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## Student Council Sets Plans For All Classes With Hicks, Mason, Lovre, Briggs As Officers

Student Council activities officially got under way last Friday and Monday with the Dance and Welcoming Committees, two of the Student Council Committees demonstrating their workings, the first with the Back to School Dance and the latter with their welcoming smiles for the sophomores.

Behind the scenes of outward activity on the part of these two committees, were the other legislative and executive branches of Blair's student body who were operating under Robert's Rules of Order in their first daily meeting of the year. Planning For Activity Ticket

One of the first undertakings will be the launching of the activity ticket. As plans now stand, pictures of the ticket holder will be displayed on the ticket, thus eliminating the previous method of punching the ticket before purchase of items and admittance into the various performances. In this manner tickets can not be transferable or reissuable.

Another item on the immediate slate will be the initiation of a new point system, the details of which will be released later.

### Council to Give Election Methods

A definite and uniform method of elections will be decided upon in the near future. Also, it is agreed that Loretta Rosini, Italian war orphan, will become Blair's adopted child under the CARE program for the third consecutive year.

Stadium lights, too, will be a goal for the school. Due to serious opposition from the surrounding neighbors, mainly about the parking situation, this project has been postponed until later.

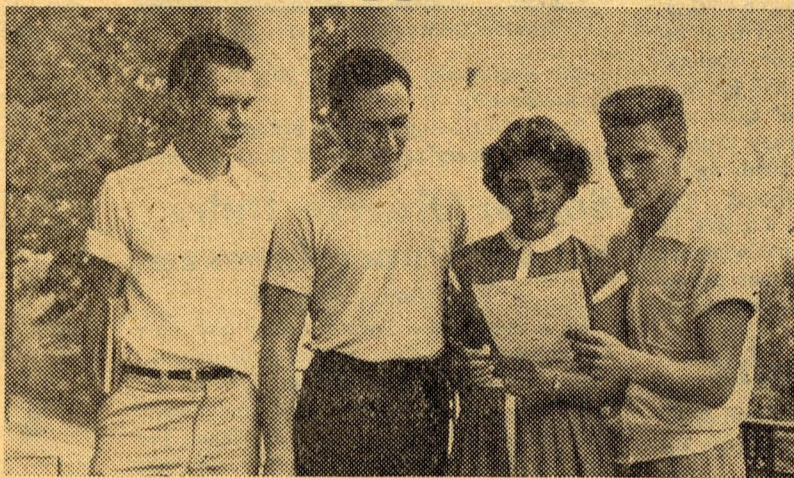
As civilian defense is a matter of concern, Blair's Student Council has taken a hand in joining the Metropolitan Civilian Defense for high schools. In time of need, Blair will be prepared for conversion into a hospital.

### Give Lunch Period Regulations

In the course of rules and regulations, Schuyler Road and the corner store are considered out of bounds. However, students will again have the privilege of eating outside and will continue to do so until students break rules and refuse to co-operate with the order committee.

With the money accumulated last year, the Student Council has obtained three new water coolers to be installed soon.

On the whole, Student Council duties will be performed the same



Charlie Mason, Terry Hicks, Sandy Lovre, and Lee Briggs, Student Council officers, are planning this year's work.

as in past years with all meetings open to the students.

Composing the cabinet are 12 committee heads. The names of these seniors were, as is the custom, submitted with an alternate by last year's chairmen to the President, Terry Hicks, and faculty adviser, Mr. Edward Fox, who approved and confirmed the appointments. Names of these committee heads are: Activity, Beverly Shetler; Assembly, Harvey Iwata; Dance, Jayne Eyerman; Election, Jackie Dean; Inter-school Relations, Joan Craver; Monogram, Marjorie Persion; Order, Charlie Mason; Publicity, Judy Molitor; Safety, Jack Ghormley; Ways and Means, Carolyn Thomas; Welcome, Rodney Cox; and Welfare, Jean Scoltock.

In the first week of October sophomores will go to the polls to elect five class members to repre-

### Students, Adults Discuss Stadium Light Possibility

While many were relaxing this past summer from the previous school year, a group of students and adults met to discuss and plan the possibility of the installation of lights in the stadium.

Interested parents, athletic coaches, and several student body officers started the planning at the end of the school year, and studied several plans which had worked successfully at other schools.

The greatest problem that this committee confronted was the three requirements that the Park and Planning Commissioners set up: First, that after the committee had raised all but \$5,000 of the necessary money to install the lights, the commission would make the rest. Second, that the school would maintain the operation expenses of the lights.

Thirdly, and most important, that the committee obtain in writing the approval of all, or the great majority of, the residents on Schuyler Road adjacent to school and those on Windsor Street. However, due to the possibility of a parking problem, boisterous crowds, and general disorder, many refused their approval.

The committee will try to work out an agreement with the above-mentioned citizens at a later date.

sent them on the Student Council. In a primary election, each sophomore homeroom will nominate students, the top ten of whom will deliver campaign speeches before their class in a student assembly.

Another election to be put before the student body will be to choose two students from each class to act as justices on the Student Court.

Junior and senior class representatives as chosen last year are: Juniors — Jean Charuhas, Don Wheeler, Dick Brown, Bill Schiek, and John Ramsey. Seniors are Janice Heidenreich, Binkey Varey, Bob Barnhart, Dan Fullmer, and Keith Wheeler.

### Marching Divisions Commence Early For School Year

It appears as if the Blair Band believes in the proverb, "The early bird catches the worm," for they got an early start last week while the Majorettes began their selections this week.

With auditioning beginning on Wednesday and continuing for three days, some 75 musically inclined students beat out the soles of their shoes keeping in time with the music that they beat out on their instruments.

### Merit Decides Period

"Whether a student makes fifth or sixth period Band depends entirely on the merit of the individual," said Mr. Ernest H. Koch, director of the Band.

As there was an increase in the school enrollment, so was there an increase in the Band membership.

Majorette try-outs during the first of this week were open to all new sophomores and any other students who entered Blair after try-outs last year.

### Co-operation Counts

Each girl was given a number and was known by that number only, so as to give everyone an equal chance. Co-operation and ability to catch on quickly to the steps are two very important factors considered in the selection.

Both Band and Majorettes will make their first performance of the year at the home game with Bladensburg on October 3.

## Enrollment Gains New Height As Junior Highs Send Grads; Incoming Sophs Number 785

For the first time in its history over 1,900 students have registered for enrollment at Blair this year.

Graduates have literally poured in from Montgomery Hills Junior High, Takoma Park Junior High, and Eastern Suburban, with a few from Kensington. Countless transfer students have also joined Blair's ranks.

Although the school will be quite crowded, a staff of 88 are employed to meet the situation. Nineteen new teachers have been employed to fill the spots vacated or those necessitated by the increase.

### Seniors Delegate Committee Heads For Active Year

Since the senior year has proven to be a year of ceaseless activity, committee heads are selected to execute the many desired activities of the upper classmen.

Appearing in publication for the first time are the committee heads who were selected by the senior class officers at the end of last year. The committee heads will in turn choose capable seniors to complete the committees.

In charge of the senior announcements, personal cards, and rings will be Ellen Devol. Joan Craver will head the senior class play committee, which is responsible for publicity in and out of school, arranging for the program, tickets, ushers, and all other business angles. The annual senior trip will be under the management of Dan Fullmer with Lorrie LeRoy running the senior party preparations. The banquet, prom, and baccalaureate and commencement exercises will be directed by Marjorie Persion, Janice Heidenreich, and Jean Corey, respectively.

This year's Senior Executive Board is composed of Bob Barnhart, president; Rodney Cox, vice-president; Judy DuMars, secretary; and Bob Balentine, treasurer.

### Norris To Speak At P. T. A. Meeting

Dr. Forbes H. Norris, new superintendent of Montgomery County Schools, is scheduled to speak at the first P. T. A. meeting on September 29, at 8 p.m., in the Blair gym.

Mr. Daryl Shaw, Blair's principal, will introduce the department heads and will explain the school policy, which will be of interest to new parents. Dr. Homer Kempfer, president of the P. T. A., will welcome the group.

As planned at the last meeting, the membership drive for the P. T. A. will be introduced.

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

The new officers of the P. T. A. for the next year are: president, Mr. Homer Kempfer; vice-president, Colonel W. T. Hornaday; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. Holmead; recording secretary, Mrs. Frances Andrews; and treasurer, Robert F. Pfafman.

## School Publications Rate First In MSPA Journalism Contest

Maryland Scholastic Press Association has recently announced that Silver Chips and Praeco Argenteus, the Latin newspaper, have placed first in their respective categories.

Chips was in the class of senior high monthlies with a 1,000 plus enrollment. Also placing first were the Highway of Catholic High, Baltimore, and the Quill of Mount St. Joseph High, Baltimore.

