles were disobeying an ordinance which prohibits the use of firearms in a heavily populated area such as the one in which Blair is located.

Secondly, the victim of this tragic mishap was not eating his lunch in the proper place. How many times have students been asked to eat their lunch in the cafeteria?

Perhaps the whole matter could have been avoided if this word had been heeded—THINK!

Monogram Committee Chosen

In addition to members of the Court, a representative was chosen from each grade to serve on the monogram committee. John Viedt, senior; Ronny Pease, junior; and Sally Ladd, sophomore, will represent their classes. Earlier, class officers were elected for the '49-'50 school year.

Larimore Again Leads Seniors

In the senior class Bill Larimore was chosen president. Bill has led his class since the tenth grade. Bill Schief was elected vice-president; Patty Levendoski, secretary; and Dick Fene, treasurer.

Junior class officers are Charles Crum, who was elected president, for the second successive year; Herschel Forcey, vice-president; Charlene Kreh, secretary; also for the second year; and Eddie Lee, treasurer.

The Class of '52 chose Roger Hazell as its president; Ben Koloski as vice-president, Mary Forcade, secretary; Buster Brown, treasurer.

This year, legislature representatives were elected from the classes at large rather than one from each section, as in previous years. Senior representatives are Carolyn Wittauer, Patty Levendoski, Janice Patton, Joan Baker and Bill Schief.

Nominating Committee Formed

Tom Dillon, Eddy Lee, Nancy Allen, Lloyd Smoot, and Sonny Holt will represent the eleventh grade, while Joyce Linton, Mary Forcade, Roger Hazell, John Armstrong, Gerry Robbins represent the sophomore class.

In addition to coordinating the Student Council and student body, this year the class representatives will also form a nominating committee to nominate all candidates except the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the Student Council, the Chief Justice, and the Blair queen. According to the Blair constitution, these candidates must be chosen by preliminary ballot.

However, students may write in their choice of candidates on the ballot, if they wish someone other than those nominated by the committee. This new plan is thought by the Council to be most fair to all the students.

My Girl Is Crazy-- About Football

It's a cool, crisp typical football day, no clouds in the sky. The car for the day and, ah! yes, my girl, enthusiastic? She's so-oo enthusiastic she never stops cheering, even when the other team makes a basket, or homerun. See!! she's even got me doing it.

Let me tell you about the game. I'll never forget (how could I?)

It's a Saturday, a wonderful Saturday, our opening game of the season. There we sit, the best seats in the stadium, me in my best pair of dungarees and brightest red sweater and my girl in her best fur coat and her highest spiked heels.

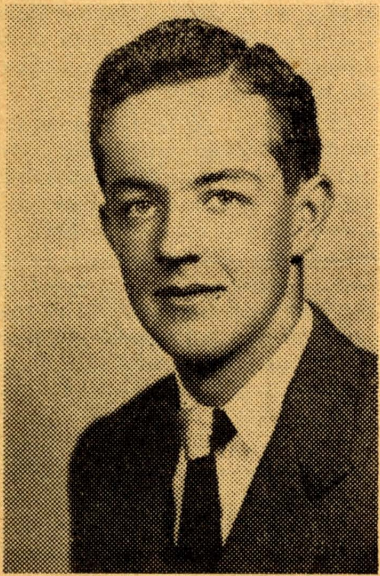
The football team eagerly charges on to the field. Everyone stands up and cheers his team—everyone but my girl, who turns her back. It seems she is mad at one of the players.

The whistle sounds and the kick-off only a matter of seconds—what does my girl think, nothin'. My girl is much too involved in a movie magazine—"Why should I watch them, they're not watching me?" The kick-off is perfect, a beautiful kick received by Marrancinshi; that's the boy flash.

"Let's go," I say. "Only 100 yards for a touchdown, you can do it." The crowd's going wild. Our boy Marrancinshi's running the ball for a sure TD, the blocking's perfect, and he makes good use of it.

"How do you like the game, honey?" I asked my girl, but no answer for she is actually watching the game and she actually had an expression on her face, dumb, but an expression. Then she looks at me and mutters, "What's he running away from all those great big boys for? They just want to help him carry that little ole ball."

Our Johnny Is Good as Gold



John Eagleton

Chairman of the Student Activity Committee, member of the Library Club and Dance Committee (chief ladder climber), assistant Drum Major in the Blair Band, and a golf letter man, is our boy Johnny.

Born (yes!) in the city of Brotherly Love (Philadelphia) on September 20, 1932. He departed from those parts and almost immediately took up residence in Washington, D. C. Later, by cara-

What Would Blair Classes Be Like If:

Ann Gummel and Percy Goody didn't get along so well?

Nobody had to report to the office in the morning?

Cassanova Howard Roth didn't like Marna Shultz?

Mrs. Powell didn't have her southern accent?

Bob McLoed had been elected senior treasurer?

All the lockers had locks?

Helen Blanche knew all about the typewriter?

Just once the halls weren't crowded between classes?

Joann Wyatt didn't have a smile for everyone?

Jean Faulconer had long hair?

Men didn't work on the fire alarms? English classes didn't laugh at the mention of Michael Wigglesworth?

Mrs. Enright never gave us an outline?

Bob Preston was never late?

Mr. Meserole didn't have a good humor?

Mickey Miller didn't have beautiful clothes?

The teachers went on strike?

Bob Stein's BOLT SLINGER broke down?

Buddy Curbow did his own homework?

Mary Lasher didn't sparkle at the mention of her steady, Ray?

Don DeMott's California girl came back?

Some girl could get a date with Alfred Stuckey, the 11-7 girls' dream?

Phil Hendrick got past page 70 in his drivers' training book?

John Thompson drove at ten miles an hour?

Betty Fincham wasn't nice to everybody?

Eddie Hunter and Nancy Kendrick didn't go steady?

van, he arrived and homesteaded with the aid of his parents—in our own little Silver Spring.

He was initiated into the mysteries of book larnin' at Parkside and in the course of time gravitated to Montgomery Hills—where he held various class offices.

He spent his first year of high school at Calvin Coolidge, incidentally becoming a member of their cheerleaders (it was commonly accepted that he was the prettiest one on the squad.) Then in his junior year, he came to Montgomery Blair, and has since made quite a place for himself.

Upon graduating from high school, he plans to attend Cornell University, study architecture, and then, probably, go into business with a view toward settling on the eastern shore of Maryland.

For the past two summers, he has been studying child psychology first hand, working as a counselor at Camp Letts. But when the little monsters became unbearable, he found relief by indulging in his yen for sailing.

As to his likes, well, he says he's allergic to hay, but loves those hayrides. Also, dancing and Baltimore (what's her name again?)

He states that his dislikes are numerous, among them being snooty gals, tuna fish salad, poor sports and carbonated water.

Ohhh-Frankie!!

With football season in full swing life could not be complete without parties, parties and more parties.

Many brave senior girls swooned at the Capital over their new heart throb last Friday night and watched Susie Mitchell's imitations, Vic Damone? Oh, no! Frankenstein.

After that Marcia Nauman had quite a slumber party. Ask Syd Hepler, Carolyn Wittauer, Janice Patton, Helen Blanche, Nina Bailey, Sue Mitchell, Audrey Soderstrom, JoBe Moore, Maureen Marr, Aimee Lou Johannes, Bev Peacock and, of course, Marcia.

Latest additions to the Ball and Chain Society are Sara Pryor and Jimmy Mills, Margie Engle and Louis Simpson, Lynn Waters and Willie Poole. Good luck.

Sligo Cabin was quite a busy place a few weeks ago with quite the weinie roast and quite the gay crowd, including Helen Blanche and Billy Foy, Wanda Lee Jones and Rit North, Syd Hepler and Jimmy Downs, Janice Patton and Jimmy Williams, Carolyn Wittauer and Bernie Foy, Tap Hubbel and Jack Amick, Betty Lu Sampson and Willie Poole, Miriam Thompson and Chuck Armstrong, Lorene Ladd and Buddy Wilson, Dotty Reagh and Johnny Ford, Beverly Peacock and Bobbie Mackie (Central), Marlita Scott and Bill Chapin, Eleanor Wood and Warren Russell, Betty Lu Edmonds and Ernie Clifford, Pat Randolph and Del Taylor, Irmalee Ady and Bob Appelby, Marion Ellerbe and Ray Luckett, Aimee Lou Johannes and Lloyd Kelly, JoBe Moore and Johnny Davis, Joyce Duvall and Bob Frenzel, Margie Engle and Louis Simpson, Nanci McCaleb and Jimmy Marrinan and lots and lots more.

Joan Fales and Tex (Bullis), Myra Godsey and Mac Scott (Bullis) spent last Saturday dining and dancing at Ding How's.

Last Sunday afternoon Marty Smith and Ed Robbins, Chuck Richards and Mickey Robins spent the day picnicking at Meadowbrook.

Betty Wittauer, Sue Wittauer, Sally Shanklin and Laura Soule and some Quantico Marines also went picnicking last week.

Cruising Around

While journeying through the halls, don't be surprised if a sudden explosion sounds in your ears; it's merely Karen Kruse blowing her turquoise bubble gum.

It has been rumored that the French class is desperately searching for a teacher who can speak French. Not that Nick Lee's efforts aren't appreciated, but what's to happen if he doesn't do his homework.

Artistic temperament is running over in the art class with Lloyd Lilly wearing a lavender smock covered with blue flowers for inspiration while Norma Bergo takes her trusty little ax to a tree trunk.

Just for curiosity's sake, it would be interesting to know just why Shirley Graham keeps asking people if they believe in smiling. Don't worry, Shirley, it's not that bad.

Best Wishes

All Blairites send sincere greetings to Miss Julia Foley, health nurse, and are looking forward to her speedy recovery and return. Her absence from Blair has been felt greatly by all.

He Comes From the Other Building



WANTED:

One 1949 Chevy to arrive—see Mr. Maguire

A tall blond fella by Maureen Marr

An uncrowded cafeteria by everybody

Jack Adler—two-day holiday three times a week with Sundays off

More letters from the state of Virginia by Ann Craig

Brakes for Blair hotrods

A machine for passing notes—see Sonia Houlon

An automatic counting machine for the election committee

No report cards at all instead of every nine weeks

A complete outline of *Macbeth* by eleventh grade students

A school bus that has room—Johnny White

A sports page that would put itself together by the Sports Editors

A large mirror for Mary Ann Kifer, Mary Lou Hansen, Margaret Wilding, and Shirley Smith's locker

Cokes for sale in the cafeteria

An elevator for the buildings

A nice cool 3rd floor for both buildings.

What Can I Do?

The recent convening of the U. N. General Assembly, and the even more recent discovery that the atomic "secret" is a secret no longer should have turned the thoughts of all of us to the problem of world peace.

To teenagers, with all their lives ahead of them, this problem is of special concern, for who wants to plan for a future of fear and hatred and destruction which may exterminate the whole human race?

"But what can I do?" you ask.

First, you can understand what the problem is by acquiring all the facts you can. If you are sixteen now, you'll be able to vote in five years. Now you must learn to think clearly, to choose truthful sources of information, to look at all sides of a question.

You can help spread good will and understanding by corresponding with people in other countries, and by getting acquainted with people of other races and nationalities in your own area. You can refrain from making slurring remarks about racial or religious groups or other countries.

Realizing that a hungry world cannot be a peaceful world, you can back up our own CARE program. You can avoid waste in your home. You can help preserve natural resources in your community.

Often groups of people can do more effective work than individuals. You can be active in such organizations as Church groups, Scouts, and the Junior Red Cross. You can urge your clubs to do something about world peace.

And you can practice those essentials of peace, consideration for others and fair dealing right in your own circle of family and friends. Peace begins at home; you never know where it will end.

Watch Your Steps!

In the past years Blair has grown by leaps and bounds until we now have an enrollment of 1200—350 pupils more than the school was designed to hold.

The resulting hall traffic is a serious problem despite the Order Committee's effort to maintain the proper use of the steps.

No matter how hard the committee works it will need 100% support from the student body if Blair is to remain a safe school in which to live and work.

Misuse of the stairs may lead to your downfall (that last word means what it says)!

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Marion Ellerbe Gets 'Start' at Olney

Marian Ellerbe, who has been named chairman of the reading committee for the annual senior play, got her start at the "top," so to speak, this summer when she was given a chance to play with professional actors at the Olney Theater.

In the play "Charm," a three-act comedy by John Kirkpatrick, Marian's part was "Babe" a teen-aged, love sick girl who was in love with a local boy.

Marian said, "The part was lots of fun since it was a teen-age role, and being in that category myself, made it comparatively easy to portray." She stated that she was not the least bit frightened or nervous, but that she was very much surprised to see that many of the "old hands" were suffering from stage fright. She pointed out, "It was the most wonderful feeling you can imagine. You just can't put things like that into

words."

In reply to a question about her serious intentions about acting, Marian replied, "I have always wanted to be a nurse and I believe that I will go on with my plans to do so. You know, my being in the play came as a complete surprise to me. I was visiting my aunt in Atlanta, Georgia, and received a telegram from my uncle asking me if I would be interested. Naturally I was, and left the next day for home. Until then I had never thought much about serious acting. I would like to study dramatics though."

Marian's uncle, Harry Ellerbe, who staged the play, has directed many Olney productions for the last two seasons. He also staged the opening of "For Love or Money" on Broadway last year and has played with such famous actors as the Barrymores and Tallulah Bankhead.

Miss Foley Improves

Miss Julia Foley, Blair's health nurse, is recuperating at her Rockville home from a serious operation.

She has requested the Silver Chips staff to thank the students, faculty, and student organizations for the flowers and hundreds of cards which they have sent her. In her words, she "was overwhelmed" and hopes that everyone will understand how much she appreciates their thoughtfulness.

Miss Foley, who has charge of health activities in the schools of the Eastern Suburban area with headquarters at Blair, has been in the county a number of years.

Library Club, Council To Sponsor Book Dance

Blair's annual "Book Dance" will be held tomorrow night from 9 to 12 in the gym.

This dance is presented by the Dance Committee of the Student Council for the benefit of the Library.

This year the admission will be by ticket only and books will not be acceptable. The Library hopes to buy a new set of Encyclopedia Britannica with the proceeds from the dance together with the amount recently given them by the P. T. A.

Library Members Have Busy Week

Library members had a busy week October 3-9, entertaining, being entertained, and learning.

Six members of Blair's Library Club spent the week-end of October 8 and 9 at Cambridge on the Eastern Shore, to attend a state library club meeting.

Entertained Overnight

Among those attending were Betty Gene Collier, Bill Solomon, Joyce Duvall, Ann Craig, Percy Goody and Carleton Clark, and accompanying them were club members from Baltimore and Frederick.

These students, active in state library work, traveled with Miss Elizabeth Stickley and Miss Lucille Appleby. They were entertained at a dinner and dance on Saturday, stayed overnight at the homes of some of the Cambridge Library Club members, and left for home Sunday morning.

Mrs. Una Obrock, librarian of Middletown High School was the guest of the Library Club at a luncheon in the library on October 7.

Visit Enoch Pratt

Mrs. Obrock was at Blair to observe the work of the Library Club, as the Blair Club had helped organize the Middletown Club.

In order to make the best use of the new picture file Blair acquired earlier this year, six Library Club members, visited the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore on October 3, where the head of picture files demonstrated mounting and filing.

Accompanying Miss Stickley were Helen Allie, Dotty Mosley, Judy Coleman, Carolyn Woolaard, and Bobby Shellenberger.

Recently initiated into the local club were Nancy Allen, Shirley Benner, Ann Erlanson, Betty Fincham, Nancy Flynn, Harriet Friedlander, Ann Gummel, Christa Hoffman, Kathy Macdonald, Mary McCaslin, Louise Minick, Dottie Mosely, Jeanne Rembert, Jane Richmond, Connie Turney, Ann Lee Weeks, and Carolyn Woolard.

Pat Morrow to Direct '49-'50 CARE Program

Blair's annual CARE program for 1949-50 was started last week by the coordination of Pat Morrow, last year's treasurer, and under the direction of the Welfare Committee headed by Sara Pryor.

Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Frances Andrews serve as the faculty advisers.

The program has expanded greatly since its beginning in the spring of 1947. During that year, \$50 a month was sent to Europe; in 1947-48, \$125 a month was contributed by the students for the needy across the ocean to make a total of \$1,500 for the year. Last year Blair set an enviable record by sending out \$2,000 for 20 CARE packages a month or approximately \$170 a month. For this type of service the program has been praised by the New York CARE officials.

Examples of the gratitude that is felt upon receiving these parcels has been expressed in numerous letters to Blair homerooms. One letter said, "We say everyday, when speak our daily prayer, God save this boys and girls, who send of this valuable thing for living. You can not know how it is when children are asking for bread and butter and you cannot give it to them."

Can you not feel a little bit how thankful our hearts are for your kindness? Your family reif."

Swayzee Makes Dean's List; Many At Local Colleges

Cleon O. Swayzee, II, '48, who is "Skip" to most of his friends, has made the fall semester Dean's List at Amherst College, where he is a sophomore.

To secure this rating he had to make an average of 88 or better in all of his scholastic work. He is also a member of the Lord Jeffrey Club at the college.

Alumni Over Country

Many other alumni have begun studying at different colleges and universities all over the country, although the biggest percentage have registered at Maryland University or Montgomery Junior College.

At Maryland are Danny Lyons, Dick Nichols, Delmar Taylor, Eileen Collins, Paul Taggart, Bill Mess, Frank Simons, Katharine Rhinegart, and Keith Donnelan.

Several at MJC

The attendants at Montgomery Junior College include Bobby Appleby, Joan Haney, Bill Settle, Eddie Robbins, Chuck Richards, Ernie Clifford, Ed Chapin, Julian Smith, Warren Russell, Nick Alberti, Hugh McLaughlin, and Virginia Rice.

Andy Russo and Sher Lee Cheek are taking advantage of a change of scene, both attending the University of Indiana.

Johnny Linton and Don Arming are roommates at Marietta College in Ohio.

Toy Aswell is going to Tallahassee University in South Carolina, while Betty Pemberton is taking classes at Strayer's Business College.

At Western Maryland Campus

On the campus at Western Maryland are Dorothy Bliss and Johnny Edwards.

Barbara McCollum and Lois Young are attending the Washington School for Secretaries, while Tommy Watlington is registered at Sullivan's Prep School in Washington.

Reagh, Denny Cheerleader Squad

Dottie Reagh and Jimmy Denny were elected to the cheerleader squad on Monday, September 19.

Dottie, a senior, was chosen from a group of eight to help cheer the team on to victory, while Jimmy will represent the junior boys on the squad.

Other new cheerleaders who were chosen at the close of the last school year are as follows: Juniors—Charlene Kreh, Pansy Hirst, and Sue Hall; seniors—Shirley Graham and Eleanor Wood.

Members for next year's squad will be chosen sometime in the latter part of May or the early part of June.

Majorettes Enlarge Corps; Win Trophy

Joining the ranks of the majorettes are nine sophomores and one junior.

Carol Funk, Joan Harmon, Patsy McDonal, and Lorraine Maghuson are carrying the colors. Shaking pom-poms are Sally Ladd, Janet Zumbum, June Robertson, and Beverly Green. Barbara Easter is an acrobat.

Already this year the Band and Majorettes have performed at the Fairfax and St. John's games. Also, they won the first-place trophy in competition with five other bands at Bethesda Trade Show parade, September 29.

Joan ("Tap") Hubbel was elected leader of the majorettes last spring. The group has two little mascots, Teddy Lou Kelly and Michelle Roth this year. Teddy Lou, aged 7 is an acrobat, and Michelle, 7, is a twirler.

Others going away to school are Betty Gleim, Penn State; Joanne Taylor, Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, West Virginia; Joan Lucker, Williamette University, Salem, Oregon; and David Feldmann, George Washington.

Notes on the News

Nancy Kendrick Heads Honor Society; Committees Lay Senior Play Plans

Nancy Kendrick was elected president of the Honor Society at a meeting held Thursday, September 29. Also chosen were Percy Goody, vice-president; Eleanor Wood, secretary; Sara Pryor, treasurer; and Marlita Scott, historian. The Honor Society consists of those students who have received their monograms. Mr. Harold Horn is the faculty sponsor of the group.

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The Library Club entertained the entire faculty at a surprise tea in honor of the new members of the faculty, September 9. Joyce Duvall, club president; Eleanor Wood, vice-president; Percy Goody, treasurer; and Bill Solomon, co-chairman of the initiation committee, comprised the receiving line. Betty Gene Collier, Marlita Scott, and Miriam Thompson poured.

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Plans are now underway for this year's senior class play. Although the play itself has not as yet been selected, committees are

already being organized. Mrs. Shirley Worthington is in charge of the production.

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More than thirty students and faculty members were entertained at the tea sponsored by the members of the Silver Chips staff to acquaint sophomores, active on their junior high school papers, with Blair's publications. Mary Lasher, Silverlogue editor, Charles Brailer, editor of Silver Chips, Pat Parkman, associate editor of Chips, and Patti Levendoski, feature editor, received the guests.

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Following Dickie Keller's resignation, Roland Drummond and John Eagleton were chosen as drum major and assistant drum major of the band. They will lead the band through all its marching maneuvers.

The boys were chosen through tryouts under Mr. Messerole's direction. The band's competition in New York last year necessitated a drum major.



Doctor • Lawyer • Merchant • Chief

Good telephone service is important to almost everyone. And good service starts with competent, well-trained telephone people, as shown by the following letters:

From a doctor: "The service is nearly perfect. Your operators are always efficient and their courtesy is refreshing."

From a lawyer: "No operator was ever more considerate or ever gave better service than she did. Please thank her in our behalf."

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Blazers To Face Gonzaga Eagles

Blazers' Hope Not Yet Lost, as Face Tough Teams

Blair Stadium will be the scene tomorrow afternoon of a clash between Gonzaga's Purple Eagles and the Blazers at 2:15.

Gonzaga is heavily favored because of their 3-1 record and Blair's three straight defeats, but Coach Continetti's boys have been pointing hard in the hope of achieving an upset. Gonzaga's victims were Anacostia, DeMatha, and St. John's, while their only loss was to Episcopal. The Purple Eagles downed Blair last year 24-7.

Downs Scores

The Blazers lost to St. John's at home last Saturday, 13-6, in spite of a valiant and sometimes brilliant effort to enter the win column. Blair's season record now stands at three losses, no wins.

Blair's only score came in the first period on a touchdown heave from Jim Downs to Bill Larimore. The Blazers led 6-0 at the half, to the obvious approval of the screaming crowd.

St. John's, although gaining steadily in drive and strength as the game progressed, was unable to score until the third quarter when Tom Clark plunged over the final chalkmark to tie the game.

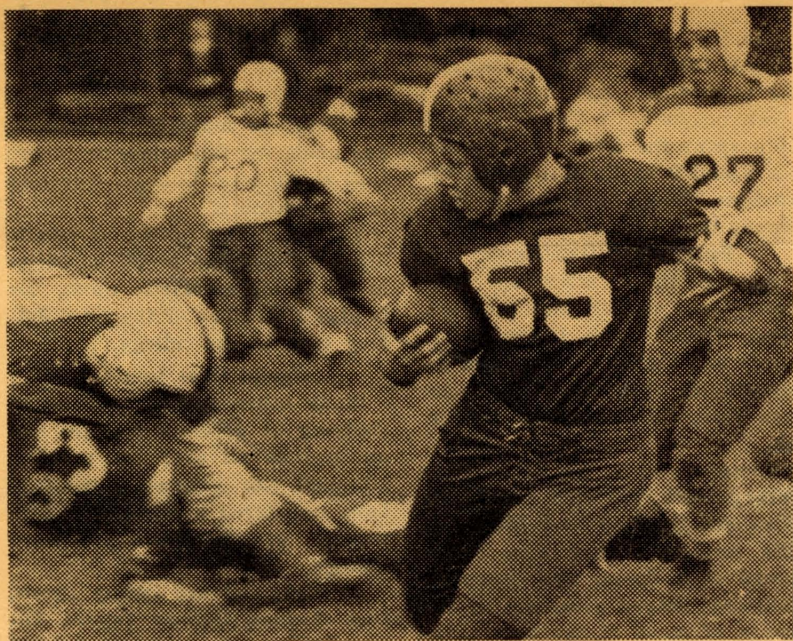
Pass Wins

A pass from McLindon to Jack Daly in the final frame and a successful conversion by Carney put the game on ice for the visitors.

Downs and Larimore were the outstanding Blazers on the field, and they were given creditable support by their team-mates all the time.

Blair's fumbles and St. John's recoveries played a large role in the outcome of the game.

The band and majorettes provided their customary impressive show during the halftime intermission.



Jimmy Marrinan shows his speed and agility in the Fairfax game, during a third quarter run.

Blazers Edged 13-12 in Opening Game

In their first contest of the season, the Blazers dropped a tough one to Fairfax here, 13-12.

The boys from the other side of the Potomac drew first blood and held their 7-0 advantage throughout most of the first half. But in the second quarter a toss from Ray Luckett to Bill Larimore went for 36 yards and a touchdown. The placement failed and the Virginians left the field at halftime owning a 7-6 lead.

Blair demonstrated first-game rustiness and was outplayed in the first half. It was the second game of the season for Fairfax.

The Blazers took the lead after the intermission when Jimmy Downs galloped 73 yards for a score. The extra point try again failed. But the Fairfax boys had last laugh as they scored once more.

The final score was Fairfax 13, Blair 12.

by Ralph E. Dewhirst, Jr.

Shorts in Sports

Continetti Revamps Line-up After Two Losses; Cites Forward Wall

The Red and White eleven seems to be having some trouble so far, losing their first two games. The first was Fairfax, who conquered the Blazers 13-12. The second being Westminster, to whom the Blazers succumbed to a 24-12 defeat.

I was fortunate enough to be at the Westminster game, and noticed the extremely well planned backfield (consisting of Luckett, Downs, Foy and Marrinan), but I also noticed that the backfield did not have enough protection because the line could not hold. When questioned about this, Coach Continetti said that "there will be a complete revamping of the lineup, especially in the line." This we saw last week, together with the change back from the T formation to the single wing.

In my estimation, the five most outstanding boys Blair is fortunate to have on the football squad are Luckett, Downs, Foy, Everett and Chapin: Luckett and his beautiful passing; Downs and that tricky running with the one and only "Downs style"; Chapin and his smooth pass receiving; Foy and Everett don't seem to have any

particular specialty but they do have that necessary fight, courage, and "Blair Spirit." Good luck, boys!

The Rifle Club has just begun to get organized. Their sponsors will be Mr. Paul Steigner, Mr. Robert Maguire, and that ever faithful "Commander Howard Waters," father of Rick Waters, senior. The latter is a very able and willing range commander, for whom the boys trying out should be thankful.

By the time you read this column we will have played and beaten St. John's by at least one touchdown. This is my prediction! I may have to eat this, but, that is my prediction.

Then the Blazers will meet Gonzaga's Eagles on October 15, at Blair Stadium. Gonzaga has a tough team, but it is still possible for the Blair squad to "take them."

You all can help win these games by attending and giving the team your utmost support by cheering them to victory as never before.

Blazers Conquered By Westminster

The Blazer eleven met Westminster's eleven at Westminster Friday, September 30, the final score a 24-12 defeat for the local team.

Tom Weirich kicked off for Blair, holding Westminster to their own territory during the first quarter. The Owls (Westminster) drew the first penalty of fifteen yards for holding. The first quarter went by, uneventful.

Westminster Scores First

Westminster scored the first touchdown in the beginning of the second quarter. The kickoff was out of bounds on Downs, but Westminster took another penalty of five yards for a backfield in motion. Luckett made a short pass to the Blair twenty-five; then ground was retaken when Westminster blocked a punt and ran the ball back to Blair's thirteen. Westminster, being on Blair's thirteen with first and ten, scored the second touchdown for a 12-0 count against the Blazers.

Downs received again, this time on the Blair twenty-five yard line, and ran seventy-five yards for the first Red and White score.

12-12 at Half

The Owls' kickoff was out of bounds and brought in on the Blair twenty. Luckett made a pass of fifty yards (from Blair ten to Westminster forty) to Wooten, who ran that pigskin to the Westminster twenty-five. The ball was then taken by Larimore for the Blazers' second touchdown. This ended the half with a tie of 12-12.

Cook intercepted an Owl pass on the Blair thirty. Westminster intercepted a Blair pass and went to the Blair eleven for a first and ten, only to make their third score.

Westminster intercepted a Blair pass on the Blazers' thirty-five and ran to the fifteen.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Owls scored again, making the final score 24-12: Westminster.

Late Bulletin!

The bonfire and record dance which was previously announced for tonight has been cancelled. However, the traditional "pyre" will precede the annual Blair-B.C.C. classic in November.

Instead, a pep assembly is being held this afternoon in order to boost student spirit and team morale in preparation for tomorrow afternoon's clash with Gonzaga here in the stadium at 2:15.

Girls Drop Hockey Opener to Fairfax

The Blair Blazerette hockey squad began its '49 season on Tuesday, October 4, losing to Fairfax.

The first half of the game was hard fought and close, but in the last few minutes C. Hutchins, of Fairfax, hit two goals through the cage. Blair girls came back in the second half, hoping to tie up the score. However Hutchins came back and scored again for Fairfax. The final score was 3-0.

Following closely the line-up of the Fairfax game, Blair planned to rely on forwards Forcade, Bagby, Cherrix, Shaw, and Mitchell, while the backfield was supported by Watson, Bauman, Pexa, Warfield, Reed, and Benson.

The Blazerettes' schedule is as follows:

October 19—Bladensburg, 3:00, home
October 25—Fairfax, 3:30, home
November 1—Annapolis, 3:30, away
November 15—Bladensburg, 3:30, away

Rifle Team Organizes; Limits Membership

The first meeting of Blair's 1949-50 Rifle Club was held Wednesday, October 5, in the school.

Because of the excessive numbers of students desiring membership it has been necessary to inaugurate a new set of qualifications for admission to the organization. Present conditions make it impossible for a competitive shoot to be held to decide membership.

Only seniors and juniors with previous experience will be admitted. Any sophomore may try out for the club.

Membership will be limited to sixty until the first of January, at which time thirty will be dropped.

Faculty sponsors are Messrs. E. Paul Steigner and Robert Maguire with Commander Howard Waters directing.

Junior College Backs Fall Community Forum

Montgomery Junior College is sponsoring the first annual Community Forum, including lectures, dramatic miniatures, and concerts, this fall and winter.

The season opened with a lecture by Joseph Barnes on "The Future of World Freedom." On November the sixteenth, Tom Murstad presents a film "On the Snow Trails."

The price of admission is \$.60 per student and \$1.20 for each adult.

This is the first of what the college hopes will be an annual affair for their students but open to the public for a small fee.

Sports in Shorts

Blazerettes Hopeful Despite Loss

As most of us know, the girls' hockey team dropped their opening game to Fairfax by a score of 3 to 0 on the opponents' field.

This game, although a tough defeat for the Blazerettes, proved one thing: the girls need much more practice than they have been getting.

Hence, during the past week, our coach, Miss Jean Baker, has demonstrated some new hockey techniques which she feels will give the team an edge over other competitors.

Practice is being intensified in the simple fundamentals of the game, and intra-squad scrimmages are a daily must.

Girls Lose Second To Annapolis, 1-0

Student Support Greatly Needed at Home Games

Last Tuesday afternoon the girls' varsity hockey team was defeated by Annapolis 1-0 on the home field in a hard fought contest.

The Blazerettes, who succumbed to Fairfax in their opening game, defended their goal successfully during the first half of Tuesday's game, but Annapolis bounced back shortly before the end of play, and gained their one-point lead.

Play Bladensburg, October 19

The forward line for Blair included Mitchell, Cherrix, Forcade, Kramer, and Errant, while the backfield consisted of Watson, Pexa, Warfield, Bauman, and Walker. Nancy Peterson acted as goal keeper for the Red and White.

On Wednesday, October 19, the Blazerettes will tangle with Bladensburg at 3:30 on Blair's field.

Spectators Increase

Tuesday's game marked a slight improvement in the number of spectators present. In previous seasons the girls' varsity sports have received little or no support from Blair students, and this year an attempt is being made to arouse students' interest through announcements over the public address system, and articles on this page.

In Blair's opening game with the Fairfax girls, the hockey team was impressed by the large crowd of Fairfax students who came out to view the game. Naturally, the Blazerettes will be hoping for that type of turn out next Wednesday when they play host to Bladensburg.

Downs Sees Good Pigskin Season Yet

Jimmie Downs, speedy left halfback of the Blazers, believes his team should have beaten Fairfax. He says that in that game, for the first time in his career, he heard real cheering from the Blair fans when the team was behind.

When asked what his greatest thrill in football has been, Jimmie jokingly replied, "Making touchdowns." More seriously, he said that watching last year's team down Bethesda, 33-6, has been his biggest experience.

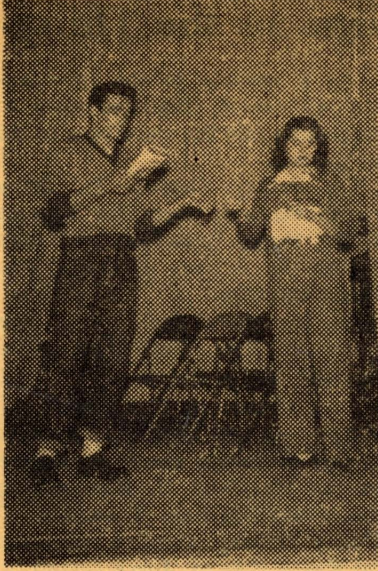
Downs, who is very modest about his own performance, likes both running the pigskin and catching it. As every fan knows, he is one of the trickiest runners Blair has seen in many a day. He likes to work from the T formation.

Jimmie thinks that with a few breaks, the team ought to have a successful season yet. He likes all sports and said that he wanted to prolong Blair's winning record over St. John's, begun last year.

by Marie Kramer

Seniors To Offer 'My Sister Eileen'

Hartsfield, Benson, Gough Star;
Mrs. Worthington to Direct



The five Portuguese Admirals following Eileen, Ann Hartsfield, in a conga line are, left to right, Harry Ingram, Rick Waters, Bill Solomon, Bob Massey, and Chuck Armstrong. Ruth, Sergene Benson, looks on. At the right Jerry Gough, as Mr. Appopolous, tells Eileen of his stolen painting.

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State Library Association Selects Carlton Clark, Blair Junior, President

Carlton Clark, Junior member of the Library Club Shelf Committee, was elected to the presidency of the Maryland State Library Council at their meeting held at Enoch Pratt Library in connection with the Maryland State Teacher's Association Convention in Baltimore, October 21.

Carlton is the second Blair junior to be elected to such a position, the first having been Edward Fox, who was the first president of the Council in 1944.

The duties of president include presiding over two executive meetings and five regional meetings. Carlton also holds the office of Justice in the Blair Student Court and has held various homeroom offices.

Others elected in Baltimore were from various clubs over the state, including Westminster, Frederick, Hurlock, and Baltimore City. The state organization is the outgrowth of plans formulated by the Blair Library Club and its advisor, Miss Elizabeth Stickley. The initiation ceremony for state officers was also originated by the Blair Club.

Representing the local club were approximately 30 Blairites and three faculty advisers, including Miss Lucile Appleby, Mrs. Alma E. Davidson, and Miss Stickley.

Wilbur Harris has been elected secretary of the Blair Library Club.

Pat Fennel Speaks Way Into County Competition

Pat Fennel achieved first place here last week in the "I Speak for Democracy" contest, which drew twelve contestants from Blair's public speaking classes.

In the competition, which is sponsored locally by the Silver Spring Junior Chamber of Commerce, the runners-up were Patty Levondoski and Percy Goody, who will serve as alternates in the County competition.

Pat will represent Blair over radio station WGAY to determine the winner in Montgomery County. This contest is sponsored nationally by the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Dates Change for Two Scholarships

Scholarship application dates have been advanced for both the Bausch and Lomb Science Scholarship for the University of Rochester and the Mary Graydon Scholarship of American University, College of Arts and Sciences.

The Bausch and Lomb Optical Company announced recently that changes in their science scholarship program include the advancement to March 10, of the closing date for applications and an increase to \$1,800 in the cash value of each scholarship.

Science Students Rate

From all seniors rating high in their science studies, one will be chosen by the department for their Honorary Award this year. Andy Russo, '49, won the award last year. As previously, this person is eligible to compete for one of four science scholarships, sponsored by the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company, at the University of Rochester.

The Mary Graydon Scholarship of \$350 extends over only a one-year period, but is renewable for subsequent regular academic years "upon the demonstration of distinctive academic achievement in the work of the preceding academic year." One successful extra-curricular activity is required.

All seniors interested will meet with Miss Marian Schwartz early in December.

The candidate will be selected in February of 1950 and announced in March.

Many Others Offered

Many other schools offer scholarships, including New Jersey Women's College, Simmons Women's College, Goucher College, and Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Bank Working for Commercial Status

To make the Blair Bank a regular branch of one of the local community banks is the chief goal of this year's staff according to the president, Marcia Flickinger.

If this is accomplished, the students will have the same advantages as they would at any commercial bank. The bank is now open before and after school, during lunch hour and second and sixth periods. During this time checks are cashed, tickets sold, change made, and saving accounts for individuals and school organizations are accepted.

Next year the members of the Bank are planning to start a Christmas savings program.

"Your school bank this year, as in previous years is ready and anxious to serve all you students and teachers of Blair," said Marcia.

Starting this year, savings accounts earn 1% interest payable on the minimum amount over two dollars in each three months period. Most commercial banks pay 1% over \$100 instead of \$2 as the school bank does.

Other officers are Thelma Rice, vice president; Janet Frocke, head cashier; and Nancy Kendrick, assistant cashier.

Karen Dons Pirate, Scarecrow Regalia; 'Begg' for Infantile Paralysis Fund

Like many local children and teens, Karen Kruse, Blair senior, went begging October 30 and 31.

But she didn't suffer from the effects of too much candy the day after Halloween, for her novel type of begging left only a "glow of virtue," as Karen puts it. She collected an even forty dollars for the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

The idea originally appeared as a reader suggestion in the *Washington Post's* column, "The District Line." It looked to Karen like a wonderful chance to enjoy the thrill of "Beggars Night," complete with costume, even though she felt a little old to be begging for candy. She donned a scarecrow costume (a la Ray Bolger in the "Wizard

Blairites Tie for MSPA Trophy; Magazine, Yearbook Win Honor

Blair shared honors with Western High School, Washington, last Saturday as the two schools tied for first place in the Maryland Scholastic Press Association writing tournament at College Park, while *Silver Quill* topped the magazines.

Blair Girls Model for Jelleff's, Hecht's Shows

Seven girls have been chosen from over forty applicants to represent Blair on the Fashion Board of the Hecht Company in Silver Spring.

Jean Bartlett, Aimee Lou Johannes, Carolyn Wittauer, and Mickey Miller, seniors; juniors Joan Harmon and Jean Mitchell, and sophomore Beverly Green, will do informal modeling in the Silver Spring store on Saturdays, and possibly on Monday and Friday nights.

The girls were chosen after Hecht Company representatives interviewed all the applicants.

Four Blairites, seniors Joyce Duval and Marlita Scott, junior Judy Davis, and sophomore Barbara Dadd serve on Jelleff's Teen-Age Fashion Board. These girls did some informal modeling Saturday, November 5.

and Jimmy Balliles as the Portuguese Consul.

Mona Jess and Mary Lou Hanson will prompt.

The play committee, responsible for publicity, tickets, and ushering is headed by John Eagleton and advised by Mr. L. K. Rhodes. Other members are Sally Cameron, Percy Goody, Marlita Scott, Rick Waters, Janice Patton, Betty Gene Collier, Lorene Ladd, and John Veidt. Marion Ellerbe, chairman of the play selection committee, was assisted by Colleen Fling, Margie Wilding, Jimmy Ash, and Paul Seltzer.

The scenery committee headed by Mary Ann Kerr consists of Jerry Larson, Pat Cooney, Marna Shultz, Ann Craig, Joanne Wyatt, Shirwood Taylor, Howard Roth, and Shirley Smith.

Mrs. Faye Sherry is the faculty advisor to the committee. Aiding are George Tolson, chairman of the property committee, and Mary Harlow, Peter Van Royan, Nina Bailey, Jimmy Hagburg, and Bob Puryear. Mrs. Shirley Gelletly is adviser of this group.

Chips' winning team included Pat Parkman, associate editor, who placed second in the editorial writing contest, Mary Lou Hanson co-managing editor, who won second place in news writing, and James Holsope, who placed fifth in sports writing. Charles Brailer, editor-in-chief, also participated in the tourney, writing in the interview contest. All are seniors.

Magazine Best in State

Further honor came to Blair as the literary magazine, *Silver Quill*, was adjudged the best in the state, and *Silverlogue* the third best lithographed yearbook.