Praeco, which was placed in the

The tenth grade will be the largest class, with an enrollment of 785 students, while the juniors and seniors run about the same—572 juniors and 559 seniors. The number of students in the various homeroom sections will be of reasonable numbers since there are more sections to accommodate the heavy load.

Sophomore sections number 21 and juniors and seniors are divided into 15 sections each. These sections vary in size from 30 in 10-8, to 48 in 12-9.

Last spring a five-period schedule was considered because of the scarcity of minor-subject teachers. Since they were able to get more teachers, this extreme step was not necessary.

This change, however, will bring no rearrangement in the cafeteria, for the three lunch shifts will proceed as in the past.

This new development will necessitate a six-period teaching schedule for all shop instructors and several others.

Next year, with the opening of the new gym, the minor subject problem will be removed, and shop instructions will return to the usual five-class day.

### Faculty Committee Completes Number

Three additional teachers were elected by the faculty last week to complete the customary seven-membered Faculty Co-ordinating Committee.

Mrs. Louise Harmon of the home economics department, Mrs. Evelyn Tenny of the English department, and Mr. Robert Fioromonti of the vocational industrial arts department are the new members.

As the Student Council represents the student body, so does the Faculty Co-ordinating Committee represent the faculty. The Faculty Co-ordinating Committee is not a policy-making group but rather a recommending group that takes suggestions from the faculty and the student body regarding school policies. They discuss problems that may arise having a direct effect on the school operation and make recommendations to be accepted or rejected by the entire faculty group.

The vice principal, Mr. Allen Vogt, is the stationary chairman. Mr. Edward Fox, representing the Student Council; Miss Lucile Appleby, chairman of the guidance department; and Mr. Ellis Glime, senior adviser, are the other members.

Foreign Language group, was alone in receiving first.

The judges declined to choose a "best over-all" newspaper and a "best for art and photography" publication in the senior and junior-senior group because of the wide variance in enrollment, methods of production, and frequencies of issue. Thus, the papers were rated according to issue frequency and school enrollment.

### Assembly For Students

The first assembly of the year for the entire student body will be held in the stadium tomorrow.

This is also the customary pep rally that precedes the annual jamboree, which will take place Saturday, September 19, at Bethesda.

Not only will the student assembly provide an opportunity for the sophomores to learn the Blair cheers, but will be the time when the coaches, the team, and the cheerleaders are introduced.

## Deserved Welcome

On behalf of Montgomery Blair, Silver Chips wants to extend best wishes to Dr. Forbes H. Norris on his new appointment as Superintendent of Schools of Montgomery County.

Last May the Board of Education elected Dr. Norris to succeed Dr. Edwin W. Broom, who was retiring after 36 years as superintendent.

### *Comes From Indiana*

A native of Madison County, Indiana, Dr. Norris is a graduate of Manchester College, Indiana, and received his Master's and Doctor's degrees from Harvard University.

The superintendent's experience includes principalship of elementary and high schools. For twelve years he was Assistant Superintendent of School in Richmond, Virginia. He has also taught summer school at the University of Richmond, Syracuse University, and the University of Delaware.

### *Served as Superintendent*

For the eight years prior to his new appointment here, Dr. Norris was Superintendent of Schools in Winchester, Massachusetts.

The newspaper staff is confident that Dr. Norris, having such a broad background and various teaching and supervising experiences, will retain the high standards and recognition which Dr. Broome established for Montgomery County during his years of service.

## Klassy Kwotes

### Words To Wise Sophs From Ones Who Know

Advice from the juniors and seniors to the incoming sophomores:

Mary Abramhamson: Don't lose any books.

Pat Fitzgerald: Don't cut too many classes.

Andy Lexen: STUDY—It's not as easy as junior high—so get busy.

Nancy Wilson: Watch your step or you'll be stepped on!

Johnny Nesbitt: They'll always have a 10th grade as long as they have a sophomore class.

Nina Marchand: Start out as a junior.

Sonny Barbot: Stay out of the library.

Sandy Babcock: Girls, don't date certain junior or senior boys; for a complete list call S. B.

## Crowded Conditions Trouble Mr. Shaw Beginning New Year As Blair Principal

"Our school will be quite crowded this year, with about 1,900 students, but we hope to give each student as much individual attention as possible," stated Mr. Daryl W. Shaw, Blair's principal.

"This school year will probably be the most congested one for years to come, since we expect relief when the Wheaton High School is ready for use in September, 1954. We are not able to give each student his choice of classes and activities because of limitation of facilities; however we trust that each student will co-operate toward the common good in all ways," continued Mr. Shaw.

Because of his youthful appearance, it is difficult to realize that Blair's principal is a veteran of 23 years in the education field and a school principal of 18 years' experience.

The son of two teachers and eldest of 13 children, he put himself through college by working in a drug store. He studied at Pennsylvania Teachers' College in his home town of Mansfield, Pennsylvania, Duke University, and later worked for his doctor's degree at George Washington University. He did graduate work at the universities of Virginia, Maryland and Columbia.

Coming to Montgomery County, Mr. Shaw

## Senior Spotlight

### Jackie DuMars Carries Twirling Flag At Football Games While Council President, Terry Hicks, Carries The Ball

Jackie DuMars and Terry Hicks were selected as outstanding junior girl and boy and now as seniors are busy upholding the honor.

As her award in "recognition of high scholastic achievement, leadership, good citizenship, and participation in extra-curricular activities" Jackie was presented with the Elmira College Key. She was chosen by the School Faculty Committee. Jackie would like to try for a scholarship and enter the journalistic field after college.

The younger of two and the middle of three (she's a twin with a younger sister), the Washingtonian's school activities include Monogram Society, Honor Society, Silver Chips, Dance Committee, and the Majorettes. She's also secretary of Quill and Scroll and treasurer of the Library Club.

At home she enjoys tennis, listening to Eddie Fisher, and window shopping. "If I had a pillow that could float, I'd live in the water," states Jackie. "Mice who eat lunches in the lockers" are her pet peeve, and about her secret ambition the energetic

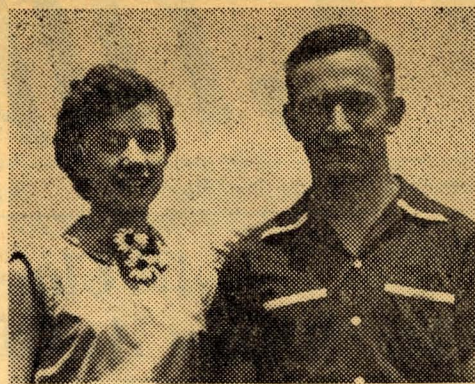
## Excluding Sophs

Sophomores seem to have been welcomed completely and thoroughly by the students, faculty, service personnel, and even the men working on the new gym, so Silver Chips has decided to welcome the juniors and seniors.

You're wonderful! For the last year or two you've put together untold hours of service to make Blair what it is today. Your Student Council has worked constantly for the school's betterment. The members of the Library Club, Bank, Store, and four publications have transformed Blair from a school to a miniature community. The Band, Orchestra, and Chorus have brought top-flight music to the campus. And the athletic teams have added new glory to Blair's name.

You juniors and seniors who came to Blair awed by the classes before you, now have set a pace for the sophomores to live up to.

Each year this school has found its enrollment a little larger than the last. Yet, far from handicapped by the difference, it has used the increase as an asset to add more chapters to the Blair Tradition.



Jackie DuMars and Terry Hicks

senior exclaimed, "If I told you, it wouldn't be a secret!"

Soon after being elected Student Council President, Terry received the Harvard Prize

## Sophs: Observe Rules Set By Upperclassmen

*by Cynthia Ferrell*

In autumn, the leaves aren't the only things that fall. Ever hear of sophomores?

But as long as you're here, just let me say, "It's nice to see you, and good luck!" Coming to Blair is quite an experience, but staying here after the first fireworks are over is enough to turn the gladdest sophomore heart to stone.

As you well know by now, if there is anything that the questionnaires in junior high school haven't found out about you, it will not have peace, for ours are certain to uncover it. Our questionnaires have taken the thirty-year test and we know they are 99 and 44/100 per cent cozier.

If you are trampled on by passing juniors and seniors, just smile. Remember, they are upperclassmen! The duty of every sophomore is to make the life of some beautiful or handsome (as the case may be) senior happy. And don't forget, to a sophomore any senior is either beautiful or handsome.

It is really quite easy to make a senior happy. If you are asked to give up your place in the lunch line to a senior—do it cheerfully; if a senior asks you to a dance—refuse! The fight that could follow with an upperclassman would not be worth the date.

This sums up, roughly, what is expected of you brand-new Blairites. Now I dare you to have fun!

## Council News

### Blair Extends Welcome To All Underclassmen

*by Terry Hicks*

Congratulations are in order to you, the class of '56. After struggling through at least nine years of school you have reached your immediate destination, high school. Montgomery Blair bids each and every sophomore a warm welcome!

Soon you will elect five students from your class to represent you in Blair's legislative body, the Student Council. To give you an insight into Blair's government, the organization is as follows: Five members from the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades compose the voting body or the congress. The cabinet is made up of 12 Student Council committee heads, all of whom are seniors.

The judicial body of the student government is also an elective group. Two justices from the sophomore class will be elected by you to the Student Court.

Your student government is one of the most active in the state. There is a Student Council meeting once a day. These meetings are open to the students, and all are invited to attend. The student government office is located in the "A" Building at the junction of the school store and the library.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or problems with which you think the Student Council can help, please present them to us. A suggestion box is in the student government office for everyone's convenience.

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Book, awarded to the boy in the junior class who "shall deem most worthy by result of high scholarship and character."

Originally from Greeley, Colorado, he would like to return to Colorado University to study engineering, although he is also interested in Duke University.

During his three years at Blair, Terry has been president of the sophomore and junior classes, home-room president in 10th grade, treasurer of Student Council in his junior year, and Variety Show M. C. Clubs and committees of which he is a member are Library Club, Order Committee, Inter-school Relations Committee, National Thespian Society, and the Monogram society.

"My pet peeve," said Terry, "is somebody driving along the side of a golf course and yelling 'fore.'" By the way, golfing is one of his favorite sports, along with hunting and football. He has been on the school football team for two years and also on the J. V. basketball team.

While Jackie's favorites are Aldo's Pizza and the Four Aces, Terry prefers Swiss steak with mushrooms and listening to the Ames Brothers.

## A Soph's Diary

*by Fred and Walt*

Dear Diary:

Well, today was my first day at Blair, and gee dad, dear diary, if it weren't the craziest. We started out by having an assembly which consisted of a series of stout men in pin-striped suits giving speeches. In the process of one speech several cat-calls emerged from the back; this was followed by twelve disgruntled mice committing suicide.

After this fun-packed assembly concluded, we were escorted to homeroom, where I got deposited with a protuberance (hoo boy) of strangers. Our homeroom teacher was one of those first-day-make-an-impression on-'em type teachers with the fake teeth sticking out of the bottom of the mouth and a cat o' nine tails situated under his empty money belt. Right in the muddle of homeroom a weird, muffled voice emerged from a small box on the wall. Everyone shrank with horror; however, it turned out to be an announcement to go to your first abbreviated period.

Trying to locate the room was a complicated task, so I asked a man (who turned out to be a senior), and he directed me to go down such and such a hall, turn right at the first lynching, past a wake, and you can't miss it. He emphasized "you can't miss it!" Well after 57 minutes I gave up, I mean I wasn't . . . so what I did is I went up to the cafeteria for "lunch" (that's what they like to designate it; actually . . . it's, I mean, no) I enjoyed my "lunch" very much, dear diary; in fact at around 5th period I started to enjoy it again. So, I got mad at the whole thing and went home.

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## Students Win Many Awards

Opening graduation activities, the awards assembly was the scene for 500 student award presentations on June 3 in the stadium.

Among the honors bestowed on students were those of outstanding junior boy and girl, to Terry Hicks and Jackie DuMars.

Forty-six Latin awards were distributed by Miss Hazel Bratt, to those students winning honors in the Nationwide Latin Contest.

Monograms were awarded to those students who had earned the quota of 1,000 points, in scholarship and student activities.

Paul Harris, last year's Student Council president, presented to Mr. Daryl Shaw, the Council's gifts of a 16-m.m. projector and new electric water coolers for the hall drinking fountains.

Athletic, foreign language, and commercial awards were also presented to the students by the department heads.

Graduation exercises were held on June 19 in the stadium for 477 members of the Class of 1953. Reverend Edward Porter from St. Paul's Methodist Church in Kensington delivered the Invocation and Benediction.

"Tolerance" as the central theme was divided into three speeches: tolerance as met by the individual, tolerance as met by the individual, and tolerance as a basis for world peace. The speakers, Barbara Wilkes, Joan Mailman, and Joan Heidenreich, respectively, were selected by their fellow classmates.

Mrs. Durward Sandifer, of Montgomery County Board of Education, presented the diplomas to the graduates.

## Teaching Staff Increases By Nineteen To Compensate For Rapid Growth

To accommodate increased enrollment this year, 19 new teachers have joined the faculty staff.

Last June, 11 faculty members completed their teaching experience at Blair. They were: Mr. Donald Albaito, Mr. Thomas Krafchick, Mr. Francis Holiday, Mr. Paul Hartman, Mr. Ellis Keene, Mrs. Jacquelyn Pettit, Miss Ann Keefe, Miss Thelma Levine, Mr. Robert Risk, Miss Elizabeth Dowling, and Mrs. Shirley Worthington.

Joining Blair's English department this year are Miss Marguerite Robison, Mrs. Adele Rosenbaum, Mrs. Jewel McHugh and Mr. Donald Loughrie. Miss Robison has taught in Nebraska high schools and at the University of Maryland. Mrs. Rosenbaum received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from New York University.

Mrs. McHugh acquired her B.A. and M.A. degrees from George Peabody College for Teachers. Mr. Loughrie earned his A.B. degree from Shepherd College. He attended New York University and did graduate work at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Calvin Blatt, after teaching at Takoma Park Junior High School for six years, has come to Blair to teach in the mathematics department. Also a newcomer is Miss Bernadine Jones, who has done math consultant work in this county and has taught at Montgomery Hills and Bethesda-Chevy Chase.

Returning to Blair to join the commercial department are Mrs. Hazel Erickson and Mrs. Jane Lear. Mrs. Erickson resigned from Blair

# Students Tour Europe, Mexico

## Germany Provides Interesting Tale

by Jean Corey

This summer the American Field Service gave me, along with 250 other high-school students, the chance to live with a European family in order to pick up the language and customs.

We all went over on a student ship, which offered classes in conversational language, European politics, travel tips, etc., and provided an active recreational program. Landing at Le Havre, French busses whisked all of us German exchangees off to Duesseldorf for more orientation (such "social hints" as (1) the boy always walks on the left of a girl, (2) a boy may take a girl to a dance and leave her to go dance with another, (3) one eats with both hands on the table and uses the knife to push food onto the fork, etc.), and then we split up and went our separate ways.

I was placed in the family of Marianne Kalb, a German exchange student at Blair last year. The summer was spent living as a German fraulein would, except that perhaps I had a few more opportunities to take side trips.

After six weeks of absorbing culture and customs, all the AFS exchangees met in Paris for a two-day fling before boarding a ship for the States.

This year you will hear more about the opportunities to support an American Field Service European exchange student and also to send another Blair student on the summer exchange program.

at the end of 14 years, in 1948, as the head of a growing commercial department. Mrs. Lear, who went on leave in January of 1952, was then advisor and treasurer of the school bank.

Two new additions to the commercial department are Miss Helen Cook and Miss Elena Rispoli. Miss Cook received her B.A. degree from the University of Maryland in 1950. Miss Rispoli earned her B.S. degree from Wilson Teachers College.

New Biology teachers are Mrs. Bonita Nearpass and Mr. Frank Hanna, the latter recently discharged from the Navy. Mrs. Nearpass has had experience as a public high school teacher, college teacher, and guidance counselor in New York.

(Editor's Note: Since Silver Chips went to press, Mr. Hanna has resigned his position and no successor has yet been named.)

A graduate and former Library Club president of Blair, Mrs. Lois Parker, is joining the Diversified Occupation department. She is a graduate of Washington College and is now working on her M.A. in psychology at George Washington University.

Mr. Charles Wiles, new general industrial arts instructor, is a graduate of the University of Maryland.

Mr. Joseph A. Harty, now teaching electrical shop, earned his L.L.B. degree from Columbia University of Law in 1940.

An additional home arts teacher is Mrs. Elizabeth Spence. She acquired her B.S. from the University of Illinois.

Mr. Sydney Gelfand, new art instructor, received his B.A. degree from George Washington University and his M.A. from the Catholic University of America.



Left: Jean Corey and her hostess, Marianne Kalb in Germany. Right: Third and fifth, Pat Moritz and Pallie Berry with three friends from Mexico. Ellen Heft, Paul Meyers and Dick Hyland are not shown.



## New Honor Group Inducts Fourteen

On the basis of scholarship, service, and personality, Blair's chapter of the National Honor Society elected 14 juniors at the close of last semester.

Last year the students of Blair voted to sponsor a chapter of the National Honor Society, in addition to the Monogram Society. The organization was established in March, inducting only seniors. Membership is achieved by scholastic averages, determined on the basis of each class's enrollment. The number of students eligible is not to exceed 15 per cent of the class.