Nick Lee is the student editor of *Silver Quill*. Margaret Wilding and Dick Fene are the associate editors. Faculty advisor to the magazine, which is now in its second year, is Mr. William W. Hinckley. Mary Lasher edits the yearbook, while Mrs. Alma E. Davidson is the *Silverlogue* faculty advisor.

Chips Advisor also Honored

By virtue of winning the coin toss, Blair will keep for the first six months the large trophy, which was donated four years ago to M.S.P.A. by the Cumberland News-Times, and is held for one year by the school winning the writing tournament. Western High will claim it for the second half of the year. A smaller trophy is given each winner to keep permanently.

Mrs. Lucille N. Moler, faculty advisor to *Silver Chips*, was elected vice-president of the Maryland Scholastic Press Advisors' Association. This year, for the first time, student officers were also elected.

Frederick High School won second place in the team scoring, with Gonzaga High School, Glenburnie High School, and Douglass High School tying for third.

Two Joans in Spotlight



Tap Hubbell

"I love Blair and I'll really hate to leave," says "Tap" (alias Joan) Hubbel, leader of the Majorettes.

This blond-haired, blue-eyed lovely is well known at Blair for her hard working, ambitious ways, as well as loads of school spirit.

"Tap came to Blair" the middle of her sophomore year and was immediately accepted into majorettes because of her outstanding ability in acrobatics and twirling. Last year she was captain of the acrobats and this year was elected to the honorable position of captain of the corps.

Joan and her younger brother, called "Tip and Tap, the Rhythm Twins," performed during the war for the USO and American Theater Wing.

After the war they went on their own. They have played at Washington hotels including the Shoreham and Statler, night clubs, and on the radio and television. Their show includes thirty-five minutes of dancing, singing, acrobatics, accordion, and a magic show.

Even with "Tap's" busy life of performing, she manages to keep an outstanding scholastic record, and writes "Chit Chat" for *Silver Chips*.

Flash

In one of Mr. Delauder's classes, we have found a girl who has a relative working for the Stock Exchange—He herds cattle!

Chem Prof Gives Advice to 'Lovelorn'

During a recent classroom lecture, there was a mild buzzing sound echoing from the front row when suddenly the lecture stopped. Thirty solemn faces turned to the offending couple and a deep frightening silence overtook the room.

The teacher turned to the boy and girl and calmly spoke, "Bob, explain what I just said."

There was a second of complete silence (even breathing ceased), but it was broken by an excellent definition of vapor tension, rattled out by the indignant Robert, to the complete amazement of the class, and particularly to the girl to whom he was speaking.

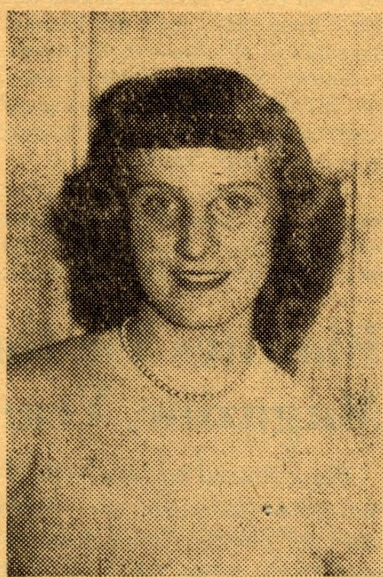
This was a new twist to things, thus the room again resumed its

Joan Baker, captain of the cheerleaders, says, "I think that a really good cheerleader should have a loud voice, a certain amount of poise and grace and lots of 'good ole pep'." (A tip for you sophomores and juniors.)

Since Joan is always right out front and able to really see Blair's school spirit in action, her opinion should be pretty accurate. She says, "The school spirit is super when we're winning, but diminishes when we are losing." (This doesn't sound so good does it?)

She is also very active in Student Council, Tri-Hi-Y, Library Club, *Silver Chips*, Radio Committee, and treasurer of Blair's Future Teachers of America.

At the present time Joan is also engaged in teaching kindergarten at Woodland Elementary School. She enjoys teaching very much and has ambitions of either studying to teach kindergarten or taking up merchandizing preparatory to becoming a department store buyer.



Joan Baker

Wanted: One Head

Anybody here want to volunteer to do some extra credit Spanish with Percy Goody? He plans to shrink a human head.

Any person having the knowledge of how to build a model airplane out of Kleenex please see Billy Foy.

silence.

In the same calm voice, (the lecture by now forgotten) Mr. Hamstead said, "Audrey, it appears that although Bob was talking to you, you didn't have his complete attention; that's bad!"

Turning to the class, he continued, "Girls, in the future, always make sure that the boy to whom you're speaking gives you his fullest attention. If he's not interested enough to keep his mind off everything but you, then don't talk to him, because he's a joker and not worth wasting your time on."

The inevitable giggle rustled through the classroom, but it is wondered how many females present took this bit of advice to heart.

Do Unto Others as You'd Have Them-

Although Blair offers a wide and varied course of study, the curriculum does not provide a class in courtesy.

Courtesy is more than saying "Please" and "Thank-you," which are merely the outward forms of refinement. It is a combination of politeness and kindness.

Courtesy is picking up trash in the cafeteria or being a careful

driver or respecting the property of others.

Over the Halloween week-end some misguided person or persons ruined one of Blair's pianos. Do you suppose the "fun" derived by ruining that instrument was worth the price of replacing it?

Centuries ago it was written: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Chit Chat by Tap Dances the Thing

As a prelude to the imminent holiday season, Blairites seem to be getting into the mood by a round of parties.

On Friday, October 21, Mary Smith threw a party for Vincent Duffy, Peggy Crawford 'n' Danny Lyons, Jo Gebler 'n' Ted Owen, Doris Crosswait 'n' Charlie Crum, Elsie Herron 'n' Jack Evans, Bea Shaw 'n' Tom Watlington, Alice Spencer 'n' Joe Burris.

Dance at Md. U.

Tripping the light fantastic to Jimmy Dorsey's sweet saxophone at the Maryland U. Homecoming dance were Miriam Thompson 'n' Buddy Dabney, Carolyn Wittauer 'n' Frank Simons, Joyce Duvall 'n' Bob Finzel, Dottie Reagh 'n' John Clark, Jobe Moore 'n' Ballard Dorsee, Lula Hogan 'n' Bill Ickburg, Mary Marsh 'n' John Brookbank, Nancy Miller 'n' date, Jane Richmond 'n' Tommy Van Vranken, Dot Walters 'n' Dave Morgan, Helen Blanche 'n' Jerry Huth, Elsie Herron 'n' Sam Phillips, Joanne Mong 'n' Kenny, Peggy Crawford 'n' Danny Lyons.

On the 29th, Dee Smith 'n' Jack Tracy and Nancy Claggett 'n' Tommy O'Keefe doubled to the Knights of Columbus dance and a private party afterwards.

On the same night, there were Halloween-going-ons for Pat Kephart, Bill McGowen, Charlene Lathrop, Kitty Meredith, Betty Schaub, and Stanley Lathrop.

Surprise Helen Blanche

Helen Blanche was a very surprised little gal Thursday night when Nanci McCaleb, Janice Patton, Syd Hepler, and Sue Mitchell popped in for a short of birthday-party. The whole thing was engineered by one Marcia Nauman.

Betty Lou Clark gave a party on the 4th for George Worley, Nancy Claggett 'n' Tom O'Keefe, Dee Smith 'n' Jack Tracy, Myra Godsey 'n' Sam Marsanopoli, Carolyn Kennamer 'n' Brad Cleveland, Sheila Bossert 'n' John Harding.

Into the Ditch and Over the Curbs

Jimmy Denny, Bill Deidrich, and Ralph Dewhirst have the job of the week . . . acting as the base of Tap Hubbell's baton routine. How they LOVE it!

Herbie Peddicord and Joyce Brown have quite a time since Herbie sits in the front of the room and Joyce is in the back . . . therefore he has to sharpen his pencil about three times a day to get those notes back there!

Driving class wouldn't be complete if Maureen Marr didn't run us through every possible ditch, over the curbs and practically into cars . . . everybody really holds their breath when she goes along Sligo Creek! Really though, it's not quite that bad!

Mona and Billy Jess, Helen Cilly, Don DeMott and everybody else who rides bus 35 would "pass out" if the driver didn't aim for the ditch by the bus stop.

Kit Jordan was energetically (?) vacuum cleaning the carpet of Scott's Shoe Store on Saturday morning . . . Oh! for a camera!

It's unbelievable how Claire Davis and Ann Craig suddenly were fascinated by *Hamlet*. Their love for Shakespeare proved so great they even missed school to go to the Little Theater day before yesterday.

Just a question in closing—can anybody remember the activity period schedule? And these fifth Tuesdays—enough said!

Thinking Beyond Ourselves

As Joe Blairite hurries home from school next Wednesday noon, will he think not only of holiday fun and feasting, but of the blessings of life in a free and prosperous land, of family and friends, and of his own opportunities to "make good."

May he think beyond his personal good fortune, that the love in his own home may not blind him to the bitterness and suspicion among the peoples of the earth. May he realize how precarious is the present hard-won peace in such a world.

Suppose the tired, gaunt-faced people of Europe and Asia were to

stand at Joe's door this Thanksgiving. Could he refuse them a share of his feast? Would he quibble about their races or religions or political faiths, or regret what he himself was giving up, if they stood before him?

May he realize that, as a recent assembly speaker said, "A CARE package is so much more than thirty pounds of food." May he see his gifts as lamps of friendship in a world dark with unfriendliness. May he see that in laying this foundation for peace, he is giving not only others, but himself, something to be thankful for.

Bernie Gains Wardrobe

Have you lost a pen? Better run to the Lost and Found in the school store before Bernie Cochran, of the store, takes the ink out of it.

Bernie has further plans for some of the articles there. From tip to toe he will be the well dressed Blairite next spring.

Starting by combing and brushing his hair with the lost and found articles, he will have plenty of bobby pins from girls' wallets to make sure that his big hairbow stays in place.

Glasses will give him that studious look. Bernie does have a big decision to make—whether to wear Flame Glo or Bachelors Carnation lipstick, but has definitely decided to use a dark shade of powder from one of the ten compacts.

The wardrobe will consist of a lovely tan sweater over a girls' gym suit. For the casual look, two or three leather jackets will be

thrown over his arm.

Good heavens! We practically forgot the shoes! A high heeled red shoe will attire one foot while the other will carry out the effect of the gymsuit with a tennis shoe.

A smartly tied scarf around his neck with seven strands of pearls will give the finished—and we do mean finished—look. A key chain with about 55 keys will provide the jangle.

Maybe by spring though, the owners will have claimed their belongings and Bernie won't be able to buy this ahh—shall we say, *unusual*—wardrobe at the auction.

School Spirit? What's That?

When the team wins, everybody is ready to say, "Sure, that's my school. We won!" As to last Friday's game, there is not one of you fans or students but would have liked to see the Blazers hold or even beat Anacostia. But when the team is on the down and out should you just sit back and "clam up?" That's when your yelling and team support should be greatest.

Well, that's all water over the dam now. In the future let's try to do 100 per cent better; let's all come out for the bonfire tonight and to Byrd Stadium tomorrow afternoon and show that team of ours that we are really behind them, and go to a tremendous VICTORY over "our friends," Bethesda-Chevy Chase.

We have played nothing but tough teams on our schedule this season, and every last one of those boys on that squad deserves a lot of praise and recognition.

They have done their part, let's see you do yours.

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Blair Tells 'All' Over Air

"It's 12:00 noon on Station WOOK and time for Montgomery Blair on the Air!"

Yes, it's Blair's own radio show, featuring fifteen minutes of the latest in society, general news, sports, interviews, recorded music, and student opinions around the campus, sponsored by the students and teachers of Blair.

The program, now in its second season, was initiated last March by the Publicity Committee of the Student Council under the direction of Janice Lovre, a '49 graduate. This present school year the program is headed by Marlita Scott, a senior, and Mrs. Priscilla Kline, faculty advisor.

Central Theme

Working under them are various committee chairman, who include Margaret Wilding, news; Joan Baker, society; Carol Funk, interviews; Ralph Dewhirst and Joe Swafford, boys' sports; Luanne Walker, girls' sports; and Carolyn Woolard, student opinion polls. Temporary co-announcers are Johnny Eagleton and Harry Ingram. The chief duty of these committees is to see that their phases

of the program are written and presented, although they do assist the program directress and faculty advisor in the technical parts of the show.

Each presentation of the radio show is built around a central theme with such phases of the program as polls, interviews, and recorded music, corresponding to that particular idea.

Meet 2nd, 4th Tuesday

Tomorrow's program is dedicated to the Bethesda-Blair game. Programs have already been dedicated to the Sophomore and Junior classes and in the future the Class of '50, the Alumni, Senior Play, various holidays, and several major activities at Blair will be honored.

With the new activity schedule, students are given an opportunity to meet together on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in order to plan the future programs and to discuss past ones.

The aims of the radio group are mainly to produce a show of interest to all students, parents, and teachers and to encourage all new students of the school to help.

Band Has Parade, Concert, Two Drills at Games All in Week

Blair's Band met the heaviest schedule in their history during the week of October 31 to November 4, unofficially marked "music week."

Starting on Halloween with a parade up Georgia Avenue with the Majorettes, they next jumped into a concert at American University. Endeavoring to help the university in raising money for a stadium, they performed at this benefit program, which was also attended by Bucky Harris, Washington Senator's manager; Harold Russel, star of "Best Years of Our Lives," and numerous high ranking naval and military officials.

Wednesday night found the Band and Majorettes furnishing halftime entertainment for the opening game of the basketball season at Uline Arena.

Friday afternoon, the musicians plus the Majorettes accompanied the Blazers for the night game at Hagerstown.

University Women Sponsor Contest

The Silver Spring Branch of the American Association of University Women is sponsoring the second annual creative writing contest, for students of Blair.

First prizes of five dollars will be awarded in each of three categories: poetry, article, and fiction. First prize winners will be the guests of the Silver Spring AAUW at the December meeting and will receive their prizes at that time.

The contest, which is now open, closes on November 22, next Tuesday. Other rules provide that no contestant shall enter more than one manuscript in any one category, and that all entries shall be the work of the person submitting them.

Further details may be secured from any of the English teachers.

Last year, the prizes were captured by Bob Williams for his editorial, "Maryland's Atrocious Roads," and Harry Ingram and Miriam Thompson, who tied in the fiction department.

Notes on the News

Seniors Hear Committee Reports; Library Council Has First Social

The Seniors of 1950 have held two class meetings this year, on October 29 and November 8. At both sessions the pupils have heard committee reports that concern their class or graduation plans.

New members of the Library Club from the junior and senior classes initiated recently are Gerry Lentz, Lois Berry Chuck Cummings, Lynn Waters, James Downs, Barbara Shytle, Sydney Hepler, Paul Seltzer, Barbara Monahan, Nancy Pederson, Ann Earlanston, Bob Norton, Bob Musgrove, Robert Petree, Bob Massey, Charles Armstrong, Bea Shaw, Didi Minnick, Paul Smith, and Louella Goul.

Pat Crossan played hostess to 23 members of The Loafer's Club Saturday night on October 29 at her home.

The first sophomore library Council social affair of the season was a covered dish dinner at the home of Miss Lucile Appleby on November 7. Mrs. Arthur Sommerville, sponsor of the group, was initiated into the council by Joyce Duvall, Percy Goody, and Miss Appleby.

Jack Evans seems to be the junior with the greatest ability to eat having won the pie eating contest at the class party on October 29. The most authentic farmer and farmerette were Louis Cote and Nancy Heim, respectively, while Walt Mason won the door prize, a box of candy. The class presented Miss Aud a desk set in appreciation for her guidance.

The library club dedicated a memorial plaque on November 8 to Mr. George R. Bownes, a former member of the Blair faculty and library club, who died suddenly last year. The plaque was placed permanently on an encyclopedia bookcase, one of several built for the library by Mr. Bownes.

Panda Bears are now on sale by the student council at Blair, for \$4.95 each. This project was started mainly to complete payment on the amplifying system.

A feature story and picture on Blair's Care Program was published in this week's *American Observer*, a school weekly, distributed all over the United States.

Assembly Reveals Facts on Driving

Nearly 70% of America's drivers think they can stop their car "on a dime" contends Mr. Harry M. Pontious, a man who has spent about twelve years proving they cannot.

Mr. Pontious says of the other 30%, "They will tell me about 40 feet (at 20 miles per hour) but when I pace off that distance they will say they can stop their car in a half or a third of that distance."

A member of President Truman's Traffic Safety Conference and of the Board of Directors of the National Safety Council, Mr. Pontious has lectured and given traffic safety demonstrations to over 2,000 high schools and colleges.

Tap Hubbel, Bill Diedrich, and Coach Anthony Creme assisted a demonstration of braking and reaction distances on November 8, and according to Mr. Pontious their reactions were far above the average.

The advent of four-wheel brakes was supposed to make a vast improvement in driving safety but the average motorist has come to assume that his car possesses supernatural powers of deceleration, declared Mr. Pontious.

Speaking at an assembly for juniors and seniors preceding the demonstration for the entire student body, Mr. Pontious defined a safe driver as one who is properly trained and who has the power to anticipate trouble and to avoid it.

Inter-High Council Plans Year's Activities

The first meeting of the Montgomery County Inter-High Student Council, for the current year, was held at Richard Montgomery High School, in Rockville, on October 27.

Opening the meeting, James DeHaven, of Rockville, President of the Council, introduced Mr. John Comly, advisor for the group, and Mr. Joseph Tarallo, principal of Richard Montgomery, who spoke briefly, emphasizing the importance of the organization and the obligations of its members as leaders in their various schools.

Following the introduction to the year's work, the group divided themselves into active committees for the '49-'50 year. Projects to be undertaken include an Inter-High Council picnic, the Inter-High Dance, the press convention and the continuation of the scholarship fund.

Blairites, representing the Student Council and Congress, at the meeting included Bill Diedrich, Eleanor Wood, Johnny Eagleton, Joan Baker, Sara Pryor, Chuck Armstrong, Bea Shaw, John Armstrong, and Bob Norton.

Refreshments were served following the business meeting.

Silverlogue Snaps Taken

Individual pictures of the senior class to be published in the 1950 issue of *Silverlogue* were sent to press on November 15, together with the verses and activities of the seniors.

Group pictures of the clubs will be taken on December 6 and 7. All group pictures will be taken by professional photographers.

Due to the large number of sophomores this year, a group picture of each homeroom has been taken, rather than an individual picture of each student.

Work on the yearbook began early in September, including soliciting of advertisements, writing, and lay-out, in addition to the photography.

CARE Assembly Opens New Season

That Blair contributed more to CARE than any other school last year was pointed out by Mrs. Beatrice Acharlet, of the Washington CARE office, at an assembly on November 2.

Speaking at the same assembly, Dr. Clarence Hendershot, of the State Department, recently returned from Europe, said, "While the general situation for food is improving, there is still great need . . . A whole generation is growing up in conditions that are chaotic, without the things we take for granted." He raised the question as to how the present disorganized living of European youth would affect its future outlook.

This year's CARE Committee will be carrying on its work under the leadership of Sara Pryor and Pat Morrow, co-chairman, and the sponsorship of Mrs. Emily Holloway and Mrs. Frances Andrews.

An entirely new set of families is to be chosen this year. Each homeroom will decide on the nationality of its family and pledge to either a \$5.50 or a \$10 food package each month.

The committee's plans also include a clothing drive and fund-raising dance.

Last year Blair helped twenty families, giving a total of \$2,000 during the year.

Dance Committee Marks November 25 For Prom

The annual Thanksgiving Semi-Formal Dance is scheduled for Friday, November 25, in the gym.

The dance will be from 9 to 12 p.m. The tickets will be \$1.50 stag or drag and may be purchased at the door. The music will be provided by Will Plunkett's Orchestra.

Faculty chaperones for the dance will be Mrs. Helen Powell, Mr. Anthony Creme, Mrs. Priscilla C. Kline, and Mrs. Henrietta Hinken.

The dance is being sponsored by the Student Council, under the direction of the Ways and Means Committee headed by Bob Norton.

Bob Cushman Wins Scholarship, Other Alumni Work Here

Bobby Cushman, who is now going to Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, was one of the 138 scholarship winners at that institution this year, and one of many '49 grads in college this fall.

Taking classes at George Washington University are Lucille Owendon, Lee Bracken, Joan Evans, and Helen Harveycutter. Helen is pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma there.

Pat Wheeler, Dorcas McLaughlin, Betty Gill, and Helen Brennan are in nurses' training at the Baltimore branch of Maryland University, while Betty Page Lowe is training at Garfield Memorial Hospital along with Jessie Jean Pickett.

Bob Alexander, Eddie Fairbanks, Jimmy Booth, and Dale Butler are all working at the Sligo Service Center (Gulf Station) in Takoma Park.

Among the pledges to Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity at Maryland University are Dick Walker, Dick Nichols, Vic Jungk, Keith Donnelson, John Ford, John Theofield, Don Lashley and Frank Simons.

George White is now building his own home in Takoma Park.

On the engaged list are Jessie Pickett and Volney Shultz (who are to be married December 3), Carol Whitt, Shirley Robbins, and Anne Herbert.

The Washington School for Secretaries has enrolled many ambitious ex-Blairites. Among them are Barbara Neal, Betty Lee, Marion Marshall and Carol Whitt.

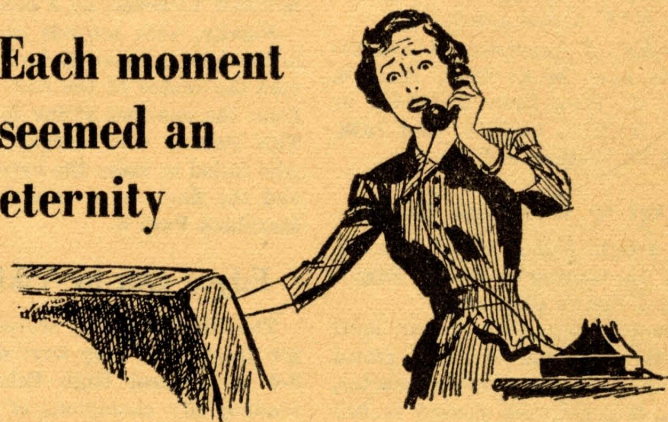
Nancy Bakke has gone to Chambersburg, Penn., where she is enrolled at Wilson College.

Dolly McMillan, Bob Lang, and Bill Furlow have registered at Strayer's Business College.

John Kennedy is working at the Suburban National Bank in Silver Spring, while Thelma Orrison is employed at the Bank of Silver Spring.

Betty Gilson has a secretarial, clerical job at Willis Buick in Silver Spring.

Each moment
seemed an
eternity



The young boy had fallen and slashed an artery. His mother tried in desperation to stop the severe bleeding. Frantically, she reached for the telephone. Here's the way she told the story in a recent letter:

"I was holding the child with one hand — applying pressure on the wound — and was able to dial only 'Operator' with the other hand. I told the operator it was an emergency and asked her to try two doctors. Neither answered. Then she said, 'Hold on, please,' and connected me with a Rescue Squad. They came almost at once, gave First Aid and rushed the child to the hospital for further treatment.

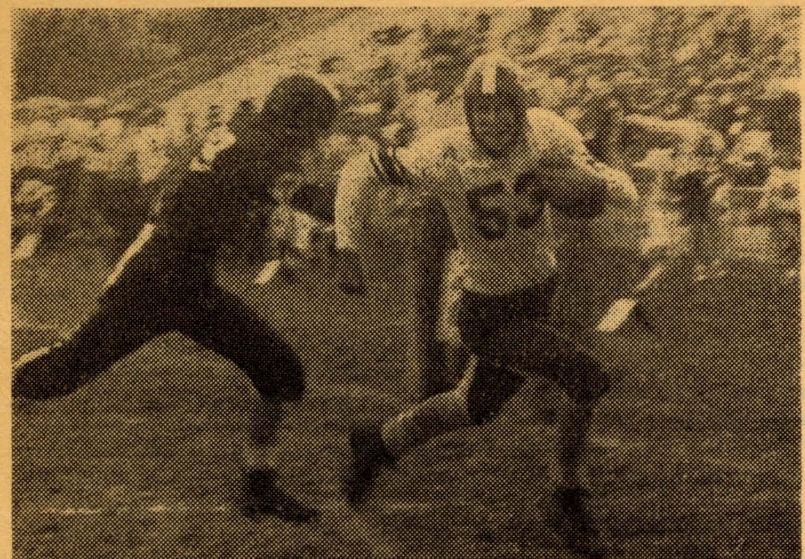
"It was only the quick action and helpful suggestion on the part of the operator which prevented any more serious complications from loss of blood. I am deeply grateful."

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Births and business, triumphs and even tragedies — every light that flashes on the telephone switchboard heralds a call of importance to someone. And often it is the calm assurance and quiet courage of the "voice with a smile" that bring help and hope when they're needed most.

The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company.

Blair, BCC To Clash In Classic Tomorrow



Jimmy Downs gallops across the field to pay dirt for the first touchdown in the Maryland Park game, which Blair won, 12-6.

Blazers Enter as Underdogs in BCC Bout; Wooten Kicks First Extra Point Of Season; Win First Two Games

Fine football and voluminous cheers will be the order of the day at Maryland University's Byrd Stadium tomorrow as Montgomery Blair meets Bethesda-Chevy Chase in the annual Montgomery County Classic.

The battle royal between the arch rivals will be attended by nearly every student of both schools and by thousands of other rabid fans. Game time is 2:00 p. m., and halftime entertainment is being planned by the Band and Majorettes.

Coach Predicts Struggle

Blair's Head Coach Reno Continetti had these comments on the tussle: "It'll be a tough, bruising, tight struggle all the way. Both teams, of course, will be up for the game. Bethesda has lost only one game, to St. Albans, while we have lost several. The Barons will probably be favored to win." He also indicated his boys will be in shape tomorrow and that they will show B-CC a real game.

Scores of previous Blair-B-CC games have been: 1945, Blair 6, B-CC 6; 1946, Blair 25, B-CC 6; 1947, B-CC 6, Blair 0; and 1948, Blair 33, Bethesda 6.

Drop to Gonzaga Eagles

In a tight ball game here on October 15, Gonzaga's Purple Eagles downed Blair's Blazers, 6-0.

The contest was scoreless until the third frame, but the crowd was thrilled in the second quarter, when Roger Hazell passed to Bill Larimore, who in turn gave the pigskin to Forcey. The play carried across Gonzaga's goal line, but the Blair score was nullified.

In the third stanza Gonzaga put on a 95-yard sustained drive to rack

up the only score of the afternoon.

Defeat Maryland Park

With a sea of mud for a field, a battling Blair eleven attained their first victory of the season, over Maryland Park, here on October 22 in the midst of a steady rain.

A drenched crowd saw the Blazers rack up the tally which decided the contest in the last minute of play.

The scoring began in the second quarter when Jim Downs sprinted eleven yards for six points. Hazell's attempted conversion did not score. In that same frame Maryland Park tied it up on an intercepted Blair pass. Their kick was also off the target and the score stood at 6-6.

Blazer fans thought their team had broken the deadlock in their third period, when Downs again traveled across the goal line, from fifteen yards out. The run was nullified, however, by a penalty.

Finally, with seconds remaining in the final quarter, Robinson rammed the center of the line, scoring from the one-foot stripe for Blair. This time it was Morgan Wooten who failed to make the extra point, and the final score read Blair 12, Maryland Park 6.

Edged Out by Vikings

The Blazers nearly scored a major upset when they were defeated 8-6 by Central High School, defending city champions of 1949.

Blair's touchdown came midway through the first quarter when Jimmy Downs took the ball on his own 20, and in a series of snappy plays, ran the ball almost single handed in to pay dirt.

by Marie Kramer

Sports in Shorts

Girls' Basketball Enters Spotlight

As the hockey season draws to a close, all attention is being focused on that liveliest of indoor sports, basketball.

Basketball is a favorite with most gym classes, even to girls who have little interest in sports.

There seems to be something about this exciting game which sets it apart from other indoor sports.

Nothing is more inspiring to spectators at a basketball game than to see players skillfully perform tricky plays without hesitation. Yet few stop to think of the practice it takes, and the physical

condition that the players must be in. Not only must every muscle be in perfect condition, but thinking must almost be instantaneous.

Above all, basketball is a team game. No individual stars will defeat even an ordinary team if the latter play together, while each star tries to shine by herself. Hence, basketball is a fine developer of all the qualities essential to success later in life.

Let us hope that Miss Lippy's recently organized basketball team will have the best of luck in the coming season.

Continetti 'Talks'! About His Former Life, Blair, Teams

Those who have heard of Solvay, New York, know it as a chemical manufacturing center but, to the students of Blair, it should also be recognized as the home town of Mr. Reno Continetti, head coach of the Blazers.

Mr. Continetti, in a recent *Silver Chips* interview, told this reporter something about his early life, ambitions and athletic achievements. He was a student at Solvay High School, playing on the football team there, when he decided that he wanted a career in which he could work with young people.

With this ambition in mind he enrolled in George Washington University in 1941 with the aid of a football scholarship. He majored in physical education there, and at the beginning of his junior year he transferred to Maryland U. where he played as an end on the Maryland squad. His graduation was in 1946.

Mr. Continetti came to Blair in 1943 while still a student and has been here ever since. Although personally modest he is quite talkative when the Blazers are mentioned. He thinks that they have done remarkably well considering the rugged opposition played this year, and that the team is made up of a "fine bunch of boys."

When asked what he sees for the squad in the future he replied that they will rank with the best teams in the metropolitan area although they will continue to take beatings because of the terrific schedules that they will play. He strongly believes that the only way to build good teams is by playing tough opponents.

Central retaliated in the second period when Fred Everett was thrown over Blair's goal line for two points. A few minutes later a blocked kick and some fancy playing by Jim Sullivan set up the game's second touchdown and victory for the Vikings.

Trounce Hagerstown

In their longest road trip of the season, the Blazers downed the Hagerstown Hubs 26-19, in the losers' city. It was Blair's second win of the current campaign.

Ray Luckett led the attack in the wild and woolly contest, with his outstanding pass offense. The scoring went this way: Luckett scored one touchdown and one extra point; Downs, two TDS; Larimore scored one; and Morgan Wooten took the honor of kicking the first conversion placement of the Blazers' season.

Hagerstown scored one touchdown in the first quarter and one in the second quarter with an extra point. In the third period the Hubs made their third and final score.

Bow to Indians

The Blazers took their worst beating of the season on Saturday at the hands of the Anacostia Indians to the tune of 28 to 6.

Johnny Geleazza scored two touchdowns to pace the Indians to their fourth win in eight starts, before an Armistice Day crowd that filled the stands.

The Blazers scored their only touchdown in the third period, when Jimmy Downs went 22 yards to pay dirt.

Blazerettes Defeat Bladensburg 4-0

Blair's hockey squad has been idle for over two weeks having postponed games with Fairfax and Annapolis because of poor weather conditions.

Previous to this, however, the Blazerettes scored an easy 4-0 victory over Bladensburg.

Cherrix, Bagby Score

The Blazerettes started things rolling in the first few minutes of play, when Barbara Bagby carried the ball down the field for Blair's first goal. A second goal was made in that first half by Vivian Cherrix.

The second half saw the Bladensburg squad determined to tie up the score. However, the Blair line proved to be too strong for the opposition.

Score Is Doubled

Cherrix, supported by her teammates, again entered into the Bladensburg territory, and made good a third Blair goal.

For a while no scoring was made, as both teams fought for possession of the ball. Then, with but a few minutes remaining in the game, Susie Mitchell succeeded in pushing through the final goal.

Defeat Junior College

Last Thursday, the team scrimmaged Immaculate Junior College and defeated them by a score of 2-0.

All team members participated in this game, which was a comparatively easy one for the Blazerettes.

Blazerettes Defeated 1-0

Annapolis played host to Blair last week, and defeated the Red and White by a close margin of 1-0.

The Blazerettes were tough competitors for the Annapolis squad, but the hosts managed to score their lone point in the last ten minutes of play.

Shorts in Sports

Coaches Glory Over New Electric Scoreboard; Downs' Odds for the Blair, Bethesda Tussle are Even

Since last issue the "boys of the gridiron" seemed to have begun to click. Maybe "Lady Luck" is now with them or maybe "Reno" (coach Continetti) gave them "a shot in the head" as Milton Berle would say. At any rate they are now on the ball, and I know we all hope that they can show Bethesda a good, clean game to our victory, tomorrow.

There is one thing though, which seems to puzzle many people, students and other fans alike. Why doesn't "Mr. Continetti" take one or two boys on the squad and train them particularly in placement kicking for extra points? I think Morgan Wooten showed great skill in the Hagerstown game, when he "Broke the Ice" by kicking the first placement of the season for us Blazers.

Basketball season is just around the corner, and head basketball coach, "Whipping" Creme, is giving the boys who tried out a real "beating," but there has been no cuts as yet, so I'll tell you more about this at a later date.

Well, now we come to the problem, "What kind of chance does Blair have against Bethesda?" If

Girls' Basketball Team Is Chosen

Twenty-four girls have been chosen for the basketball team, from a record try-out total of 125.

This year, due to the new point system which features the monogram and shield, there were 135 girls who turned out for practice, only ten students failed to continue reporting long enough to receive their points.

Coach Is Optimistic

Miss June Lippy, coach of the team, in commenting on the season's outlook, remarked, "The response was overwhelming! Regardless of the outcome of the coming season, the spirit and enthusiasm shown by our Blair girls, makes it a privilege as well as a pleasure to coach them."

Shirley Graham, senior, was chosen as manager of the team.

Playing the forward position are Susie Mitchell, Charlene Bocklett, Nancy McInnerney, Janet Peksa, Mabel Vickers, Betty McFerrer, Jackie Myers, Mary Forcade, Laura Poling, Helen Quaintance, Jeanette Wilson, Alice Warfield, and Leona Price.

Guards include Louanne Walker, Vivian Cherrix, Betty Watson, Lou Ann Crogan, Jean Lohr, Emily Sherman, Alice Warfield, Shirley Seaton, Carolyn McCurdy, Janet Cawson, Valerie Walker, and Polly Brobst.

Blair Gives BCC Money!

What a horrible thought that headline is! But some students will be doing it if they buy their tickets to the Bethesda game at the gate. Buy your ticket, as well as your parents' at the school bank today so all the money will go into Blair's Athletic Fund.

Urge all your friends to come and see the battle between two great rivals.

by Ralph E. Dewhirst, Jr.

I were asked this question, I believe I would answer as Jimmy Downs answered me when I asked him, "We have the exact same chances on the field as they (Bethesda) do. When the game starts, both teams are equal. The game just shows which is the better team."

We'll all find out who is the better team tomorrow when we meet at Maryland University.

Something new has been added to the Montgomery Blair Gymnasium. Yes sir! We finally got an electric score board—one very similar to the ones that are in Uline Arena. It is red and white lettering, and has a clock in the middle which automatically sounds the buzzer when time is up. It has two panels on each side of the clock which light up with the correct score, one for the visitors, the other for the home team.

This is an expensive, beautiful, much-needed piece of equipment purchased by the classes of '48 and '49, advised by Miss Marion L. Schwartz. Every Blazer should be proud of this. It is up to you to take care of it.

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Work Program, Dance, Play Highlight Christmas Season

Merry Christmas! It's just that around old Blair during the Yuletide Season. Blair is all dressed up with Christmas spirit from Christmas tree and painting on the bank windows, to singing carols in the halls between classes.

Somehow the school seems emptier than usual. This is because, through Mr. C. C. Cummings and the D. O. program, many of the students are earning that ever important Christmas money at everything from delivering mail to office work.

Committee Plans Formal

Meanwhile, at school, the Dance Committee is hard at work taking care of last minute details for the Christmas Formal which is traditional. Also running riot with this affair are the students trying to guess who the queen will be.

Helping Blair celebrate this festive season was the Tenth Grade Dramatic Club's presentation of "The Empty Gesture," and Christmas music by the Blair choruses at the assembly Thursday. The Advanced Chorus has also performed on Jim Gibbons' Country Store, at the Hot Shoppe for the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, and the Blair P. T. A.'s Christmas Meeting. Tomorrow morning they will sing on Bill Herson's program which is from 7:00 to 9:00 on WRC.

Blairites in Chorus

When the National Lutheran Chorus, directed by R. E. Snesrud, presented their annual Christmas concert on December 11 in Constitution Hall, it was quite a feather in Blair's cap. Dick Batman, Ruthmary Ragsdale, Audrey Rickets and Nancy Snesrud sang with the chorus. (Quite an honor.)

December 24 finds the "Blair on the Air," radio program with lots of Xmas surprises including an interview with some of Blair's alumni.

Harry Kirk Receives Winslow Trophy For Achievement at Gaithersburg Fair

Harry Kirk, Blair junior, recently received the W. R. Winslow Achievement Trophy as a result of taking 61 prizes at last summer's Gaithersburg Fair.

Included in his collection were six grand champions, a trophy for a championship trio, and 21 first places.

Has Egg-Selling Business

To hold this trophy, Harry must win it for two more years by making the most outstanding achievement during the course of the three day fair held during August.

Now in his third year of raising fowl, he has a profitable business of selling eggs. Harry selects his chicks according to the standards by which they will be judged and spends a portion of each day feeding and caring for his birds.

Designed Quill Cover

He is interested in writing, also, and received a certificate of honorable mention in the *Evening Star* creative writing contest held last spring. His prize-winning theme was about his work with fowl.

A boy of many interests, Harry

"Busy as a Bee"

Miss Elizabeth Stickley has been "busy as a bee" helping the Sophomore Library Club members plan their party and at the same time supervising the decorating of the library Christmas tree with lights, tinsel, and book jackets. (Quite appropriate for the library.)

To round out the season, several clubs including the F. T. A., Ramblers, and Loafers, will have Christmas parties, and, of course, there will be dozens of private parties during the holidays.

Honor Group Aids Alumni Night Plan

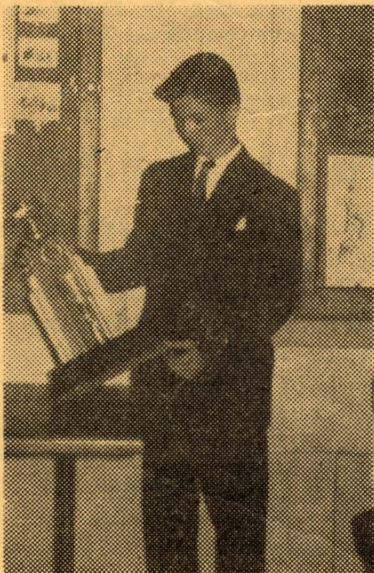
Renewing old acquaintances will be the main subject at the second annual Varsity-Alumni basketball game and dance to be held by the Blair Honor Society tonight, in the Blair Gym.

This year finds both the girls and boys engaging in the contests with their former schoolmates. The girls' game starts at 7 p.m. with the boys' game at 8, and the dance following immediately afterwards.

Last year the Student Council turned the game over to the Honor Society and the money was used to print Honor Society handbooks and to frame all graduation class pictures.

The use of the 60 cents a person admission this year has not yet been determined.

There is a special interest in the game this year because of the planning of an Alumni Association here at Blair.



Harry Kirk

has designed one of the eleven covers to appear with the winter issue of Blair's literary magazine, *Silver Quill*.

He is a member of the Shady Grove chapter of the 4H, having joined about a year ago.

Blairites Win AAUW Prizes

Charles Armstrong, senior; William McNaughton, junior, and Dorothy Minick, junior, won \$5 prizes in the writing contest sponsored by Silver Spring Branch of the American Association of University Women in the fields of fiction, articles, and poetry respectively.

Brian Crowley received honorable mention in the fiction contest, while Marie Kramer placed second in the article field, and Nina Bailey in the poetry contest.

Eligible for Quill and Scroll

In addition to the monetary award, the three winning students were entertained at a dinner, December 7, at the Jesup Blair House. They also are eligible for membership in Quill and Scroll, the international honor society for outstanding high school journalists.

Chuck Armsrtong's prize winning story was a murder entitled, "Piece of Point," while Brian Crowley's second place entry was called "The Garden."

"Skunk Hunting in Northwest Missouri," was the title of the prize winning essay; second place went to Marie Kramer, for an essay "America's Heritage."

Winning Poems

"Reflections" was the title of Dorothy Minick's first place poem. The second place entry was "Three Variations on the Same Theme."

The competition, initiated in 1948, is designed to bring out the creative writing talents of the students and to benefit the community.

Judging was done by Mrs. R. C. Jacobson, Mrs. Frank C. Cross, and Mrs. Joseph R. Kanagy.

Quill and Scroll Taps Members

Twenty students from *Silver Chips*, *Silverlogue*, and *Silver Quill* have been recommended for membership in the Quill and Scroll Chapter at Blair by the sponsors, Mrs. Alma Davidson, Mrs. Lucille Moler, and Mrs. William Hinckley.