Those newly elected members are Anne Bell, Tom Cherix, Jean Corey, Jackie DuMars, Pauline Fuchs, Fred Fry, Phyllis Heflin, Lorrie LeRoy, Marjorie Persion, and Josephine Rogers.

Ruth Scherger, Sally Snyder, Sandra Slye, and Barbara Streicher were also elected.

## Attention, Alumni!

So that alumni won't be "completely in the dark" concerning Blair news, Silver Chips is being made available to them at \$1.40 per year. To secure your subscription, mail your money along with your name and address to Barbara MacMeekin, Silver Chips Office, Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, Maryland.

## Faculty Facts

## DeLauder Teaches History; Enjoys Advising Majorettes

Many Blair boys would gladly exchange extra-curricular activities with Mr. Roy DeLauder. Mr. "De," as he is known to many, is adviser to the Majorettes. His job includes teaching them formations, planning their trips, and traveling with them. Still won't change? Silly, boy!

Although he was born in Cumberland, Maryland, his family moved to Elkins, West Virginia, when he was one year old. While he was there, he entered grade school and continued there until his graduation from Elkins High School in 1933.

At Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, Mr. "De" received his A.B. degree, where he majored in English and history. After doing graduate work at the Connecticut Conservatory of Music and serving a four and one-half year hitch in the Navy, he received his M.A. degree in U. S. History while doing graduate work at the University of Maryland.

This year begins Mr. "De's" seventh teaching U. S. history at Blair and his seventh year of working to make Blair's Majorettes a group of which the school will be especially proud at football games and Band contests.

## News Notes

## Eyerma, Clements Attend Girls' State

Blair Chapter of Quill and Scroll, international honor society for high school journalists, has elected its officers for this year. Rosemary Nisonger, editor of Chips, will serve as president, assisted by Carolyn Maskell, vice-president, Jackie DuMars, secretary, and Judy Molitor, treasurer.

Jayne Eyerma and Margaret Clements represented Takoma Park and Silver Spring at Girls' State in Annapolis from June 22-27. Sponsored by the American Legion, the girls learned more about the government by attending lectures by senators and Governor McKeldin. Both girls are now Blair seniors.

Janice and Joan Heidenreich, senior and alumna respectively, spent their summer working with handicapped children at the Cerebral Palsy camp in Takoma Park. The girls received pocketbooks as an acknowledgement of their services.

The Monogram committee announced recently that six students earned 1,000 points by last June but failed to receive their monogram. They are Jane Irving, Sandra Stack, Robert Goldback, Mike Geehan, Sue Crowley, and Mary Matison.

Nancy Murdock, junior, attended a summer course in journalism at Catholic University, under the direction of Dr. Regis Boyle.

## Mexico Proves Unusual, Exciting

by Dick Hyland

Last summer I had the great fortune to go to Mexico City as one of the 200 exchange students, five from Blair.

After four days and nights on the bus we arrived, scared and unsure; yet, by the end of a week, we had grown to love it. Our new families were waiting for us, and we departed for our homes.

My house was large and spacious, with tile floors, marble stairs, and two yards.

The climate is wonderful. The days are warm, but not hot, and at night you sleep under a blanket. In the summer it rains a little every day, but hardly enough to spoil anyone's enjoyment.

## High Mountains Surround City

Mexico City is surrounded by high mountains, majestic and lovely, which look as if they were standing guard over her.

The people are cheerful and carefree, with natural politeness that's overwhelming.

Most streets are large, the main ones divided by palm trees or grass. Buildings are typical of any modern city, the newest ones being ultra-modern. At night the city is lighted by fabulous animated neon signs, resembling Broadway.

## Transportation No Problem

Buses of many different companies are everywhere, so transportation is no problem, especially with the low fare of about three cents. They slow down but rarely stop, so you learn to jump on and off.

Television isn't very popular, because the four channels offer only mediocre entertainment. The amusements include many gay parties and fiestas, movies, golf and the colorful and thrilling bullfights.

I saw Taxco, with its silver mines, lovely old homes and narrow streets; Acapulco, a modern resort on the Pacific; Xochimilco's floating gardens; the modernistic new Mexican University; and dozens of other wonderful things.

## Praeco Receives Elizabeth's Thanks

Excitement prevailed in Miss Hazel Bratt's room, as a letter from Buckingham Palace was opened.

Praeco Argenteus, Blair's Latin newspaper, had received a letter of thanks from the private secretary of Queen Elizabeth for the copy of the Coronation issue of Praeco last June.

Typed on white paper, with a red embossed coat-of-arms, read the message:

"25th June, 1953. The Private Secretary is commanded by the Queen to thank the Members of the Staff of 'Praeco Argenteus' and the Students of Montgomery Blair High School for the copy of their newspaper and for their message of good wishes on the occasion of Her Majesty's Coronation."

The issue contained stories on the Coronation itself, Winston Churchill, a book review on the "Little Princesses," and a movie review on "The Mudlark." As always, some stories were in Latin and some were in English.

Going into its fourth year of publication, Praeco has received many honors. Just last week the staff learned that it had won first place in the foreign language category of the Maryland Scholastic Press Association contest.

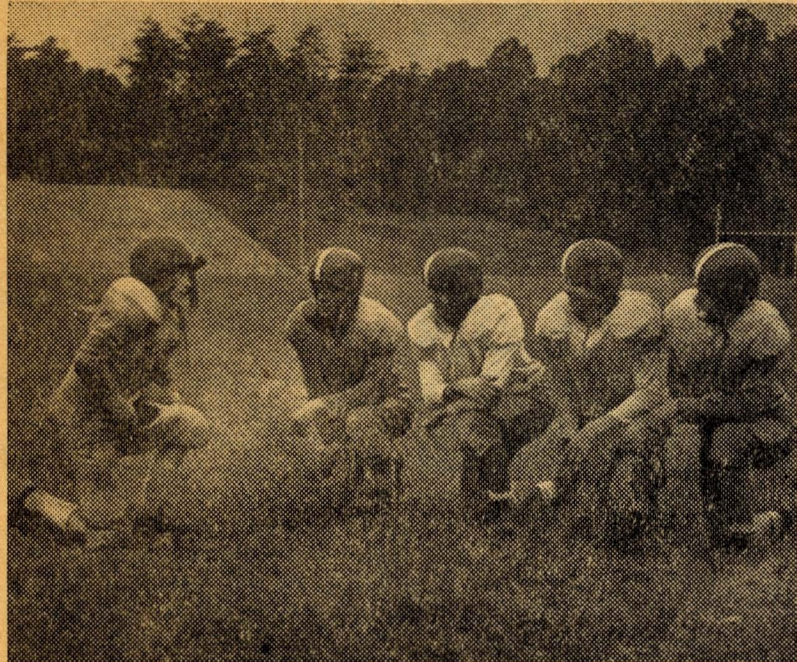


Mr. Roy DeLauder

Mr. DeLauder and his family, which includes two youngsters, Roy and Journey, now reside in Silver Spring.

When asked about his interests, Mr. "De" replied, "I like music, cabinet making, models, and girls!"

## Jamboree Opens 1953 Season On Saturday At B. C. C. High



Five returning lettermen from the '52 eleven are (from left to right) Edgar Turney, George Rivers, Sonny Harper, Bill Bennett, and Jack Ghormley.

With school now under way, football begins soon, in fact Saturday, September 19, with the County Jamboree at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High at 2 p.m.

Saturday's jamboree will find Blair's A team clashing with Sherwood, while the Blazer B team fights Richard Montgomery. Rounding out the day will be a contest between B. C. C. and Gaithersburg.

Also present at the proceedings will be the Blair Band and Majorettes, and of course, the Cheerleaders. All three contests will consist of shortened quarters.

Due to graduation, Blair lost some of their stars, such as Al Freas, who was first string "All State," and Ralph Ward, Bill "Moose" Turner, both of whom copped a place in "All County." Ron McPherson is also among the Blazer graduates, along with Fred Schnable, Ned Murphy, Billy Bruff, Dick Hilton, and many others.

Coach Conrad Brown, who replaces Mr. Reno Continetti as head football coach, commented optimistically that his boys will make a good showing for Blair. Right now they are a bit slow, but they are picking up speed as time goes on. This season the boys will play the wing-T as their offensive formation. Last year the Blazers worked the split-T.

The backfield is small, but full of

power. Working towards quarterback are Edgar Turney, a two-year letterman, and Lee Briggs. Fullback is well handled by Eddie Ward and Norman Smith. Working halfback will be Junior Dick Street.

Handling the end positions will be Ed Hawlin and George Rivers, while tackles are Sonny Harper, Paul Freas, and Tom Walker. Bill Bennett, Terry Hicks, Bob Peake, and Ronnie Culpepper will handle the guard positions. Center will be handled by Jack Ghormley and Joe Gross.