In addition to their work on the publications, several candidates are eligible for the award by winning writing awards in AAUW and other contests. New members are James Holsoapple, Mary Louise Hanson, Patricia Levendoski, Brian Crowley, Betty Gene Collier, Marie Kramer, Nina Bailey, Mary Lasher, Laura Merle Smith, Ruth Bauman, Ann Musselwhite, Margaret Wilding, Mary Ann Kifer, Ann Craig, Marna Schulz, Karen Kruse, Bea Shaw, Connie LeRoy, Bill McNaughton, and Didi Minick.

According to the Quill and Scroll constitution all members must be chosen from the students enrolled in high school and at the time of their elections must be: (1) at least of junior standing, (2) in the upper third of their class in general scholastic standing at the time of their election (for the current year), (3) have done superior work in some phases of journalistic or creative endeavor, (4) recommended by adviser or committee governing publications.

'Who Is '49 Queen' Is Question Of Yule Week; Identity Secret



Smiling over their election as the candidates for Blair's Queen are left to right, in the first row, Patty Levendoski and Tap Hubbel; in the second row, Carolyn Wittaver, Marlita Scott and JoBe Moore; in the third row, Joyce Duvall and Eleanor Wood.

"Who is the '49 Blair Queen? Who will be crowned at the Christmas Formal on December 27?" are the questions Blairites are asking this week.

According to custom, the queen is chosen by balloting among the students and her identity remains a secret until the coronation ceremony.

Annual Show Has Three-Night Stand

Dates for the Variety Show have been definitely set for March 29, 30 and April 1 this spring, allowing for one extra performance more than usual.

The Variety Show Committee, composed of Miss June Lippy, chairman; Miss Mary Cross, and Mrs. Audrey Steele, announced last week that "tryout" will begin the second week in January. The setting will be a showboat and the acts will correspond in theme.

All students are being urged to try out. There should be no more than six people in one group, and practices should begin during the Christmas Holidays in order to have the acts at least three-fourths completed and learned by January, according to a bulletin issued last week by the committee. This group is expecting about 100 acts to try out.

Various types of numbers suggested are instrumental solo or duet, vocal numbers, song and dance routines, folk, acrobatic, or tap dances, skits, and monologues or dialogues.

Musicians Attend Band Convention in Chicago

Eleven members of the Blair Band and Orchestra attended the Midwest Band Clinic and Convention in Chicago, December 14-18.

Making the trip were Nick Lee, concert master of the Blair band; Willis Poole, assistant concert master; Howard Roth, concertmaster of the orchestra; Phyllis Harrison, president of the choral music group; and Margaret Wilding, Doris Kerby, Margaret Iback, Ruthmary Ragsdale, Bobby Carr, Margaret Abbott, and Neal Hillerman.

The purposes of the clinic, sponsored annually by the Vandercock School of Music and the Lyons Band Instrument Company, is the advancement of school band music, the discovery of outstanding players in school bands, and the naming of the latter as champions.

The clinic also hears recently published band and vocal selections.

Joyce Duvall, Tap Hubbel, Patty Levendoski, JoBe Moore, Marlita Scott, Carolyn Wittaver, and Eleanor Wood were chosen in a preliminary vote on December 9 as candidates for the honor. The six runners-up will compose the Court.

Joan Carl, last year's queen, will bestow the crown upon the new sweetheart during the Formal, which will be held in the Blair gym on Tuesday, December 27 from 9 'til 12. Will Plunkett's Orchestra will provide the music. The dance is semi-formal for the boys and formal for the girls.

The Queen Is Traditional

The selection of Jeanie Mieners as sweetheart of the alumni basketball game in 1939 began Blair's traditional election of a queen. The idea was suggested by the *Silver Chips* staff, who printed the first ballot in the paper, including instructions concerning the voting. Because there was no limit to the number of votes a person might cast, the slogan, "Vote early and often," became popular.

In subsequent years Mary Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Spencer, Mary Ann Mitchell, Fay Whitman, Libby Herdtfelder, Dolly Sapp, Elizabeth Smith, Bea Bartlett, and Joan Carl were chosen sweethearts.

Queen Must Excell

Candidates in order to qualify for sweetheart must meet the following qualifications:

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 exception 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.

The queen's court of last year included Priscilla Varney, Barbara MacCollum, Priscilla Ridge, Joan Hover, Gay DeNike, and Anne Swayzee.

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Moderns Make 'em

Deck the gals with boughs of mistletoe

Fa la la la la la la la—

Ah, yes! It's Christmas time again, and number one on milady's list for Santa is, you guessed it, clothes, clothes, and more clothes.

The modern trend in fashion has a particular code of its own, "Make your own."

It's really very easy to sew if you've just got the patience, a little creative initiative, and, of course, some material.

Speaking about materials, the best buys seem to be velvet corduroy (naturally), iridescent taffeta, and the latest craze, nylon puffetta, won't wrinkle and needs absolutely no ironing (good deal).

The corduroy skirts with the great big fly-away pockets, and those ever-lovin' jerseys, that seem to be taking over where the short sleeved sweater left off, make a big hit provided they are set off by those little colorful scarves and as many dangle bracelets as the smart Blair girl can handle with matching initialed earrings (you need only one pair of those).

Blouses are still a fashion must for the typical teen-ager; they are rather low-cut necklined with wide sweeping roll collars, and long full sleeves with matchin' buttons and cuff links.

The most prominent thing on the Blair *femme fatale* is her evening dress. First, it HAS to be strapless, cut low in the back, have a wide billowy skirt, and a matching or contrasting sash tied with a large bow or made into a bustle with the streamers dress length. This is for the men in your life—the corsage. You know how a girl feels about an orchid.

Dilemma Over P.A.

"Quietly please, and at once," is all of the public address announcement we get.

December 5 and 6 did everything short of driving students and teachers mad, with the *Silverlogue* photographer taking pictures and the sophomores getting their dental check-ups.

"10-3 PLEASE report to the health office immediately, and line up in alphabetical order." Two minutes peacefully go by and some branch of the Student Council has to report for pictures on the front steps. There suddenly seemed to be more clubs and committees than students.

Miss May Louise Wood's English class was trying to read a story; needless to say, at the end of the period they were still trying to read the story.

Rumors have it that Mr. Roy DeLauder just gave up.

Mrs. Lucille Moler said it wasn't too bad. "You just start to say something, stop for the P. A., take a deep breath, and start over again."

After running back and forth, Richard Chappel, Bill Stauffer, Gerry Lentz and Dwight Smith finally got about 65 calls made over the P. A., including those for the dentist, and decided to call it a day.

With the door being opened and closed, the P. A. in constant use, and the telephone used occasionally, that little room Mr. Leonard Oass calls an office was quite a madhouse.

Mr. Robert Maguire, driving teacher, seemed to be the only teacher who could "get away from it all," but on Tuesday one of his students practically killed them all by stepping on the gas.

Tap's Choosy Chit-Chat

Parties, Dance Vie Holiday Romances

Turkey day week-end was really a FULL and busy one for everybody. After the dance Friday night—which, by the way, I think everyone will agree was a huge success—Chuck Armstrong fed breakfast to Joan Baker, Bill Chapin 'n Marlita Scott, Bill Diedrich 'n Ellie Wood, Bud Dabney 'n Marian Thompson, Bob Finzel 'n Joyce Duvall, Joe Downs 'n Jobe Moore, Harry Ingram 'n Peggy Davis, Jim Downs 'n Joan Harmon, Buddy Dewhirst 'n Date, Tommy Troxler 'n Shirley Graham, Johnny Eagleton 'n "Neets," Ed Chapin 'n Luanne Walker.

Shirley Graham followed this up with a "slumber-less" party for the gals.

Before the dance, Miss Lucile Appleby gave a dinner party for Ellie Wood 'n Bill Diedrich, Sid Butler, George Butler 'n Shirley Brown, Sara Pryor 'n Jimmy Mills, Patti Levendoski 'n John Jensen, Percy Goody, Ed Fox 'n Ruth Bubes.

Thanksgiving Eve, Nancy Claggett gave a party for Tom O'Keefe, Betty Lu Clarke 'n George Werle, Carolyn Kennamer 'n Brad Cleveland, Sheila Bossert 'n John Hardy, Dee Smith 'n Jack Tracy.

Also—same night—the Hogan house was slightly filled to overflowing. Singing and dancing were Lula Hogan 'n Bill; Gale Reed 'n Bob Mayberry, Gene Hedgecock 'n Syd Hepler, Jack Burdine 'n Walt Mason, Johnny Edwards 'n Ileta Booke, Jim Downs, Chuck Armstrong, Tom Ridgeway 'n Babs Shytle, Reanne Hemingway 'n Bones Jones, Barbara Bowee 'n Bob Musgrove, Sue Scotten 'n Jack McShea, Joan Fales 'n Bernie Foy, Eddie Lee 'n Yours Truly—and lots more! Ask Lula!

How You Spell It!

What's in a name? Let us take the famous name of Blair. Along with being a symbol of education, it also is a symbol of the people who make it a growing and prosperous school. Five outstanding persons can be found in the letters of Blair. Do you know them?

B—a junior, who is an acrobat in Mr. D's "Harem" the grand and glorious Majorettes. She works on the radio program, belongs to the F.T.A., and she's always late when the dance committee decorates.

L—a senior boy who is very prominent in the field of writing. He's the editor of *Silver Quill* and when he's not in Mr. Hinckley's room, you can be sure to find him in the library working very industriously. In case you haven't guessed his name as yet, he was also in the senior class play.

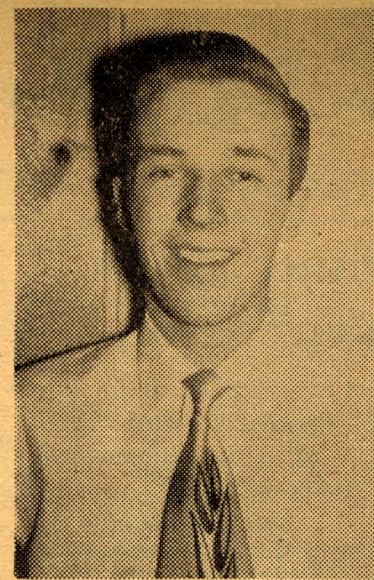
A—a sophomore whose name could be confused with that of his brother who is a senior. He is a member of the student council and always wears a smile which intrigues many a sophomore belle.

I—the only senior whose last name begins with "I." He is a member of the order committee and his muscular physique allows no mortal to go up the "down" stairway. He's also a member of the football and track teams and it's not at all unusual to find him with a black eye.

R—a junior girl who also belongs to the Majorettes. The tiniest of tots with brown curly hair and big brown eyes can be seen in the gym with the pom pom girls, always happy, always popular.

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Meet Mister President



Bill Diedrich

his management of Blair's baseball team last year.

To some, the number thirteen may be a very undesirable figure, but for Bill it marks the spot at which his name appeared in the Star Contest for writing a short story. At least that's an honorable mention!

A typical day in the life of our Student Council President might begin with a discussion with the school's Principal on some impending problem from which he will dash hurriedly to homeroom, just in time to go to his first period class. The next two hours, perhaps, will be reasonably commonplace, but at 10:50 a. m., the buzz in Bill's life begins again; for this is the time of day set aside for him to do any homework that might be showered upon him. Needless to say, various and sundry problems seem to arise at just this time, and the prophecy for homework must be "put off until tomorrow what you can't complete today."

Even his lunch hour is complicated by ambitious journalists, who insist upon interviewing him, but he weathers the strain of it all because two peaceful hours of English and Spanish mark the much needed rest in his daily routine.

At 2:35, Bill takes up his gavel and proceeds with the official work of the Student Council. This is generally followed by Cheer Leader practice and then home, where he tinkers with his '27 model "T" Ford. Will you ever get it back together again, Bill?

Heard at Blair

Liz Cave: Are we having a test in Senior Problems? I thought we finished the chapter.
Judy Anderson: I thought the chapter sort of finished us.

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Millie Layton upon hearing a description of a victim in first aid, "Say is this person still alive?"

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Miss Wood: (speaking of the Diary of Samuel Pepys) "Who's Pepys?"

Voice in the back of the room: "I am."

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Teacher: (trying to help a student in search of another student) He's not in here, have you tried Mrs. Gelletley's class?

Voice in the back of the room: Try the parking lot.

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Then there was the French II student who mystified the class by saying, "Ooey, ooey, madam wassel." It turned out that he meant "Oui, oui, mademoiselle."

Want to Stay Healthy?

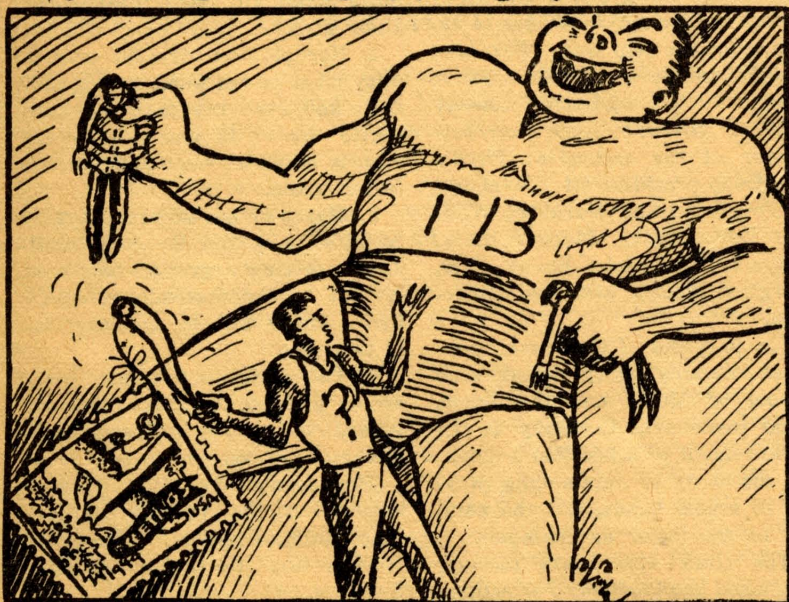
Because tuberculosis kills more people between ages fifteen and thirty-four than any other disease, its control right here in Montgomery County is of real importance to every Blairite interested in staying healthy.

Blair students and their families and friends should know that they can be X-rayed for tuberculosis in Silver Spring at the County's expense, and that if they are tubercular and can't afford treatment, the State provides both free and pay-what-you-can hospitalization.

But anyone would like to know how he can protect himself if he is healthy, and how he can readjust to normal life if he isn't. That's why the Montgomery County Tuberculosis Association (which is not tax-supported) has developed educational programs in the schools, press, and radio, and through speakers and posters. That's why it provides a vocational rehabilitation program for T. B. victims.

And that, Blairites, is why you buy Christmas seals! The sale of these seals is the only means by which the Tuberculosis Association can carry on and expand its program.

WANTED: ONE DAVID!



Holiday Work Program Draws 125 Pupil-Employees from Blair

Approximately 125 Blair students will be in and around Silver Spring working during the pre-holiday period, under the Christmas work program.

In order to qualify for work, a student must show definite financial need, a need for work experience, or the employer's need for his services. The latter applies particularly to those students in the diversified occupations classes who are now working on a part-time basis.

At the end of the working period the employers will rate the students working under them, and the ratings will be placed on the student's permanent record.

Include D.O. Program

Faculty supervisors of the program are Mr. Cleo Cummings and Mr. William Bennett, teachers of the school's Diversified Occupations classes. These are the students who attend classes in the morning, and work during the afternoon.

Monday, December 12, all the diversified occupations classes of Montgomery and Prince Georges County held a luncheon meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate the D. O. activities in the various schools.

Elect Officers

Students from Blair, Maryland Park, and Bethesda-Chevy Chase entertained the group.

Earlier this year the D. O. class elected Bob Herdtfelder, President; Beverly Alexander, Vice-President; Joyce Kidwell, secretary, and Brad Cleveland, treasurer.

Choral Group to Close Season on Radio Show

Blair choral music students will wind up their Christmas activities as the advanced group appears on Bill Herson's program, station WRC, between 7:00 and 9:00 tomorrow morning and then proceeds to the Hecht Company in Silver Spring to perform for the employees.

The same group presented a program for the Rotary Club at the Hot Shoppe yesterday, and combined with the tenth grade mixed chorus and girls' chorus to entertain the student body at the Christmas assemblies today.

In past weeks the advanced group has also appeared before the Kiwanis Club, the Blair P. T. A. and on Jim Gibbon's "Country Store" program on station WMAL.

Soloists this season have been Mary Lou Vernon, Jean Edwards, Jerry Gough, Bill Chapin, and David Hall.

Their selections have included "Jesu Bambino," "Cantique de Noel" and "Behold That Star," "Good King Wenceslas," and "Sing Noel," respectively.

Audrey Ricketts and Phyllis Harrison were the accompanists for all performances.

Senior Play Nets \$510.44; Breaks Prior Record

The net income from "My Sister Eileen," this year's senior class play, was \$510.44.

This is more money than has ever been made by a senior class play in Blair's history. There were 1,012 paid admissions for the two performances, exclusive of the complimentary tickets given to the faculty.



Joyce Kidwell, secretary of the Diversified Occupations Class, types on her job at the Mahar and Williams Advertising Agency, Silver Spring, under the work program plan.

Blair Alumna Is G. W. Class Officer

A name in the news at George Washington University recently has been that of Joan Evans, '49 newly elected vice-president of the freshman class.

Ralph Cady Mann is a senior at the University of Southern California.

Pat Hizer '48, is now attending Montgomery Junior College.

Jackie Runkle '46 and Don Clagett '44 will graduate from Maryland University in June. Also attending Maryland University are Charles James '49, freshman; Bea Bartlett '48, sophomore; Pat Mason '48, freshman; and Elizabeth Smith '47, junior.

Kirby Teaches Ball

Peggy Bowman '48, a drum majorette at George Washington University, will be featured in a floor show at Columbia Tech's Christmas dance to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, in Washington.

Roy Carpenter '48, moved to Arizona and joined the Air Corps. He is now stationed at Bowling Field.

Hope Henderson '48, has graduated from the Phyllis Bell modeling school, and is now a professional model.

Parker Kirby (on the over sea's league), is in Japan, traveling from island to island teaching baseball to the Japanese boys.

Fisher at Annapolis

Al Harding '48, has been working at his father's Pontiac Company in Laurel, for several months.

Louise Trippe '44, is working at Jelleff's in Silver Spring.

Russell Armentrout '48, is going to day school at Columbia Tech in Washington, where he is taking a Composite Drafting Course.

Ginger Evans '48, is attending Towson Teachers College, where she is a freshman.

Polly Billings '48, is attending the Abbot Art School in Washington.

Jimmy Fisher '47, is a Midshipman at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Patty Althaus '48 and David Smith '48 were married Thursday, December 8 at the Bethesda Lutheran Church.

A retraction is hereby made of the announcement in last month's Chips of the engagement of Jessie Pickett and Volney Schultz. Chips regrets the error.

First Honor List Reveals 109 Names

Blair students, who were qualified for the honor roll during the first report card period, number 109. In accordance with the new report system, students will receive four reports at nine-week intervals, instead of the previous six reports at six-week intervals.

Among the seniors making high grades of B or above, were Barbara Barry, Joyce Kidwell, Jeanne Lobdell, Virginia Miller, Joan Smith, Cleo Whitling, Beverly Peacock, Sue Mitchell, and Judith Anderson.

Others were Mary Louise Hanson, Ed Hunter, Mary Ann Kifer, Mary Lasher, Janet Frocke, Shirley Smith, Eleanor Wood, Nancy Kendrick, Lillian Wolf, Jean Bartlett, Patricia Gary, Thelma Rice, Miriam Thompson, and Joan Hubbel.

Additional High Names

Additional high grades were achieved by Eleanor Crezee, Marlita Scott, Percy Goode, Charles Brailer, Richard Petzold, John Selby, Roberta Tompkins, Shirwood Taylor, Ruth Bauman, Betty Gene Collier, and Patricia Levendoski.

Also on the list were Nina Bailey, Brian Crowley, Mona Jess, Nicholas Lee, David Power, and Barbara Beall.

Eleventh grade honor students include Ruth Benson, Jean Edwards, Joan Harmon, Reanne Hemingway, Billie Jess, Mary Marsh, Howard Metcalf, Courtney Murphy, Alice Warfield, and Bill McNaughton.

Others Include

Others included Harry Cleaver, Harriet Friedlander, Donald Gray, Nelson Kulda, Connie LeRoy, Jean Lohr, Barbara McBride, Leonard Crogan, Jerry Larson, Carlton Clark, Dick Bartlett, Annette Garver, Lula Hogan, Marie Binot, Barbara Brewton, Lillian Poitte, and Ann Lee Weeks.

Also making top grades were Robert Amman, Joseph Mendum, Walter Petzold, William Schmittman, Harold Hanson, Judy White, Kathy MacDonald, James Williamson, Betty McFerron, Sally Moore, Francis Peavy, Jane Richmond, Nancy Scofield, Nancy Stang, Judy Thompson.

25 Sophomores

Tenth grade honor students include Robert Atkinson, Atwood Barwick, Janean Courson, Betty Stephens, Janet Johnson, Jimmy Klineberg, Beverly Dabrovlny, Ann Hellman, Joan Kelson, Ronald Eleanor Wood, chairman of the Armstrong.

Others are Darlene Kelly, Ellen Grant, Roy Dennis, Jo Anne Boschet, David Barr, Robert Nagle, Lief Beck, Barbara Dodd, Edna Kronembitter, Bruce Lieke, Ted Scheick, Carol Cleaver, Jerome Jewler.

Seniors Slate Only Class Party for January 28

January 28 will be the date of the senior class party, it was announced at last week's senior meeting.

Deedrick, Roger Hagell, and John The party will consist of a pot luck supper, followed by ballroom and square dancing, according to Senior Social committee.

Ann Gummel, chairman of the Banquet committee announced June 15 to be the date of the Senior Banquet, which will be held this year at the Indian Spring Country Club, the dinner to cost \$3.50 per plate. The Country Club was chosen in order that the students might have space for dancing after the banquet.

Newest Clubs Include Radio, Madrigal, Agriculture, Sea

New organizations have been added to Blair's program of activities, making almost thirty clubs available to the student body.

This year, school time has been allotted for club meetings, although many of the larger clubs, such as the Library Club, meet after school.

One of Blair's newest clubs is the Madrigal Group, under the direction of Miss Mary Cross. A madrigal is a special type of choral ensemble, in which each part sings its own melody. This is the first time there has ever been a madrigal at Blair.

To Be Girls' Madrigal

The ensemble will sing music in the style of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, when madri-

gal singing was a favorite pastime of that period. At present, Blair has a girls' madrigal.

Also under Miss Cross' direction is the Glee Club, open to boys and girls. A number of boys are needed to balance the chorus, and there are still a few openings for girls. Requisites are interest and some musical ability.

Many Other Clubs

Other new clubs include the Agriculture Club, sponsored by Mr. Harold Horn, and the Fore and Aft Club, a sailing club, directed by Mr. E. Rhodes, and the Radio Club, under Mr. Harrison Meserole.

An old club with a new director is the Junior-Senior Dramatic Club, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Shirley Worthington. Club officers, elected last week are Jerry Gough, president; Mona Jess, vice-president; Joan Harmon, secretary; and Betty McFerron, treasurer.

The Sophomore Dramatic Club, directed by Mr. Carl Bell, presented their first production today.

Ramblers Elect

The Ramblers, one of Blair's social clubs, recently elected Peggy Britt as their president. Other officers include Ben Kotuski, vice-president; Louella Goul, secretary; and David Forward, treasurer.

The score of other clubs include the Kennel Club, sponsored by Mrs. Frances Andrews, which studies the care and breeding of dogs; the Science Club, open to all boys and girls interested in any field of science and sponsored by Mr. Horn; the Art Club, directed by Mrs. Faye Sherry; the B.B.A., a religious club; the World Friendship Club sponsored by Mr. Albert Chakan, and many others.

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Sally Baehr

Nick Lee

John Armstrong

Harry Ingram

Mickey Robbins



Unusual assignments are nothing new to the girl at the Long Distance switchboard. Witness this letter from a grateful telephone subscriber:

"Last night I put in a call to my brother at the FBI Academy in Quantico. He wasn't there at all, having been transferred to Washington, where he was located in a few minutes by your operator.

"However, if she had not used a lot of initiative and intelligence the call could not have been completed. Her courteous persistence in extracting information from people at the other end of the line was finally rewarded when she located my brother at the Department of Justice Building. Please give her an orchid on my behalf."

Telephone people have a tradition they call the "spirit of service." This spirit of friendly helpfulness is seen in routine matters as well as in emergencies — large and small. On it is based their determination that — come what may — they'll get the message through.

The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company.

Hoop Season Begins With a Bang! Win Two; Lose One

Interscholastic basketball returns to Blair on January 4 when the Blazers play Washington and Lee in a home game at 3:30.

This game will mark the beginning of a month in which Westminster, Wilson, Gonzaga, Western, Bethesda, and Friends will all face the Blazers.

B. C. C. Always Rival

The B. C. C. game is already arousing interest and anticipation. The general opinion among Blair students and players is that no matter how the teams appear on paper, the game is bound to be close because of the natural rivalry that exists between the two schools. Both Bethesda games will be played at Maryland University.

The Junior Varsity is slated to play a nine-game schedule this year. They will attempt to avenge their Priory defeat against such opponents as the JayVees of Westminster, Gonzaga, B. C. C., and St. Johns.

Coach Optimistic

Although the opinion of some of the players seems to reflect the belief that, while the schedule is a rough one, listing such opponents as Gonzaga and St. Johns, the team will nevertheless enjoy a successful season.

Coach Anthony Creme, although maintaining that it is too early in the season to make any predictions on individual games, believes that Blair boasts a good team and that a successful season is not too much to expect.

Open Successfully

The Blazers started their season off on the right foot as they averaged more than two points a minute while defeating Gaithersburg High 71-38 on December 7.

After the first minute of play the outcome of the game was no longer in doubt. The Blazers, sparked by Ray Luckett and John Selby with 15 and 13 points respectively, took a more commanding lead as each period ended.

With less than two minutes remaining in the game and 69 points for the home team on the scoreboard, Coach Creme sent in his starting five to finish up the afternoon. Just before the buzzer sounded, ending the game, Luckett's set shot whistled through the net for the 71st point for the Blazers.

Shorts in Sports

Creme Coaches Hoopsters; Holsopple to Head Sports

Basketball is taking all of our interest now. Coach Anthony Creme is the Head Coach for basketball, and I think he has done a wonderful job in training a swell bunch of fellows. Mr. Creme really knows his basketball, there is no doubt about that.

Last year the Blazers had a Great hoop season and won 17 games, losing only 7. The red and white won the county championship, but fell out in the Star contest. This was all done under the careful, watchful, coaching of Coach Creme.

The Blazers have won two of their first four contests. They plastered Gaithersburg, 71-38; edged out Priory 46-42; hard beaten by Coolidge, 40-37.

The Blazers were then beaten by George Washington High School of Alexandria by the score of 43-41, in a retake of the Coolidge game.

Ed. Note: This is the last column that I will write for *Silver Chips*. James Holsopple will be my successor, as I am taking the position, which I like very much and wanted before I was asked to take Sports Editor. I shall devote my time in the future to typography, as Layout and Make-up Editor which is the job of placing articles and headlines on the pages of *Silver Chips* to conform with the two or three press associations which judge *Chips* according to pleasing arrangement of articles, catchy headlines, and the quality of content.

Jimmy Holsopple, is a very good boy for Sports Editor at Blair, as he was Sports Editor for the school he attended in New Jersey.

G. W. Edges Blairites

Although they outscored the opposition in the second half 32-18, Blair's basketball squad dropped a tough decision to George Washington High, 43-41, last Friday at Alexandria.

The winners, undefeated in Washington last year and defending champs of the Evening Star Metropolitan Tournament, got their victory as the result of a very poor first half for Blair. The Blazers were outplayed and outscored, 25-9, in the first two quarters.

But from the moment the clock began moving in the third period, it was evident that things had changed. The Blairites completely dominated the game from then on but couldn't quite erase the tremendous sixteen-point deficit.

Ray Luckett led the Blazer scoring with 14 points. Team mate John Selby followed for the Blazers with 13 tallies. High man for the game, however, was Erwin Jones of G. W. who netted 17 points for the Virginia team.

Nipped by Coolidge

Although fighting all the way, the Blazers' slightly ragged ball-handling cost them the game as they bowed to Coolidge, 40-37, in December thirteen's tilt at Coolidge.

Blair's mediocre passing and frequent inability to hold onto the ball showed as the highly-touted Colt five capitalized on every break to register the win.

The Blazers were at their best in the waning moments when they came close to knotting the score, but they could not quite make it. It was the first defeat for them.

High scorer was Jim Barrett of Coolidge, with 16, while Ray Luckett led Blair with 10.

Pummel Panthers

Big John Selby led the attack as Blair's hoop artists defeated Priory of Washington, 46-42, December 9, in a night contest on the loser's court.

Although playing a hard-fighting Priory team, the Blazer quint was never in serious danger. They led at halftime, 28-16, and maintained an edge through the clash.

Bruce Warring was Priory's high scorer with 18 points, while Selby's 17 paced the winners.

by Ralph E. Dewhirst, Jr.

Meet the Team!

With six seniors leading the way, this year's basketball squad has made a favorable showing in games up to date, and looks as if it may have as fine a season as last year, when the Blazers were the '48-'49 Montgomery County Champions.

Bill "Reds" Schief has been "Mr. Basketball" at Blair since his appearance in the 47-48 B.-C. C. game. Not a high scorer, Bill acts as a "steadier" on the team with his cool-headed work at guard. He won letters for his work on the court in his sophomore and junior years, and will probably go on to college basketball.

Bill says, "Sure, I'd like to play as a pro." Plenty of practice has gone into his court prowess: he's been playing the game for seven years.

Newcomer Is Selby

A newcomer to Blair sports is John Selby, who transferred from Eastern in the latter part of last year. He got here too late to play for the Blazers, but won a letter at Eastern. John says Blair, the sports set-up, and the students, are "Wonderful." His height (6' 4") makes him a natural center and under-the-basket man, and is one reason he dumps in all those points.

John, not sure about his basketball future, says "Maybe college." Asked if he'd like playing pro basketball he said, "Who wouldn't?"

Luckett, a Basket Star, Too

Better known for his abilities with a football, Ray Luckett is another player who keeps the team going with a healthy number of points per game. Ray has two letters in basketball to his credit, but his plans for the future don't include basketball. He'll probably stick to football.

Tall, (6' 2"), he scores a lot of his points under the basket, but can drop 'em in from far out if necessary. Contrary to popular opinion, Ray believes the zone defense is easier to crack and would rather play against it.

Downs on Docket

Another football star who's making a name in basketball is Jim Downs. Most of his scores come on layups. Jim hasn't won a letter before in basketball, but was on the squad last year, and says this year's team looks better.

"It's got more height: Selby helps. Experience over last year makes a difference." Like Luckett, Jim will probably forego college basketball in favor of football.

Pro Ambitions for Wooten

When they can't work the ball in under the basket, Morgan Wooten is one of the players the team gives the ball to make those thrilling set shots from 'way out.

He was on the squad last season and thinks the team has a chance for the Maryland championship, "If we keep hustling, in the proper frame of mind, the team is better balanced, more of a team than in '48." Morgan says he'd "love" to play college and pro basketball.

Larimore High Scorer

Bill Larimore, another tall letterman, keeps things running with cool, head-up ball. He has never been a sensational high-scorer, but is all-important in keeping the team moving in a well-knit, smooth functioning style. Bill has received letters for his court work in his sophomore and junior years, but doesn't plan to do anything with his basketball ability after high school.

He's optimistic on the season's prospects: "Best since I've been here." He says the team is better because it's taller, more adept.

Peksa, Walker Pace Hoopsters

One of the most promising forwards on the girls' basketball squad this season is Janet Peksa, a junior, transfer from Catonsville High School in Baltimore county.

Janet was active in varsity sports at Catonsville, where she participated on the hockey, basketball, and volleyball teams.

Receiving an athletic letter at her former Alma Mater was an easy job for Janet, and now, after proving herself a good hockey and basketball player, she has also been awarded her letter here at Blair.

Janet not only enjoys school sports, but swimming, tennis, and horseback riding as well.

Undoubtedly this junior will be an asset to the basketball team not only because of her past athletic record, but for her all round sportsmanship as well.

An outstanding senior guard on the basketball squad is Luanne Walker, a member of the girls' "B" club, and veteran basketball player for the Blazerettes.

Luanne, a graduate of Takoma Junior High School, played softball and basketball during her three years there.

In her Sophomore year at Blair, Luanne was a member of the track team, the basketball team, and the softball team.

However, basketball and softball were her two outstanding sports in her junior year.

Looking into the future, Luanne is planning to major in physical education in college.

Blair Drops BCC

Winding up the season in a blaze of glory, Blair's football squad downed Bethesda, 20-12, at Maryland University on November 19 to retain the mythical Montgomery County Championship.

The triumph gave the victors two legs on the big pigskin trophy. A victory in 1950 would win permanent possession for Blair.

Ray Luckett and Jim Downs paced the attack for the Blazers.

Sports in Shorts

Blazerettes Prepare for Coming Season

by Marie Kramer

Will the Blazerettes have a successful basketball season this year? This is definitely a sixty-four dollar question, for despite previous records, no one can tell what the coming season holds.

The team in action during recent practice sessions looked very promising.

Quite a few of the team members seem to feel that they have a pretty good chance of winning the majority of their games. The girls are positive that their passing is not as smooth as it might be, however.

This may be true, but of course the schedule does not begin officially until January 6, with the exception of the alumni game tonight. Through this game, the team hopes to gain an insight on the points they need to improve upon.

It has been rumored that the outcome of the Alumni Game will be a surprise to all.

After-school sports will continue following the Christmas holidays, under the direction of Miss Jean Baker. On the agenda will be tumbling on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and bowling intramurals on Wednesdays.

Twenty-five athletic points will be awarded for these activities, if the participants report regularly.

The volleyball intramurals under the combined guidance of Miss Baker and Miss June Lippy, are progressing quite well.

The actual team competition has been started, and the girls are becoming even more interested in the game as the competition grows.

Members of the girls' "B" Club are aiding the coaches.



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Exam Week in Second Year; Semester Tests Begin Today

"Exam Week" this year, as doubtless all students and faculty know, begins today and will continue through Friday, January 27.

The main purpose of the program is to conduct mid-term tests, although every student will have a private conference with his homeroom teacher sometime during the week.

Conferences Planned

Also, in case one has doubt as to where he stands in a certain course, conferences may be arranged with the various subject teachers. Should any pupils' parents, especially those of seniors, wish to talk with any of the teachers, they may do so during "Exam Week" by appointment.

Beginning today, regular semester exams will be given in the mornings, one morning being set aside for each period of the regular class day. Afternoons will be taken up with conferences and certain standard tests, which all juniors will take. These are intelligence, achievements, and occupational preference exams, scores of which will be placed on the permanent record cards.

Second Exam Week

Students will report to homerooms at 8:50, as usual, for roll call, and then go on to their specific class for that exam. After completing their tests for the day, students are free to go, providing there are no later conferences or work to be made up.

This is the second year "Exam Week" has been conducted at Blair. Prior to last year, students were given a week off from school to work on certain planned-for and approved projects. Thus students were given time to do things they had always wanted to do, but never seemed to get around to doing. Grades were taken at the end of the week's work.

The program was discontinued because of the lack of facilities to set up such a set-up in the face of greatly increased school enrollment, but this suspension will probably prove temporary and the return of Project Week is expected.

Twentieth Library Club President Becomes Eleventh Annual Sweetheart; To Compete for Mardi Gras Honor

Joyce Duvall became Blair's eleventh sweetheart at the traditional Christmas formal on the night of December 27.

Joan Carl, last year's queen, was present to crown Joyce with a wreath of white carnations and white roses. Joyce was one of the seven girls selected by Blair students to compete for the queenship. Her court consisted of JoBe Moore, Marlita Scott, Eleanor Wood, Patty Levandoski, Joan Hubbel, and Carolyn Wittauer.

Since 1939, when the *Silver Chips* staff presented the idea of electing a senior girl as sweetheart of the student body, the idea has flourished.

The new queen is very active in school affairs, as she is president of the Library Club and chairman of the Interscholar Relations committee of Student Council. Joyce is also a member of the Honor Society, Tri-Hi-Y, and a twirler in

the Majorette Corps.

Besides being crowned Blair's Sweetheart, Joyce has also been honored with the title of "Miss Bethesda Naval Hospital of 1950." Chosen out of eight contestants, she is now a tentative contestant in the "Mardi-Gras Queen" in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Photographers representing three metropolitan newspapers were also present at her coronation and pictures of the crowning appeared in the five papers of this area.

Of the past Blair queens, five who have married are Jeanie Mieners, Mary Ann Mitchell, Fay Whitman, Elizabeth Smith, and Barbara Spencer.

Busy at Maryland University are Bea Bartlett, Elizabeth Smith, and Dolly Sapp, while Libby Herdtfelder has graduated from Garfield and is now nursing.

Joan Carl, last year's sweet-

N. B. C. Broadcasts U. N. Program

Participation in the twenty-fourth Annual United Nations Student contest is again open to students of "any recognized secondary school in the United States" including Blair.

Written examinations will be given on March 31.

Study Kit Provided

To help students prepare for the examinations, which will cover "United Nations and related problems," a study kit is provided for each school participating in the contest. Blair's kit, as well as contest rules, may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Mary Enright.

As a supplement, the National Broadcasting company will produce a series of weekly programs, which will be broadcast locally on station WRC at 7:30 every Friday night under the title, "The U. N. Is My Beat."

Offer \$500

The two best papers from each school will be forwarded to National Contest Headquarters for judging. National prizes are first, a trip to Europe or \$500, second, \$100; and eligibility for college scholarships for students placing among the top fourteen in the country.

Maryland students are eligible for local prizes of \$50, \$25, and \$15. Local and state winners will be announced on May 1 and National winners selected "not later than June 10."

The contest is sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations and the National Broadcasting Company.

Last year Blair had two entries.

Library File Now Holds News and Views of '49

A scrapbook containing clippings published last year in District and suburban newspapers about Blair was presented recently to the school library to be kept on file.

This scrapbook, compiled by the journalism class of 1949, contains pictures and news articles.



Joan crowns Joyce new sweetheart.

heart, is now a stewardess on American Airlines.

Meritorious Literary Magazine Begins Work on Third Edition



Newly elected members of the *Silver Quill* are, front row, left to right, Karen Kruse, associate editor; Madeline Binot, editor; Courtney Murphy, associate editor; back row, left to right, Dan Levine, associate editor; Don Freas, art editor; and Joe Swafford, business manager.

Blair, W-L Discuss Quill Elects Binot Magazine Worries Seven to Assist

Fifteen artists, editors, and contributors connected with Blair's *Silver Quill* were hosts to a dozen representatives of *The Penman*, literary magazine of Washington-Lee High School, at a meeting and tea held here on January 5.

The get-together opened with short talks by several Blairites. Leading off was Mr. William Hinckley, who spoke as *Silver Quill's* adviser. Nick Lee spoke for the editors, Brian Crowley as a contributor, Bob Pease for finance, and Ann Craig as art editor.

Show Art Methods

Then came an open discussion session during which common problems, aims, and other subjects were considered. The afternoon ended with a visit to the art room, where methods used to illustrate Blair's current issue were on display, and with a tea arranged by the home arts department.

A reciprocal visit by Blair to Washington-Lee is planned for early in February.

Penman on Large Budget

The Penman is similar to the *Quill*, except that it is printed and operates on a budget more than double that of the latter.

The *Silver Quill* uses the photo-offset process, which allows extensive art work at no extra cost.

American U. Sponsors Student Journalism Day

Advisers and students of *Silver Quill*, *Silverlogue*, and *Silver Chips* staffs have been invited to attend the American University's 1950 Journalism Day, January 21, on the university's campus.

The agenda for the day's program includes registration and the opening session in the gymnasium followed by classes in various phases of journalism. The latter are conducted by professional journalists and are presented in order that the student may gain helpful information and suggestions which may be applied to their own school publications.

Highlight of the day will be a symposium on "Covering a World News Capital." Five widely known journalists representing a Washington newspaper, a press association bureau, a radio network, a foreign news bureau, and a news magazine will tell how they cover Washington. Following this the students will be given time to ask the speakers questions.

Journalism Day is open to all students in Maryland high schools.

Eight students were elected to the incoming staff of *Silver Quill*, Blair's literary magazine, at a meeting of all interested Blairites on January 6.

Elected to the position of editor-in-chief was Marie Madeline Binot. Other staff members are: associate editors, Karen Kruse, Dan Levine, Courtenay Murphy; business manager, Joe Swafford; publicity director, Howard Metcalf; art editor, Don Freas; associate art editor, Barbara Brewton.

New Staff Publishes in Spring

A *Silver Quill* staff holds office from the middle of one school year to the middle of the next. The new staff takes over immediately and will publish the second (and last) issue for 1949-50, in the spring, and the first issue for 1950-51.

Immediately after the Christmas holidays the first of two issues of *Silver Quill* for this school year was released. Laden with art work with a modernistic motif, all done by Blair's art classes, the magazine contains short stories, poems, essays, and book reviews written by Blairites. This is only the second edition of the *Quill*, the first having been issued last spring.

Deadline for February

Silver Quill was begun last year to fill the need for such a publication after many Blair writers won prizes in the Evening Star's writing contest. The first issue, although using an ordinary mimeograph method of reproduction, won the first prize of the Maryland Scholastic Press Association, in a competition which Washington schools also entered.

The deadline for the entries for the summer issue, set two weeks ago, is February 1.

January 30 Is Tryout Date for Variety Show

Tryouts for the fourteenth annual variety show will begin January 30, and continue throughout that week.

Rehearsals will begin about the third week in February, and the show will be presented on March 30 and 31, and April 1.

Under the direction of Miss June Lippy, general chairman, Miss Mary Cross, and Mrs. Audrey Steele, a showboat will be this year's theme. Past themes have included a circus, a night club, and a corner drug store.

According to Miss Lippy, all students should have their acts ready early.

Lasher Features Mohawk Yells

If you hear a "whoop and a holler" coming from the vicinity of Mrs. Davidson's room, it may have issued from Mary Lasher, editor of *Silverlogue*, but don't be scared. You see Mary was born along the Mohawk Valley and, perhaps once in a lifetime, these Indian (she's really French and Irish) tendencies crop out.

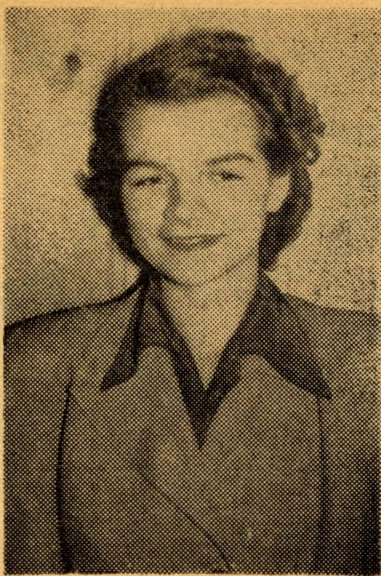
Mary started her busy life in Little Falls (Montgomery County), New York on March 5, 1932. Shortly thereafter she spent a winter in Florida and then moved to Washington. After two years she again moved; this time to Maryland.

Mary is one of Blair's "behind the scene," leaders. She is a 5 feet 7 inch, brown-haired, brown-eyed, friendly girl, active in clubs and well-liked. Mary doesn't talk a great deal, but what she does say has been well thought out and is intelligently spoken.

Her biggest dislike, she claims, is disorganization.

Her future is already settled, for she plans to marry Ray Hartzell this summer.

Being editor of *Silverlogue*, chairman of the election committee for Student Council, and a member of the Honor Society, Quill



Mary Lasher

and Scroll, Baccalaureate and Commencement committees, the Library Club, and others have already earned Mary her monogram.

Speaking of good times, Mary says that one of her best was enjoyed during the five days she spent in New York last spring. While there she went sight seeing and attended a high school prom at one of the New York hotels.

Mary's advice for future *Silverlogue* editors is, "Be prepared for a lot of work."

What Does It Mean?

Do you know the meaning of *chacma*? Well, neither did the following individuals who gave the following answers when asked:

"What would you do if I gave you a chacma?"

Howard Roth—"I'd eat it."

Jeanne Rembert—"Mow the lawn with it."

Miss Stickley—"I'd give it right back to you."

Marilyn Leonhardt—"Chase Billy with it."

Lewis Roberts—"Lock it up and keep it for a rainy day."

Joan Keagle—"I'd set it on the table and look at it."

Avis L. Hommedieu—"Throw it out the window."

Herbie Morrison—"Climb a tree with it." (Herbie came closest to guessing its identity.)

Patty Levendowski—"I think I'll put it on my bed."

Charlene Kreh—"Dress it up in a red and white skirt and use it for a mascot."

Richard Dixon—"Take it swimming."

Connie LeRoy—"Dump it in the lake."

Nancy Scofield—"I'll give it to my dog."

Miss Appleby—"I'll save it for my vacation."

Anonymous—"Mash it with a hammer."

The meaning of *chacma*? It's "a very large South African baboon."

A Quest for Guests

Recently one of the senior lockers on the first floor of the old building put a sheet of paper up for a guest list just to see how many used the large mirror.

Vistors were numerous, numbering over 60. Many girls, Roberta Meridith, Margaret Wilding, Millie Layton, Patty Levendowski, and Marlita Scott were listed. And a few whom the owners of the locker had never heard of were listed, too!

But what really takes the cake is the long list of boys' names. Included were Ronnie Deidrick, Jimmy Denny and Woody Taylor, along with about 20 others. The fellas seemed to take over the mirror half the time according to the list!

Chit Chat by Tap

Blairites—Quiet?

Yessiree — the holidays were really packed full of presents, parties, dances, mistletoe and fun for everyone.

I guess yours truly was one of the first to start it off—with a party Christmas night for the entire majorette corps and dates.

Then, of course, there was the Christmas Formal on the 27th with the crowning of our Blair Sweetheart, Joyce Duvall. I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time—and right here I'd like to take time, or rather space, to compliment the dance committee—the decorations were beautiful!

Now, for a brief review of the party doings, et cetera. After the dance, breakfast was being served by Jim Anderson and Marcia Nauman. On the 28th Johnny Eagleton gave a wonderful party, while Aimee Lou Johannes and a collection of nice, quiet, subdued young ladies kept the neighbors wondering all night—Wow! . . . Patty Levendowski gave a luncheon the afternoon of the 30th, and Gail Reed threw an openhouse that night.

Then came New Year's Eve. Everyone was in wonderful "spirits" to welcome in the brand New Year at parties given by Sid Hepler, Ted Owen, Ed Robbins, and Marty Smith, Betty Lou Clarke, Clark Stout, Buddy Taylor, George Kennebeck, and Johnny Linton.

The night of the seventh, Helen Blanche gave a birthday party for Marcia Nauman. Helping her to celebrate the event were Lyman Hanning, Dick Bartlett, Myra Godsey, and Sam Marsanopli. The same night, Joan Fales and Morgan Wooten, Sue Scotten and date, yours truly and Beech McShea attended a party given by Lynn Snyder.

Last Friday night, Marlita Scott, Jim Downs 'n Joan Harmon, Harry Ingram 'n Lynn Waters, Ellie Wood 'n Bill Deidrich, Joan Baker 'n Chuck Armstrong, Patty Levendowski 'n Rick Waters, Sara Pryor 'n Jimmy Mills, Joe Downs 'n JoBe Moore, and Audrey Soderstrom 'n Jimmy Anderson all got together to wish Bill Chapin a happy birthday.

Joan Harmon and Myra Godsey also celebrated their birthdays in a big way by throwing an openhouse at Pinecrest Cabin.

Wish We Could Help:

Miss Wood, who has to count her students and figure out who is absent while her register is in the office.

Mr. Maguire, who claims he will wear his pants out getting in and out of the car to set up the posts that are knocked down now that his students are trying to learn to park.

Maureen Marr to learn where second gear is—she succeeded in shifting from first to reverse one day. But she can park the best in second period driving!

It Happens in January

We're doing our homework
Saying our prayers
Not going up that down flight of stairs.

We're walking 'round ladders
Knocking on wood
Trying to get A's—Sure wish that we could!

Though studying English
Taking no rests
How can we pass with those horrible tests?

Blair Burns Down!

As each graduating class increases in size over the preceding one and Blair becomes one of the leading suburban schools in the metropolitan area, the need for an alumni association presents itself more and more.

The advantages of an alumni group are many and varied. This group would be able to (1) raise money for and sponsor a Blair scholarship, (2) arrange for a dance for the alumni, and (3) sponsor the annual Alumni Night basketball game.

Other services to the school would present themselves as the group establishes itself in the life of Blair. One of the greatest of these services would be the creation of a stronger sense of school spirit since the graduates would still have a contact with the *alma mater*.

At the annual meeting of all the Honor Society chapters last fall a committee was formed to gauge the interest of graduates in such an organization. This committee distributed a questionnaire to more than 100 alumni at Blair on Alumni Night and discovered these facts:

99% of those answering the questions were interested in helping to form an alumni group.

100% would attend its social functions.

90% said they would attend the business meetings.

On the basis of this information it would seem that a Blair alumni association is not only needed but wanted!

The difficult task of organizing the group would fall on the shoulders of the graduates and the Honor Society but the job of supporting the association and aiding it through its first years of existence would be for the classes of '50, '51, and '52.

Please excuse the headline—we think the subject is too important to be ignored.

The Editors

'Chic' of the Week— Mmm-Neat!



By Nancy McInnerney

Have you met Blair's two newest students? If you haven't you will see them around as they can be found anywhere in the halls of Blair.

Meet Betty Blair. She's 5' 6", has blue eyes, and medium brown hair. Her hair is cut short, with short slightly curled bangs while the rest of her hair is just wavy. A gold decorative barrette holds her hair in place on the side. The white, shirt-waist blouse is so plain that she tops it with a small bright scarf, or she may wear her one-and-only's letter sweater.

Tweeds, the latest in skirts and coats. Yes, a tweed, and any color can be worn with it, especially a link dog chain belted around her waist.

Wear Bangles, Jangles

Bobby sox are special wants of everyone; thick sock tops and newly polished saddle shoes look neat anywhere. Maybe for a change she will wear her Tippi-canoe moccasins with a pair of thin white socks.

On Betty's wrist a cute little novelty bracelet in the shape of a perfume jar dangles, and now she is ready to catch the school bus. So, she grabs her flared back tweed coat, puts her white scarf around her neck, her white gloves on and makes a bee-line for the bus.

She is saved a seat on the bus by Joe Blair. He's what you might

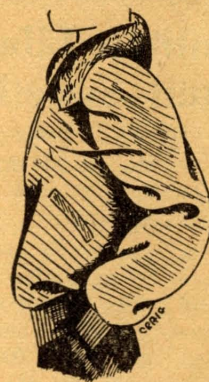
call the average guy. His dark brown hair and brown eyes are brought out by that slick white letter sweater. The white collar of the sport shirt gives a sporty appearance and sometimes he wears a "T" shirt under that. His favorite color is blue; therefore most of his slacks are of the same shade of blue. Of course very very occasionally he might be glimpsed in a pair of blue jeans, or a suit and tie.

Blue Serge in Order

He likes brown heavy-soled shoes that tie, identification bracelets and watches.

The gray satin-finished jacket with the fur collar, which he turns up to keep his ears warm, completes the attire for the "regular fellow."

Of course with all their activities Joe and Betty don't have much spare time, but when they do go out for an evening of fun, here's what they might wear. Betty probably wears a shiny satin, winged-collar dress with heels and hose and a pearl choker.



Joe has a sharp blue serge double-breasted suit with a satin tie, and to keep him warm he wears a gray overcoat and leather gloves.

Off they go to have a "swell evening."

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We're Eavesdropping

Ted Shiek says his French book is so dog-eared he gets confused and throws it a bone every night.

When Miss Wood asked the meaning of "coquette" a voice in the back of the room was heard to say "—It's a game."

Harry Ingram: Don't be silly, It's a food.

Ted Shiek, preparing for a test asked, "Do we get any credit for spelling our name right?"

Miss McCarthy's French II students wonder if she says "Oui Monsieur" in her Spanish classes as often as she says "Si Senor" to them.

Bernie Cochran fell for something besides a girl when he landed on the floor instead of a table he had planned to sit on.

Is it easy to type standing, Bernie?

Notes on the News

Dramatists Plan First Play; Silverlogue Takes Poll, Photos

The Cat and the Canary under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Worthington, assisted by Mona Jess, will be presented April 20 and 21 by the Junior-Senior Dramatics Club. Starring in the play are Ann Craig, as Annabelle, Jerry Gough as Harry; Lewis Roberts as Charles, and Jerry Lawson as Paul.

Eleven members of the executive committee of the Library Club met at Judy Anderson's house Wednesday, January 11, to discuss future square dances, the theme of the initiation on January 31, and to advise a new plan for accepting sophomores for membership.

Silverlogue conducted their annual poll last week to determine the most studious, most athletic, best dressed, most friendly, most likely to succeed, best looking, and wittiest boys and girls in the senior class. Their names will remain a secret until the year book comes out in the spring.

Tri-Hi-Y Clubs were featured on the last show of "Montgomery Blair on the Air" on station WOOK. Patty Gary, president of the senior club, and Nancy McInerney, president of the junior group, were interviewed for the event.

Silverlogue took the last pictures for this year's annual on Wednesday, January 11. The pictures taken include all individual photos as the result of their recent poll, honor groups, athletic teams and the faculty.

Bill Chapin, John Eagleton, Joyce Linton, John Armstrong, Bob Norton, Patty Levandoski, Eleanor Wood, Chuck Armstrong and Bill Diedrich, accompanied by Mr. Robert Zimmerman, represented the

Montgomery Blair Student Council in Baltimore, January 12 at a meeting of the Maryland Association of Student Councils.

Jill Dorsey was elected by the junior class as a replacement on the monogram committee. At the same time alternates for the committee were elected from each class. Billy Alford, 10th, Joan Membert, 11th, and Rick Waters, 12th, are the new representatives.

Class rings for juniors and seniors arrived last week with the first group of heavier rings for the boys. These rings are basically the same design, but are larger and heavier in construction.

"March of Dimes" Need Greater Than Before

The drive, which started last Monday, was initiated here by approximately fifty Student Council and Majorette members who distributed campaign cards.

Mr. Roy DeLauder, head of the drive at Blair, wishes to emphasize the importance of this drive. "It is of the utmost importance to Blair students because they are at the polio age, though none of us are exempt," he stated hoping to reach parents and teachers, also.

The goal, this year for Montgomery County, is \$50,000. Last year's was \$30,000. Half of what is collected stays in Montgomery County. The other is divided equally between the National Foundation and National Emergency Fund takes care of epidemic areas, research, while the Emergency Fund takes care of epidemic areas.

Only \$21,000 of the \$30,000 was collected last year. Montgomery County ran out of money in July, August, and September last year and had to borrow \$18,000 from the National Fund.

Herald to Air Radio Talent

Blair talent is featured tomorrow, January 21, on the Washington *Times Herald* weekly radio show entitled *This Is Your Student Assembly*, on radio station WASH-FM, at 6:30 p. m.

Some of you have read or even written articles concerning Blair activities for the Student Assembly page in the *Sunday Times Herald* and now is your chance to hear more articles, plus songs, skits, club-news, interviews (with famous Blairites) and instrumental numbers.

Preview Varsity Show

You'll get an early preview of what to expect from the Variety Show if you just turn your radio dial to station WASH-FM tomorrow, Saturday.

You say you don't have an FM set, well borrow one or better yet buy one; then you can listen to one show every week. After all when do you have a chance to hear so many great and talented Blairites perform under one roof?

Varied Talent

Talent such as Carolyn and Betty Wittauer and their hill-billy act; Jimmy Anderson, Lloyd Lillie, Woody Taylor, Rick Waters, and the neatest combo ever to hit Monty Blair, 'li'l' Syd Hepler and her rendition of just how certain songs should sound on the piano (and she's just the gal to do it); "Tap" Hubbel and her accordion (sorry, boys, she can't dance on the radio); Bernie Cochran; and the great voices of Bill Chapin, Mary Marsh, Jerry Gough, Nanci McCaleb, and oh! sooo many others are featured.

The program, *This Is Your Student Assembly*, began about six months ago and has featured talent from all the District and some of the suburban schools, helping innumerable undiscovered, prospective entertainers come from hiding and present themselves to the world.

Only recently has it started the idea of featuring just one school per show.

Falconer, Other Alumni to Wed

Kathleen Falconer, editor of *Chips* for two years, has announced her engagement to Robert James Leary. Kathleen attended Meredith College and has since been employed on the staff of the *Maryland News*. Mr. Leary graduated from the Bliss Electrical School, and is now employed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

FTA Plans 'On the Job' Training

Members of the Blair Future Teachers of America will have actual teaching practice during the week of January 30 as the club's project this year.

The members will first help a teacher at one of the twelve schools willing to participate and then by the end of the week, take over the class.

Five girls already have half-day jobs at different schools. Beverly Peacock, Sydney Hepler, and Sue Mitchell work in the afternoon at Takoma Elementary, Woodland, and Parkside respectively, while in the morning Joan Baker teaches at Woodland and Luanne Walker teaches at Pinecrest.

Schools participating in the program are Woodland, Woodside, Parkside, East Silver Spring, Takoma Elementary, and Takoma Junior High.

Also Kensington Elementary, Four Corners, Glenmont, Pinecrest, Pleasant View, Silver Spring Intermediate, and Montgomery Hills.

Three Dances on Blair Social Slate

For the social minded students at Blair there are three big events on the calendar in the near future, which will all be held in the Blair gym.

First is the Senior Party on January 28, followed by the Sweater Dance, on February 10. The Double-B-Hop is on the calendar for February 18.

The Library and Loafers' Clubs presented Blair with its first big square dance on January 7, which was held in the gym.

More Engagements

Elaine Muhley and Ralph Graves, both class of '46, announced their engagement. Elaine received her ring for Christmas.

On December 26, Margarite Kost and Bill Tracey, both graduates of the '46 class, were married. Margarite is a graduate of the Garfield School of Nursing. Bill is taking a pre-medicine course at Maryland University. In June, Bill plans to enter the school of medicine in Baltimore.

Ted Jans, '45, is engaged to Betsy Canada, who hails from Bethesda. He has classes at Maryland University while she is studying at Montgomery Junior College.

On December 7, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Sherwood (former Pat Runkle '47) were blessed with a baby girl, whom they named Deborah Lee.

Rickey Earns Monogram

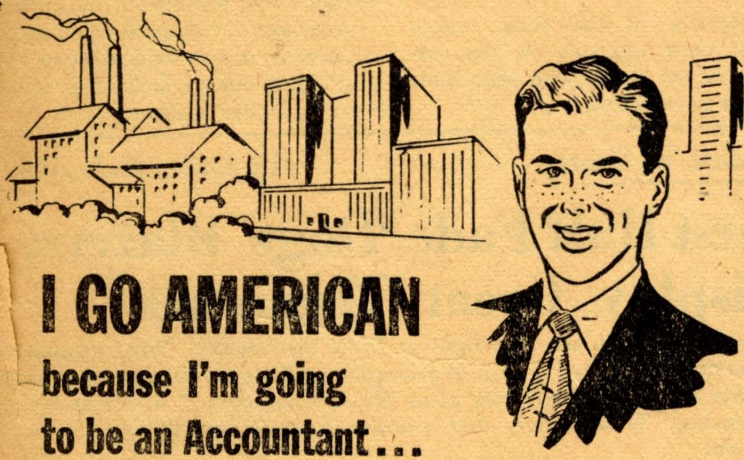
Rickey Harrison, a freshman at Randolph-Macon College, in Ashland, Virginia, has been awarded a Varsity football monogram for an outstanding performance as guard.

Polly Billings '48 is now going to school at the Abbot Art School, in Washington, where she is taking a commercial art course.

Alumni Home for Christmas

Frances Largeant, '46, who has been a student at South Baltimore Hospital, graduated in February, after studying there for three years. She was home two weeks for Christmas.

Joan Lange, '46, is to graduate from Roanoke College, in Virginia, in February. She is majoring in Spanish and hopes to find a position in Washington or New York requiring a knowledge of that language.



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College Talks Begin

Blair has initiated the practice of inviting college representatives to speak to all upper classmen interested in furthering their education after high school graduation.

Representatives of Maryland and George Washington University have spoken to all pupils planning to attend college. They discussed matters of college life and requirements of certain courses.

The spokesmen from more distant schools generally talk to only those students specifically interested in their respective colleges. Dean H. H. Williams of Cornell, Mr. Cecil Underwood, of Marietta College, and a faculty member from Princeton have previously met with Blair students.

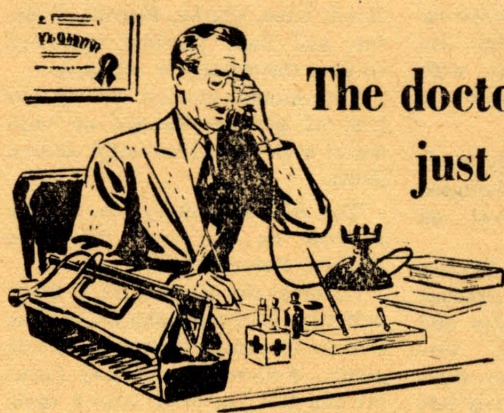
Blair is one of a few schools scheduling these talks.

Quill and Scroll Revives Chapter; Elects Leaders

Election of officers in the Blair chapter of Quill and Scroll followed a decision by this group to form an organization last week.

Charles Brailer, as president; Bea Shaw, vice-president; Brian Crowley, treasurer; and Betty Gene Collier, secretary, compose the group's officers.

Members received into the club last year are Charles Brailer, Pat Parkman, Marlita Scott, Nick Lee, Dick Fene, Harry Ingram, and Miriam Thompson.



The doctor arrived just in time

The "spirit of service" is more than a slogan. It's a deep tradition with telephone men and women everywhere.

Here is a letter that demonstrates how that spirit works — how it brings a friendly, personal note into the everyday contacts telephone people have with the people they serve:

"I'd like to bring to your attention the wonderful service and consideration shown me by the operator who handled an emergency call for me last week.

"My little daughter awoke from her sleep strangling, and through the operator's rapid and capable work we succeeded in reaching the doctor immediately. He arrived just in time. This fact alone merits our deepest appreciation. But the girl at the switchboard showed a personal interest when, an hour later, she called back to inquire about the baby."

In telephone work, speed and accuracy are vital. But along with these qualities go a natural warmth, pleasantness and courtesy that people have come to expect of all telephone workers.

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Basketeers Win 5 Straight Games

Gonzaga, Wilson Fall in Blazer Victory Streak

Making it five wins in a row, the Blazers defeated Gonzaga 34-26 at Takoma Junior High gym last Friday night.

Blair jumped to a 5-1 lead in the opening minutes of play and held a slim 11-8 margin at the half. As the second half got under way two Gonzaga baskets and a free throw put the visitors ahead 13-11.

Jim Downs' field goal tied the game at 13 all, and John Selby's two pointer gave the Blazers a lead that they were not to relinquish.

Preceding victories came at the expense of the Alumni, Washington and Lee, Westminster, and Wilson.

There will be five days of rest for the Blazers after tonight's game with Bethesda. The schedule will resume on January 25, when Blair entertains Wilson, who will be seeking revenge for the 37-27 mauling administered by the Blazers earlier in the season. A game with Friends will conclude the January slate.

Tigers Devoured

Woodrow Wilson's Green Tigers, previously unbeaten this season, were knocked out of that category by an amazing Red-and-White five last week, 37-27, in a major upset on the losers court.

The lead see-sawed for the entire first half of the defensive contest, and the score was locked at 11-11 at the half. At the start of third quarter Blair forged into the lead and was never headed from then on.

John Selby's rebound-retrieving and the Blazers' generally good floor game were big factors in the victory, which was all the more important because Wilson had downed convincingly the only two teams that beat Blair, George Washington, and Coolidge.

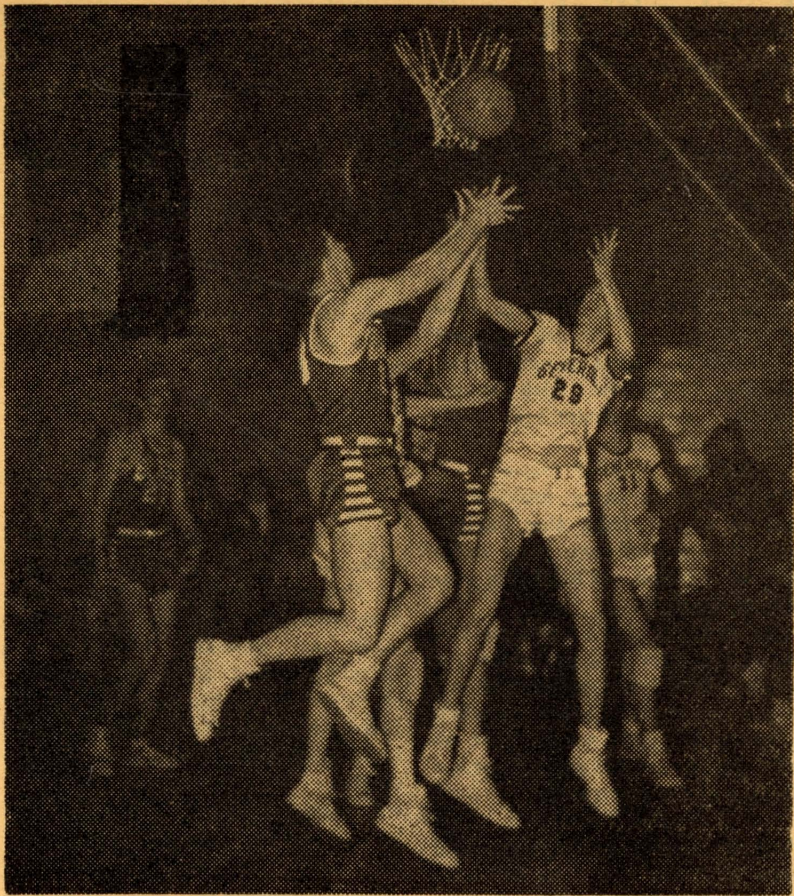
Wilson's sensational scorer, Jim Young, was held to the relatively modest total of twelve points. He was the game's high man, with Selby's eleven pacing the winners.

Defeat Generals

Pulling themselves up by their bootstraps the Blazers defeated Washington-Lee High 40-31 on January 4.

During the first half the Blazers acted as if the ball were greased when a series of wild passes and interceptions enabled the Virginians to maintain almost complete control of the ball. They left the court at halftime with a 20-16 edge.

Blair did no better than hold its own until midway through the final period. With the score 30-26 the Blazers' offense caught fire, and



Morgan Wooten and Bill Tompkins go up with Jones of Washington and Lee in the 40-31 Blazer victory.

they poured the ball through the hoop with such accuracy that the Generals were defeated by nine points.

All the Blazers connected effectively with Bill Schief and Bill Tompkins, each scoring eight points to pace the Red and White attack.

Alumni Bows

A hilarious evening of fun was provided by the Montgomery Blair Alumni before they succumbed to the Varsity, 46 to 33.

Old acquaintances were renewed during the evening as graduates came back to visit the old domain. Such former stars as Ed Chapin, "Lefty" Benton, "Ollie" Brockdorff, Lou Simpson, "Chuck" Richards, John Ford, Tom Watlington, John Linton, Bob Theofield, and Mitch Parsons were seen in the contest. Also, Shultz, Hosselbarth, Hood, Kyle, Clarke, Carroll, Rodefer, and Paul Taggart combined to give the varsity a workout.

The Alumni started strong, but lack of practice caught up with them, and they eventually slowed down.

The Alumni victory started the Blazers on the road to three straight victories.

Leading the Blazers to a 24-19 half-time lead was John Selby, who laid in 10 points during the whole game. Following were Ray Luckett and Bill Larimore with 8 each.

On the Alumni side, "Lefty" Benton pushed in 5 points to lead his mates.

The Alumni used some shrewd thinking in the final quarter, trying to pull the game from the

fire when they employed eight men at once on the court. All strategy was to no avail, though, as the final whistle found the varsity on top, 46-33.

Wallop Westminster

With the lead changing hands only once, the Blazer five coasted to a 43-30 victory over Westminster to win its second straight game and its fourth out of six in scholastic competition.

Led by John Selby, every man on the Blair bench saw action as the Red and White overcame a 3-0 Westminster margin in the first movements and ran up an 11-5 edge at the quarter.

After that the game was never in doubt.

Although the ball kept changing hands between the teams, Blair's control of the backboards was the decisive factor throughout the game.

Rifle Club Expects D. C. Matches; 13 DCM Honors Given

The Blair Rifle Team is getting into the full swing for their fourth straight season.

Three weeks ago they shot for the National Rifle Association postal matches, in which they rated 21st over 700 schools in the country. That was for prone and standing positions. For the prone position alone they rated 6th for the same contest.

Last week they shot another NRA prone-standing postal match, but the results have not been returned.

For this year's team, thirteen boys qualified for DCM expert honors, which are the army qualifications.

In the future season they hope to have matches with such District schools as Tech, George Washington, and Eastern.

They have sent challenges to many schools in this area but have received very few returns. However they do have two definite matches with the Maryland University Freshmen, which is supposed to be a top notch team this year. The Blair boys beat Maryland Frosh last year.

Scorebook Talks Averages Revealed

The scorebook is an interesting animal. It talks.

Many sports fans feel that pages from a scorebook are just about the most interesting reading in the world. So do a great many athletes, provided that their performances are what they think they should be.

Because of this interest, *Silver Chips* conducted an interview with Blair's basketball scorebook after eight games had been played. Some interesting facts were revealed, for, although silent when questioned about current world affairs, it was only too anxious to tell about the hoop season now in progress.

The scorebook revealed that it contains one of the best sets of statistics in the local area. The Blazers connected for 358 points in eight contests, or an average of 44.75 points per game. 204 of these tallies were field goals, while 94 came on charity tosses. The Red and White hit for a .490 mark from the free throw line.

John Selby averaged 11.25 points per game to lead the team in that category. Jim Downs' mark of 60 per cent successful conversions on free throws was not surpassed, nor was John Selby's joint total of 89. Ray Luckett sank the most charity tosses, 23, but he also teamed up with Selby for the dubious honor of missing 19.

Blair Quint Meets BCC Tonight at Md.

The battling basketball Blazers travel to Maryland University tonight to tangle with Bethesda-Chevy Chase in one of their traditional cage contests.

The varsity will take the floor at 8:00, following the Jayvees game, the preliminary contest at 7:00.

Blair will be seeking to repeat their last season's performance when they bested Bethesda's highly touted quintet in a three-game series to take the county championship.

Members of the team, asked about their opinions on the outcome of the game, said that Blair should be the victor.

Shorts in Sports

by James Holsopple

First Half Fade 'Dogs' Blazers; Display Great Teamwork

Basketball is in the spotlight at Blair this month. Two consecutive losses to Coolidge and George Washington inspired the Blazers to greater heights and they roared back after the Alumni "circus" to defeat Washington-Lee, Westminster, and previously unbeaten Wilson in rapid fashion.

At least one of the Blazers' defeats can be traced to the opening period blues, first half "fade," or whatever you care to call the inability to "get hot" before the halftime intermission. The George Washington game was lost in the first half. During the last two frames the Blazers outplayed, outshot and generally overshadowed the G. W. quintet and came close to scoring a major upset. They were unable to overcome their halftime deficit, however, and so they lost their second game.

The Washington-Lee game saw almost the same thing happen, but the Generals were unable to hold their advantage and the Blazers demoted them in the last few minutes of play. Whether or not this difficulty will dog the Blazers all season or whether they can snap out of it remains to be seen. At any rate one game has been lost and another nearly so thus far this season by allowing the opposition to build up a large margin in the opening minutes of play.

On the brighter side, the Blazers' play demonstrates real teamwork. Although some players just naturally stand out I don't believe anyone on the squad is trying for personal glory. In the Westminster game 14 players were in action and ten of them scored.

HOOPLA—The inaugural of high school basketball games in the Takoma Park Junior High gym was a complete success as far as Blair rooters are concerned. . . . After the B. C. C. game tonight ten more contests remain on the regular schedule, six of which are home games. . . . The walkaway win over Wilson came as somewhat of a shocker. The Blazers averaged well over 40 points in each of their first seven games and Wilson was no slouch in the scoring column.

Blair Girls Sink Sherwood

The Blazerettes played hosts last Tuesday to the Sherwood Basketball team, and presented them with a 34-26 defeat.

The Blair girls maintained a generous lead in the first two quarters of the game, and continued to pace the Sherwood girls throughout the game.

Leading their opponents by a score of 20-5 at half time, the Blazerettes were met by a determined Sherwood team during the remaining half of the game.

The visiting team rallied in the last half, compiling an extra 21 points, but the Red and White succeeded in halting the visitors through fine cooperation on the part of the team.

High scorers for Blair were Nancy McInnerney with 10 points, Charlene Bocklett with 8 points, and Janet Peksa with 6 points.

Blazerettes Nip Gaithersburg 34-23

In the first regular game of the season on January 6, the girls' basketball team defeated Gaithersburg, 34-23, on the losers court.

Paced by Nancy McInnerney and Charlene Bocklett, with 16 and 9 points respectively, the Blazerettes took over the lead early in the game and had little difficulty in retaining it.

Zone Defense Is Effective

By using a very effective zone defense, the Blair guards were able to keep the Gaithersburg forwards outside scoring territory. This forced the opponents to rely upon set shots, which predominated their offense.

At half time the Blazerettes, the majority of whom saw action in this game, led by a score of 21-13.

Alumni Also Defeated

Prior to this game, on December 22, the season was unofficially opened with a victory over the Alumni. This game was much like the one with Gaithersburg, in that the Blazerettes also enjoyed a comfortable lead throughout the battle.

Although the Alumni never gave up trying, it was evident from the start that due to lack of practice they had little scoring punch.

Sports in Shorts

by Marie Kramer

Girls' Hoop Season Proves Success

Two games played and two victories—not so bad. In contrast to last year's entire number of basketball victories—four to be exact—Miss June Lippy's basketeers are proving to be a tough squad, not only to their last two victims, Gaithersburg and Sherwood, but also to the alumni.

If the girls continue to keep up their fine playing they should have three more victories to their credit by the time this paper goes to press. We wish the best of luck to the team and to Miss Lippy, for they are something of which Blair should be proud.

The Sherwood game was slowed down considerably when Jackie Myers made a basket, and promptly dropped her teeth. There was a pause while both teams searched for them.

Oh, yes—we are wondering for just what team Janet Peksa is playing now, since she played on Gaithersburg's team for a moment during that! (Her face lit up as if to register "Tilt.")

Attention! Mary Forcade has the lead in a new play—"Layup Shots."

Writers Plan 'Big' City Trip

Twelve students, from the *Silver-logue* and *Silver Chips* and the journalism class, begin a four-day combination business and holiday trip to New York on Thursday, March 9, staying through Sunday.

Although much of their time will be taken up attending the meetings, clinics, and conferences of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's 26th Annual Convention, Blair's delegates plan to find time to see New York. Any free time found will be spent in sightseeing and visiting Radio City and other spots of interest. Watching a television show being produced and attending a Broadway show (title as yet undecided) are other treats they have planned for themselves. They hope to see an ice show. Since they are staying until Sunday afternoon, they plan to attend church services.

To Improve Technique

It's not going to be all fun though. The real purpose of the trip is to improve the delegates' journalistic techniques by attending the Convention's more than 150 conferences, discussions, and meetings on writing, editing, publishing, and advising school publications.

Students as much as teachers and lecturers are wanted and expected to take part in these clinics. Many of them will be conducted by student editors, and round table discussions will enable everybody to participate.

Professional journalists will address the assembled convention at various times, giving an inside picture of journalism.

Waldorf Scene Of Finale

A grand finale, the Convention Luncheon in the Grand Ballrooms of the Waldorf-Astoria, at which special awards are announced, noted personalities speak, and the Convention Birthday Cake Ceremony is held, will climax the affair.

Jackie Steele, Patti Levendoski, Jimmy Holsopple, Charles Brailer, Brian Crowley, Betty Gene Collier, Marlita Scott, Buddy Dewhirst, Pat Parkman, Barbara McBride, Janet Peksa and Sue Mitchell make up Blair's delegation.

Accompanying the group will be Mr. and Mrs. Henry I. Moler. Mrs. Moler is *Chips* adviser.

Mrs. Simonetti and Mr. Krafchik Find Blair Friendly, Up-to-date in Facilities

Mrs. Louise H. Simonetti and Mr. Thomas Krafchik have recently replaced Mrs. Shirley Gelletly and Mr. John G. Walker on the Blair faculty.

Mrs. Simonetti, a native of Howard county, Maryland, taught at Gaithersburg High School and Silver Spring Intermediate School before coming to Blair. She is a qualified English and history teacher and was also librarian at Silver Spring Intermediate.

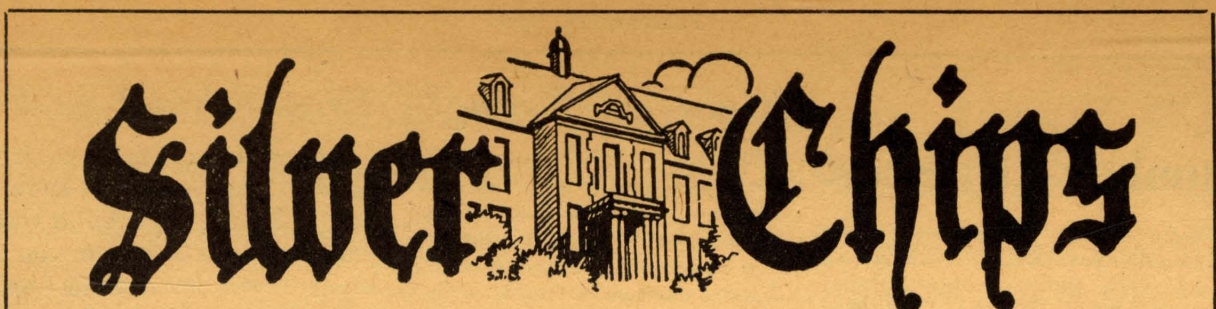
Studied Library Science

Mrs. Simonetti obtained her bachelor of arts degree and her Master's degree at Maryland University. Later she took Library Science at the University of Buffalo.

When asked what she thought of Blair and the students, Mrs. Simonetti replied, "The many agreeable and helpful students make teaching at Blair a pleasure. It is just like coming home after an absence from Silver Spring."

Travels During Summer

Although her outside interests

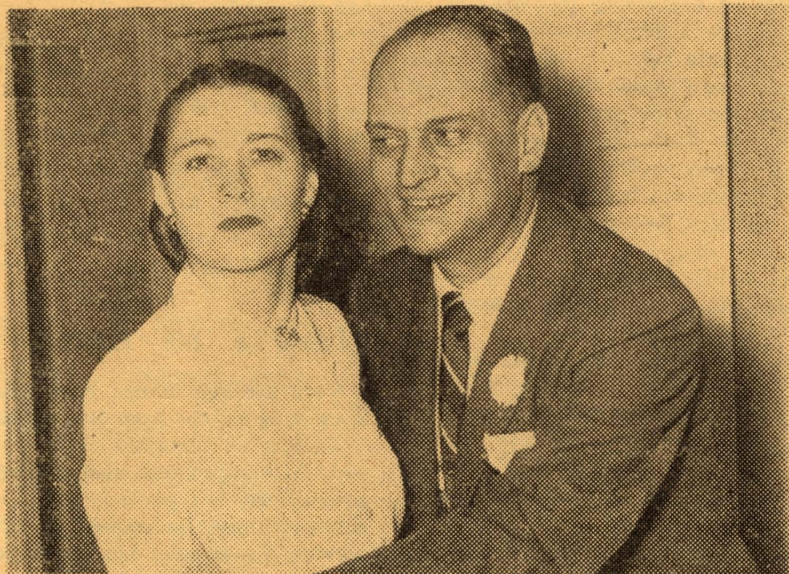


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'Two Blind Mice' to Subsidize Scholarship; Benefit Performance Tonight at Leland



Marshall Smith as Tommy Thurston gets the "cold shoulder" from ex-wife, Karen (Frances Glasheen). They are the principals in the Montgomery Players' production, "Two Blind Mice."

Press Association to Present Endowment to Outstanding Journalist

A journalism scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of one of the Montgomery County high schools for the first time.

Announcement of this planned scholarship award, to be given annually to a graduate of a Montgomery County high school, was made in a letter from Mrs. Stella B. Werner, chairman of the Association's Scholarship Committee, to all Montgomery County high schools.

Although the award is expected to be initiated this June, many of the important details will not be worked out until a survey currently being conducted throughout the County's high schools is completed.

Directors of journalistic activities are answering questions as to

amount to be awarded, qualifications necessary in prospective candidates, manner of final selection, and restrictions on the scholarship's use. They are also asked to recommend the type of school for which they believe the award should be used.