Blair faces three games away, with two being at night. Dropped from the Blazer schedule is Southern of Baltimore.

This year initiates the new Bi-County League. The league is composed of Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

### Varsity Football Schedule

Sept. 19—Jamboree	-----	Away
Sept. 26—Suitland*	-----	Away
Oct. 3—Bladensburg	---	Home
Oct. 9—Hagerstown*	---	Away
Oct. 16—Allegany*	-----	Away
Oct. 24—Northwestern	---	Home
Oct. 31—Coolidge	-----	Home
Nov. 7—Frederick	-----	Home
Nov. 14—B. C. C.	-----	Home

(\*) Night games

Afternoon games begin at 2:15 p.m.

## Sportlight On Girls . . . by Anne Chalupsky

### Intramurals Begin September; Awards Assembly Honors Girls

With gym suits, tennis shoes, combination locks, towel service, and "showers today, girls!", we're back in the swing of things again with sports high on the list of school activities.

As we look forward to attending the fall football games and participating in intramurals, summer sports and pastimes, and frequent trips to beaches, which produced those beautiful tans, recede into fond memories.

Hockey, volley ball, and paddle tennis will offer much enjoyment this fall for participants in intramurals and gym classes. Girls must sign up for intramurals during the first week of school, as they will start Monday, September 21.

Referring to those girls who do not take gym, everyone is welcome to participate in after school intramurals. All are urged to visit the locker room regularly, as the bulletin board will give girls, intramural information. Let's have a large number of girls out for after school sports!

Gym teachers back with us again this year are Miss June E. Lippy and Miss Jean Baker.

We will miss Mrs. Glenore Detwiler who is leaving our gym department this year to teach biology classes. Grasshoppers and amoebae in comparison to basketball and tumbling?

Looking back upon the parade of past events, we shall long remember that delightfully hot June 3 when we all came close to passing out at the Awards Assembly—that happy occasion when Miss June E. Lippy presented letters and bars to current seniors Helen Barnard, Marilyn Dennis, Arla Saunderson, Binkey Varey, and last year's seniors Becky Fraley, Carol Jungk, Margaret Madison, Mary Lou Mull, Joy Nuttall, and Penny Wood, and the honored Betty Lou Bergman, who received the annual Senior Girls' Outstanding Athlete Award.

Majorette tryouts start this week. To the old and new members, cooperation and hard work is required for another prize-winning team. Good luck, girls!

# Welcome, Coach Conrad Brown

"Since we're starting from scratch, the boys are plenty green; however, we're quite pleased with the spirit the team has displayed," remarked Coach Conrad Brown about the Blazer eleven, which he recently inherited.

Coach Brown replaces ex-coach and athletic director, Reno Continetti, as head football mentor, since the latter accepted a position at Eastern Suburban Junior High. Coach Brown comes to Blair after two years as line coach of an Atlanta, Georgia, high school.

Thanks again go to Pennsylvania for adding another favorite son to the Blair faculty. Coach Brown hails from Ebensburg, the county seat of Cambria County, where he was born on April 17, 1927. At Ebensburg Cambria High School, "Con" was a member of the football, track, baseball, and basketball squads.

Upon graduating from high school, he entered St. Francis College in Pennsylvania, where he completed one year. Coach Brown then transferred to Penn State College, where he attended

three years, and was graduated with a B.A. in physical education. At that school he starred as a defensive tackle on the Nittany Lion eleven.

Coach Brown, a nice-looking, con-

Kearns' Kolumn . . . . .

by Jerry Kearns

## Football To Initiate Big Year; Stadium Receives Face-Lifting

With this introductory issue of Silver Chips, your sports staff extends to you their best wishes for a successful year scholastically as well as athletically.

This year Blairites may look forward to an exciting year of sports, starting with football. Coach Conrad Brown has been working his boys since late August.

Speaking of teams, the coaches extend an invitation to all boys to try out for the sport which they wish. If you don't make it this year, try again. If you are good material, there will be a spot for you.

During the summer, Coach Dave Carrasco and a few of the students worked to improve the field and stadium. Coach and the boys seeded and "deweeded" the field. To help keep the grounds looking green and soft, a sprinkling system was installed. It is easily moved and can be placed anywhere in the

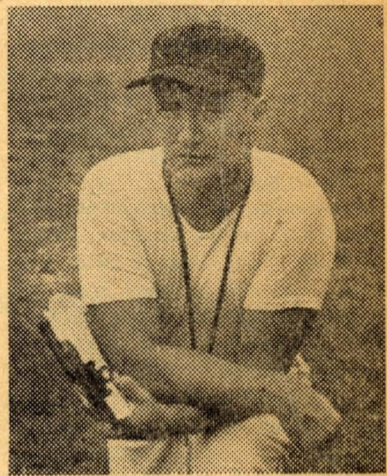
field.

This year all games will be carried by a station in Rockville. For the convenience of those covering the games, a booth has been installed at the top of the stadium. Also Blair has acquired a score board.

With the help of the students, the stadium may be kept looking nice and something of which to be proud.

Also during the summer Coach Carrasco tried to promote lights for the stadium and the lot adjoining the field for parking, but has not yet succeeded in this venture. He was following a plan which had been attempted before. Blair's new gym has progressed rapidly, and the forecast is for its completion by next fall.

One last word to you new students, as well as the old, "Support your teams and they will make you proud that you are a part of Blair."



Head grid coach, Conrad Brown

genial guy, who stands 6'3" and weighs 220, married the former Miss Dolores Leahy of nearby Hanover, Pennsylvania, and they now have an eleven-month-old son, Chris.

Since Georgia was so far from home, both Mr. and Mrs. Brown hoped to get situated farther north. Coach Brown, aided by his Penn State coach, then decided to come to Blair.

Now coach and Mrs. Brown can visit home more regularly after the season, and not hinder his coaching schedule.

(Editor's Note: Coach Pete Pazahanick, Blair's new line coach, will be interviewed in the next issue of Silver Chips.)

## Varsity, Intramural Participants Receive Awards In Assembly

To recognize last year's outstanding athletes, the annual Awards Assembly in which honors were presented to participants in six different sports, was held Wednesday, June 3, in the Blair stadium.

Former senior Allen Mighell, who led the Blair tennis netmen to a 3-3-1 record, was awarded the outstanding player

trophy by Mr. Ernest Rhodes, tennis coach. The trophy is presented annually to the most valuable senior tennis player. Letters for tennis were received by Gregory Morris, Lutz Niemeyer, Howard Persky, Bob Trevas, and Tom Wright. Maguire Awards Riflemen

Mr. Robert Maguire bestowed rifle letters to Bill Barkley, Robert Green, Gregory Lewis, Bruce McDowell, Courtney Schlosser, Ronald Sterns, Reggie Tatum, John Williams, Richard Sterns, and Saul Honigsberg. Carl Canterbury received a bar and Honigsberg won the Waters Trophy for champion marksmanship.

Golf awards were distributed by former coach Reno Continetti to Robin Ehlert, Sam Harvey, Bob Irelan, Jerry McFerren, Richard Mason, and Bob Peterson.

Baseballers Receive Letters

Coached by Mr. Stanley Kulakowski, last year's honored lettermen were Jack Doane, Carroll Hitch, Jake Wicklein, Richard Harries, Ralph Ward, Jim Brown, Bill Overman, Sonny Barbot, George Everett, Jay Solomon, Bob Moulton, Robert Halstead, and Allan Schwartz.

Boys' intramural awards were presented also. Jim Limrick, "Moose" Turner, Tom Spann, Ned Murphy, James Sartwell, Robert Dunham, Jack Short, Sonny Harper, Paul Freas, and Neil McNerny received letters.

## Why Not More Opportunity For Athletic Participation?

by The Sports Staff

Montgomery Blair's athletic program offers many diverse sports in which to participate, both in intramurals and on varsity teams.

With our enrollment hovering somewhere around 2,000, naturally there are many students who have abilities in sports which Blair doesn't offer. Why shouldn't these Blairites be afforded the opportunity to excel in their specialty?

This individual has heard comments from students regarding the organization of various teams. Let's take a swimming team for example!

Actually, if enough students were interested, and a faculty member was available as an adviser, they could acquire the use of some indoor pool in this area for practicing a few nights a week.

Several prep schools and colleges in this area have swimming squads and would provide competition for the Blazers in warming up for their regularly scheduled meets. These schools, however, would carry only male squads, and therefore, Blair's team would also have to be composed entirely of boys.

The only solution for the gals, I'm afraid, would be to organize a club just for the enjoyment of aquatics, or challenge the fellows

to a meet, providing, of course, that a sporting chance be given.

If this article only serves to light a spark of interest, it will have served its purpose. The thought might spread to students of other Washington vicinity schools, and who knows, in a few years there may be sufficient teams to begin planning for competition among high schools.