The collecting, weighing, and sorting of these replies may take some time, and as the final decisions are up to the Scholarship Committee, it will probably be quite a while before the county's student journalists understand the complete nature of this best piece of news to come along for them in a long time.

Connie Hits Scholastic Jackpot, 5 Semester A's

It's possible to get five semester "A's"!

Not only that, but it's possible to get them all in major subjects. Connie Le Roy, a junior at Blair, did just that for this semester.

Connie has gotten straight "A's" in all of her major subjects since the beginning of her junior high school. In addition she likes sports, collects post cards, and loves writing. In regard to the last, she says that she has entered manuscripts in eight classifications to the current Star contest. She has had writings published in both *Silver Quill* magazines.

In last year's Star Contest she won first prize in the International Letter Writing Contest. The letter which won included a description of the inauguration parade. Connie explains she has thirteen pen pals. Several are in the U. S., and others are in Switzerland, Australia, England, and the Philippines. She started writing to her first pen pal when she was in the eighth grade.

Connie is not yet sure what she wants as an occupation goal. She divulges that she would like to go to Cornell University, "If I can get a scholarship."

Comedy Makes 1st Showing in Area

Making its first appearance in the Washington area, "Three Blind Mice" will be presented by the Montgomery Players at Leland Junior High School tonight at 8:30 p. m.

All proceeds from tonight's performance will go to the Montgomery County Press Association, which will use the funds to sponsor a journalism scholarship in the County.

Marshall Smith and Francis Glesheen star as man and ex-wife in the three-act comedy.

Although the satire on governmental red tape will run four days excluding Sunday, only the premiere is backed by the Press Association.

Headquarters for the sale of tickets are in all local newspaper offices and in the A.A.A. office on Ellsworth Drive as well as in room 310 of Blair after school today.

Many community notables have been invited to attend the opening night.

Chips to Continue "Scholastic Roto"

Silver Chips will present, as an added feature, an eight-page picture magazine depicting teenagers' activities and interests.

A rotogravure, *Scholastic Roto*, is published in conjunction with the National Scholastic Press Association, of which *Chips* is a member and will be distributed each month as a supplement to *Chips*.

Interesting to inhabitants of Blair's tropic locale are views of seldom-seen snow in a picture story about America's young skiing stars.

A two-page feature on basketball, shows the game as it was in 1891 when Dr. James Naismith invented the game. In contrast to the modern "swish nets" and steel baskets the first hoopsters had peach baskets with the bottoms still intact. A janitor perched atop a ladder retrieved the ball after each score.

A Reminder

March 1 is the last day for seniors to turn in essays for the Civitan Club's citizenship essay contest.

The essay may deal with any subject pertaining to citizenship, and must be from 500 to 750 words in length. All manuscripts must be typed, and a bibliography must appear on the last page. If no references are used, that statement should take the place of the bibliography.

A \$100 Bond is the first prize in the local contest. Fifty-dollar and twenty-five dollar bonds will be awarded to the second and third winners respectively.

Record 34 Get Old English 'B'

Thirty-four students received their monograms at the awards assembly yesterday.

Seniors included Judy Anderson, Chuck Armstrong, Barbara Beall, Elizabeth Cave, Ann Craig, William Diedrich, John Eagleotn, Dick Fene, Marcia Flickinger, Janet Frocke, and Phyllis Harrison.

Others were Joan Hubbel, Patti Levendoski, Ann Musslewhite, Bob Norton, Janice Patton, David Power, Ann Simpson, Laurene Smith, Rick Waters, Fred White, Margaret Wilding, Bill Solomon, Dick Batman, Patti Gari, Harry Ingram, and Nina Bailey.

Juniors receiving their school letter were Charles Crum, Charlene Kreh, Connie Le Roy, Jeanne Rembert, Alice Warfield, and Carolyn Woolard.

Mary Ann Kifer, Mary Lou Hanson, and Joan Smith received their monogram certificates, having already received their letters last fall.

Girls Receive Awards

Girls' athletic certificates were awarded to Janet Peksa, Alice Warfield, Barbara Bagby, Betsy Watson, and Nancy McInnerney. These girls were awarded their letters last fall, but their certificates were saved for the assembly in order that they might gain recognition before the school.

A girl becomes eligible to receive an athletic letter when she has earned 500 points. She may earn points through team participation, intramurals, or the after school sports program. For every additional 250 points, beyond the athletic letter, a bar is awarded.

Sue Mitchell received her second star.

Football Players Honored

Mr. Reno Continetti, football coach, presented football letters to Elmer Robinson, Jim Williams, Dick Toler, Harry Ingram, Phil Smith, Lloyd Smith, and Billy Foy.

Dick Fene, Fred Everett, Bill Chapin, John Davis, and Jim Downs received stars, and Ray Luckett and Bill Larimore each received a second star. Bob Forward received his letter for the work he did as manager of the team.

Radio Club Begins Series Over WGAY

Blair's Radio Club, under the direction of Mrs. Priscilla Kline, faculty advisor, and Marlita Scott, president, is beginning a new thirteen-week series of the program, "Montgomery Blair On The Air," over Radio Station WGAY.

Having just completed a similar series over Station WOOK, the group has re-organized and the first presentation of the new show will be February 25 at 9:45 a. m. over WGAY. This program will be presented in the form of a typical Blair day.

Tannen Addresses Group

On Monday, February 13, the program director of WGAY, Mr. Ernie Tannen, spoke to all members of the Club, in the library. Emphasizing the need for organization, then presentation, Mr. Tannen expressed the station's desire to help all students in the club, in the mechanics of a well-run program, through their own show.

In the recent reorganization, new offices, not named previously, were opened—Harry Ingram, senior, was elected vice-president and Judy Davis, junior, secretary. With suggestions from the organization itself, a thirteen week schedule was drawn up.

Chit Chat by Tap

No Sleep at "Slumber" Parties!

Having managed to live through mid-year exam week, Blairites are on the go once again.

Ollie Brockdorff threw a wonderful party the twenty-first of last month and having a grand time were Glenna Garrison, Margaret Engle 'n Baldy Mess, Dottie Reagh 'n Bob Theofield, Andrey Soderstrom 'n Paul Taggart, Jobe Moore 'n Joe Roberts, Aimee Johannes 'n Ed Chapin, Bill Foy 'n Betty Mess, Sue Scotton 'n Ricky Harrison, Joan Fales 'n Joe Downs, Nanci McCaleb 'n Ray Jackson, Syd Hepler 'n John Kennedy, Carolyn Wittauer 'n Ray Luckett, Loraine Greenan 'n John Theofield, Peggy Crawford 'n Danny Lyons, Morgan Wooten and yours truly.

On the 27th, Tommy Keller gave an openhouse after the Friends game, out at the Hillandale Cabin. In attendance were Gracie Johnson, Lorene Ladd 'n Baldy Mess, Dottie Reagh 'n Walt Cook, Carolyn Wittauer 'n Ray Luckett, Joan Long, 'n Beech McShea, Bill Larimore and date, Margaret Engle 'n Louis Simpson, Sue Scotton 'n Dave Hall, Bob Mayberry 'n Dottie Walters, Joan Baker 'n Joe Downs, Shirley Graham 'n Tom Troxler, Ellie Wood 'n Chuck Armstrong, Volney and Jessie Schultz, Bill Foy 'n Betty Mess, Jobe Moore 'n Ed Chapin, Morgan Wooten and yours truly.

That same night, Frances Hollopeten gave a party for Jim Denny, Judy Thompson 'n Bob Ammann, Jane Morris 'n J. C. Livingston, Libby Wilkins 'n Bob Thompson, Gerry Hollopeten 'n Bernie Wilner.

Also (same night!), some of Louise Bowman's friends did some connivin, and came up with a surprise party to celebrate her birthday.

It's Love, Love, Love-All Year!

The advent of the fourteenth day of the second month of the year is always gratefully welcomed by Blairites in general. For at Blair the fete of St. Valentine provides a traditional and convenient alibi for something which is done all year long, valentine sending.

Oh, not that the sane, sober, serious students of Blair exchange valentines of the *paper* variety every day in the year. But there are other types of "valentines." The special smile, tone of voice, and glance reserved for the opposite sex are far subtler and more effective than heart-shaped chunks of cardboard. These valentines are in widespread and advantageous use here. In view of statistics concerning the number of love affairs per 100 students, it would be more truthful and descriptive to speak of Valentine's Year where Blair is concerned, or Valentine's Century. A mere "Valentine's Day" doesn't begin to tell the story.

Ask some of your friends who have gone steady five times this year (you must have many) about the Blazer types of valentines.

Or, do you know all about them already?

Chips Gets Around Holiday Surprises

Silver Chips is more widely read than you think.

In the past issue of *Chips* there was a story about Percy Goody wanting a volunteer for the experiment of shrinking a human head. That little article has made Percy affectionately known as Percy "Goo," by the band members. He's not just a locally prominent figure but one of nationwide importance, for the *Chips* article was quoted in an Oregon High School paper.

day. Yelling out "Surprise!" were David Kreh, Betty Workman 'n Lafayette Bowman, Nancy Butler 'n Dick Vota, Louise Minick, Richard Chappell, Pat Smith 'n Frank Warner.

Celebrating Jim Paridisoo's birthday and saying good-bye to Buddy Chesky (who's moving to Annapolis) were Lorraine Magnuson 'n Harold Brockwell, Patsy McDonald 'n Bob Stien, Martha Arant and Jimmy, Bill Thompson, Bill Pavey, Gale Henderson, Nancy Titlington, and Louise Morris.

Marcia Nauman gave a slumber (ha! ha!) party Friday night after the St. John's game. Some little girls who were very sleepy the next morning were Lorene Ladd, Aimee Johannes, Jobe Moore, Helen Blanche, Betty Lu Clarke, Carolyn Kennamer, Carolyn Wittauer, Nanci McCaleb, Syd Hepler, Dottie Reagh, Sue Mitchell, Betty Watson and Janice Patton.

Diane Horridge gave one of those slumberless parties January 31 at her Fort Meade home. They hit the bed at 4:30. Her sleepless guests were Janet Frocke, Nancy Kendrick, Irmalee Ady, and Lois Berry.

On the 28th, Ellie Wood 'n Bill Diedrick, Shirley Graham 'n Tom Troxler, John Viedt 'n Peggy Holt, Lorene Ladd 'n Ted Owen and Joan Baker dined at Chuck Armstrong's. Then they were all off to see the Ice Capades.

Also watching the Ice Capades at various times during that week were Barbara Bagby 'n Bob Schobel, Micki Robbins 'n Walt Cobak, Audrey Soderstrom 'n Bill Larimore, Doug Johnson 'n Ann Whitaker and Laura Soule and Larry Evans.

Right or Wrong?

The month of February may mean love and hearts for most Blairites, but in this "dear" portion of the year, we also celebrate a very important birthday. Although America has come a long way since the year 1775, the all important question still remains; "Was George Washington justified in cutting down the cherry tree?" Here are some modern views on the subject.

Jackie Steele, giving the poor boy the benefit of the doubt, says, "Sure, temporary insanity".

Joan Long, "Let him do what he wants to".

Mary Forcade says, "Yes, as long as he told the truth."

Ann Hartsfield reiterated, "Yes, if it had cherries on it."

Katherine Sellers, after thought, replied, "Yes, maybe he was hungry."

Joe Swafford agreed, "Absolutely yes, he might have needed it to make a cherry pie."

Sara Pryor said "Yes", but added, "What would happen if he had had a dull hatchet?"

Bob Massey emphatically stated, "Sure! He wanted to try out his new hatchet. I would have done the same thing."

Katherine Johnson pronounced him just, "If he liked cherries."

J. C. Livingston philosophically stated, "Sure! After all, he had more right to the cherries on top of the tree than the birds had."

Is there no one who would have spanked the dear child and sent him to bed without dinner?

What's Going On?

Walk down the corridor, turn the corner, and open the first door on the right. Where are you?

Well from the appearance of things you may not be sure, but wait! What's this? Brooke Farquhar has suddenly developed a Russian accent sparing nothing where volume is concerned while Paul Seltzer's voice has aged about 50 years.

Alas! In another corner of the room Marcia Nauman and Don DeMott are whispering softly while faint sobbing sounds can be detected occasionally in Marcia's words. That isn't all, for if you'll turn slightly to the right you'll hear what appears to be the dialect of two negroes, but on second glance you'll find red-headed Rick Waters and Colleen Fling engrossed in a typewritten script.

The quiet Mona Jess appears to be quite out of character also, as deep sultry words echo from way down deep.

What is the reason for this change in personalities? The public speaking class is studying lines for a new play.

Be Careful, Fellows!

As the years go by, St. Valentine's Day seems to develop a different meaning.

For instance, when in the lower grades, it always seemed the trend to see who could give and receive the most of these tokens of affection. While now if you happen to be in the sad situation of going steady, you had better make it a point to give only one, to *the one*, or wake up and find yourself in Rover's Den, or in plain language, the dog house. Sometimes this may not be the case, though.

One generous girl who accompanied her beau on a shopping tour for Valentines said, "I don't care how many of them you send, Honey, as long as they're all to me."

Brotherhood Is Fun!

Robert Frost expresses it perfectly when he says, "Before I built a wall I'd ask to know what I was walling in or walling out." Many people build walls about their little niches in life enclosing self-centered, narrow-minded lives, and excluding many of the better things in the world.

Brotherhood is often treated as a pair of too narrow shoes only brought out for formal occasions. Brotherhood isn't a grim duty that we go through once a year in February during National Brotherhood Week.

Rather friendship between the peoples of the world is a happy, broadening adventure in living, learning, sharing, and character-building. Let's treat it this way throughout the whole year.

Let's remember that God didn't favor any one nation, race, or creed when He handed out ability and personality. You can make wonderful friends in all of them. If you can't meet people outside your own group first-hand, time or money given to help someone in need, letters, sharing of art, literature, music and ideas are ways of making unseen friends.

These adventures in understanding will make life richer, fuller and more fun!

Hearts to Lend Time on His Hands

Very strange things have been happening in the past few weeks!

There's no certainty as to just what has caused this change in the atmosphere, but perhaps a list of solutions may be gained by observing the unusual appearance of bright red objects called "hearts."

It's not quite understandable how so many people can give up this important part of their anatomy to show others that this is a friendly, loving world, and still remain alive, but the death rate doesn't seem any greater at the approach of February 14, so it must be surmised that they merely lend their hearts with the understanding that they will get one back.

It seems that there are many persons who feel this to be a worthwhile cause because no matter where you look, in the halls, in the shop windows, or in your mailbox, there before your eyes is a bright beaming heart saying "I Love You," or "Be Mine."

Of course, some people are very loving and always share whatever they have, which would naturally give them the title of "big hearted," while some aren't quite as fond of others as they should be, which accounts for the multitude of small hearts found on store counters all over America.

What is the size of your heart this Valentine's Day?

The following story was overheard on one of the school buses. A student, still dreary-eyed from last night's homework, related this tale.

"There was this Blair student who died, and when he was given his choice of Heaven or—otherwise, chose to be with his friends. He applied to Old Nick for some extra work to do, since he liked to be kept busy. "Any kind of work will do," he said, "just as long as it will occupy me for many months."

Old Nick handed him a shovel, and pointed to an immense pile of coal used to heat Hades, and he said, "Shovel that coal over to that other spot." About as far as it is from the old building to the gym, in sub zero weather.)

"I've finished that job," he said. "Now give me something that will really keep me busy, and take a long time."

"Very well," said Old Nick, "take this pail and empty out all the steam that has collected in this place into the Atlantic Ocean."

In two weeks the Blairite had finished that job, and again appeared before Old Nick. "Please give me something *BIG* this time!"

The devil then grew impatient. "All right, all right," he cried, "you go right up on earth, to Blair again, and get a *HISTORY OUTLINE* from MRS. ENRIGHT!"

School Leader Likes Conceited People

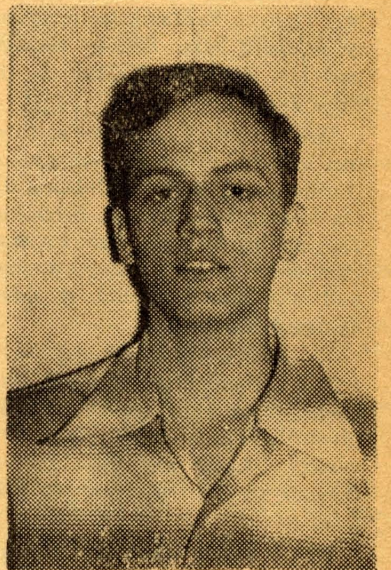
When *Silver Quill* won first prize in the Maryland Scholastic Press Association last year, Charles Nicholas Lee took personal pride in it because he was editor and did much to further its success.

By no means, though, are his achievements confined to *Silver Quill*. While in the ninth grade he was chosen the most outstanding boy at Takoma Junior High and his accomplishments have become more numerous with the passing of time.

In his success, Nick has retained personal contact with his fellow students. Not only does he like conceited people; he finds them fascinating.

His future plans have been narrowed to French teacher or public relations man. He will have a good foundation for both because of the various clubs in which he has participated; such as, Library Club, Honor Society, Future Teachers' Association, and the senior play.

To add to these, in his junior year, he entered a book review in



NICK LEE

the Star contest that enabled him to be elected to Quill and Scroll. He also earned his monogram in his junior year.

Record collecting tops the list of Nick's hobbies, and during the future he hopes to find time to go abroad and travel.



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Maryland Assn. of Student Councils Cite Blair's Student Government for Its Outstanding Work

The Montgomery Blair Student Government was cited recently as being the most active student council in the state of Maryland at a meeting of the Maryland Association of Student Councils held at the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore.

Montgomery Blair was told at the same time that it was also the most democratic in the handling of school affairs.

Meeting once each day, the council carries on business with faculty members serving in an advisory capacity only and having no franchise.

Only last year a new constitution was drawn up after years of thorough study. This constitution sets up committees and allows for five elected representatives from each grade. These committees, which handle almost every phase

of school activities, include the Assembly Committee, which attempts to plan assemblies adjudged interesting to the students. The Activities Committee plans for the sale of tickets to all games, shows, etc., while the Athletic Committee works in coordination with the coaching staffs. The Election Committee supervises all class and other elections.

Other committees are the Inter-School Relations Committee, which makes good relations between Blair and other schools; the Safety and Order Committees, which supervise fire drills, cafeteria, parking lot, etc., for safety and comfort; School Improvement, which plans improvements, such as flag poles, for the school; Publicity Committee, which broadcasts Blair to those willing to listen; Welfare Committee, which collects money for charities and

benefits; and the Ways and Means Committee, designed to bring in money with which the council can operate.

Five elected representatives from each grade represent the student body and bring to the council any suggestions for improvements from the students of their respective classes.

Bill Diedrich, president of the Council, expressed his opinion that he hoped that the student body as a whole would take more interest in the functioning of the council and would express themselves more to their representatives.

He stated further, "The basis for this year's council is unity among the students and the strengthening of democratic principles, in order that each may carry them with him throughout his life."

Blair Artists Keep New Machine Busy

The loud hum of the air-brush machine now dominates the ever-busy art room, with cries of, "Oh, are you going to use it now?" and "When will you be through?" taking up every available silence.

The art department recently acquired another air brush—complete with a noisy diesel engine to run both—but there still do not seem to be enough of them to go around, what with the covers chosen for the spring issue of *Silver Quill* underway and everybody taking a sudden interest in the air-brush technique (a refined version of spatter-painting) as a medium for posters and paintings.

Work on illustrations for *Quill*, which will come out at the end of May, has also begun.

Students not otherwise occupied are busy sketching their classmates (why *don't* they keep still?) or working on original paintings.

Blair will have an exhibit at Ginn's art store in Silver Spring March 1-10.

Parents, Students Participate in Radio Discussion

Students and parents from Blair will participate in the teen-age discussion program, "Let's Talk It Over", on Tuesday, February 21. Their topic will be "Who Chooses Your Friends?"

Dr. Ruth Tiedeman, staff member of the University of Maryland, will speak on "Adolescences and Security" on the same program which is one of a series of national programs featured weekly over WINX at 8:05 P. M. Parents present for the regular monthly PTA meeting on the twenty-first will hear the broadcast before the business session.

Miss Mary Cross' Choral groups are also holding a bake sale on Tuesday after the meeting.

By the way, if you haven't seen the department's comparatively new paint job (last month) you must! Light turquoise and bright chartreuse.

Second Marking Period Closes; 145 Students on Honor Roll

As the second marking period closed, 145 students earned a place on the honor roll by making grades of B or above.

Seniors receiving high grades for this report period were Virginia Alderton, Jane Allen, Leigh Bowie, Joyce Kidwell, Virginia Miller, Ann Redd, Melia Saah, Joan Smith, Cleo Whitling, Sue Mitchell, Nora Land, Colleen Fling, Elizabeth Cave, and Judith Anderson.

Additional Names

Eleanor Crezee, Nancy Kendrick, Lillian Wolf, Barbara Bagby, Betty Fincham, Percy Goody, Joan Hubbel, Howard Roth, Marlita Scott, Laurene Smith, William Diedrich, Mary Louise Hanson, Laurence E. Hunter, Mary Ann Kifer, Mary Lasher, Shirley Smith, and Eleanor Wood are also included.

Additional high grades were earned by Joyce Duvall, Patricia Gary, Miriam Thompson, Charles Brailer, William Chapin, John Eagleton, James Holsopple, Clarke Stout, Barbara Beall, Luann Crogan, Brian Crowley, Mary Harlow, Mona Jess, Nicholas Lee, Patricia Marrow, Patricia Parkman, David Power, John Selby, Roberta Tompkins, Shirwood Taylor, Ruth Bauman, Betty Gene Collier, and Patricia Levandoski.

Many Juniors Included

Eleventh grade honor students included Ruth Benson, Oswald Castro, Jean Edwards, Joan Harmon, Reanne Hemingway, Billie Jess, Mary Marsh, Howard Metcalf, Courteny Murphy, Jeanne Rembert, Emilie Sherman, Karl Signell, Alice Warfield, Bill McNaughton, Harry Cleaver, Nelson Kulda, Connie Le Roy, Barbara McBride, Bob McDowell, Leonard Crogan, Jerry Larson, Dennie Bliss, Carleton Clark, Ann Erlanson, Peggy Holt, Dan Levine, Joan Daly, Donald Jefferson, and Harry Kirk.

Other outstanding grades were made by Earlene Burdipe, Annette Garver, Marian Haulm, Lula Ann Hogan, Gracie Johnson, Nancy Allen, Marie Binot, Barbara Brewton, Lillian Poitte, Ann Lee Weeks, Robert Ammann, Kennetha Holt, Joseph Mendum, Walter Petzold, Harold Hanson, Kathy MacDonald, Judy White, David Hall, Frances Peavy, Janet Peksa, Janie Richmond, Charlene Kreh, Carol Funk, Nancy Stang, and Judy Thompson.

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Tenth graders making the honor roll were Shirley Allen, Atwood Barwick, Janean Cowison, Virginia Findlay, Mary Forcade, Molly Jamison, David Promisel, James

Many Alumni Marry; Several Others Start New Work

Club Holds Tea for Language Teachers

A tea for the language teachers of Montgomery County was given by the Library Club on Wednesday, February 8.

This tea preceded a meeting of the language teachers of the County in the Blair library. A Valentine theme was used, being carried through even to the cup cakes.

Dr. Fern Schneider, the Montgomery County supervisor, poured tea and presided over the meeting. Eleanor Wood was in charge of planning the tea, and she and Mary Lou Hanson helped by pouring and serving.

The library has put up a new exhibit of the student language project.

Bob Solomon and Pat Cummings of Washington were married on January 28, at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Washington.

Bob Walker, '42, married Connie Munch of Pittsburg, February 4. Bob is now connected with a sand and gravel Company in Dallas, Texas.

Another couple, wed early in the winter, who have recently announced that they are Mr. and Mrs. are Joan Haney, '49, and Pat Ruppert, a student at Montgomery Junior College. They are making their home in Washington.

Other Alumni Engaged

Wyneeta Winn, '49, has announced her engagement to Edward Hamilton. Eddie also attended Blair, and is now in the contracting business.

Priscilla Varney, '49, was hostess January 29, at a surprise bridal shower for Mrs. Pat Ruppert. Among the guests who presented her with a number of lovely gifts were Mrs. Volney Schultz, June Mosby, Gay DeNike, Pat Steele, Joan Hover, Eileen Collins, Muriel Sandifer, Sylvia Reed, Barbara McCollum, Priscilla Ridge, and Ronnie Troxler. All of the guests were '49 graduates from Blair.

Joan Hover "Old Line" Cover Girl

Joan Hover '49, runner-up for Freshman Queen at Maryland University, was December Cover Girl in the "Old Line", a Maryland publication. She's a Tri-Delta pledge.

Lefty Benton, A. A. E., is in town on leave.

Anne Whitecomb will soon transfer from her job with the all State Insurance Company to Eric Johnston's Motion Picture Industry office in the District, where she will hold a secretarial post.

Alumni Working In Silver Spring
Harry Sullivan has been working at the Silver Spring Post Office for several months now.

Doris Vickers, '44, is now teaching sixth grade at Woodside Elementary School. Last year she taught high school biology.



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That's pretty important to me, you see . . . because it means I'll have money enough for dates and such, by not having to pay expenses for room and board. Another thing, I won't have to leave the many friends I've made in high school, either.

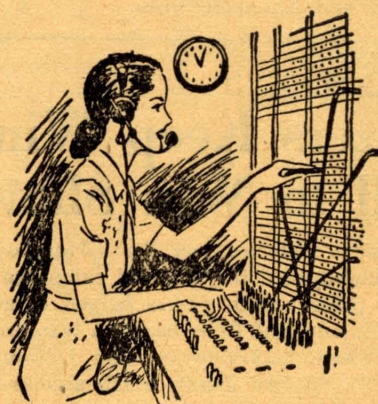
Yes, during the day I'll like going to American U.'s "out-of-town" campus . . . and then every evening I'll be coming home to mom's swell cooking and better living than I could ever find anywhere else. No wonder I'm going American . . . why not join me?

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The telephone operator answered the signal on the switchboard.

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Thinking and acting quickly, the operator called the Rescue Squad of a nearby town. She gave them the address where the telephone was located, asked them to hurry there.

When they arrived, they found a man and his wife nearly overcome by the fumes from a faulty furnace. First aid was applied at once and the couple was revived.

Later, these people wrote the telephone company thanking the girl who had probably saved their lives. In closing, they said "this girl at the switchboard has earned our everlasting gratitude."

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Cool in emergencies, competent, courteous—these are some of the qualities of today's telephone operator. Small wonder that she has earned such a proud place on the American scene.

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Blazers Even County Series With B-C.C.

Blazerettes Win 9; Drop 2

A second half rally and tightened Blazer defenses enabled Blair to defeat Bethesda 49-36 at Maryland U. last Saturday night.

The win evened the series for the Montgomery County championship. An earlier game was won by the Barons, 44-43.

A 10-point, 16-6, lead in the opening period looked like a comfortable margin for the Red and White, but they scored only four points in the second quarter. Bethesda held a slim 23-22 advantage at intermission.

With the score 25-24 in favor of the Barons, John Selby scored a field goal to put the Blazers in front again. The contest was a runaway after this point. Blair committed 11 personals in the first half and 5 in the second while B.-C.C. had only 5 called against them in the first half and 12 after intermission.

Blair	G	FG	FF	P	B-C.C.	G	FG	FF	P
Larim're	0	0	2	0	Young	1	1	3	3
Downs	0	0	1	0	Ward	3	0	2	6
T'm'kins	4	3	2	11	Green	1	0	1	2
Bartlett	0	0	1	0	Titlow	1	0	3	2
D'baugh	2	1	1	5	Park	0	3	1	3
Luckett	5	2	3	12	Boor	3	1	2	7
Selby	5	2	3	12	Avant	0	0	1	0
Schief	2	5	3	9	Bock	4	3	4	11
Williams	0	0	0	0	Downey	0	2	0	2

Totals 18 13 16 49 Totals 13 10 17 36
Officials—Fenlon, Sandler

The Blazerettes have been enjoying their most successful season in years. Last year's record showed only four wins for the lasses, but in their first ten games this season they scored eight victories, giving ample proof of how much the team has improved. To make it nine, Sherwood bowed to the Blazerettes last Friday night.

This winning record has been gained despite the fact that such opponents as Westminster, Annapolis, and Rockville were faced. Westminster defeated the Blazerettes 41-4.

Rockville fell before Blair on two occasions and Annapolis once.



Blazers John Selby and Bill Tompkins leap for the ball with Jack Stringer of Central as Charlie Deffinbaugh and Viking guard Gleason look on.

Jayvees Progress; Look to Future

If this year's Junior Varsity is a forecast on future Blair teams, then Blair should have some very successful seasons during the next two years.

Although their record is scarred with 5 losses opposed to 6 wins, it doesn't completely portray the games the team has played.

Coming out of junior high schools, the boys are trained for the Varsity in their sophomore year, learning tricky plays and other pointers that will improve their court game.

Coach Anthony Creme realizes

the job he has on his hands in laying the foundation for his future teams and how he must train the inexperienced ones, but he says that this year's is one of the best teams he has ever coached, both in spirit and in the type of games they play.

Lose First To Priory

Their first loss came at the hands of Priory when their own nervousness caused their downfall, 40-25. They then went on to three straight victories, beginning with Takoma Park Junior, 28-19; next came Western, who was edged 34-33; and Westminster, 25-19. The J. V. then tackled the Sherwood Varsity and came out on the short end of a 46-37 score.

Gonzaga and Western again sank beneath the sharpshooting of the little Blazers, Gonzaga by 5 and Western by 3 points.

Bethesda broke up their hopes once again, 42-36.

Next on the defeated list came Friends who succumbed 26-23. Coolidge and St. Johns handed Blair their next two losses though.

Three On Varsity

Westminster will provide the competition tonight at 7:00 in their gym as Frederick will do likewise on the twenty-fourth.

The J. V. is often overlooked by the upper classmen but is very important in the eyes of those who realize that the junior varsity of today will have to be the players of tomorrow.

Three of the J. V.s who are already dressing for the Varsity because of their outstanding play in the J. V. games are Bob Tompkins, Howard Graves, and Bob Morrison. Others to be complimented on their work are "J. C." Livingston and Mike Hardesty.

The other J. V. members who hope to be playing Varsity ball next year include George Short, Ken Copeland, Roger Hazell, Bill Cave, Howard Bladen, Richard Fisher, Bill Kephart, and Jim Spencer.

Modest Mr. Creme Sports Sensation In Syracuse High

Everyone has heard of history and everyone has heard of Coach Anthony Creme, so here is a brief history of Coach Creme.

Mr. Creme was born in Syracuse, New York, where he attended North High School. He must have been a busy boy as he played varsity football, baseball, basketball and track. To top this feat, he was All-high for the city of Syracuse in football and basketball.

Mr. Creme, in a recent *Silver Chips* interview, modestly told this reporter some of the highlights of his life.

Receiving an athletic scholarship from George Washington University for football and basketball, he played varsity football and freshman basketball.

Coach Creme then went into semi-pro basketball where he was a player-coach.

When the war came along, he joined and spent four years in the army. He flew several missions in a B-24 over Germany. He retained his skill with a basketball as he played on several service teams.

After leaving the service he went to Cortland State Teachers' College and then returned to George Washington to finish his schooling.

Mr. Creme's first school coaching job was at Blair. He came here four years ago and has turned out several good teams.

At the present he is living in Rockville. He is married and has two children.

Tumbling Enters Blair Sports Calendar

Under the direction of Messrs. Thomas Bolgiano and Howard Buckley, a new athletic organization, a tumbling team, has been introduced to the Blair sports scene.

The team will see action tomorrow when they travel to Maryland University to compete in the meet beginning at one p.m. Blairites will be entered in both the singles and doubles competition.

Blazerettes Break Even in Four; Beat Annapolis Girls

Bouncing back from a 16-8 deficit at the half, the Blair Blazerettes overcame one of their toughest opponents of the season, Annapolis, by a final score of 34-29 on the home court.

Fans saw the Red and White retain possession of the ball during the second half of the game, and with deliberation and careful shooting, forge ahead to victory.

Annapolis, recognized for its fine basketball team, exchanged the lead with Blair only once, before the home team started on its scoring spree.

Scoring 13 points for Blair was Nancy MacInnerney, followed by Janet Peksa with 7, and Mabel Vickers with 6 points.

The Blazerettes will be looking for another victory over Annapolis on February 21, when they meet on the opponent's court.

Drop Two Contests

Suffering its first defeat of the season, the girls' basketball team bowed to Bladensburg by a rather lopsided score of 34-13.

The Blazerettes got off to a bad start and seemed unable to tighten up on their passwork and ball handling. The high point of the Bladensburg attack was speed.

On January 27 the Blazerettes travelled to Westminster for a night game, in which they were defeated 41-14.

Invade Rockville

Backing up their sixth game in the win column the Blazerettes defeated Richard Montgomery 33-25.

As the game progressed, Blair's pass work began to click, and forwards started sinking baskets, making it evident that Blair had the stronger team. Rockville had a fairly tall team and their ability to make long shots kept the score close, down to the last minute of play.

Janet Peksa and Nancy MacInnerney rolled up a total of 22 points between them, while Charlotte Frost was high scorer for Rockville with 12 points.

Shorts in Sports

by James Holsopple

Blazers Keep Winning Ways; Will to Win Shows Up Well

Successive victories over the Vikings of Central High and St. John's Cadets highlighted the Blazers' campaign since the last issue of *Chips* went to press. Both games helped to strengthen local basketball experts' opinions that Blair boasts a team to watch.

In a recent interview on Jim Gibbons' "Sports Reel," heard over WMAL-TV, the St. John's coach announced that they would be happy to see their team meet the Blazers again in the Metropolitan Tournament. The three-point win over the Cadets completely overshadowed the Central game, in which Blair narrowly escaped defeat. After losing an 11-point lead the Red and White quintet salvaged enough basketball knowhow to win, 45-43, and save themselves from the firing squad.

A highly successful evening came at the expense of Friends' School, who appeared at Takoma Junior to play a basketball game. The visitors had some trouble keeping the ball long enough to play, however, and spent most of the evening watching the Blazers score baskets.

Western bowed by 15 points, but there was also the first Bethesda game, in which Blair's first-half fade forgot to stop operating at the intermission and which everyone would just as soon forget.

Other than in that game, the Blazers have played a steady brand of ball, and have managed to win most of their games without too much trouble.

Bill Schief's "second story job," publicized in the *Evening Star* of February 9, pointed out the fact that the team members really want to play, and this might help explain some of Blair's court success, at any rate, something—maybe just down-to-earth team spirit and the will to win—keeps the Blazers on their toes and winning games.

Since all is not basketball, or maybe basketball is not all, a word about our tumblers who travel to Maryland University tomorrow. News has reached me that they might very well be headed for a fall!

HOOPLA—No more games will be played at Takoma Junior High this year. Our record there—4 wins, no losses... Honors to Bob Tompkins, whose set-shots swish through the nets with such regularity.

Sports in Shorts

by Marie Kramer

Blazerettes Best in Years; More Student Support Needed

The girls' basketball team is enjoying a very successful season this year, winning seven out of nine games.

It is quite obvious that Coach June Lippy has a better basketball team than in many previous years, and with the goodly number of sophomores and juniors who will be with the team next season, the outlook for the future seems quite promising.

The Blazerettes have won over nine strong teams, their only defeats coming at the hands of Bladensburg and Westminster, who defeated the Blair quint by scores of 34-13 and 41-14 respectively.

Although these two games were lost by wide margins, the Blazerettes displayed the fine sportsmanship with which they have always been associated.

It is evident that the Blair girls need to drill for more speed. However, their pass work is quite accurate as well as their long shots.

Through intensified drills, the team hopes to even the score with the opponents who defeated them.

Many persons have remarked about the lack of student interest which is evident at the girls' basketball games. The question is—Is it necessary to keep asking students to attend these games? Blairites never have to be encouraged to attend the boys' games, and certainly the girls have accomplished just as much for which the school may be proud as the boys' team.

So we're asking you students to get into the Blair spirit, by supporting not only our sensational boys' team but also the deserving Blazerettes.

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Paul Kreh, Father of 2 Students, To Head Alumni Association

Mr. Paul Kreh, father of Charlene, a junior, and David, '49, was elected president of the newly-formed Blair Alumni Association April 3, in the Library.

Mr. Kreh graduated with the Class of 1929, when Blair was located on Philadelphia Avenue, site of the present Silver Spring Intermediate School, and was president of his junior and senior classes.

Frank Proctor, Vice-President

Other officials on the slate, which was elected unanimously, were Frank Proctor, '48, vice-president; Ann Whitcomb, '46, secretary; and Charles Harvey, also of '46, treasurer.

Frank was president of the Student Council and now attends Maryland University, where he is studying pre-law.

Nearly 40 alumni attended the organizational meeting of the group as well as Miss Elizabeth Stickley, school librarian, and Mr. T. H. Owen Knight, supervisor of guidance and also one of Mr. Kreh's teachers.

Honor Society Aids Formation

The Alumni Association stemmed from the work of an Honor Society Committee formed at that organization's annual fall meeting last September. Once formed, however, the organization will have no connection with the Honor Society and every graduate of Blair will be eligible for membership.

Blairites have attempted to organize on three previous occasions without success. However, on the basis of a recent poll among alumni, which showed over 90% were interested in forming such a group, it is hoped that this group will succeed.

Prom At Shoreham To Be Held May 20

The Shoreham Hotel will be the setting for the Junior-Senior Prom which will this year be held May 20 from 9-12.

For the last two years the Prom has been held at the Kennedy-Warren Hotel. Previous to that, it had always been given in the Blair gym.

The admission price is \$2.40 a couple. Will Plunkett's Orchestra will provide the music. Formal dress is optional.

The executive board of the junior class, assisted by Miss Susan Aud, is in charge of the dance. It includes Charles Crum, president; Herschell Forcey, vice-president; Charlene Kreh, secretary; and Eddie Lee, treasurer.

Courtenay Is Blossom Princess Second Time

Courtenay Murphy became the Cherry Blossom Princess representing North Carolina for the second year in succession this year.

Courtenay, an active junior, attained her princess status through election by the North Carolina State Society. "Wonderful" was the only word Courtenay could find to describe her experiences this year and last.

She is an active member of the Library Club, associate editor of *Silver Quill*, a member of F.T.A., and of the Band.

B-CC to Entertain Student Writers In Annual Press Meet

The Fourth Annual Inter-High Press Convention, sponsored by the Montgomery County Inter-High Council and the Montgomery County Press Association, will be held at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, tomorrow, April 22, at 9:30 a.m.

Seven high schools, namely, Montgomery Blair, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Gaithersburg, Damascus, Sherwood, Richard Montgomery, and Poolesville, will participate in the clinics and contests.

Four Writing Contests

The program will center around four main divisions of journalistic writing, which are news, editorial, feature, and sports writing.

Every school will enter two contestants in each of the four divisions.

Eight Represent Blair

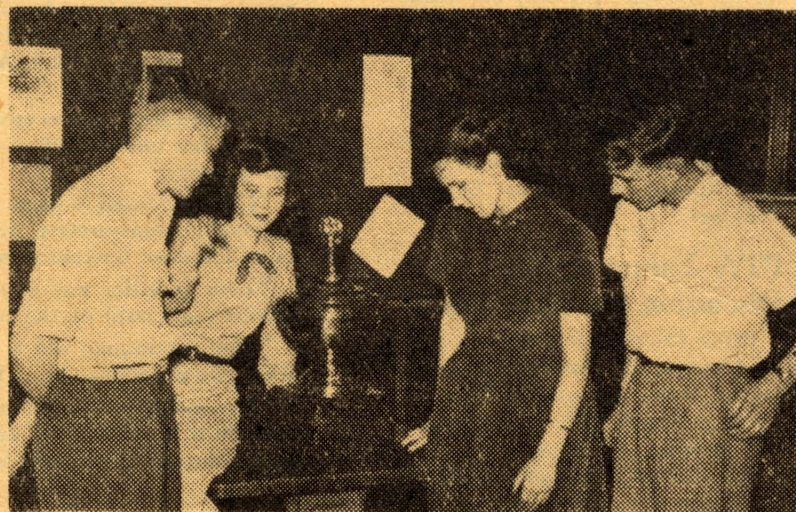
Representing Blair in the different phases will be Mary Louise Hanson and Charles Crum, news; Patricia Parkman and Katherine MacDonald, editorial; Patricia Levendoski and Doris Crosswait, feature; James Holsopple and Charles Deffinbaugh in sports writing.

Prizes, furnished by the Montgomery County Press Association, will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each contest and to the school having the best exhibit. The County Press Association will, also, provide the judges for the event.

To assist in making the convention a success, Montgomery Blair has arranged the feature writing portion of the program.