Why shouldn't swimming (which includes diving) be a varsity sport? It is in innumerable junior and senior highs throughout the United States.

## Wiley Takes Over Junior Footballers

Practice for the Blazer Jayvee football team began shortly after varsity workouts, and approximately 50 boys turned up, according to Coach Conrad Brown.

Blair's 1953 Jayvee eleven will be guided by Mr. Guy Wiley, who in addition to teaching algebra will carry this responsibility. Assisting Mr. Wiley will be varsity coaches Brown and Mr. Pete Pazahanick. Last season's squad was coached by Mr. Edward Rieder, who will this year devote more time to his soccer and track teams.

# Student Council Sends Delegations To Meetings Of County, State Conventions Throughout Year

Not only does Blair's Student Council meet every day, five days a week, but delegations attend three other Student Council organizations in Maryland throughout the school year.

Beginning this yearly chain of meetings was the first of the seven Interhigh Student Council meetings held on September 23. Mr. Edward Fox, Student Council adviser, and Terry Hicks, Student Council president, attended this opening event. Ralph Lopez, junior, holds the one Blair office in this Interhigh Society, that of parliamentarian. The dates and locations as scheduled for the remaining six meetings are: September 30, Sher-

wood; November 11, Poolesville; January 20, Gaithersburg; March 17, Bethesda-Chevy Chase; April 14, Damascus; and May 19, Blair.

As a participant in the Central Regional Student Council, Blair will be sending representatives to the first of the four annual meetings on October 6. Three regional student councils have been established in the state of Maryland, where the surrounding schools of the respective areas can assemble.

Today marked the beginning for the annual Maryland Association of Student Councils Convention. This three-day affair is held this year at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School.

The number of representatives from each school is based on its population. Two persons signify an enrollment of under 500 students, while schools under 1,000 can register a total of three representatives. Systems numbering over 1,000 are entitled to a delegation of four.

Twenty discussion groups will fill the daily hours. Divided proportionately, Blair will direct three of the groups—"How can the Student Council develop wholesome school spirit?" "How can the Student Council improve assemblies?" and "How can the Student Council promote the wholesome community relations?"

# Activity Tickets Give Reductions To Holder

by Nancy Murdock

"Are ye a wee bit Scotch with yer money?"

Well, by owning an activity ticket, you can actually cut in half your expenses for school activities, which, all totaled, reach \$15.

Unlike some "two for the price of one" sales the Blair activity ticket has real benefits for the student. You receive all three of the school publications. These are Silver Quill, the literary magazine, Silver Chips, the newspaper, issued 12 times and the yearbook, Silverlogue.

Omitting the Bethesda-Blair games, the holder is admitted to all home games and is entitled to ticket reductions for away games. If paid for separately, these events would total about \$7 for the entire year.

This year, as in the past, the activity ticket can be paid for in one lump sum of \$7.50 or in two installments—the first payment of \$4 and \$3.50 as the second and final payment.

Unpaid Installments Cause Fines

Buying on this installment plan involves a certain number of obligations as any special privilege would. Both the student and his parents must sign the installment agreement to insure payments. If the second payment is not fulfilled by or on January 15, 1954, a penalty of 50 cents a month will be invoked.

When sales began Thursday, September 24, it was noted by Mr. Walter Keibler, Bank adviser, that at the end of the second day they fell a little below average. Mr. Keibler explained that this was because students were also buying insurance and class rings at that time. However, a total of \$13,000 is expected by the end of December.

Council Started Ticket in 1947

Established in 1947, six years ago, by the Student Council, the activity ticket proceeds will go proportionately to Silver Chips, Silver Quill, Silverlogue, and athletics.

## Contractors To Complete New Gym By Next Fall

Principal Daryl Shaw recently announced that construction on the new boys' gym will be completed by next September.

Begun last spring by contractor T. Calvin Owens, it will be the sixth building on the campus. The structure will have three health rooms, as well as accommodations for 1,000 boys a day in health and physical education. With these increased facilities, the subject will probably be required.

The basketball court will have bleachers seating 2,000.

# National Senior Honor Society Changes Monogram Functions

Because of the establishment of the National Senior Honor Society at Blair last year, the function of the Monogram Society has been changed.

While the NSHS will be basically concerned with honoring scholarships, the Monogram Society will now center its effort on honoring school services.

To accomplish this, the point system has changed whereby students will not receive the previous high number of points for semester "A's" but instead will receive more credit for their other services.

Homeroom officers, clubs, committees, Student Council, publications, perfect attendance, no tardiness, Bank activities, as well as



Cartoon by Tom Devlin

Upon depositing the \$7.50 in the Bank, this student is receiving immediate benefits from the activity ticket.

Activity tickets are now on sale before school, at lunch time, and after school at the Bank, located on the first floor of "B" building.

# PA System Tries New Rotation Plan In Morning Shows

If students have not already detected the new method of handling public address announcements in the morning, it will be news to both the new and old.

A new system has been established whereby Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays are the only days for promotional news handled by the students. Important messages concerning the student body are delivered by Mr. Daryl Shaw or Mr. Allan Vogt.

Under the direction of senior Keith Wheeler, new permanent master of the public address system, five other seniors will be rotating every week to assist in the morning announcements. They are Phyllis Jolly, Jerry Kearns, Carolyn Decker, Hartley Jones, and Jerry Zlotowitz.

Another morning activity conducted on the rotation basis is the "Disc Jockey Show" from 8:15 to 8:45. For its second year in existence, it will offer sophomores and juniors an occasional opportunity to appear as guest disc jockeys. However, Walter Kramer and Fred Seller, together with Sally Smith and Jean Rudgier, will be the two permanent couples to rotate every two weeks.

# Silver Chips

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## Silver Quill Offers Positions For Writers, Staff Members

With openings on the literary staff for sophomores and juniors, Silver Quill, Blair's magazine, is offering more students the opportunity to take part in a major school activity.

Not only will students gain a volume of knowledge about the publication of a magazine, but they will be earning points toward one of the highest honors awarded at Blair: the Monogram.

Silver Quill is also looking for writers. Short stories, both humor and mystery, poems, sports, and book reviews are only some of the variations of writing. Particular interest is placed on sport stories of all kinds and human interest items such as hobbies and trips.

Unlike previous years, Quill will, as the situation now stands, have only one issue, instead of the customary two. This cut is caused by the reduction in funds appropriated by the Student Council. However, if the proceeds from activity ticket sales are sufficient, there is a possibility that there will be a second edition.

January has been set at the tentative month in which the issue will be available to activity-ticket holding students.

Heading the editorial staff this year is Lorrie LeRoy, assisted by Mary Lowe. Business manager is Wally Murphy with Jeanne Piazza in charge of publicity. Janie Williams heads the art division, assisted by Judy Molitor. Typing is supervised by Carol Megy and

## Chips Places First In Critical Rating

In the annual Quill and Scroll evaluation program, Silver Chips for 1952-53 received notice of their International Honor Ratings distinguishing it as a two-time winner.

Each year the Quill and Scroll Critical Service, a journalistic organization, invites member schools to enter its program for appraisal by judges.

Judging both its journalistic merit and its educational value, the papers are based on the size of the school compared with other entries, the facilities with which they have to work, and the type of school population they serve.

Chips received a total of 903 points out of a possible 1,000.

Eileen Ingstrom handles exchanges.

Those students wishing to help put out the magazine are requested to sign up with Mrs. Dorothy Love, Room C-100.

## Honor Society Elects Officers

In its first meeting of the year on September 22, Blair's National Senior Honor Society voted Jean Corey president.

The 14-member group also elected Fred Fry vice president with Marjorie Persion and Tom Cherrix as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

On the basis of scholarship, service, leadership, and character the senior members, representing three per cent of their class, were chosen at the close of their junior year by the Faculty Scholarship and Awards Committee.

Determined each year on the basis of the senior class enrollment, the number of students eligible must not exceed fifteen per cent of the class.

Each group may decide whether they wish to remain active or as an inactive group; an unanimous vote was cast by the present members in favor of an active year.

Another seven per cent of the senior class will be chosen soon, bringing the group to a total of ten per cent of the class.

## Meeting Closes School

When the annual Maryland Teachers Meeting is held this year, Thursday, October 15, to Saturday, October 17, in Baltimore, school will be closed Thursday and Friday of that week.

During the meeting, 13 students from Miss Mary Cross's chorus class will attend a clinic conducted by Dr. Harry Wilson, state chorus director.

## Service Branches To Address Boys In Group Lectures

Armed service representatives will present a series of three assembly programs during October for junior and senior boys to acquaint them with the various phases of military training.

In the first of the series on Thursday, October 1, information concerning required military service and the reserve program of all branches was presented.