Mrs. Lucille Moler, *Silver Chips* advisor, will serve as a special assistant to the feature writing contest judge.

Blairites to Relinquish Writing Trophy to Western; School Will Receive Smaller Permanent Cup



Members of the Silver Chips winning writing team take a last look at the M. S. P. A. trophy they won last fall. They are, right to left: Charles Brailer, editor of *Chips*; Pat Parkman, associate editor; Mary Lou Hanson, managing editor; and Jimmy Holsopple, sports editor. The names of the winning schools were engraved on the trophy.

Honor Group Plans Scholastic Award

The Montgomery Blair Honor Society will award a scholarship this spring to a deserving Blair senior.

Detailed information and rules for the non-renewable scholarship will be distributed to all senior home rooms. Application blanks will be provided for all students who think they may qualify and wish to apply.

Must Be in Upper Fifth

The two most important criteria in selecting the recipient will be: standing in the upper fifth of the senior class and definite financial need. School leadership and activities will also be considered.

All applicants must be willing to have their financial status investigated by the committee administering the grant. The committee consists of four students and three faculty members, who will remain incognito to avoid any possible dispute. The committee will award the scholarship and its decision will be final.

Honor Society Provides Funds

Funds for the scholarship will come from the treasury of the Honor Society, and, while no figure has yet been made official, the amount will probably be one hundred to one hundred-fifty dollars.

The student who receives the scholarship will use it toward payment of tuition at any accredited school of his choice. No one will receive the Honor Society grant who holds any other kind of monetary educational aid.

County Press Group To Meet At Blair

The Montgomery Blair faculty and P.T.A. will entertain Montgomery County Press Association Wednesday, May 5, in the Home Arts Department.

This is the third successive year that the Press Association has held their annual luncheon at Blair.

Students and faculty members will attend the luncheon, including the editors and faculty advisors of the school's publications.

Hillbillies Hit Stage in Drama Club's 'Campbells Are Coming'

"The Campbells are Coming," a three-act comedy play now being produced by the Dramatic Club, opened last night and continues tonight in the Blair Gym at 8:30 p.m.

County Sets Award Exam For May 6

Several scholarships under county auspices are available to graduates of Montgomery County High Schools this year.

One, a scholarship for one year, is open to a student who plans to go into the teaching profession as an elementary school teacher.

The money for this scholarship formerly was raised from "The Spotlight Revue," a variety show put on by the County teachers. Since then, however, it was decided that all the schools were to contribute to the fund. Some schools have given square dances and similar activities to raise money.

If this person does not teach after graduating from college, he will then have to return all the money that was given to him for study. The competitive examination will be held in Richard Montgomery High School, Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m.

Also, there are two other scholarships to Johns Hopkins University and Western Maryland to a boy and girl respectively.

Variety Show Acts To Perform on TV

A few selected acts from the Variety Show will put on a fifteen minute program Saturday, April 22, before the television cameras. Beginning at 2 p. m. the program will be on Station WNBW Channel 4.

Final decision on the performances to appear was made Thursday, April 13, by a representative from the station. Those to present their talents before the television eye are the Steppers, Mona and Billie Jess, Ruth Benson, and Betty McFerron; the Shoe Shine Boys, Rick Waters, Dwight Smith, Buddy Taylor, and Jimmy Anderson; the Can-Can Girls, Jill Dorsee, Joan Fales, Sidney Hepler, Carolyn Wittauer, Janice Patton, and Earlene Burdine; Nancy Austin, Bea Shaw, and Dixie Belle Barbara Dodd.

The program is part of the recent effort to form an alumni association. It will be the medium through which to publicize this organization of Blair graduates.

After six months of possession, the *Silver Chips* Staff will turn over next week the Maryland Scholastic Press Association Trophy to Western High School, who tied with Blair at the M.S.P.A. writing tournament at Maryland University last fall.

The schools agreed that each should have the large gold cup for half of the year. When they tossed a coin to see to whom it should go first, Blair won the toss.

The trophy was donated four years ago to the M.S.P.A. by the *Cumberland News Times*, and is given each fall to the school winning the writing tournament to be kept throughout that year. In addition, a smaller cup is awarded to each winner as a permanent possession.

Names of the winning schools, and the date, are engraved on a gold plate at the base of the trophy.

The scene of the play, by Jay Tobias, is laid in the Ozark Mountains. Ten characters keep the plot rolling.

These ten are Ma Brannigan played by Ann Lee Weeks; and her grandchildren, Betty Branigan, Joan Keagle; Dick Branigan, Jerry Larson; and Kaye Branigan, Ann Craig.

Hillbilly Setting

Others are Catalpa Tapp, Annette Garver, daughter of Bildad Tapp, played by Nick Lee; Cyrus Scudder, Jerry Gough; with his son, Jeff Scudder, Lewis Robert. Finally there are Mrs. August Campbell, Nancy Pope; and her son, Kingston Campbell, played by Pat Cooney.

Tickets for the Dramatic Club presentation, "The Campbells are Coming," will be sold at the door. Admission price is 50 cents per person.

The Tapps provide the hillbilly atmosphere, although the Brannigans, for special reasons, impersonate backwoods folks in the second act.

Plot Involved

The entire play is a travesty of love, pride, and morals. The plot becomes very involved; but just in time for the end, everything is straightened out to the accompaniment of skunk odors, a broken egg, and a strawberry birthmark.

This is the Club's second production. The first, "The Lost Elevator," was given last year.

Band To Compete At Apple Festival

The Montgomery Blair Band and Majorette Corps will leave as a unit for Winchester, Virginia, on April 27, to appear in two parades.

The group will stay at the "Kenilworth Inn" near Winchester. Thursday, April 27, the group will participate in the Firade and on Friday, the Apple Blossom Parade.

Transportation for each student will pay cost of board, lodging, and transportation.

Chaperons will be Lippy, girls' Physical Education instructor; Mr. Roy Harrison T. Meserole, director of the Majorette Band, and several parents.

Both the Band and Majorette Corps were among the local groups invited to welcome the President of Chile, Gabriel Gonzalez Videla, on his arrival in Washington, D. C., Wednesday, April 12.

As the President passed, the Band played while the majorettes did some steps and twirling.

Sellout Variety Show Performances Net \$2,500

Three sell-out performances of this year's Variety Show netted an amount in excess of \$2,500, the largest receipts in the history of the Show.

Advertising in the souvenir program gave total receipts of approximately \$415.00.

The money gained through sales of the tickets will go toward the general fund.

Advertising revenues are shared equally by the staffs of *Chips* and *Silverlogue*, and the soliciting.

Student Teachers Represent Two Maryland Colleges

There are a number of practice teachers at Blair now, seven to be exact, working with the regular teachers learning the finer points of teaching.

One of these is Mr. E. Laverne Flickinger, who is working with the science and biology classes. He will graduate from Western Maryland College in May. Since he has always attended small schools such as New Windsor, Maryland, he is much pleased, he states, to work in a larger school such as Blair.

Subjects Are Varied

Mr. Robert S. Lizer, another Western Marylander, is teaching English IV. He likes Blair for its atmosphere and the way the students act so naturally. This is especially appreciated as it comes from a man who is very observant and enjoys writing.

A practice math and physics teacher, hailing from Western Maryland also, is Mr. Anthony Konstant, who has had his work here interrupted by the fact that he has the mumps.

Thinks Blair is 'Wonderful'

A future history teacher under the guidance of Mrs. Alma Davidson is Miss Carol M. Lowe. After being at Blair for some time she is convinced that Blair students are "wonderful." She finds teaching a fascinating profession, and if it weren't for missing her sorority at Western Maryland College it would be perfect.

There are three teaching here from the University of Maryland, who were not available for interviews.

Annual Easter Assembly Features Chorus Music

Blair's Annual Easter Assembly was presented on April 4.

The program featured the combined choruses under the direction of Miss Mary Cross and an address by the Reverend William Kepler, pastor of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, Shepherd Park. The invocation by Sally acted choruses sang "The" and "Listen to the" Bill Chapin rendered the "Were You There?"

Harrison and Jean Ed combined in presenting "Anches." A girls' group choralettes offered "Ave" and "Lift Up Thine Eyes,"

nd Kepler spoke on "The of Easter."

Spanish Classes See Pan A. Union Proposed U.N. Trip Needs 60 Signers

Seven Spanish classes accompanied by Mrs. Audrey Steele and Miss Mary McCarthy visited the Pan American Union Building at Constitution Ave. and 17th Street Thursday, April 13. The trip was divided by the morning classes going before lunch and the afternoon classes afterward.

An activity dance was held the 13th for the home rooms with 100% activity ticket sale. The sections dancing last week were 10-1, 11-6, 12-1, 12-3, and 12-4.

The Montgomery County Police Department showed safety films to the student body in an assembly March 24, in an effort to curb automobile accidents.

Mary McCarthy and her classes will attend a state "French Day" at Maryland on May 9. The "day" will be an assembly, contest, and entertainment.

Miss Maragite Donforth is working with Mrs. Fay Sherry and her art classes, while Mr. Charles Hilliard and Mr. James A. Stofko are teaching vocational classes, woodshop and mechanical drawing respectively.

Notes on the News

Juniors Represent Blair In Annapolis

Four Montgomery Blair students represented their school at the annual Boy Scout Legislature meeting held in Annapolis on April 13, 14, and 15.

From the Boy Legislature, they learned how the Maryland State Government works by drawing up sample bills and making them into laws.

Representatives Are Hi-Y'ers

The students, all members of the newly-formed Blair Hi-Y, were Bill Solomon, Howard Metcalf, Pete Harriss, and Charles Crum.

Bill, who attended last year served on the Governor's advisory board, while Howard, Pete, and Charles went as delegates.

All Maryland Schools Attending

Representatives from each school in Maryland attended to represent their schools' views in the form of bills, on the needs of the state.

Aside from the session held each day, the boys were honored with a dance Friday night with the Annapolis High School girls serving as dates and with a tour through the United States Naval Academy.

Officers of the Hi-Y Club are Charles Crum, president; Leonard Crogan, vice-president; Howard Metcalf, secretary; Wilbur Harris, treasurer.

Chips Editorial Wins Honorable Mention in National T.B. Contest

"Want to Stay Healthy?", an editorial by Pat Parkman, *Silver Chips* associate editor, has won a Certificate of Honor for *Chips* in the National T. B. Contest for school newspapers.

Written on the subject of tuberculosis prevention, the editorial appeared in the December issue of *Chips*, copies of which were submitted to the competition sponsored by the county T. B. Association.

Winning an award of \$25 in the County, it was sent to the State competition, from which it was entered in the national contest.

Blair students interested in flying should see Mrs. Alma Davidson immediately! Why? She is taking a group to see the U. N. in action May 2 or 16. They will go by plane to La Guardia Field, second largest in the U. S. The cost of \$15.64 includes the round-trip fare and two full meals. Sixty students must sign up before the trip is possible.

The Girls' "B" Club sold movie tickets last week to raise money for the Montgomery County Teaching Scholarship (see front page.) The tickets were to the Flower Theater's feature "The Amazing Mr. Beechman."

Students of the office practice classes visited the Acacia Insurance Company, where they heard a lecture on business procedures, April 14. Mrs. Helen Powell accompanied the group.

Third Report Term Lists 142 Students On Honor Roll

Students making the honor roll for the third report period number 142. Their grades must all be "B" or above to be in this list.

Twelfth graders who achieved these high grades are James Corsini, Marion Diedrick, Joyce Kidwell, Ann Reed, Joan Smith, Cleo Whitting, Judith Anderson, Colleen Fling, Sue Mitchell, Valerie Vanderworker, Eleanor Crezee, Marcia Flickinger, Janet Frocke, Nancy Kendrick, Lillian Wolf, Joan Hubbel, Barbara Bagby, Marlita Scott, Laurene Smith, Percy Goode, William Diedrick, William Fene, Robert Carver, Mary Louise Hanson, Laurence Hunter, Mary Ann Kifer, and Mary Lasher.

Additional High Grades

Additional top grades in the senior class were made by Jean Bartlett, Joyce Duvall, Patricia Gary, Shirley Scherrer, Charles Brailer, Clarke Stout, Major Williams, Ann Craig, Shirwood Taylor, Roberta Tompkins, Brian Crowley, Mary Harlow, Mona Jess, Patricia Morrow, Patricia Parkman, David Power, Ruth Bauman, Betty Gene Collier, Patricia Levendoski, and Joann Wyatt.

Eleventh grade honor students include Ruth Benson, Oswald Castro, Billie Jess, Mary Marsh, Courtney Murphy, Jeanne Rembert, Emilie Sherman, Alice Warfield, Joan Harmon, Jean Edwards, Bill McNaughton, Lois Watts, Barbara McBride, Jean Lohr, Connie LeRoy, Marilyn Leonhardt, Nelson Kulda, Donald Gray, Doris Crosswait, Harry Cleaver, Sue Hall, Arnold Wilkin, and Leonard Crogan.

63 Juniors on the Roll

Howard Behrens, Denny Bliss, Carleton Clark, Peggy Holt, Dan Levine, Joyce Stone, Joan Membert, Harry Kirk, Dorothy Kelso, Wilbur Harris, and Joan Daly are also included.

Other outstanding grades were made by Earlene Burdine, Annette Garver, Lula Hogan, Nancy Allen, Marie Binot, Barbara Brewton, Lillian Pottle, Ann Lee Weeks, James Denny, Kenneth Holt, Peter Maserik, Joseph Mendum, Walter Petzold, Judy White, Kathy MacDonald, Harold Hanson, Carol Funk, David Hall, Doris Kirby, Charlene Kreh, Betty McFerren, Frances Peary, Janet Peksa, Ruthmary Ragsdale, Judy Thompson, and Mabel Vickers.

Tenth graders with high grades are Shirley Allen, Atwood Barwick, Janean Courson, Virginia Findlay, Molly Jamison, David Promisel, Betty Stephens, Allison Boykin, Beverly Dobrovolsky, Janet Johnson, Jimmy Klinenberg, Frances McBain, Jinx Nelson, George Sauer, Joseph Pitrone, Jo Anne Boschet, Dennis Ray, Ellen Grant, Janet McKenzie, Dorothy Wittshire, David Barr, Robert Nagle, William Alford, Leif Beck, Judith Boucher, Barbara Dodd, Joe Horak, Edna Kronenbitter, Bruce Lieske, Ted Scheick, and Jane Corinne Trayfors.

PTA Forum Presents Discussion On Activities

Brian Crowley, Bill Chapin, Vivian Cherrix, Bill Diedrick and Joyce Duvall were the student participants in the P.T.A. forum at the last meeting, April 18.

Mrs. G. W. Forcade acted as moderator for the group as they discussed the pros and cons of activities in the school. The forum was entitled, "Activities in Action."

This program was planned by the Student Council.

Bill Hoffman, Walter Coback To Practice With Senators, A's

Shoeless Students Swing At Sock-Hop

By Ruth Bauman

Have you seen people wandering around the halls lately minus one shoe?

If so, don't be alarmed; they probably aren't crazy, at least not any crazier than most Blairites. The most likely explanation is that their shoes were mislaid at the bunny-sock hop, which was held April 15 at Hillendale Cabin.

The shoeless, vice-versa dance is sponsored annually by the junior and senior Tri-Hi-Y groups. Saturday night about one hundred and fifty people showed up wearing their best socks. Shoes, along with coats, were checked at the door.

The juniors decorated with bunnies on the walls and crepe paper hanging from the ceiling. The music was furnished by records and everyone danced holes through the soles of their socks.

Lack of shoes didn't mean lack of fun and a good time was had by all. But incidentally, if anyone finds a spare shoe—well, my foot is getting awfully cold!

Friendship Club Holds UN Milestone Assembly

An assembly, to be held on April 27, is the latest project of the World Friendship Club, which recently sponsored the Night of Fun.

The assembly will be in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the United Nations Charter conference at San Francisco, which began on April 25, 1945. Appropriate readings and the movie, "The Brotherhood of Man," will be featured.

The night of fun took place in the Blair Gym on April 14. Entertainment was "hillbilly" style with square dancing, ballroom dancing, and intermission entertainment starring Connie Conn, a Blair Alumnae of station KOY from Phoenix, Arizona.

Bill Hoffman, Silver Spring baseball enthusiast, is now trying his luck with the Washington Senators at their training camp in Winter Gardens, Florida. Bill tried out earlier with the New York Giants. Between his training stints he did a bit of vacationing at West Palm Beach, Miami, and other parts of Florida.

Bill Parster, Barney Neal, and Bob Fapp rode down to New Orleans to the Mardi Gras last month.

Betty and Bob Vernier motored to Florida a few weeks ago for ten days of holidaying.

Coback Pitching for A's

Walter Coback has gone out of voluntary retirement with the Philadelphia Athletic Minor league baseball team, and will report next month for spring training with the teams at West Palm Beach, Florida. Walter began working out with the Phillies after his high school pitching days. A family illness caused him to return home. That's when he became employed at the Bank of Silver Spring, where he became so well liked that he was recently elected vice-president of the Acorn Club, employee's organization. He'll go back to banking between his diamond stints.

Sir Stork dropped in on Jack and Peggy Davis, Nancy and David Wills a few weeks ago, to deliver to each couple a baby son. Both boys graduated from Blair in '43.

Alumni Associated With Group Health

Kathryn Smith left Maryland University at the end of the first semester to go to work as a dental assistant in the Dental Center of Group Health Association in Washington.

Other local lassies also associated with Group Health include Noreen Dodd and Nancy Turner, also ex-Blairites, who have been employed there for a number of months, and Priscilla Varney, '49, who left Towson State Teachers' College early this year to work.

Their letters tell a story of gratitude



The "spirit of service" you find among telephone men and women is a hard thing to define. But it's very real. So real, in fact, that thousands of telephone customers have taken time to write us about it. A few of these "bouquets" were expressed as follows:

"We sincerely appreciated the operator's spirit of helpfulness, her understanding of the problems and especially her courtesy."

"If I were asked to name my favorite person-with-whom I-come-in-casual-contact, it would be this community's Long Distance operators, collectively!"

"Your installer was alert, courteous and efficient. He reflects real credit on the company."

"This serviceman did a neat, thorough and rapid job. We'd like to commend him for it."

"Too much praise cannot be given the operator who handled this call for her diligence, patience and perseverance. She has our thanks for a job well done."

We're proud of these letters of gratitude and proud of the people who earned them.

The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company.

Wanted! One Cure For Spring Fever

The "occupational diseases"—those infirmities which are peculiar to, or most pronounced in, certain professions—run a wide range, but few are as unique as that of students: spring fever.

A seasonal disease, usually striking when the weather begins to turn warm and the trees and flowers are blooming and the birds singing, it is not necessarily confined to students, nor is it always so seasonal. Certain individuals seem to suffer chronically, there being seasonal variations as well—summer, winter, and fall fever.

In its earlier forms, the disease manifests itself in a far-away look in the victim's eyes, general lack of ambition and attentiveness, and a slowing down of responses, both mental and physical. Advanced stages are hard to distinguish from sleeping sickness.

The only known cures are to lie in a hammock in the shade, preferably with gallons of lemonade at hand and an old newspaper over the face, or to fish in a stream where no known marine life exists, enabling the patient to lean back against a tree and sleep. Since neither of these remedies can be effected in school, the malady takes its toll in absences.

In spite of skepticism to the contrary, this is a very real disease. When will school authorities recognize that fact by giving L-2's for spring fever?

Boisterous Blairites To Cheat or Not! Recall Rehearsals

"Is that my line? No, I've already said my line."

"Hey, Ann, I think I'm getting an A in Chemistry!"

"Guess what! Catalpa thinks she's getting the mumps!"

"You're late . . . Mrs. Worthington's ready to kill you."

"Is she here yet?"

"No."

Such was the auspicious beginning of the rehearsal of "The Campbells Are Coming" scheduled for 1:30 on the day Easter vacation began.

Of course, the cast was working under difficulties. Everyone seemed to have had trouble getting back from lunch. There was some confusion as to the location of the rehearsal. Although scheduled for the gym, it started in Miss Wood's room. Then everyone began wondering where everyone else was and drifted out. "If we aren't back in a hour, it's in the gym."

In the gym a cry of "You can't do this to us!" rose to the rafters. The stage was being stacked with chairs. Pat Cooney gaily insisted that they weren't in the way, but nobody else felt up to breaking a leg just before the holidays.

As Joan Keagle cruelly but aptly put it, "The rehearsal started on time, 2:30."

Heard Around Blair

Miss McCarthy (to student drumming on desk): We aren't in the wilds of Africa.

Overheard in French II: It's all Greek to me.

Ted Shiek (in same) to Phyll Harrison wearing V necked sport shirt: What a daring neckline!

Phyll (disgusted): So's yours!

"Instead of reading these sentences aloud, I want you to write them aloud." Miss McCarthy.

Miss Lippy (to Marlita Scott who has just fallen on her head): You didn't hurt yourself?

Marlita: Didn't I?

Although spring is in the air, the minds of Blair's guys and gals have not turned completely to romance for the very important questions still bring well thought answers.

When asked, "Would the introduction of an honor system at Blair improve or increase the problem of cheating?" Valerie Walker asserted, "It would definitely improve the conditions at Blair."

Tommy Dillon thinks it would improve because, "If you give people a chance to be honest, they'll be honest with themselves."

Mary Lasher said, "I think it would increase the problem, 'Never put temptation before the weaker ones.'"

Ann Hillman supplied, "If they weren't put under supervision, students would take it upon themselves not to cheat."

After an impish look, Charles Crum replied, "At least the seniors wouldn't cheat any more; they won't be here!"

Bill Diedrich answered thoughtfully, "I'd like to see the honor system put in effect. I think it can work in Blair if it is practiced in the junior high schools as well."

Gerry Robbins is sure that, "If the kids will look down on each other for cheating along with the honor system it should help."

Kenneth Holt replied, "If it were introduced in the right manner to the students it would work."

Vernon Taylor with a serious look answered, "It would improve it. I've found that there's really no sense in cheating; as you get older you find you're only cheating yourself."

Students Receive Advice

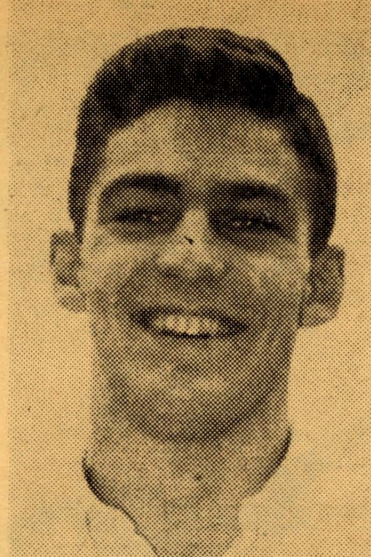
"Well, my speech is over and Betty and Bill didn't hear any of it. However, I take it that they were generating considerable interest in themselves." Mr. Hamstead.

Overheard at Dramatic Club practice:

Joan Keagle: I'm s'posed to embrace him or something.

Gerry Gough: Well, embrace him by all means!

Bashful Bill Three Time Leader



Bill Larimore

Few boys can claim that they have been president of their class for three successive years.

Bill Larimore has this distinction and was also a member of the student legislature in his sophomore year, treasurer of the Student Council in his junior year, and is chairman of the Athletic Committee this year.

Bill is a tall (6' 2"), easy going fellow with a slight southern drawl. He has been one of Blair's most popular people throughout his three active years here.

A versatile young man is Bill.

Take for instance, his varied experiences at work. He has been employed in a radio and television appliance store; as a roofer, and as a soda jerk. Furthermore, in Bill's quest for greater knowledge, he also spent time as a ditch digger—digging foundations for houses, which is much more refined than ordinary ditch digging.

Asked the somewhat eternal question of what he liked, Bill narrowed the field down to sports (basketball, especially), working on his car (a '36 green dodge, which is about to receive a paint job), dancing and best of all, going to the beach in the summer.

On being queried further as to dislikes, Bill had to sit down and rack his brain. He finally came up with three answers. The first, work; he doesn't mind too much unless he wants to do something else. The second answer was that completely unprintable subject, school, and the third, closely related to the second, was homework.

Bill is undecided about the future. He plans to take some optitude tests in a few weeks and consider the results before deciding definitely. The college of his choice is Washington College, at Chestertown, but he may take his first two years at Montgomery Junior College.

Cafeteria 'Blossoms Out'

The cafeteria has a new look! Surely you have been noticing the gay holiday decorations that have given the cafeteria that extra sparkle.

At Christmas time the teachers' tables and counter were banked with spicy-smelling pine boughs and tall red and white candles.

Remember, too, St. Patrick's Day when the cafeteria was decked out so gaily? Even those who don't boast real Irish names got a happy kick out of the "wearing of the green."

Gladioli formed a snow-white cross for the feature of the Easter decorations. White lilies, tall candles, and other colorful glads helped give the lunchroom a "spring is here" look.

A cafeteria can become a pretty monotonous place. Perhaps Mrs. Susan Plaier realized this when she took over the cafeteria management.

Anyway we certainly owe her and her staff a great deal of thanks and appreciation for their hard work and delectable food.

Guess That's Life

"Do you have the music?"

"Yes, get the drumsticks."

Rushing, bustling, hurrying, yelling—

This is the Blair Band leaving school for a game, concert or any other performance. Once the paraphernalia is together, the familiar yell rings through the air,

"Save me a seat."

"Hurry up."

In a half-hour or so everyone (?) is on the bus. Along comes Mr. Harrison Messerole to count the group.

"Shirwood, how many are sitting on that seat?"

"Why, two, how many did you think?"

"One!"

(Ha, Ha; Hee, Hee; Haw, Haw.)

As the bus driver steps on the starter, we hear a voice from deep in the back say,

"Turn off the lights," and another yell,

"Hands up!"

As the old melody, "I've Been Working on the Railroad," rings out, several orange and black school buses, carrying red and white clad students, are seen rounding the corner in the distance.

"An 'E' For Shakespeare"

We've finished reading Hamlet much too fast,

Such pleasant, easy work can never last.

And as the last unfortunate player dies,

We see a new and ghastlier enterprise,

To tear up, pick apart, and analyze. Each brilliant line and widely used quotation,

Assumes a very different connotation.

'Tis difficult "correct" import to find,

What exactly Shakespeare had in mind.

Our English teacher knows, for she is sent,

To tell us what the "Bard of Avon" meant.

"It's quite all right," says she to calm our fears,

"It's thus been taught for o'er three hundred years."

Here's why the weary student, as he tries,

To outline, cram, and then to summarize,

Flings down his pen and cries with deep remorse,

That William Shakespeare would have flunked this course!

Tap's Choosy Chit-Chat Quadruple Dates Drop by Drive-In

After trying hard all winter long, Spring has sprung (as the saying goes) and has ushered in—along with the Cherry Blossoms and Easter holidays—a bevy of parties for Blairites.

Following the Variety Show on Saturday night, Buddy Taylor threw a big party and jam session for all the participants. Bouncing up and down to the music of the "Rhythm Makers" were Jill Dorsey, Lorene Ladd n' Jack McShea, Miriam Thompson n' Eddie Lee, Audrey Soderstrom n' Jim Anderson, Dottie Reagh n' Kenny Bazzle, Morgan Wootten n' Judy Thompson, Joan Baker n' Joe Downs, Syd Hepler n' Bob Massey, Shirley Graham n' Tom Troxler, Bill Diedrich n' Florence Holopeter, Ellie Wood n' Chuck Armstrong, Paul Seltzer n' Marlita Scott, Mary Ann Kifer n' Woody Taylor, Tom Ridgeway n' Babs Shytley, Joan Fales n' Dwight Smith, Dave Hall n' Sue Scotton, Bob Herdtfelder n' Janet Zumbrum, Beach McShea n' yours truly—and, of course, many, many others.

Last Thursday night, the sixth, Tommy O'Conner gave a surprise party for Nancy Moss. In on the secret were Alton Alford, Sally Ladd, Phoebe Quaintance n' Buddy Mathews, Bob Floyd, John Hardy, Jim Hood, Mary Forcade, Jean Stottlemeyer n' Ronnie Sharpe, Marcia Nauman, Jim Spencer, Jackie Meyers n' date.

Friday night Peggy Beall gave a humdinger out at Pinecrest Cabin for Laurae Poling n' Richie Wilson, Ruth Butcher n' Lloyd White, Joan Eddins, Johnny Riley, Carol Riley, Frank Kennedy, Peggy Hosselbarth, Jim Northrup, Sally Ladd, Gretchen Gleim, Jim Spencer, Bill Cave, Al Wilson, Melvin Butler, Carney Howell, Jeanette Chase, Bev Green, Janet Zumbrum, Fred Cook, Jack Baliles, Bill Staufford, Dick Bartlett, Bill Tompkins, Chuck Bowie n' Bea Shaw, Tom O'Conner, Mary Forcade, Joan Luckett n' Gene Littlefield, Alton Alford, Jean Stottlemeyer n' Ronnie Sharpe.

Saturday night Ileta Booke threw a party for Mill-yuns. . . . Johnny Edwards, Joan Fales n' Imorie Rowe, Carolyn Wittauer n' Doug Custer, Phil Smith n' Helen Cilley, Mason Wallace n' Joan Long, Dottie Reagh n' Bob Theofield, Ann Hartsfield n' Neil Wilderman, Joe Downs n' JoBe Moore, Bill Chapin n' Mary Marsh, Gene Hedgecock n' Reanne Hemingway, Danny Lyons n' Peggie Crawford, Syd Hepler n' Paul Seltzer, Lula Hogan n' Werner, Buddy Dewhirst n' Sandra Baker. . . . and the "mill-yuns" in stags.

Celebrating the opening of the Drive-Ins at various times over the holidays were Carolyn Wittauer n' Ray Luckett, Dottie Reagh n' Walt Cook, Joan Fales n' Charles Curtis, Sheila Campbell n' John Davis (this is what's known as a quadruple date—cozy—hm!) and Aimee Lou Johannes n' Ed Chapin, Bill Foy n' Carol McCurdy, Nanci McCaleb n' Don Shoemaker, JoBe Moore n' Herby Spain, Dick Bartlett n' Helen Blanche, Beach McShea n' yours truly.

Dining and dancing at Glen Echo Monday night were Nanci McCaleb n' Don Shoemaker, Marcia Nauman n' Imorie Rowe, Joan Baker n' Joe Downs, Sara Pryor n' date.

And dancing at Waldrop's were Joan Fales n' Charles Curtis, Mel Simons n' Toni McNickle, and many more.

Blair Drops 4 Straight Games

Face W-L Tonight Eagles on Tuesday

Blair plays its only night baseball game of the season tonight when it faces Washington and Lee across the Potomac at 8 p.m.

Gonzaga will be played on April 25 in Blair Stadium, and the Blazers will conclude their April slate against B-CC on April 28 in Bethesda.

Downed by Colts

The Blazers were defeated by Coolidge High on March 31 by an 11-8 score in their bid for a successful opener.

Blair pitchers were nicked for runs in four of the six innings played, while Blazer hitters connected safely nine times.

Bob Bankard smashed a single and a double to spark the Red and White hitting attack.

Blanked by Wilson

Woodrow Wilson's Green Tigers shut out Blair's winless baseball team 5-0 on April 3 at Blair. It was the Blazers' second defeat in as many games.

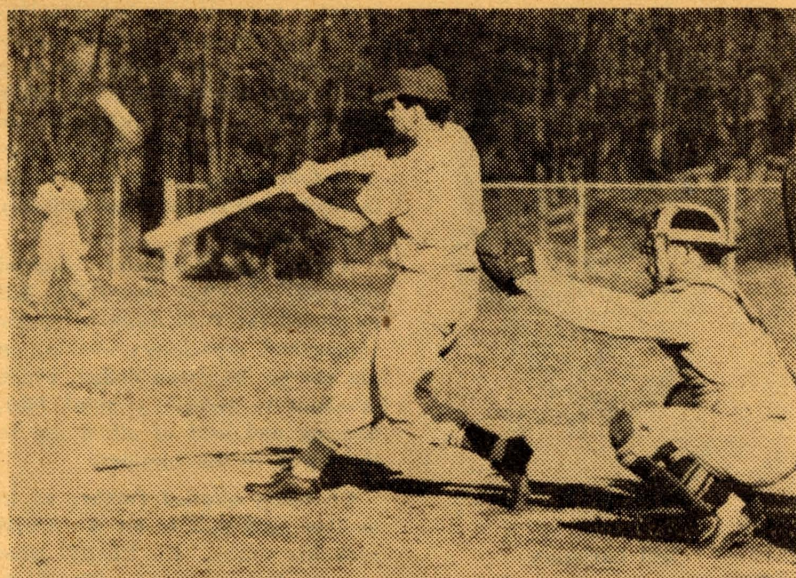
Wilson hurler McDonald went the distance in allowing only two hits, a single in the first inning and a triple in the seventh. Tiger batsmen connected for six hits.

Blair used a variety of pitchers in their attempt to stem the Wilson attack, but they were rocked for one in each of the first, second, and seventh innings, and two runs in the sixth.

Tracksters to Enter Four More Contests

Four meets remain on the current track schedule.

Still to play are Blair vs. Coolidge at Roosevelt on April 25; the University of Maryland Field Day at College Park on May 6; the County meet to be held in Bethesda on May 12, and finally the State Meet at McDonough, Maryland, on May 20.



New Teams Face '50 Football Squad

Alleghany, Hyattsville, and Coolidge will be on the football schedule for the first time next year.

There will also be two games played under the lights, one with Westminster and the other with Hyattsville. Both of these games, which are away, will be played at 8 p.m.

Teams on the schedule held over from last year, to which Blair lost, and their scores are: Westminster (12-24), Gonzaga (0-6), and Anacostia (6-28). Teams Blair defeated last year are Hagerstown (26-19) and the big game, Bethesda (20-12).

No location has been decided on as a site for the traditional game with Bethesda, but it will conclude the season as usual on November 18.

The complete schedule:

Sept. 22	Westminster	Away
Sept. 30	Gonzaga	Home
Oct. 7	St. Johns	Home
Oct. 13	Anacostia	Away
Oct. 21	Alleghany	Home
Oct. 28	Hyattsville	Away
Nov. 4	Hagerstown	Home
Nov. 11	Coolidge	Home
Nov. 18	Bethesda	—

Shorts in Sports

by James Holsopple

Track Overshadows Baseball; Year Shows Sport Success

Successive losses to Coolidge and Wilson marred the opening of the 1950 baseball season, but the unexpectedly good showing by Blair's track men in the Alexandria relays helped to brighten the sporting outlook to some degree. Although finishing thirteenth among all schools competing, the Blazers compiled eight points to finish ahead of such local schools as Eastern, Coolidge, Central, and Western.

On the diamond, the Red and White simply failed to produce. Opposing batsmen teed off for 16 runs against inferior pitching, while our own sluggers were unable to steal base hits. In the second game, with Wilson, only two hits were made by Blazer batters. One of these was a mighty triple by Bob Bankard, who has been the pride and joy of this writer both for his hitting ability and the considerable ease with which he plays the hot corner. A regular "lonely little petunia in an onion patch," shore 'nuff.

The team has hitting ability, as shown by the eight runs scored against Coolidge, but there was little apparent in the game with the Green Tigers. The season is still young, however, and if better pitching can be found, the baseball squad might still manufacture a decent over-all record.

We do have a baseball team, but one would never guess it from reading some of the city papers. Even a loss deserves to be reported. So much complaint was raised a while back about the lack of publicity that Blazer sports events were getting that it hardly seems possible that the local press has forgotten us. Remember, we did have a champion basketball team, too.

Looking back over the year's accomplishments in varsity football, basketball and, more recently, baseball I find that the combined won-lost record in these sports is 21-13, a winning percentage of .618, and a satisfied feeling. Our record against Bethesda: three won, one lost. Nothing more need be said.

Unfortunately, attendance at baseball games has been low, and those who do attend have seemed to be rather indifferent about the whole thing. It has been said so often that mould is beginning to cling to it, but it is still true that a team that is losing needs the plaudits, not a winner. Keep that in mind; not only in baseball, but in all competitive events.

Runners Drop Thriller, 55-45

Blair dropped a 55-45 track thriller to George Washington of Alexandria, Virginia, on the victors' track last Friday.

Perry of G. W. won first place in the 100-yard dash while Kevin Conroy and Rollin Kuch of Blair took second and third to make the team scores: 5 points for G. W. and 4 points for Blair.

The Blazers bounced back to even the score 9-all when Johnny Pentzer won the mile run. Pentzer covered the course in 5 minutes and 3.5 seconds.

As the last event started, the Presidents led Blair by a scant 5 points but they captured the mile relay to win the meet.

Pentzer High Man

High scorer for the Blazers was Johnny Pentzer, winning the mile and the broad jump. Pentzer came from Fresno, California, where he ran the 100-yard dash. This is his first year running the distance events.

Other scoring honors went to Harry Ingram with 7 points, Jimmy Downs with 6, and Bob Nesbitt with 5.

Blair opened its cinder season the Saturday before the George Washington event in the Alexandria Relays on the same track. The Red and White took 8 points in the two-mile relay.

Second in Two-Mile Event

The score came when the Blazers' top half-milers, Johnny Pentzer, Bob Nesbitt, Joe Swafford, and Howard Metcalfe, combined talents to take second place. Woodrow Wilson, of Washington, won the event in 8 minutes and 53 seconds. Blair's time was 8:58.

Blair entered only two events, the 2-mile and 880-yard relays, but was able to improve upon the 1949 team's 3-point total.

Durham (N.C.) high school won the meet for the second consecutive year by scoring 47 1/3 points.

Gaithersburg Nine Keeps Blair Winless

Gaithersburg defeated Blair's baseball squad 11-2 last Friday on the Gaithersburg diamond.

Rated as an upset, the loss was the Blazers' third in as many games.

Bernie Foy, Blair first baseman, connected for a home run in the first inning, but this was offset by Jack Mannix's bases loaded circuit clout in the sixth.

Five Blazer pitchers were unable to stem the Gaithersburg slugfest. Jack Tetlow struck out nine and allowed only three hits in going the distance for the winners.

Softball Draws 75 Hopefuls

Softball season opened for Blair girls last week, with approximately 75 hopeful rookies.

Miss Jean Baker, coach, has a number of last year's squad returning, including Alice Warfield and Charlene Bocklett, pitchers; Joan Membert, Nancy Kendrick and Emily Sherman, outfielders; Lee Joseph and Nancy MacInerney, catchers.

The team will rely on speed more than power as it is a comparatively small squad. They have started their infield drills, and sore muscles are in season.

According to Coach Baker, last year's new gloves and lots of new equipment this year should all add up to a greater incentive for a better season.

All games will be held at 3:30.

SCHEDULE

April 25	Fairfax	home
April 28	Sherwood	away
May 2	Rockville	away
May 9	Annapolis	away
May 12	Rockville	home
May 16	Sherwood	home
May 23	Fairfax	away
May 26	Annapolis	home

Tall 'Mac' Boosts Teams' Hopes for '50

Among the more promising junior girls in next year's athletic program, there is one whom all know well. Her name is Nancy McInerney, better known as "Mac."

Mac began her outstanding sports participation when she was an eighth grade student at Takoma Junior High, where she was a member of the basketball team.

Here at Blair, this tall, rangy junior used her height to advantage by playing the position of forward on the girls' basketball squad in her sophomore and junior years. Other activities in which she has engaged are softball and field hockey.

When asked what she enjoyed the most as a member of the basketball team, she replied, "I thought the trip and the game with Westminster was the most enjoyable part of the season despite the loss."

It is interesting to know that Mac has been high scorer for the basketball team for the past two years, and is expected to continue with her fine contributions in the coming year.

An unidentified Coolidge batter connects in season's opener as Blair catcher, DeWitt Crosley, looks on. Coolidge won the slugfest, 11-8, in a game which was curtailed at the end of six innings because of darkness. The game, lasting two hours and 45 minutes, saw 15 runs scored in the first three innings. Eleven were Coolidge tallies.

Cold Halts Tennis; Gonzaga Meet Seen

Cold weather has kept Blair's tennis team from much activity.

Some wonder whether or not this lack of practice will hamper the team when the season gets under way. Since the schedule has not yet been compiled, there is still time for the members to gain experience.

Two tentative matches have been planned, however, with Gonzaga. The first of these will be played on May 19 and the second on May 26.

Members of the team would like to play Roosevelt, Coolidge, Georgetown Prep, and Sidwell Friends as well as Gonzaga.

The team is being coached by Mr. Ernest Rhodes.

Girls' "B" Club Install New Point System

This term the girls' intramural program will continue during activity period with a deck tennis tournament and outdoor activities.

A new point system has been inaugurated for intramural awards. Those participating in the program twice a month will receive fifteen points for each sport. The girls who play each week will get thirty points per sport. Also the team managers will receive 25 points for their year's term acting in this capacity.

Student referees will earn 100 points for the entire year. All of these points will go toward an athletic "B" or star.