Branches to Be Represented

Scheduled for October 20, is the officers training program to be followed the next week on October 27 by the third and final lecture for boys. The latter will deal with the active military service with special consideration on the draft and enlistment.

Speaking on their respective branches will be representatives from the Naval Reserve, Army Reserve, National Guard, Marine Reserve, and the Coast Guard.

Designed for Opportunities

Girls, too, will have a chance to become familiar with the services. On November 3 they will attend an assembly to be addressed by women in the armed services.

All of these assemblies, arranged by the guidance department, are designed to give a brief presentation of the many possibilities offered by service enrollment. If a sufficient number of students are interested, there is a possibility that arrangements can be made for them to meet in smaller groups with the service representatives.

## Band, Majorettes Plan Active Week

A red "X" marks the spot on the Band and Majorettes' calendar for this week-end of October 9 and 10.

Leaving at 5:30 Friday evening, they will board school buses to take them to the Hagerstown game, where they will perform in full attire.

In keeping with the tradition of the past six years, they will march in the Silver Spring Firemen's Parade, Saturday afternoon. This parade ends Fire Prevention Week.

Court News

## Court To Function With Six Justices

by Jack Anderson

From the judicial branch of Blair's government come greetings and best wishes for a most successful school year.

You, the citizens of Blair, are very fortunate in having a Student Council that is rate as top-notch, and a Student Court that is rapidly gaining prestige.

### Justices Represent Classes

The Student Court, of your judicial body, is composed of six associate justices, two elected to represent each class at the beginning of the term they are to serve. You elect a chief justice in the spring to head the judicial branch the next year.

Court sessions are held once each week, during which time violators of Student Council laws who have been reported by the Order Committee are subpoenaed and their hearings are held.

### Passes Judgment on Council Laws

Other functions of your Student Court are to pass judgment on the constitutionality of Student Council laws under certain conditions, to promote democratic controls in the student body, and to further student harmony, spirit, and morale.

Your Student Government is organized with you in mind. Its machinery works for you. Remember to do your part in supporting the democracy of Montgomery Blair High School!

## Jean Handles Packages For Needy Families; Jack Pounds Gavel In Student Court Sessions

Did someone mention a CARE package or a gavel? To Jean Scoltock and Jack Anderson these are familiar objects.

"I hope through everybody's help we can make Blair's CARE record bigger and better than ever before," says Jean, who is chairman of the Welfare Committee. Some of her other school activities include Library Club, Monogram Committee, Advanced Chorus, and bowling.

This busy Iowan claims Julius LaRosa as her favorite singer and that hamburgers with French fries "a la Hot Shoppe" are real gone.

In her spare moments Jean takes piano lessons, is the moderator of her church group, and right now is in the process of knitting a crazy pair of argyles.

By being Chief Justice of Blair's active student court, Jack is getting experience for a possible future in law. He began as a justice in his sophomore and junior years and last year was elected as Chief. The Court, Advanced Chorus, and studies take up most of his time in school, but on the

## Musical Could Express Melody, Drama, Art

It has been the policy of the various school departments to give a presentation to the public sometime during the school year in order to exhibit the talent in their particular field.

Such productions include band concerts, spring play, art shows, and chorus recitals.

A collaboration of these departments with other school groups, in the form of a light operetta or musical comedy, *Robin Hood* or the *Mockingbird* for example, would channel the school's talent into one production.

Each individual at Blair would be eligible to participate, for such an undertaking would necessitate many different talents.

The acting could be supported by a singing chorus, the concert band, and possibly dancers in a setting painted by art students. Publicity would employ the Art and Radio

Clubs, the newspaper staffs, and the print shop. Valuable experience would be gained by all, including home economics students, planning, making, and/or altering costumes. Make-up artists would have a job, also.

For those not in these categories, ushering, ticket sales, and other committees offer opportunities.

With the executive ability and talent available at Blair, it would be worthwhile for both culture and entertainment for campus members as well as Silver Spring residents to back such a production.

A number of parents have expressed their interest in supporting what they consider an important venture.

Your comments on this idea would be most welcomed by the staff. Submit a written copy of them to the newspaper office in "C" building before October 16.

## Cold Koreans Need Warm-Hearted Friends

Homeless, alone, whom can they turn to?

In a long line Korean families trudge, without destination, without hope. Carrying all the possessions they can on their backs and dragging their hungry, barefoot children.

You have probably seen this sight many times in the newsreels at the movies. Yes, this is real! It is really happening today, now, even while you read.

Food and clothing do not appear by some magical device. There are no stores, no farms and no money. Where, where can they get the food they need to keep going? Where can they get the warm clothing to

keep them alive through the freezing Korean winter? Where? From you! Yes, you!

Though your CARE donations don't go exclusively to Korea, it is merely given as an example of the extreme need found in many parts of the world.

Other countries are still at war, and many more are still struggling to regain what they lost in former wars. All over the world there is poverty and desperation.

Communism appeals to those who lack the basic necessities of life, for it promises to "share the wealth." But, if these needs are provided by the people of a nation, there is an even greater appeal. Blair students have given almost \$15,000 since its start here in 1947. Blair has indeed been a force for freedom.

Join in the program of relief to the destitute and help for the suffering. A few cents apiece add up. The funds collected in home-rooms are sent to the CARE office. There it is turned into food and clothing, which is forwarded to the country you chose and to the waiting families. Join CARE today!

### What'll I Do About The Other Man?

Dear Aunt Ruthie:

My problem is that I have been going steady since I was nine and my girl friend is in love with another man. I overheard Tulip talking on the phone and I'm sure I heard her tell her best friend, "I just love Bob Lee!" I am at my wit's end. What shall I do? Perplexed Pete.

Dear Perplexed Pete:

You fool, you! Tulip meant Bob Lee's Aristocrats. To win her back, take her to the Homecoming Formal in the Blair gym on October 31 at 9 p.m. It's only \$1.20 a couple. She'll be overjoyed.

Aunt Ruthie.

### Klassy Kwotes

## Some Mixed-Up Kids Give Crazy Answers

Several students were asked by the inquiring reporter what they would do if they met a *moujik* who belonged to a *zemstvo*. These were the replies:

Beth Edmonds: I'd take it down to the Smithsonian.

Clayton Cisar: I'd ask him if he had librohicularus.

Harvey Hauland: I'd shoot it.

Margaret Chase: I'd say, "How do you do?"

Lynne Russell: I'd put it in my locker.

Vic French: I'd take it to see "From Here to Eternity."

Peggy Seay: I'd probably flip.

Mr. Kiebler: Holler for help.

Fred and Walt: We'd ignore the *zemstvo* so as not to make the *moujik* jealous.

Pat Bott: I'd tell him he was going in the wrong direction.

Sharon McKenzie: I'd ask Miss Mitchell what it was.

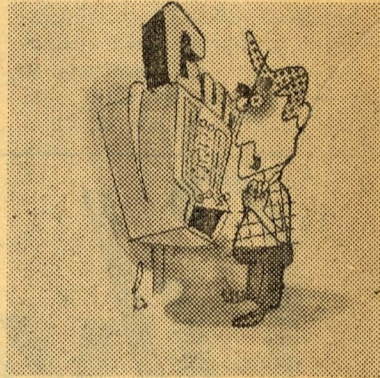
For the information of the reader, these people would be meeting a Russian peasant who belongs to a local Russian elective body.

## Gum Chewing Requires Skill

by Fred and Walt

Chewing a piece of gum does not require any actual advanced know-how if you have the primary skills of this art well mastered.

Gum can easily be obtained from under any seat in your choice neighborhood theater, your favorite blackmarket Wrigley's middle man, or maybe even a gum machine. An amplitude (whoa, boy) of flavors are available, such as: chocolate, quince, salt, yucca, wood, spear-



Cartoon by Fred and Walt

"Where Do I Put My Penny?"

mint, etc. (The latter is available in bulk only.)

### Three Steps to Master Art

Now then, STEP 1: Upon acquiring a pack, remove one piece (this is not hard) and place same in mouth at a 180-degree angle.

STEP 2: Then maneuver said piece of gum either to the right or left side of the mouth with tongue and bite crisply—making sure you retract the tongue before chewing. This precaution alone will add materially to the future enjoyment of the tongue.

STEP 3: Repeat Steps 1 and 2 for several hours or until gum is completely fagged out.

### Bubble Gum Is Hazardous

Now that you have fully grasped the art of gum-chewing, we should warn you against the hazards; such as... Bubble Gum! This is messy; what people that don't get it on their face get it in their hair. This flub requires turpentine, Xacto blades, and a six-ounce can of bubble gum thinner. (For Double Bubble Gum, a twelve-ounce can is advisable.)

Other hazards include chewing that black substance known as "tar." Chewing this is not advisable as the acid content might prove unsatisfactory to your dentist.