Sports in Shorts

by Marie Kramer

In the Spring a Young Girl's Fancy Turns to . . . Softball!

"In spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

This age-old quotation is indeed true but other things happen to both young men and women when spring arrives. A fresh interest in outdoor sports is drawn out of hibernation, and a favorite of these, both with the girls and the boys, is softball. In fact, it's been called the "women's national pastime." Over a million women play softball regularly or occasionally, and in some parts of the country more women play this game than are engaged in all other competitive sports combined.

Most sources agree that the game started at the turn of the twentieth century. Softball is, of course, a direct offshoot of baseball. It was originally an indoor game, designed to fill the need for a sport—resembling baseball as closely as possible—that could be played indoors during the cold months when baseball was out of season. The game soon became popular, and moved out of doors.

Whether you are tall or short, slight or heavy, you can learn to play softball well. You don't need unusual physical strength, and the danger of injury is slight. The rules and techniques are so simple that you can learn them quickly.

But remember that no matter how good you and your team mates may be individually, you won't have a winning team unless you work together. Softball, like any group game, has no place for a prima donna who isn't willing to co-operate with the other players. However, if you can improve your game, and you are always ready to work wholeheartedly for the good of the team, then you'll really be in demand on the softball field.

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Prom Beckons Beaus, Belles

Soft music and dim lights plus your best girl plus the romantic atmosphere of the Shoreham Hotel all add up to the next thing to Heaven, you'll say.

When you awake from your dreaming, you'll realize that you are at the Junior-Senior Prom to be held tomorrow, May 20, from 9 to 12 in the West Ballroom.

Plunkett To Play

Will Plunkett and his orchestra promise to be at their best to add their touch of the sentimental music to the setting.

Featured musical selections will be the old favorites chosen year after year and the new favorites of May. It was announced the Prom is to be a program dance with the lead song of each set appearing on the program.

All Alumni Invited

For the last two years the Prom has been held at the Kennedy-Warren. Previous to that, it had always been given in the Blair gym.

Since crowded conditions have been removed, all Alumni and upperclassmen dates from other schools are cordially invited to attend.

Junior College Now Accredited

Montgomery Junior College, in Bethesda, has been placed on the accredited list of The Commission of Institution of Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as of April 28, 1950.

Dean Hugh G. Price, of the Junior College, spoke to the Blair seniors on May 4, on the courses offered at the college and on the college life.

Band, Majorettes Win Blossom Trophy

Blair's Band and Majorettes took another step up the ladder of success at the twenty-third Annual Winchester Apple Blossom Festival on April 27 and 28, marching off with first and fourth places.

This is their third invitation to the Apple Blossom Festival in three successive years. Last year the Band and Majorette group won a fourth place in the Firemen's Parade and the higher rating of third in the Blossom Festival's big event, the Feature Parade. They also were adjudged third best dressed outfit in the event.

This year's first place award was for the best appearing unit in Thursday's Fireman's Parade, an exhibition of the latest in fire fighting equipment from various companies all over Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland. For this the group has received a large gold and ivory trophy with the school's name and two majorette figures engraved on it. In the Feature Parade on Friday with movie star Van Johnson acting as Grand Marshall and watching over them, the Band and Majorettes tied for fourth place with Gary High School, from Gary, West Virginia, last

Alumni Association Adopts Constitution

Development of a constitution and its official adoption have now been accomplished by Blair's recently formed alumni association.

At a meeting on Wednesday, May 10, the association approved the articles drawn up by Jackie Runkle and her constitution committee.

The constitution provides for four officers; namely, president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, and for an Executive Board.

The Executive Board is composed of the four officers, plus the chairman of the standing committee and anyone else the president wishes to appoint, subject to the approval of the organization.

Dues Paid on Entrance

Dues are to be paid only on entrance to the association and will amount to \$3.00 for a lifetime membership.

The movement to form an organization of Blair graduates is not new; it has been started before, but always failed, mainly because the foundation has always been social. The new association is taking precautions to avoid another failure.

Purpose to Aid School Aims

Its purpose is to further the aims and purposes of the school as much as possible. One tentative idea is to obtain lights for the stadium.

However, there will not be all work and no play. As Jackie Runkle put it, "We want some fun out of this, too." Social functions and activities are to play a large, but not monopolistic, part in association affairs.

Graduation from Blair is the only qualification for membership. The official name of the organization is Montgomery Blair Alumni Association.

Beatrice Shaw To Represent Student Council

Beatrice Shaw, a junior, was recently elected as one of seven Maryland representatives to the National Student Council meeting to be held at Denver, Colorado, June 17 to 27.

Nominated by the Blair Student Council and backed by the Inter-County Council, Bea was elected over three other candidates at the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore.

Bea has various other extra-curricular activities that formed the foundation for this new responsibility.

Aside from this, she is, at the present, vice-president of the Honorary Society of National Quill and Scroll, and a member of the Library and Radio Clubs.

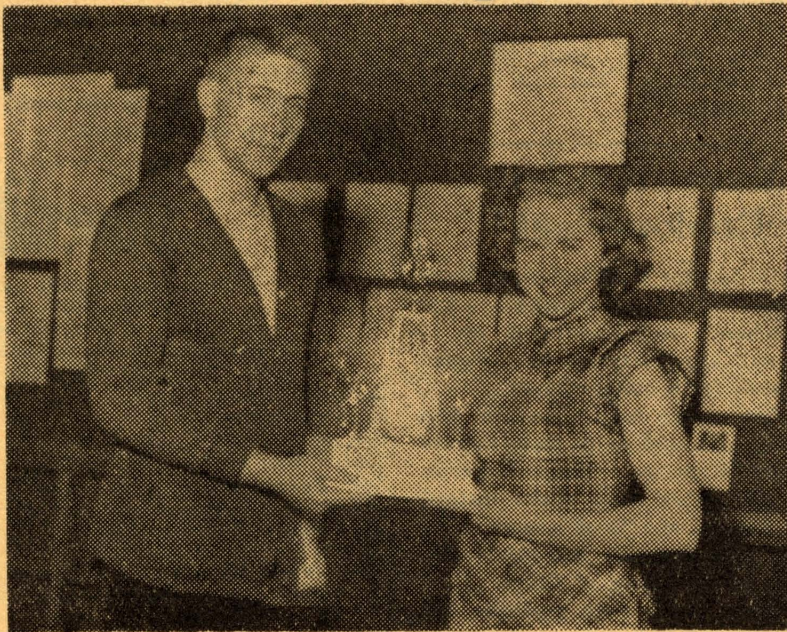
Her nomination, though, was mainly because of her work in the Blair Student Council as its secretary.

Lasher, Brailer Gain Citizenship Recognition

Mary Lasher and Charles Brailer have received the Civitan Awards for being this year's outstanding seniors.

The two were elected by the senior homerooms for the four points outlined by Civitan: literary or athletic contributions, other contributions, scholarship, and moral integrity.

Mary Lasher, Charles Brailer, Eleanor Wood, and James Marrian, with their parents, had lunch with the Civitan Club on Thursday, May 18. Eleanor and James wrote essays on citizenship which they read over WGAY on Monday, May 15.



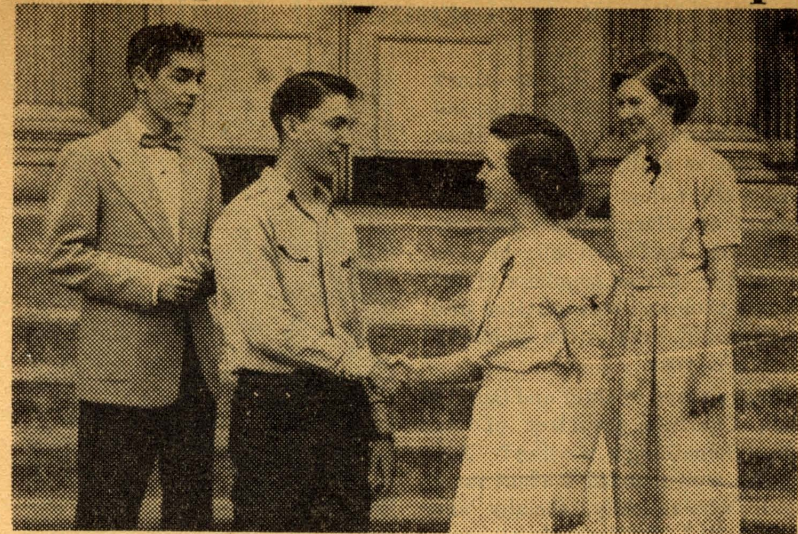
"Tap" Hubbel, leader of the Majorette Corps, and Bill Drummond, drum major of the Band, exhibit the trophy won by the majorettes for being the best-dressed at the Apple Blossom Festival.

years' first place prize winners. A certificate will be the award.

The Majorettes first came into existence at Blair in 1946 under the direction of Mr. Harrison T. Messerole. Their first leader was Peggy Bowman, who graduated

that year. The following year they were taken over by Mr. Roy A. DeLauder, under the leadership of Virginia Hendron. The next year the corps was led by Nancy Simpson, who was succeeded this year by Tap Hubbell.

McNaughton Heads Silver Chips



Bill McNaughton, new Chip's editor, congratulates Ann Lee Weeks, Silverlogue's new head, as Charles Crum, managing editor of Chips, and Jane Richmond, Logue literary editor, look on.

Weeks Pilots 1951 Annual

Silverlogue has announced the 1950-51 staff, who have already begun work on next year's annual.

Supervising the building of Silverlogue will be Ann Lee Weeks, as editor-in-chief, and assisting her as layout man is Jerry Larson.

As senior editors, Joan Membert and Doris Kirby will have the job of working with the general staff.

Jane Richmond, literary editor, has several assistants. Helping her write verses, identify cuts, and secure information will be Joan Long, Judy Davis, Emilie Sherman, Alice Warfield, Jimmy Klineberg and Nancy Pederson.

Photography Editor Plans

Photography editor Carolyn Woolard's responsibility is the planning of appointment schedules for senior pictures, and all other photos for the yearbook. Helping her are Shirley Allen, Barbara Shellenberger, Ileta Booke, Sue Scotten, and Reanne Hemingway. Also included in this group are Jean Andrews, Audrey Ricketts, Leann Thorley, Jean Edwards, and Dorothy Mosley.

The official staff photographers are Don Parkman, John Livingston, and Ted Schiek.

Advertisements from Downtown

Advertising manager Judy Coleman heads the groups whose job it will be to secure advertisements from downtown firms for Silverlogue. Also working in advertising are Shirley Flickinger, Ruth Mary Ragsdale, Roy Carrick, Martha Orant, Mary Lou Jent, Betty Stephens, Bette Gerstmeier, and Molly Jameson.

Art editor Barbara McBride will have as her assistants Harry Kirk, Betty McFerren, and Lee Drott.

Three Sports Editors

Bea Shaw will be girls' sports editor, while Phil Smith and Herschel Forcey serve as co-editors of boys' sports.

Typing editor is Harriet Friedlander, and also working in this capacity are Nancy Allen and Edna Danäher.

Blairites Receive Mention on Contest

Eight students have recently gained honorable mentions in two Evening Star contests.

In the national writing contest, Brian Crowley won an honorable mention for humor, Bill McNaughton for review, and Bea Shaw for short story.

Five won mention in the Star Art Calendar Contest. These were Barbara Brewton, Ruth Benson, Ann Craig, Marna Schultz, and Kenneth McMullen.

New Staff Edits Current Issue

The old Silver Chips staff have relinquished their jobs, and this and succeeding papers throughout next year will be put out by a new staff who were announced recently.

The staff jobs are not identical with those of last year, as the staff is chosen according to the talents of the individuals available.

William McNaughton, the new editor-in-chief, supplants Charles Brailer. Doris Crosswait is feature editor in place of Patty Levensdoski. Managing editor is Charles Crum.

Dorothy Kelso, Kathy McDonald, and Jo Gebler edit the first three pages in order named. Boys' sports co-editors are Charles Definbaugh and Wilbur Harris. Janet Peksa is girls' sports editor, with Lala Huebner assisting.

New Business Manager

The new business manager is Carolyn Kennamer; the circulation manager is Peggy Crawford with Myra Godsey assisting. Myra Coleman is art editor; Martha Smith assists her.

Bailey Prowell is advertising manager; Robert Marshall assists.

Alumni editor is Nancy Clagett. Chris Hoffman is exchange editor. Nancy McInnerney writes the new column which is devoted to school news and observations.

Eight Typists

Typists are Myra Godsey, Betty Nunnalli, Shirley Benner, Frances Bradshaw, Helen Cilley, Sonia Houlon, Betty Lou Clark, and Earlene Burdine.

Janet Shue and Jean Lohr are proofreaders. Reporters are Beverly Freedman, Janet Bartholomew, and Didi Minick.

Eleanor Wood Wins Scholarship

Eleanor Wood was recently awarded a \$50 scholarship by the Silver Spring Branch of the American Association of University Women.

The award, which is to be used toward a college education, is presented to a girl who plans to attend a Maryland college. The student's scholastic record and extra-curricular activities are considered.

On May 6, at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, a group of twelve students took an examination to establish an eligibility list for the Montgomery County Educational Scholarship. Scholarships are also open to Western Maryland and Johns Hopkins. Others may be available soon.

'Charlie' Is Well-rounded Student

by Patti Levendoski

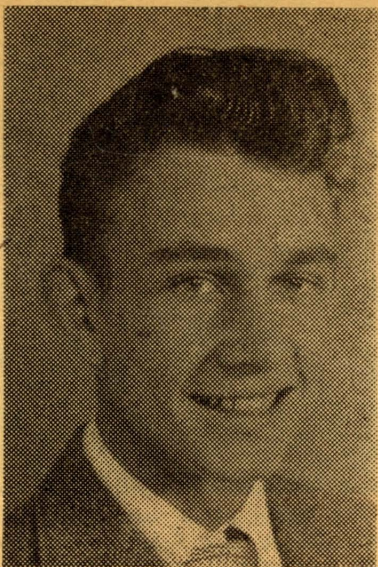
Charles Augustine Brailer—that's what his birth certificate says, but it must be wrong because you know his name is really Charlie.

He's the fellow who was editor-in-chief of Silver Chips. Remember? Oh, that's not all; he was one of the charter members of the Science Club and was initiated into the Honor Society in the middle of his junior year.

You've heard of Quill and Scroll? Well, Charlie's president of the club. Something's missing? You say the well-rounded student must excel scholastically, socially and athletically? He does. In all three years at Blair, Charlie has been on the track team.

Heaven only knows where he gets the time, but the Midget Kitchen is the present place of "business" where one Mr. Brailer cooks hamburgers and smilingly serves his customers. He's a "soda jerk from way back;" perhaps you saw him as a sophomore working in People's Drug Store.

The present fad among the boys is to see who can get the oldest car and keep it running, and if you've passed the parking lot recently you've no doubt noticed that Charlie is right in fashion with a '37 Ford. It's quite distinctive though, having '37 rattles,



Charles Brailer
"one for every year" and a seat that falls into the trunk every time he turns a corner.

The most interesting thing that has happened to our beloved Blairite was living in Texas. There was one disappointment, however, because he expected to see rootin', tootin' cowboys and Indians. But, alas! Only a civilized country (with cars, no less) met his eyes.

Charlie plans to attend Maryland University next year, where he'll study journalism. He wants to go into newspaper work. Good luck to you, Charlie!

It's Your Silver Chips

What do you want? Yes, what do you want to see in Silver Chips? After all, it's your paper. A new staff is taking office with this issue; as a result there will undoubtedly be some changes made. If you have any you would like to see, now is the time to speak up.

Later on, as this staff becomes more experienced, their ideas more concrete and standard, radical changes will be fewer, so if anyone has his opinion of what this newspaper should be like to best serve and interest the student body—omission of things included in the past, inclusion of things omitted in the past—he should make these ideas known to the editors by placing them, in writing, in Mrs. Moler's mailbox in the office or in her room, 310.

The staff is trying to decide how they may most successfully put out a paper of greatest interest and value to the students and school as a whole; thus your opinions will be appreciated and taken into careful consideration.

As the staff plunges into the job of putting out this newspaper with the responsibility solely on them for the first time, it has, as stated before, first and foremost before it the idea that Chips is to be a students' paper.

But in working towards this, it does not intend to lose sight of the job of publishing a paper adhering to the best possible journalistic practices. It hopes to profit by and avoid the mistakes made in the past; it undoubtedly will make some new ones. It intends, however, to do the best job possible with its abilities and material.

'Gentleman's Agreement' Hits Racial Prejudice

by Bea Shaw

"I was a Jew for eight weeks". In this phrase is the main theme of the well written novel on anti-semitism by Laura Z. Hobson.

Taking an extremely touchy subject, Miss Hobson gives it a vivid meaning in the portrayal of Phillip Green, a young journalist, assigned to write a series on anti-semitism for a weekly magazine.

Phil, after studying for a long time, comes to the conclusion that the only way to write the articles is to get on the inside track and feel the emotions of a Jew, daily involved in the entanglements of ignorant prejudices of the so called "Americans."

The plot is fascinating in the manner in which it demonstrates the problems of the Jewish people.

Excluded from resorts, insulted at every turn; Phil goes on learn-

ing and fighting the dreaded disease of religious hate. So absorbed does Phil become in his work that he finds himself arguing with his fiance, Kathy, and finally, because she can't take his moodiness any longer, she breaks their engagement.

There is an aura of loneliness throughout the tale, Phil having lost his first wife seven years past when his son Tom was born.

There is only one fault with the tale—"How can one feel in eight weeks what is a life for another?" On the whole it is one of the best written novels of this period.

Here fervently is brought out the piety of prejudice against race, religion, or creed and the wrongness of Gentlemen's agreements to keep certain people from certain places in a country where "All men are created equal!"

BLAZING BITS McCarthy Cheers For McCarthy

By Mac

Baseball Bits

Here comes the pitch, the batter swings, and five seconds later a fan has a major league souvenir and Miss Mary E. McCarthy's fourth period Spanish class has no homework . . . The name of McCarthy has a familar ring to Boston fans (manager of the Red Sox.) There is quite a joke on the students as somewhere they got the idea that Miss McCarthy was Joe McCarthy's daughter . . . It was a good yarn but she isn't, although she does come from Massachusetts . . . On the home work plan she promised if Boston won that day the class would have no homework. Nice if Boston wins the pennant. What do you think of that fourth period? . . . A latest flash from the ball diamond by Captain Bob Bankard, the petunia, informs us that Bob Bramhall, centerfielder, is looking for safety pins . . . He believes that he will get a hit for each pin.

Fashion Bits.

Spring has sprung, fall has fell, summer is here, and the girls are wearing sleeveless blouses, broomstick skirts, and tiny bunches of artificial flowers.

Hahn's Shoe Store is featuring Blair shoes . . . pixie boots, red and white for girls only. A pre-season sample was presented to Joyce Duvall, this year's Blair Sweetheart.

Tid-bits

Anyone missing anything since the Winchester trip should contact Mr. Roy A. DeLauder in room 212. He has a lot of articles . . . Everyone who saw the play "Call it a Day", at the Olney Theater enjoyed it very much . . . All Spanish students were invited to attend a dinner at a Rockville restaurant. All the Spanish food you could eat . . . The gang thought this would be terrific, all the food you can eat! Everything was fine until they took the first bite and boy, was that food hot! All the food they could eat was mostly water.

Another ditty happened in Chemistry class when Mr. Peter Hamstead asked Lee Joseph, who was following the class very closely (?), what the properties of water are. She answered brightly, "Watermelon, strawberries, and cucumbers."

Last but not least was the Slumber party. The title is quite misleading.

Mary Receives 'Book-a-Week'

During the week following Mary Lewis' injury, a Blair student's and teachers' fund was taken up to show Mary our sympathy and good wishes for a quick recovery.

Out of the fund a wreath, two bedjackets, and many, many flowers were purchased. Mary, however, would rather have books instead of flowers, so a "book-a-week" plan has been devised. She would also like to see copies of Chips.

Even better than medicine are cheery get well cards and crowds of visitors: teachers, students, friends, everyone is welcome. The Baltimore Polytechnic High School Library Club will also be down to see Mary.

Mary wants to express her appreciation and gratitude to the Blair faculty and student body, for through their visits, cards, flowers, and interest she will get well.

Eating Makes A Difference

America is such a great, wide land of plenty that it seems rather foolish that so many people turn down the opportunity to be strong, healthy citizens.

Our country is very abundant in a wide variety of nutritious foods. We are a great deal luckier than many peoples of other lands.

Take advantage of this, because eating is such an enjoyable habit and such a necessary one! Many people joke and call eating a hobby. What a master of understatement! Eating is a job in itself: *you do it for a living!*

And to live right and be doing your level best *all* the time you must realize that there are certain foods *good* for you and certain foods *bad* for you. The good ones are numerous: all vegetables, fruits, milk, and other dairy products, just to name a few. The bad ones are numerous too: over excess of candy, sundaes and other sweets, and food too highly seasoned.

Remember, though, that too much of anything isn't good for anyone. Four heavy meals are as bad as two meager ones.

There's a lot to learn in this business of keeping strong and healthy, but it's worth every minute of it: A wealthy land and healthy citizens.

Revelree with Beverlee Radio Shoos the Blues Away

Are you bored?—in a rut?—tired?—sick of it all? Umm hmm—I knew it.

What you need is a change. Not a change in clothes, or hair do, or climate, or habits, (well, possibly habits), but what I'm going to prescribe for your particular species of spring fever is something much simpler to change than habits. It's a change in the thing you do in your leisure time.

First we'll start with you antique owners, otherwise known as radio listeners. If you ain't heard Gene Klavin on WTOP, well brother, you just ain't lived!

How about instead of waking up to Eddie Gallagher every morning you just turn the dial to WMAL and listen to Jim Gibbons and "Time Keeper", or if you're feeling down in the dumps, the thing you need is Mark Sheeler on WPIK with the "Blues Chaser Club", known also as the squirrieliest hour on radio.

Later on, Tuesdays at 9:00 to be specific, on WTOP, "Life With Luigi" is enough to make even Ed Sullivan laugh.

For those of you who relish hangings, executions, murders, robberies, kidnappings, etc., "I Love a Mystery" is back on the air again for 15 minutes every week day on WEAM at 7:45.

Watch for the next in this series of articles on entertainment.

Spring Is Ideal For Pretty Prom Fashions

Pretty spring flowers and peppermint candy colors are blooming in full force this spring and just in time! For the event closest to every young girl's heart is here already—The Junior-Senior Prom with its mellow music, light, filmy dresses, and dainty flower nose-gays.

Favorites in the dress department this year are pique, dotted swiss, and organdy in ice cream shades of vanilla, peach, lemon, lime, strawberry, grape, and blueberry. Crisp taffetas and filmy nets are popular, too. Everyone loves a sheer strapless, or off-the-shoulder dress with tiny puffed sleeves.

Just in case it's a little cool outside, pique jackets are just the thing for a little cover-up, and they are light so they won't crush your corsage.

And speaking of corsages! Roses are dreamy with spring sheers. And so are delicate camellias and spicy carnations. Here's a new twist: dainty violets or lily of the valley. They're sweet and inexpensive.

Feel light on your feet when you dance, in bare-foot sandals or the ever popular ballerinas. Wear the sheerest of stockings.

And for just the right touch, a dab of perfume to match your corsage. Don't use too much and don't confine it to behind the ears. A light fragrant cloud will float out behind you if a tiny spot is put on each wrist or the crook of each elbow.

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Liz Smith of Takoma Park is one of the seven University of Maryland students to be elected to membership by Sigma Alpha Omicron, honorary bacteriology society.

Montgomery Blair Sweetheart of 1947, Liz is now a junior at Maryland and the only girl to be admitted to S. A. O. at this time. She is an active member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

Sue Patton has been elected to membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman woman's scholastic honorary organization at the University of Maryland. During her first year she fulfilled the scholastic requirements of a 3.5 average.

Among the few Marylanders who have been named to serve on the Freshman Orientation program are: Anne Livingston, who is the dance chairman, and Joan Hover, freshman queen from Silver Spring, who is in charge of the square dance to be arranged.

Joan Mitchell '48 recently performed in the annual Gymkanna Show at Maryland University.

Dave Lloyd, of Silver Spring, and a junior in Business and Professional Administration, has been elected vice-president of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity at Maryland University.

Local lovelies Gay DeNike and Joan Hover, both of Silver Spring and both freshmen at the University of Maryland, have been nominated for "Miss Fashion Plate of 1950" at the University. The contest is being sponsored by the Revlon Products Corporation.

Another Blair Sweetheart, Bea Bartlett, has joined the local parade of brides-to-be. Her fiancé is Charles Herbert Benson, of Chevy Chase. Bea attends the University of Maryland, and Charles is a senior at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.

Joan Evans '49 has announced her engagement to Robert Conant, of Washington, New Jersey. Joan is a student at George Washington University. Robert is attending the University of Virginia.

Ellerbe Wins Contests

Marion Ellerbe, senior, won the cake baking contest recently at Leland Junior High School.

After winning the Blair contest from girls in various home economics classes, she went to Leland to compete for the Montgomery County title, with girls from Sherwood, Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Richard Montgomery.

On May 13, Marion competed again for a \$25 prize at the Pepco Company, but took second to the Prince Georges representative.

Helen Turner has recently announced her engagement to Ben Crump. The wedding will take place Sunday afternoon, May 21, at the Temple Baptist Church in Washington.

Jean Burdick will be married "sometime next year" to William Dillingham III, of Bethesda. Bill is a freshman at George Washington University, while Jean is employed downtown at the Patent Office.

Quill and Scroll Holds Initiation

The International Honorary Society of Quill and Scroll for high school journalists held their second initiation of the year last Wednesday night with a candlelight ceremony in the school library.

The officers of the society serving for this current year are: President, Charles Brailer, senior; Vice-President, Bea Shaw, junior; Secretary, Betty J. Collier, senior; and Treasurer, Brain Crowley, also senior.

Those being initiated were: Robert Pease, Courtney Murphy, Donald Freas, Howard Metcalf, Marie Binot, Daniel Levine, Carolyn Woolard, Lorene Ladd, Ann Lee Weeks, Barbara Beall, Barbara McBride, Fred White, Elizabeth Cave, Lois Berry, and Laura Soule.

Quill and Scroll membership is awarded to students for their laborious work on publications and for showing outstanding creative writing ability.

Quill and Scroll gives each of its members the gold emblem to wear and a year's subscription to the national magazine.

Delta Kappa Gamma Initiates Mrs. Moler

Mrs. Lucille N. Moler, adviser of Silver Chips, and a teacher of English and Journalism, has been accepted into Delta Kappa Gamma, an Honorary society for women in education.

Those teachers from Blair who are already members of the society are Miss Elizabeth Stickley, Miss Marian Swartz, Miss Mary Cross, Miss Lucille Appleby, and Mrs. Elizabeth MacDonald.

Power, Lee Gain Honors

David Power and Nick Lee, won recently the Orion awards at the annual spring concert of the Blair Band on May 5 in the gym.

Sponsored locally by the Order of the Eastern Star, the Orion awards are given each year to a student in the Band and one in the Orchestra that have the greatest playing ability and have shown the most progress in learning and skill.

Magic Entertains Student Body

Blair alumnus, James Spear, entertained nearly half the student body with his magic show last week.

A star of stage and television, Mr. Spear, 1946, was assisted by his wife, the former Ann Clements, who graduated last year.

The moods of the audience shifted from breathless quiet to outbursts of laughter throughout the assembly.

One of his most outstanding specialties was that of the Chinese Guillotine. Daniel Linsey, one of the many Blairites who were used as "guinea pigs", had his head laid beneath a blade that previously had cut a potato in half. He escaped unharmed.

Mr. Spear also took a ginger ale bottle and put it into a paper bag. He crushed the paper bag and brought out a small bottle.

He then mixed eggs, complete with their shells, with rags on which he wiped his hands and put them all into a pan. By burning this mixture, he made potato chips that were eaten by several students.

Another spectacular trick was swallowing five light bulbs that lit up when he pulled them out.

As a finale, he declared "What's a magician without a rabbit?" and thus produced a white rabbit, which soon disappeared.

Notes on the News

Cheerleaders Pick 8 New Members

Cheerleading practice began on May 8 for all girls and boys interested in becoming cheerleaders for next year. Three junior girls and one boy as well as three sophomore girls and one boy will be chosen for next year's squad. Practice will continue throughout May.

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Blair was host to the third annual Montgomery County Press Association luncheon held May 5 in the home economics department. The twenty attending members of the Association were entertained by various acts from the Variety Show and were served luncheon by junior girls from home economics classes, under the direction of Mrs. Henrietta Hinken.

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First and second year Spanish students made a tour of the Pan American Building to view Spanish life and customs. The classes saw some Spanish columns valued at \$10,000 apiece. Another thing that interested the girls especially were the idols on the wall which according to custom if one touches them she will become beautiful, but if she is single she will remain as such. The French classes' trip previously scheduled was cancelled.

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Montgomery Hills Junior High School and Takoma Park Junior High School visited Blair's campus last week during the annual Junior High Day. The students from the two schools viewed classes during the early part of the day, and after lunch in the cafeteria, took part in athletics on the football field for the duration of the day.

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Members of the Journalism class under the direction of Mrs. Lucille Moler will be traveling to the Star Building on May 24 and May 26. Half of the class will attend each trip.

Bethesda Chevy Chase Beats Blair At the Breakfast Table

By Barbara McBride

Do you have that tired, run-down feeling? No pep? No energy? Well, if you are a Blair student, it is no wonder.

On March 14, 15, 16, 1950, a graduate student from the University of Maryland, Mrs. Catherine Nedzel, conducted a survey among Blair students in an attempt to find what kind of diets they profess to have.

The results were disastrous. Blair was compared with 29,000 students from 33 states and also with Bethesda Chevy Chase. Blair ended near the bottom of the pile.

A few girls from the Home Economics Department of Blair are now participating in a program developed by the cafeteria staff to whet Blair appetites. Students from the three grades, Sophomores, juniors, and seniors, plan the entire menu for one day. Three of their menu choices have been presented in the cafeteria so far.

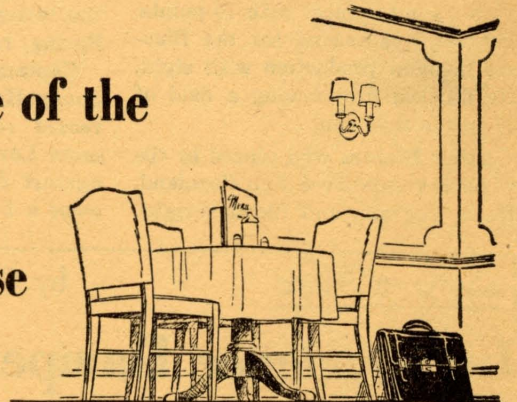
In considering the average Blairites food consumption, it was found that snacks between meals are highly popular. A conservative 5% found no need to supplement their three meals a day. Another 30% got hungry between meals at least once a day. However, an overwhelming 65% found it necessary to raid the ice-box or corner store at least twice a day between their regular meals. This between-meal eating determines to a certain degree whether or not a diet is good, fair, or poor.

Early in the morning when senses are slightly dulled by sleep (or lack of same), it appears that appetites are similarly affected. It is at this important meal, when energy for the day should be built up; that Blair students fall below a dangerous level.

Here are the over-all figures:

	Good	Fair	Poor
U. S.	38%	28%	34%
B. C. C.	47%	31%	22%
Blair	38%	32%	29%

The case of the missing brief case



The two men left the restaurant where they had stopped for lunch without thinking about the brief case. They didn't discover their loss until they were several miles away. Here's what happened then, as told by one of the men in a letter to the telephone company:

"We did not remember the name of the restaurant where we had stopped — only the town it was in. We went to the local telephone exchange and asked an operator just going in if they had a telephone directory for that town. They did not, but we happened to mention our lost brief case. We then walked to the nearest pay station and, when my friend took up the telephone, he found to his astonishment that the operator we had just left had, on her own initiative, contacted the right restaurant and was ready with the call. That was certainly REAL SERVICE in capital letters."

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We Will Help You

Trackman Retain County Title

Break Four County Marks; Win By 8

Blair retained the County Track Championship for the second year Tuesday as they won the County Track Meet by the score of Blair 54, B.C.C. 46; Sherwood 20, Rockville 13.

County track records were broken by Blair men Tucker Morris, John Pentzer, Bob Nesbitt, and Jimmy Downs.

Kevin Conroy and Ken Copeland took first and second in the 100 yard dash, Harry Ingram won second place in the 50-yard low hurdles.

Johnny Pentzer and Howard Metcalf came in first and third respectively in the mile run as Bob Nesbitt and Joe Swafford finished first and second in the 880-yard dash. Phil Smith took fourth in the 440-yard dash, while Jimmy Downs ran third in the 220-yard dash.

The 440-yard relay was won by Blair, but they were disqualified, while the 880-yard relay team took second place.

The broad jump was won by Jimmy Downs, with Harry Ingram and Johnny Pentzer taking third and fourth.

Tucker Morris and Howard Graves took first and third in the shot put, while Harry Ingram won second in the high jump.

A rain-soaked track failed to stop Blair's trackmen, who splashed their way to victory in the County Class at the Maryland University field day on March 6.

Fort Hill of Cumberland, finished second, only one point behind the Blazers. Thirteen other Maryland high schools also competed.

With only the one-mile relay remaining, Fort Hill led 35½ to 34½, but Blair captured the event and the meet, when Bob Nesbitt, Joe Swafford, Bill Chapin and Johnny Pentzer carried the baton for Blair in 3 minutes, 43.3 seconds, to finish the afternoon on the larger end of a 39½-38½ score.

Jimmy Downs paced all competitors in the meet with 10 points. Pentzer was second for the Blazers in point production with eight. He finished first among a field of 27 in the mile run.

Other Blazers who placed in the various events were Ken Copeland, Harry Ingram, and Lloyd Wright.



Running neck and neck in a warm-up for the State Track meet are, left to right, Johnny Pentzer, Rollin Kuch, and Charlie Brailer.

Golfers Win 8 Drop 3; Beat Bethesda

Sweeping 3 points in the first foursome, Blair's golfers took one point in each of the final quartettes for a 5-4 victory over Bethesda, Tuesday at Indian Spring, the first time a Blair golf team has ever beaten Bethesda.

After losing their opener to Bullis 4-5, the Red and White, sparked by Wally Beasley, Dennis Folken and Billy McFerron, swept five matches in a row, trouncing Washington and Lee, 7-2; DeMatha, 8-11; Fairfax, 7-2; St. Albans and Devitt by identical scores of 5-4. The Blazers were thumped by Georgetown Prep 8-1 before edging St. Johns, 5-4. They then dropped an 8-1 decision to Gonzaga.

Beasley, a former Anacostia High golfer, is the first man on the team, which is coached by Mr. Pyles. Wally, who is in his junior year, has won four matches and lost five, while Folken and McFerron, who are both sophomores, the latter junior champ at Indian Spring, have a 6-3 record.

Captain Johnny Eagleton and Sonny Holt hold a 3-3-1 and 3-4-1 record respectively, while sophomore Carnie Howell has five wins against four defeats. John Viedt owns a 1-1-1 record.

Blazerettes Defeat Sherwood; Lose to Fairfax 7-4

After the Blazerettes' first game was dropped to Fairfax, the Red and White came back to bowl over Sherwood to the tune of 12-5.

The Annapolis game on May 9 proved to be a big disappointment, when the girls lost again, by a 10-7 score.

The Blair team had stage fright for the first two innings of the Fairfax game, allowing their opponents six runs on four errors and two hits.

Girls Drop Close One

The Blazerettes finally got down to business, but Fairfax had the lead and kept it to win 7-4. Blair outhit the Rebelettes 7-2, but were unable to overcome the early lead held by Fairfax.

Although the first six runs of the game were given up by starting pitcher Gracie Mead, the loss was charged to Charlene Bockett, who took over in the third and held Fairfax to one run.

Blazerettes Trounce Sherwood

Sherwood bowed to the Blair nine on the loser's home field as Charlene Bockett pitched a 12-5 victory for Blair.

Aided by the heavy bats of Emilie Sherman, center fielder, and Barbra Thompson, second baseman, who each banged out three hits, the Blair team evened up their record to one win and one loss.

In their second away game the Blazerettes dropped a close decision to Annapolis. Blair was unable to stop a sixth inning rally by their opponents, who broke a 6-6 tie to go ahead and win the game 10-7.

This year's softball squad numbers 16 players.

Coaches Plan Changes In Intramural Activities

Girls who have been enjoying their activity period, either on the first and third, or the second and fourth Tuesdays will not be having these regular activities hereafter.

Because of the fact that it is too near to the end of school to start another tournament in any of the intramural sports, they will spend their activity periods playing recreational games.

One of these will be Norweigan Ball, a new game that the gym classes have been playing during the last week.

The points that are usually awarded towards the girls' athletic "B" or bar will not be received for participating in these games.

Blair Wins Second; Alumni Give Scare Before Bowling 9-2

Blair scored its second win of the season last Thursday as they defeated the Alumni by the score of 9-2.

Such stars as Walter Coback, who was in spring training with the A's, Rickey Harrison, John Kennedy, Bobby and Jimmy Theofield played for the Alumni.

Washington and Lee defeated the Blazers in the latter's only night game of the season by the margin of 8-2.

Bill Tompkins pitched a three hit game, while Jimmy Williams and George Short got the only Blair hits.

Blair's first victory of the season came at the expense of Gonzaga. In the first inning "Smoky Joe" Powers started, but was relieved by Jack Brown.

Three Gonzaga runs crossed the plate in the top of the first, while Blair sent ten men to bat to tie the score 3-3 at the end of the inning. Final score: Blair, 8; Gonzaga, 4.

The Blazers tasted a 13-5 defeat from their arch rivals, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, in a game packed full of errors.

Blair led 5-2 going into the bottom of the fifth inning. Bill Tompkins, who started, was relieved by Jack Brown.

Sports in Shorts

by Janet Peksa

Girls Attend Md. U. 'Play Day'; Teams Compile 13-8 Record

After having played the first three games of the season, the Girls' Softball team holds a record of 1-2. However, this seemingly poor showing is misleading.

Because of the rainy weather, the team has had very little practice, which is obvious in the number of errors made in each game. In reality the team has received very tough breaks in the games which it has lost and really showed its stuff in defeating Sherwood by a wide margin of seven runs.

A game with Rockville was cancelled because of rain, and the Blazerettes now have four games remaining on their schedule. Betty Watson, a newcomer at Blair this fall, was elected captain of the Blair nine.

A group of Blair girls participated in Play Day at the University

Alice Brightens '51 Athletics

A champion comes through many series of injuries, and Alice Warfield is no exception.

Alice, a junior, has been active in sports ever since she enrolled in Montgomery Hills Junior High School, where she engaged in all the varsity sports. She played field hockey, basketball, and softball in her sophomore year and in her junior year she was on the hockey and basketball teams playing fullback and guard respectively.

Toward the end of the hoop season Alice injured her knee and was out of action for some time, making it impossible for her to play softball this year.

She has high hopes for next year in sports as well as keeping up her excellent scholastic average which is straight A's.

Netmen Drop Bullis; Seven Games Remain

The Blair tennis team, which is under the direction of Mr. E. Rhodes, defeated Bullis on May 5 by a score of 7-2.

The team lost to Georgetown Prep on May 9, 7-2.

The boys on the present team are Jim Sanborn, Bill Solomon, Harry Stine, Ron Morris, Brian Crowley, and Leif Beck.

Shorts in Sports

by Charles Deffinbaugh

Inexperience Dampens Blazer Hopes for Winning Season

While other sports are rapidly being up-lifted at Blair, the baseball squad appears to be having an off season.

This perhaps is due to the loss of many seniors last year. With a sophomore-laden squad, inexperience has been the main factor in all of Blair's losses.

Up to the present season, no Blair nine has lost more than they've won. Last year the Red and White managed to break even in twelve games. But this record was far from those of past seasons.

So let's go back to the good old days when such star pitchers as Parker Kirby and Johnny Klippstein toed the rubber for the Red and White. Baseball began back in 1943 under the watchful eye of Coach Reno Continetti. That was the year when Randy Edwards threw Blair's only no-hit game.

In '44, or the Klippstein era, as you may prefer, the team wound up the season with a commendable 11-2 record. The following year the Blazers slumped, but managed to win 8 while dropping 5. 1946 found Blair with a 10-2 record. The Red and White won 9 and lost 8 in '47, but a double win over Bethesda made it a successful year. As was mentioned above, a 6-6 record was compiled last year.

To date, the squad has but three wins to its credit as against 6 losses this season. There are, however, enough games left to improve this record and a little more hustle could make this a winning season despite a bad start.

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Students Elect Council; Crum, Harmon Win not Race

The Legislative and Judicial Branches of the '50-'51 Student Council have recently been elected by the student body.

The four officers, who will lead the council next year, are: Charles Crum, President, Joan Harmon, Vice-President, Mary Forcade, Secretary and John Armstrong, Treasurer.

Only a portion of the Executive Branch is known at this time as the president's cabinet is yet to be approved. Those being elected were four officers of the executive branch, namely President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, plus the five representatives from next year's junior and senior classes who will be the Legislative Branch.

Two Grade Justices

The Judicial Branch includes Chief Justice and two grade justices.

The President and Vice-President must be seniors during their term of office while the secretary and treasurer must be juniors.

Winning the chief justice job over his opponents was Jimmy Denny.

Active Around School

Representatives who will do the legislative work will be Nancy McInnerney, Lloyd Smoot, Charlene Kreh, Matthew Boring, and Kenneth Holt from the Senior Class and Beverlee Freedman, Gerry Robbins, Joan Eddins, Roger Hazell, and Bill Alford from the Junior Class.

Charles Crum, President, has been treasurer of Student Council, Sophomore and Junior Class President, President of Hi-Y, Honor Society member, Library Club, Silver Quill and will relinquish his job as Managing Editor of *Silver Chips* after this issue.

Chips after this issue.

Joan Harmon, Vice-President, since entering Blair in the fall, has been President of her homeroom, member of Radio Club, on the Senior Play production Committee, a member of the Dramatic Club and has 4 semester A's at this time.

Mary Forcade, Secretary, has served on the Council for this year, has been class secretary, Secretary of the Library Club and a member of the Radio Club.

Armstrong, Treasurer

John Armstrong, Treasurer, has also served on the Student Committee, this year, worked on the Order Committee, has been a member of Visual Aids, Vice-President of his homeroom and has 4 semester A's to his credit.

Jimmy Denny, Chief Justice, is Vice-President of his home-room, on the Activity Committee, a member of the Art Club and Cheerleaders, plays the drums in the Band and has 2 semester A's.

The newly elected Student Council members will assume their duties on July 1.

Record Number To Graduate

Site in Stadium For First Time

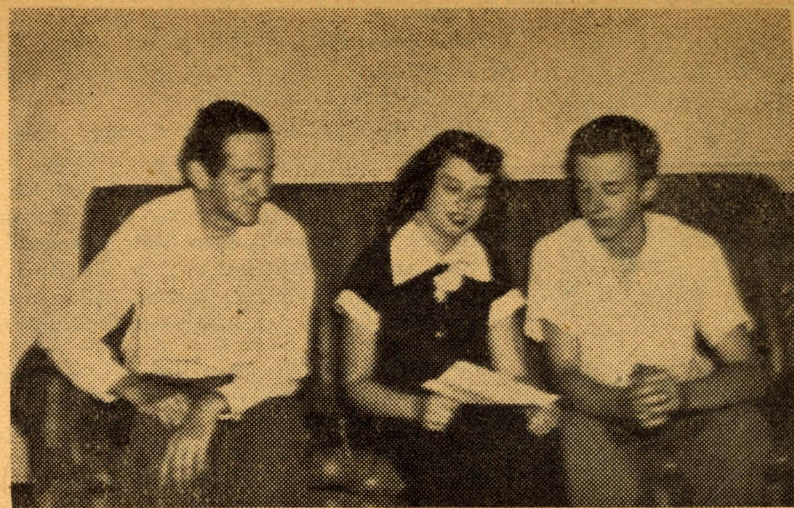
Come June 20, 309 seniors will say their last goodbye to high school classes and to Montgomery Blair as commencement exercises take place in the school stadium for the first time.

Before the largest group of maroon and white-garbed Blair graduates in the school's history marches down to receive their diplomas from a member of the Montgomery County Board of Education, they will listen to speeches by Valedictorian Patti Gary, Salutatorian Joan Hubbell, and the three members of their class whom they have chosen, as well as the presentation of various awards and honors.

Percy Goody, Joyce Duvall, and Bill Diedrich, were the three who were chosen as the speakers.

All three of the selected speakers are active around Blair. Diedrich is President of the Student Council, and Honor Society member, Library Club member, is on the Cheerleading Squad.

Joyce is the President of the Library Club, belongs to the



Percy Goody, Joyce Duvall, and look over their speeches to be

William Diedrich (left to right) given at graduation.

Majorette Corps, and is Honor Society member.

Goody is the vice-president of the Library Club and belongs to the Honor Society.

The change of scene from the Silver Theater was necessitated by the record number of seniors. No auditorium in the area would be large enough to accommodate the crowd.

The awards to be presented to

outstanding students are numerous and varied. The identity of most of the people receiving the honors will be made known at the commencement ceremonies, but a list of those to be presented is as follows:

The Civitan Awards are to be presented for outstanding citizenship. For outstanding citizenship and leadership the Danforth Foundation is giving the Danforth Award.

Award Medals

Exceptional achievement in science and math in three years at Blair will be rewarded with the Rensselaer Medal. The Daughters of the American Revolution are presenting three awards: the D.A.R. Citizenship Award for personal development and leadership, and a first and second for work in social studies and good citizenship, the D. A. R. Medal.

Bausch and Lomb is bestowing an award upon the person with the best grades in science for three years at Blair. B'nai B'rith will give awards in two classes. \$100, \$50 and \$25 savings bonds are the prizes in their contest for seniors who wrote essays on a designated topic. They also are presenting a \$100 bond for meritorious citizenship.

Music by Chorus

The valedictorian receives an award from Reader's Digest.

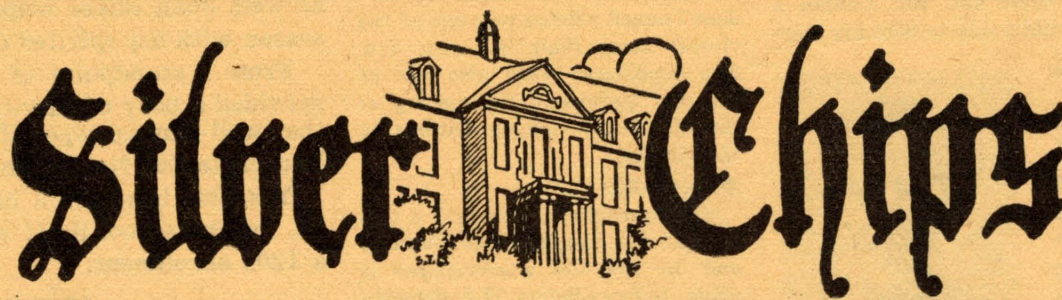
Music for Commencement Exercises is being provided by the senior chorus, under the direction of Miss Mary Cross.

Examinations Start Finals Next Week

Final examinations got under way last week when the senior testing schedule began on June 1, and lasted through June 7.

Then starting June 7, the General Education Development Tests for Seniors started and have continued through today. These tests are a state wide program and every senior in every public high school in the state is required to take them. These tests are given to help students with college entrances and ratings for job placements. The sophomore and junior test schedule begins Monday, June 12, and lasts through Thursday, June 15.

Subject test schedules for the past year, which will be used for next week's finals are: Monday—Home Arts, Art, Science, Driving, Shop, and Physical Education; Tuesday—Elementary Business, Typing, English, and Language; Wednesday—Music and Social Studies; Thursday—Mechanical Drawing, Mathematics, Bookkeeping, and shorthand.

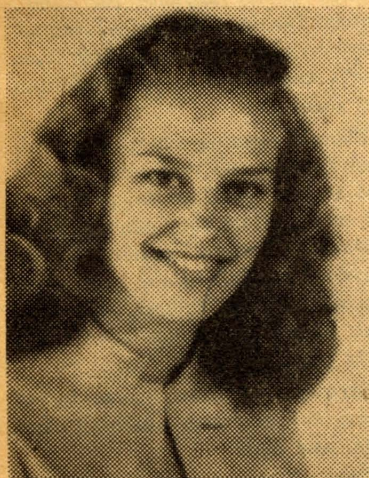


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Gary, Hubbel Have Top Grades



Patricia Gary—Valedictorian



Joan Hubbell—Salutatorian

The old myth about dumb blonds was completely exploded here at Blair when two pretty blond girls were announced as valedictorian and salutatorian of the senior class.

Patti Gary earned the honor of being named valedictorian by having had the highest scholastic average for the four year high school period. Joan Hubbell, salutatorian, had the second highest scholastic average.

Will Speak at Commencement

Both will speak at commencement, Patti giving the customary class tribute and farewell to the school, and Joan, as salutatorian, will deliver the speech of greeting.

Both, too, are strictly credits to the area: Joan was born in 1932 in Washington and Patti the same year in Takoma Park.

Different Goals

After graduation the two girls will head in different directions. Patti will attend the Washington School for Secretaries, while Joan plans to continue the dramatics, language, and music for which she is well known, at Catholic University.

The girls also have different tastes in schoolwork; Patti's favorite subject is typing and Joan's are Spanish and chemistry. Joan's hobbies are music and dancing, as evidenced by her success as half of the well known act of Tip and Tap, the Rhythm Twins. She has been leader of the Majorettes the past year, and an active member of the Dance Club, Library Club, and *Silver Chips*, for which she wrote a society column. Patti is a leader in Tri-Hi-Y; she is now president of the senior chapter.

Blairites Procure Cash Scholarships

Scholarships have been granted to several Blair seniors so far, with others pending and yet to be announced.

Brian Crowley obtained an \$1800 scholarship to Washington and Lee University from the War Memorial Scholarship Fund; Eleanor Wood, a \$50 scholarship to Maryland University from the Silver Spring branch of the American Association of University Women; and Mary Lou Hanson, the Mary Graydon scholarships to American University.

Interested juniors and sophomores can obtain scholarships by finding out, through college catalogues and information gained from school advisers, what is offered, and working toward the scholarship goals. Requirements include high grades.

Senior Sermon Set In Gymnasium

Montgomery Blair Seniors will have their graduation sermon in the Blair gym this year on June 18, at 2:30 P.M.

The Reverend Philip Edwards, pastor of the Woodside Methodist Church, in Silver Spring, will be guest preacher. His subject is "You Have the Answer". John Eagleton will give the class prayer during the service.

In former years the graduating class has gone to various churches in the community for the service. Last year they attended Marvin Memorial Methodist Church, at Four Corners. They are meeting in the gym this year because the seating capacity of the gym is larger than that of any of the local churches.

An organ for this sermon is being rented from the Campbell Music Company.

Senior Banquet At Indian Springs

Indian Springs Country Club will be the setting of this year's Senior Class Banquet, on June 15, at 7:15 p.m.

The banquet will be followed by a dance, where many of the seniors will say their last social good-bye to each other. Will Plunkett and his Orchestra will provide the music for the dancing.

Speaking at the banquet will be William Larimore, senior class president; Mr. Daryl Shaw, principal; and Mr. Kennard Rhodes, senior class adviser.

William Chapin and Mary Lou Vernon will sing solos during the banquet. Ann Gummel will act as mistress of ceremonies.

The Senior Banquet, which is held annually, last year was held at Hotel 2400.

School Holds Picnic at Glen Echo Today

Every student of Blair is invited to the school picnic held at Glen Echo today.

Students going will be excused from school at 2:30. Tickets, obtainable at reduced rates, have been sold at the school bank in strips of six apiece.

Jacqueline Steele is chairman of the Arrangement Committee of the Student Council, which made the trip possible.

Buses, furnished on a round-trip basis, will charge a fee for those wishing to take them. Students wishing to go by private means may do so. Food should be brought by individual groups or persons.

This is the first year for a school-wide picnic. Others, in former years, have been held by classes during school time.

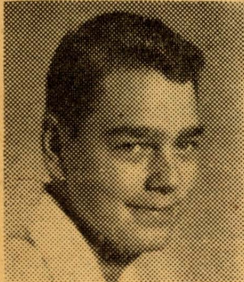
Seniors Show Their Stuff



Patti Levendoski

Patti Levendoski—"Nice things come in small packages." So does Patti Levendoski, and she comes from Arizona, too.

Before moving to Silver Spring, Patti planned to be a fashion designer but had a change of heart and now wants to be an elementary school teacher. On her fine record, which will be sent to Towson State Teachers' College, are her contributions to Tri-Hi-Y, F.T.A., Quill and Scroll, feature editor of *Silver Chips*, and a dance committee member.



Bob Norton

Bob Norton, Jr.—Bob, who was on the bank of the creek, when interviewed, dreaming, his favorite recreation, of a 5'2", blue-eyed blonde, is Dance Committee chairman. Interested in young peoples' organizations, electrical engineering, and steaks, besides activity in the Rifle Club, *Silverlogue*, Honor Society, and Library Club, he finds time to like people.



Pat Parkman

Patricia Parkman—Initiative and hard work carry people to the top of the ladder of success. Pat Parkman, founder of the World Friendship Club and also its Vice-President, practices this to the letter. During her three year enrollment at Blair, she has been thrilled at Blair's beating Bethesda in football, (and basketball) and at winning an honorable mention in the Quill and Scroll Editorial Contest in her Junior year. Immediate future plans are a job and then college to major in education.

Bill Chapin—We could call Bill Chapin a minstrel, for that would apply to both his trav-

eling and his singing. But we won't, for he is an all-around student.

At Blair, Bill has been on the track and football teams, vice-president of the Student Council, and a member of the Boys' B Club and Library Club, besides doing choral work. He's traveled a lot—7,000 miles through the West and Canada. After graduation he is going west and then will study music—a swell combination.

Marlita Scott—This versatile senior hails from California but trekked East in time to be one of the most active of Blair students.

During her three-year stay here Marlita has been a majorette, Library Club Pin Chairman, Literary Editor and Co-Managing Editor of "Chips", a member of the Honor Society, and Tri-Hi-Y, and the very capable president of the Radio Club.

"Scotty" plans to major in fashion merchandising and minor in speech at Maryland University next year.



Bill Chapin



Marlita Scott

Seniors Choose Variety of Careers

As the school year draws to a close and graduation nears, the big question asked of the seniors is: What are your plans upon graduation? Here are a few of the answers given to your inquiring reporter:

Eleanor Wood replied, "I'm going to Maryland University, naturally, where I will take up Pre-Med."

Senorita Marie Kramer answered with her authentic Spanish accent, "I have reserved my talents for Western Maryland. Pre-Law will be my major."

Bernie Cockran said, "My future plans include Marietta College in Ohio and a course in liberal arts, I think."

Judy Anderson says, "My destination is Ursinus College (it's not contagious) in Pennsylvania. I believe I will take business administration."

Barbara Thompson, "I'm going to have a summer of fun working at the Golden Bell Ranch in Colorado as a waitress and entertainer. But I have not made any plans for this fall."

Maureen Marr reiterated, "I'm going to the beach to get a sun tan so I can go out with some of my other friends, and later on I hope to become a nurse so I can marry a doctor."

The activity ticket will be back again in September for another big year in deflating the "high cost of being a student." You'll want to take advantage of its low price after a full summer.

Of Books

Orwell Fights Communism With '1984'; Creates Nightmare World

By Bill McNaughton

Communism is one of the most difficult problems of our time. It is possibly more of a menace than the atomic bomb. Certainly it is more to be feared by freedom loving people.

Unfortunately many people do not seem to realize how seriously tendencies obviously present in totalitarian states endanger their freedom. George Orwell does an eye-opening job of showing just how far these tendencies might go if encouraged or allowed to spread.

Orwell's world of 1984 is a nightmare world, divided into three great super-states, Oceania, Eurasia, and Eastasia, which are constantly at war. The novel is laid in Oceania, but conditions are similar the world over.

Socially, Oceania is divided into three groups—the inner party, or select few who live decently and govern the state, the outer party, those who carry out the everyday

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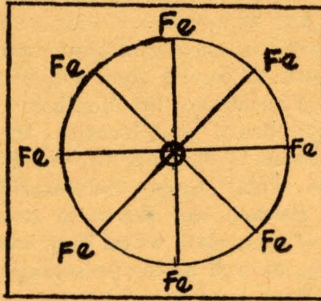
Mrs. Mac Finds New Compounds

By Mac

Science Bits

All chemistry brains (?) and otherwise, attention! Can you solve these equations?

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HIOAg-Hi O Silver



What is this?—A ferrous wheel. Mrs. Elizabeth Macdonald tried these out on her classes. How did you make out?

Return Engagement

"Blair on the Air" was last heard on May 13. But radio group, so capably led this year by Mrs. Priscilla Kline and Marlita Scott, has been invited to return to the air via WGAY next year.

Election Bits

This year's election for the Student Council officers was one of the closest races Blair has ever had. The candidates were also one of the best groups in the history of the elections. Congratulations to the victors!

Writer's Bits

The Journalism class took a trip to visit the Evening Star Building and to see how a newspaper is made. Nancy Clagett, 11-2, detected an error while watching the linotype machine and called it to the attention of the operator. In return the operator printed her name on a strip of linotype.

The Last Bit

The more fortunate (?) seniors will be saying goodbye today and will fall into the rank of the glorious alumni. Blair's halls just won't be the same without them. Gee! Just think maybe we can have a little more room to walk in the halls!

We Look Over The Past Year

Looking back is a lot of fun. It enables one to re-enjoy past victories and triumphs, and in this case affords the seniors an opportunity to remember the big events, the high-lights of their last year in high school, which probably are the high-lights of their whole high school career.

It's been a long year, but a successful one for Blair as a whole. The triumphs and victories certainly out-number and over-shadow the defeats. "My Sister Eileen," aided by the outstanding acting of Ann Hartsfield, Sergene Benson, and Jerry Gough, proved to be a senior play that will long be remembered as a smashing success.

From a literary angle, Chuck Armstrong, Brian Crowley, Bea Shaw, Nancy Pederson, Connie LeRoy, and many, many others too numerous to mention brought honors galore to the school through their successes in the A.A.U.W., *Evening Star*, and National Scholastic writing contests.

Journalistically, both *Silver Quill*, with Nick Lee as editor, and *Silver Chips*, led by Charles Brailer, were awarded second places at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention. The Maryland Scholastic Press Association awarded a first-place to Blair in their writing tournament. *Silver Quill* was adjudged best magazine in the state, and *Silverlogue* copped third place for lithographed year-books.

Leadership played an important part in Blair's successes, and a goodly number of leaders shone out who, it is hoped, will go on to bigger and better things. Bill Diedrich, president of the Student Council, and Bill Larimore, class president, stood out as governmental leaders. Patti Gary and Tap Hubbell led scholastically; Tap did a fine job of captaining the majorettes as well. Joan Baker helped the basketball team to that great season with her spirited direction of the cheerleaders.

From a standpoint of beauty, Joyce Duvall and her court provided a bevy of easy-to-look-at leaders. And remember all the swell dances, especially the Prom at the Shoreham Hotel? Laurels to Bob Norton and his Dance Committee for them.

Yes, this has been a big year for Blair, and well it should be, for the school itself was big—the largest in history, with a 1200 enrollment.

Revelree With Beverlee

Summer Brings Golf and Hiking

With the summer season advancing upon us as rapidly as a jet plane, we are all looking for new, different and better ways of having fun. Why not give the next few ideas a try or three?

After school is out and you have plenty of time to spend, when you go swimming, don't settle for a pool; go to a beach. Transportation is getting to be less and less of a problem as more and more bus lines are extending their routes to nearby beaches.

Now is the time to take up that sport you've been wanting to try for so long—golf. If you're afraid of a full 18 holes, why not start out on a miniature course?

If you've seen and heard big league baseball games on radio and television, it's high time you took a trolley down to Griffith Stadium for a real thrill.

Are you tired of dances and ordinary parties? How about planning a garden party, or a weenie roast in the park?

Bicycling and hiking are terrific if you pick the right place. Have you ever been to Sugar Loaf Mountain? It's about 35 miles from here.

A real summer treat for you music lovers is the Water-Gate Concert. The series begins in June, on the edge of the Potomac River just behind the Lincoln Memorial. The atmosphere is every bit as good as the music.

Color Is Keynote Of Summer Fads

Color is the keynote for 1950's summer fashions. Bright colored accessories play up everything from shorts and shirts to swirling summer sheers.

There's nothing cuter than colored sandals and matching bags to trot to the beach or the pool. And for cool comfort they can't be beat.

Dancing seems easier, too, in barefoot sandals. Gold and silver sandals are out, though, this summer. Straw and linen have taken their place.

Straws and linens come in all colors, too, and with matching bags, hats, and belts.

There are rough straws for sports wear, and smooth milan straws for more formal occasions. You can be fussy and choose a flat shell sandal or a slender heeled dressy shoe. Matching straw bags come in many cute shapes such as miniature lunch boxes, fishing creels, or what have you.

Linen accessories are just as versatile, coming in flats or high heels, dyed in colors from white and pastels to fiery reds, emerald greens, and multicolor combinations. Get a linen bag or belt to match.

Latest in the fashion world are white and colored jewelry that go well with cottons and linens.

Not new, but none the less popular, are the favorite little bunches of artificial flowers. Wear them in your hair, at your waist, or at the deep end of a plunging neckline. Cute!

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Cyrus Ching Outlines Mediation Techniques To Chips Reporter

(Exclusive interview granted by Mr. Ching to Judy Coleman for CHIPS.)

I walked into the carpeted office thinking how kind this busy man is to give me time for an interview.

Mr. Cyrus Ching, famed strike mediator, asked me to sit down, and with a twinkle in his eye, expressed the hope that I wouldn't ask him all sorts of embarrassing questions. Almost immediately I began quizzing him—"How long have you held your present position?"

I learned by his answer that Mr. Ching has been with the Department of Public and Industrial Relations since 1927, and worked previously to that for the United States Rubber Company.

Wanting to know how the mediators operated, I inquired about the procedure necessary for stepping into a strike.

"There is a law that says contract negotiations must be started sixty days before the termination of a contract. After thirty days of negotiations the unions involved are to notify the Mediation Board. However, there is no penalty for not doing so. If the unions involved want help, or if the mediator deems it necessary, the government will step in to straighten out the difficulties. However, mediators have no decisive power."

"What was your most trying strike?"

"Almost everyone asks me that—they're all tough—possibly about the toughest one was the coal situation."

By this time I was getting a little bolder, so I asked him the thing which had been in my mind during the whole interview.

"Does communism affect any decisions in either labor or management?"

After a slightly startled look, Mediator Ching replied, "We find certain instances where there are implications of Communistic influence, but my personal opinion is

Hi-Y Holds Induction

The Blair chapter of the National Hi-Y held its formal induction service last Thursday evening at the Marvin Memorial Methodist Church.

Boys from Blair who were inducted were Wally Beasley, Robert Musgrove, Bruce McReynolds, Wilbur Harris, Leonard Crogran, Charles Crum, and Frank Rausch.

Others included Herbie Morrison, Francis Miller, Edward Niner, Denny Bliss, Howard Metcalf, Charles Goodman, and Harry Kirk.

The officers of the club are Charles Crum, President; Leonard Crogran, vice-president; Howard Metcalf, secretary; and Wilbur Harris, treasurer. Mr. Creme and Mr. Continetti are counsellors.

After the induction the Blair club served light refreshments to the visitors and parents.

Seniors Say Goodbye At Farewell Dance

The lights are low, the colors are American beauty red and white, and there is the Blair couple turning their rings under the arbor.

This is what will happen on the twentieth of June in the Blair gym from 9 to 12—the Farewell Dance.

Three-dimensional figures of graduates are the side-wall decorations, and the entire atmosphere will depict the seniors' last gathering together and their looking ahead to new things.

that the CIO and AFL are doing the most effective job they possibly can."

Summarizing the main differences between our system and that of Russia, he pointed out, "We have the right to oppose—Communists don't."

When I was about to leave, I remarked that a recent feature showed him and Mrs. Ching playing checkers at home. I asked him if he had other outside interests. He replied, "Fishing is my hobby and Mrs. Ching's too. We go north to Canada on vacation and do our fishing there."

NOTES ON THE NEWS

Homerooms Enjoy Sun and Shore

Members of various sophomore, junior and senior homerooms spent planned days off of school, on May 26 and 29, at Breezy Point Beach, as the result of the sales of Variety Show and Fashion Show tickets as well as Saving Bonds.

The groups were as follows: 10-2, Miss Bratt; 11-1, Miss McCarthy; 11-6, Mr. Hinckley; 11-9, Mrs. Holloway; 12-2, Mrs. Worthington; 12-7, Mr. K. Rhodes; 12-8, Miss Wood; D. O. students with Messrs. Bennett and Cummings.

Dr. James Q. Holsopple, chief clinical psychologist of the Veterans Administration, spoke to Mr. K. Rhodes, Senior Problems classes, on June 2.

Blair seniors observed their annual "Pajama Top Day" Wednesday, May 31. Decked out in silks and cottons, bows and loud stripes, they presented a comical change in the latest Spring fashions.

Mr. Harrison T. Meserole is planning to take 25 of his piano students to Boston, Mass., for the International Piano Teachers Association in the Copley-Plaza Hotel, on July 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Blair students attending are Sydney Hepler, Ruthmary Ragsdale, Barbara Shytle, Katherine MacDonald, Betty Fincham, Janean Coursan, Nick Lee, and Lillian Poitte.

Being last year's winners, Blair played host to the Lion's Club Completion of band and majorettes recently in the stadium.

Miss Boyer Elected Vice President of D. C. Society

Miss Susan E. Boyer was recently elected first vice-president of the District Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary educational group for women.

Miss Boyer, who has been a member since 1941, is a teacher of sophomore biology and economic geography.

Art Club Holds Exhibit

Blair's Art Club had an art exhibit June 1, in the Art Department at 8:00 p.m.

The art classes and art club, under the direction of Mrs. Faye Sherry, made pictures in water colors, pastels, oils, and ink to sell at the art exhibit, proceeds of which will be used to buy a new air brush and other art supplies.

Various committees were organized to plan the exhibit and to see that the refreshments were served as a part of the program. The students themselves provided and served the refreshments and also made the programs.

Tri Delta Gives Award to Smith Honor for Miles

Margaret Jean Smith, a Blair graduate, was presented a medal by Delta Delta Delta Sorority at the University of Maryland's annual Honors and Awards Assembly a few weeks ago, as the girl with the highest scholastic average during the first semester of her sophomore year. She maintained a scholastic average of 3.94. Margaret is a student at the College of Arts and Sciences.

Joyce Miles, junior at American University, has been named to Cap and Gown, Women's Honorary Society.

Pat Hamilton was recently elected historian of the Sophomore class at the University of Maryland. A Blair grad, she is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority at College Park.

Jane Krouse and Anne Brown, graduates of '49 class, are going into Nurses Training at Delaware Hospital next fall.

Pat Wheeler, also '49, has been in Nurses Training in Baltimore for quite some time.

Donna Kohl '48, is home for the summer, from Western Maryland. She plans to work at the Bank of Silver Spring during the summer months.

Don Markle, an enthusiastic sports rooster during his Blair days, continues to enjoy athletics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he is a freshman and a member of the frosh lacrosse team.

Jan Conn, popularly known as Connie Conn, of '42, has been out west playing guitar and yodeling. Upon her recent return to Washington, she landed a job doing a weekly TV appearance. She was currently at the National Guard Armory with Connie Be Gay's troupe.

Hope Henderson has been working at Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission as a telephone operator.

Peggy Bowman has recently announced her engagement to Corporal Malcolm M. Downey, United States Marine Corps. Peggy graduated from Blair in 1948, and attended George Washington University. Corporal Downey served with the First Marine Division during the war and is now stationed at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory at White Oak.

William B. Tuemmler has been tapped by Phi Kappa Phi, at Md. U. The election is based primarily on scholarship.

Music Students Give Spring Choral Festival

Blair's choral music group, under the direction of Miss Mary Cross, presented a Choral Festival in the gym Friday, June 2.

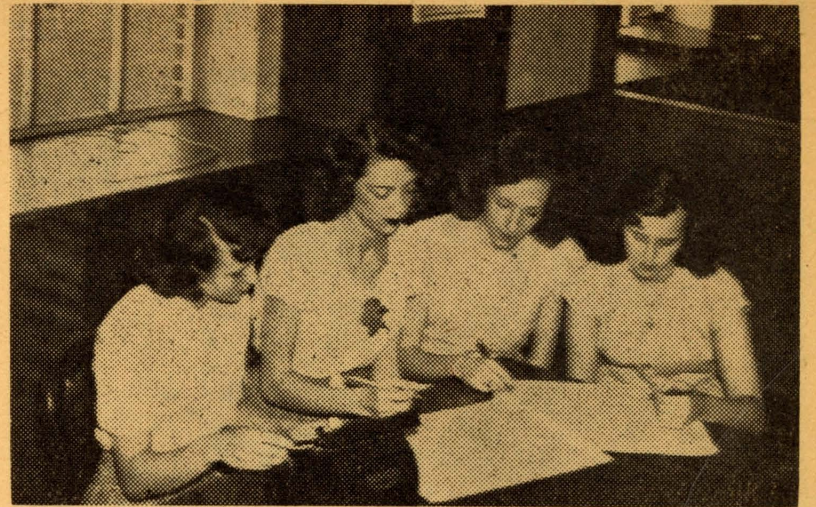
Previous to this year the music concert was free but in order to buy robes for the Choral Ensemble, this year an admission was charged.

One of the features was "Summer Is A'coming In," which is usually sung in rounds and dates back to 12th Century England.

The Blair Choral Ensemble sang a group of light madrigals that date back to the Elizabethan Age. Other songs included "You'll Never Walk Alone," "One World," and "Listen To The Lambs," a Negro spiritual, which was sung by request.

All art class and art club students, as well as their parents, were invited to come.

Flickinger, Rice End Positions



Checking bank accounts are, left to right, Nancy Kendrick, assistant; Thelma Rice, vice-president; Marcia Flickinger, president; and Janet Frocke, head cashier.

P.T.A. Picks Committees

Committees are now being set up and chairmen have been announced by the new president, Mr. Frank McNaughton, for the 1950-51 P.T.A. season.

The committee chairmen are Budget, Mrs. Catherine Mendum; Ways and Means, co-chairmen, Mrs. Gayle Forcade and Mrs. Eugene Burr; Membership, Mrs. La Rue Keagle; Program, Mrs. Arthur Stock; Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Harold W. Lieske; Transport and Safety, Mr. Sherman Kline; Library, Mrs. Arthur B. Joseph.

Also, Homeroom, Mrs. Hilda Kifer; Health and recreation, Mrs. A. W. Huebner; Legislative, Mr. Edward V. Ahearn; Cafeteria, Mrs. Ronald Mighell; Publicity, Mrs. Mary Kanagy.

Announcement of other committee heads will be made later.

Band, Majorettes Hold Banquet

Montgomery Blair Band and Majorettes held their first annual banquet Saturday, June 3, in the Blair gym, at 6:00 P.M.

Speakers were introduced by Mr. Ernie Tannen of WGAY. The Band supervisor, Mr. Harrison T. Meserole, and the Majorettes supervisor, Mr. Roy A. DeLauder, gave out awards to the members of the Band and Majorettes corp.

The new leaders were announced as Judy Thompson for the majorettes, and Mabel Vickers and Dan Levine as co-leaders for the Band.

Cheerleaders Add 8 New Members

The talented victors, who won over a field of seventy aspirants are: juniors Peggy Holt, Jill Dorsee, Judy Davis, and Charles Jones, and sophomores Joan Eddins, Beverlee Freedman, Florence Holloper, and Bill Cave.

Sue Hall was elected captain of the squad for the 1950-51 season.

Bank Accounts Show Profits

Since it controls a good deal of their money, the bank is of great interest to many students. They have no cause for worry, however, Blair's bank seems to be completely safe.

None of the cashiers has ever bet the proceeds on horse races, or eloped with the adviser, taking a goodly quantity of student's money along.

In fact, when a local branch bank was robbed recently by a gang of desperados the Blair vault went untouched, presumably because the thugs didn't have the nerve.

This year was no exception, as the bank remained reliable, steady, and safe. With the help of the banking classes and Mrs. Jane Lear, faculty adviser, Marcia Flickinger, bank president, steered the organization through another successful season of helping students save their money.

Able and much-needed assistance was satisfactorily supplied by Thelma Rice, vice-president; Janet Frocke, head cashier; and Nancy Kendrick, assistant cashier. The president and vice-president are elected by the banking classes. Mrs. Lear appoints the two cashiers.

The bank conducted two major savings campaigns during the year, one advising students to practice thrift by opening a savings account, and the other selling savings bonds and stamps.

Even more successful was the bond and stamp drive, which netted \$1,581.80, but the savings account crusade was by no means a failure. Figures for April showed over \$1,000 in the vault, but the pressure of the Prom, coming graduation, and vacation plans shrank it to \$715.

The bank is now handling between a hundred and a hundred and fifty savings accounts, with an estimated increase of almost fifty brought in by the drive.

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Golfers, Netmen Close With Wins Look To Improvements Next Year



Pictured above, warming-up for their tennis match with Gonzago, are Brian Crowley (left) and Bill Solomon, while below are John Eagleton (left) and Wally Beasley showing the smooth style of putting with which they beat Bethesda.

Many students gave up the Blair golf team as a lost cause when ex-schoolboy champ Billy Wolf transferred to Devitt, but this same team wound up the season with an 8-3 record.

Not only was their record notable, but this year they accomplished a goal never before reached by a Blazer golf team. The Red and White not only beat Bethesda for the first time in history, but ruined the Barons' hope of a first place tie in the Metro League.

With Wally Beasley and Dennis Folken sweeping three points in the first foursome and Sonny Holt adding another in the third, the match rested on the second foursome. Oddly enough Bob Bock, who led Bethesda in their only basketball win over Blair last January became the goat.

As captain Johnny Eagleton canned an eight-foot putt on the 17th, and Bock missed his fifteen-foot try for a tie gave Eagleton the hole and Blair the match.

Another successful tennis season was brought to an abrupt halt last week, as rain forced a May 24 match with Washington and Lee to be canceled. The season's record stands at 4-3.

The Blazer netmen opened against Bullis with a 7-2 win on May 5 and dropped the Little Admirals again on May 11, after a 7-2 loss to Georgetown Prep on May 9. The Red and White lost two in a row as the Georgetown freshmen won easily on May 16, by an 8-1 score. The following day they dropped a 4-3 decision to Gonzaga.

The Blazers got back the victory trail on May 25 by edging Washington and Lee 5-4. The following day they avenged an earlier loss to Gonzaga by tripping the Eagles 5-4.

In singles competition the leading win-getters for the Red and White are as follows: Harry Stine leads with five points, while Ronnie Morris and Leif Beck are right behind with four each.

Shorts in Sports

by Wilbur Harris

Blair Breaks State Record; Terminates Successful Year

As the close of school draws near, and students recall past experiences, let's reminisce over the year in sports.

The biggest events of the year were the Blazers' defeat of their arch rivals, Bethesda-Chevy Chase in football, basketball, track, and golf, while they tied in baseball, one game each.

Blairmen not only broke previous school records, but county and state records as well.

The football team rolled up a 3-6 record, which was good considering the tough teams they played.

Basketball say the Blazers have a very good season, winning 18 out of 21 regular games; however, the team lost in the Star and State tournaments.

Blair's first tumbling team won first place in the First Annual Maryland University Tumbling Meet.

The rifle team enjoyed the best season, winning 20 out of 21 matches. The team won every postal match, and lost only to the Maryland Frosh.

Baseball got off to a slow start, but finished with a 4-7 record. As has been stated before, inexperience was mostly to blame.

The trackmen had a good season, winning the county track meet, and placing second in the state meet. They won 3 out of 6 meets.

The golf team had a good record of 8-3, beating B.C.C. for the first time in Blair golf history.

Last but not least, the tennis team had a 4 to 3 record.

Honors for the year were given in the form of 23 football letters, 10 basketball letters, 11 baseball letters, 19 track letters, 7 golf letters, 8 tennis letters, and 14 rifle letters.

Coaches Honor Lettermen At Awards Assembly

Seniors Bill Schief, Ray Luckett and Bill Larimore received their third basketball letters and headed the parade of boys receiving athletic awards for the cage sport. The sports awards assembly was held in the stadium last Friday.

Others receiving basketball awards were John Selby, Morgan Wooten, James Downs, Bill Tompkins, James Williams, Charles Definbaugh, and David Walker, manager.

Receiving awards for track were John Pentzer, Harry Ingram, Bill Chapin, Rollin Kuch, Robert Nesbitt, Joe Swafford, Lloyd Wight, Ken Copeland, Tucker Morris, and James Downs.

Also Howard Metcalf, Kevin Conroy, Phil Smith, Charles Brailer, John Hardy, Roger Hazell, Bob Marshall, and Tom Whitlaw, manager.

Receiving their B's for baseball were Robert Bankard, Bernie Foy, James Williams, William Tompkins, and Bob Bramhall.

Also Jack Brown, Richard Stock, Eugene Doane, Dewitt Crosley, George Short, and George Tolson, manager.

Girls also were rewarded for their participation in varsity sports during the year.

Receiving stars were Betty Watson and Lu Ann Walker. Letters were awarded to Charlene Bocklett, Emilie Sherman, Nancy Kendrick, Joan Membre, Marie Kramer, and Ruth Bauman.

The tennis team earning their B's were Billy Soloman, James Sanborn, Danny Levine, Paul Seltzer, Harry Stine, Ronald Morris, Leif Beck, Brian Crowley, and Louis Meyerle.

Receiving awards for outstanding golf were Sonny Holt, Johnny Eagleton, Wally Beasley, John Veidt, Denny Folken, Bill McFerren, and Caryl Howell.

Rifle letters were awarded to Chuck Armstrong, Herb Duey, Bob Norton, Bob Ammon, Ed Argerake, Bob Nesbitt, Charles Van Royen.

Also Bill Diedrich, Dwight Smith, John Veidt, Ned White, George Tolson, Bob Howard, and Rick Waters.

Blazers Win Four Out Of Last Six; Lose Two Seniors

Winning four of their last six contests, the Blair baseball squad ended the season with four wins as against seven defeats, the first year a Blazer team failed to play .500 baseball.

One of the latest teams to go down under the Red and Whites' late season surge was the St. John's Cadets. Behind the two-hit pitching of Blair's star hurler, Bill Tompkins, the Johnnies were victims of a late inning rally which spelled a 6-4 defeat.

The Blazers got their share of sweet revenge as they tripped the Bethesda Barons 4-2 on May 25. Avenging an earlier 13-5 defeat, Tompkins hurled his second straight two-hitter and was in complete control over the seven inning route. He was helped by a three run out-burst in the first, on two walks, an error, a fly ball, and a single.

In their finale the Blazers dropped a 7-2 contest to Hyattsville on Friday 26, in a game which saw sloppy fielding by both clubs.

Blazerettes Shut Out Annapolis, 8-0

Ending the season with a bang, the Girls' Softball Team shut out Annapolis by a score of 8-0 on Blair's home diamond.

Annapolis gathered only 3 hits while the Blazerettes had a good day at the plate, garnering 14 hits in the 6½ innings played. Blair's fielding was also much improved as only 2 errors were committed.

Charlene Bocklett, the winning pitcher, struck out six batters while walking only one.

Trackmen Receive Banquet Reward

The track team was the guest of the Library Club at a banquet in the Home Economics apartment last Wednesday evening.

Recently the trackmen ran to a second place in the State Track Meet, with the score of 39, to the 41 of the first place winner, Fort Hill.

Bob Nesbitt came in first in the half-mile, setting a new state record, while Joe Swafford finished second.

Johnny Pentzer ran second in the mile, and Bill Chapin finished fourth in the 440 run. Ken Copeland ran to a fourth place in the 100 yard dash.

The hop-skip-and-jump saw Harry Ingram finish first and Bill Chapin second. Johnny Pentzer won second in the broad jump.

Sports in Shorts

by Janet Peksa

Blazerette Varsities To Lose Stars of Last Three Years

With the end of the school year finally in sight, many weary minds turn ahead to thoughts of sleeping till noon, swimming, boating, tennis, camping, etc.

But also many thoughts turn backward to remember the year which will soon be closing. June 20 will see the graduation of many outstanding members of Blazerettes varsity teams.

These girls have been the backbone of Red and White contingents for three years and have upheld Blair's high standards of good sportsmanship in all situations.

This past year has been a very successful one for the girls' teams, especially in basketball.

Much of the credit for the victories should go to the members of the teams who, through teamwork and cooperation, coupled with long practice, have proven themselves superior to their opponents.

However, even more of the credit is due the coaches, Misses Jean Baker and June Lippy. The girls who participated on the teams will well remember the pep talks, patience, and understanding of their coaches.

Although Miss Baker and Miss Lippy may have acquired a few gray hairs during the trials and tribulations of their coaching, it is hoped that they have derived as much enjoyment from the teams as have the members.

The best of luck to everyone—players, coaches, managers, and rooters—who helped to make this year a successful one for the Blazerettes.

Congratulations are also in order for the Archery Squad. It seems that all members can hit the target.

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