So, why not endear yourselves to the hearts of millions of teachers all over Blair, chew gum in class and chew it nice and loud. Gene Autry wants you to.

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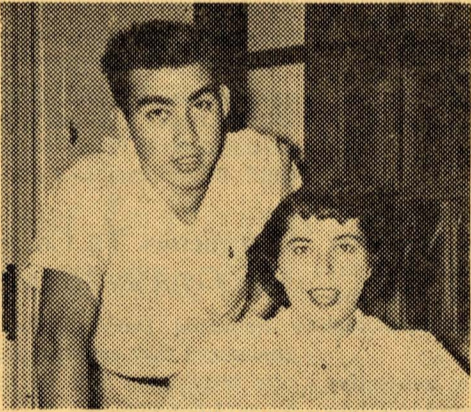


Photo by Charles Peterson

Jack Anderson and Jean Scoltock

outside he is in charge of fellowship and recreation for his church's conference, which takes him traveling all over the state.

Originally from Virginia, Jack states that his secret ambition is to return and live in Roanoke Valley.

"My pet peeve," says Jack, "is when I have to be two places at once."

## Teens Pick Fur, Leather, Orlon As Favorites To Lead Colorful Fashion Parade This Fall

by Cynthia Ferrell

If you, as a teenagers, had to pick a favorite year for fashion in the past decade, this year might well be your choice.

Not only are clothes just plain better looking; they are more adult, of clearer line, and better colors. In the past, teen clothes tended to be simply fill-ins between girls' and women's, but now they have truly come into their own.

Fur has always been popular on coats, but this season it is appearing on wool dresses and suits, earrings and bracelets, and detachable collars for sweaters. Squirrel is most frequently used, but for those of us with expandable budgets, mink is also offered.

Pastel pink, blue, yellow and green; and even white leather, as well as the more conventional colors, will be essential in every co-ed's wardrobe this winter. Caps and cloches, saddle bags and slender boxes all will enjoy a very rosy future. Leather is far too good to stay by itself, so don't be

surprised when tweed, checked, and plaid suits and skirts show up with leather pockets and collars.

That always luxurious white sweater set can now be a practical and highly useful part of your school and date life. That miracle of miracles, Orlon, has made the washing of sweaters as easy as washing your hands. Dior's new skirt length isn't the only thing from France—embroidered ribbon in a wide variety of colors has been used with great success on pastel sweaters. This should be a boom when we want to look particularly feminine for someone special.

In the color line, brown in everything from milky tan to bitter-sweet chocolate will be consistently one of the best colors to mix and match. Still in the brown field, the classic tan polo coat is sure to capture "All American."

# Band, Majorettes Add Fifty-three Members



Photo by Charles Peterson

New Majorettes are Carolyn Smith, Jean Lanham, Joyce Battles, Jean Pomplin, Mary Jo Park, Marilyn Williams, and Joyce Schelle.

Blair's marching units, the Band and Majorettes, have a combined total of 53 new members.

The number of pom-pom girls and acrobats, having been cut, the Majorettes now number 28, compared to 36 two years ago.

Qualifying new members are Jean Pomplin, Marilyn Williams, Carol Smith, Jean Lanham, Lynna Lovelace, Joyce Battles, Mary Jo Park, Arletta Chesley, and Joyce Schelle.

The nine new majorettes passed the following set of qualifications and were voted in by the old members of the corps. The qualifications for entry were: (1) The applicant must be new to Blair and in either the junior or senior class. (2) She must have a general "C" average. (3) She must have rhythm and be able to "catch on" easily.

The 45 new members of the Band

## PTA Donates New Reference Books

Blair's Parent-Teacher Association has provided the Library with 14 additional new reference books, which students are invited to inspect and use.

Located on the reference shelf of Miss Elizabeth Stickley's office, these books include the "Oxford Companion to Music" by Scholes, "Dictionary of Music and Musicians" by Grove, "Oxford Companion to the Theatre" by Hartnoll, "Oxford Companion to English Literature" by Harvey, "Oxford Companion to American Literature" by Hart, "Encyclopedia of Literature" by Shipley, "Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes" by Opie, "International Cyclopaedia of Music and Musicians" by Thompson, "Masterpieces of World Literature" by Harper.

Also in the additions are "Home Book of Quotations," "Home Book of Proverbs, Maxims, and Familiar Prose," "Home Book of Verse," volumes I and II, and the "Home Book of Modern Verse," of which there are two copies, by Stevenson.

## Vestal Gardner Replaces Julia Foley As School Nurse

New school nurse Mrs. Vestal Gardner, replacing Miss Julia Foley, comes to Blair after having been school nurse at Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Leland Junior High School.

Mrs. Gardner earned her A.B. from Phillips University in Oklahoma, majoring in chemistry and mathematics. She is a graduate of Washington University School of Nursing in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Gardner has served as school nurse in Illinois, taught in Virginia, and has been a visiting Public Health nurse in Virginia.

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## Faculty Facts

## Chips Adviser Regards Work As Challenging, Rewarding

Journalistically speaking, Mrs. Lucille Norris Moler, adviser to Silver Chips, holds the keys that unlock the doors to the "fourth estate" at Blair.

"Advising Silver Chips is one of my most pleasant duties here even though it is time consuming," stated the moderator in an interview with a Chips reporter.

"Opportunities for working closely with some of our most talented students is both challenging and rewarding," remarked Mrs. Moler.



Photo by Bill Garrett

Mrs. Lucille N. Moler

Since she came to Blair in 1943, the instructor has held the advisership of Silver Chips. During this time the paper has received various honor awards in national competition. The most recent of these are the National Scholastic Press Association All-American and the Quill and Scroll International Rating, two of the highest honors given to a high-school publication.

In 1944, Mrs. Moler initiated the journalism course and the school news bureau for distribution of publicity to the press, both of which she still directs.

"Scholastic journalism affords opportunity for the student to discover whether he has talent for a journalistic career as well as to discipline his writing style," remarked the adviser.

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# Chips Holds Library Exhibit For National Newspaper Week

In observation of National Newspaper Week, October 1-8, Silver Chips has displayed an exhibit on the Library bulletin board throughout the week and held open house in the newspaper office yesterday.

During this week, Quill and Scroll, along with the National Newspaper Week Committee, is conducting contests on the college and high school level in essay writing and illustration. School newspapers observing N. N. W. can submit reports of their activities

in the Quill and Scroll competition for the Gallup Award. Fifty of the nation's most distinguished high school newspapers are selected for the Gallup Award in the annual critical service maintained by Quill and Scroll.

Among the national contests, the N. N. W. Committee, during this year, will conduct contests for (1) the best essay on "Freedom of Information" and (2) the best illustration of the 1953 slogan.

The contests are open to all Blairites and they may receive more information in the Chips office.

## Conn, Wright Win College Honors

Colleges have honored two June graduates, Thomas Wright and Andrew Conn, with a four-year scholarship and entrance into Johns Hopkins University.

One of the 200 scholarship winning students at Pomona College, Claremont, California, Tom has been awarded a four-year honorary alumni scholarship. While he was at Blair, he won a gold key in the Washington Star writing contest and received honorable mention in a high-school photo contest. Tom, grandson of the noted architect, Lloyd Wright, plans to become an astronomer and will major in mathematics.

Andy was among the 310 freshmen who enrolled at Johns Hopkins University last week. He plans to take courses in engineering and to make that his career after graduation.

While a senior at Blair, Andy received the District of Columbia Chapter of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Alumnae Award for superiority in mathematics and science.

## PTA Elects Head; Hears Dr. Norris

Introduction of Dr. Forbes Norris, new superintendent of Montgomery County schools, and the election of a new president of the PTA were the features of the first PTA meeting on September 29.

Due to the resignation of Homer Kempfer as president, a special election was held, naming Lt. Col. William T. Hornaday as president and Mr. O. F. Johndrew as vice president.

Dr. Norris, in his speech, expressed delight at the enthusiasm of the group and approval of the activities reported in the business meeting.

In reminding parents of the changes that have taken place in Montgomery County as to the population of schools, teaching staff, and school buildings, Dr. Norris pointed out that enrollment since 1940 has increased 250 per cent.

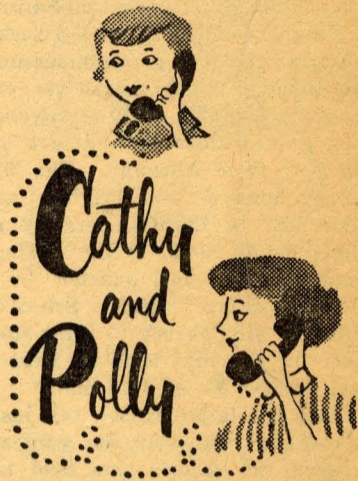
At the close of Dr. Norris's talk, Mr. D. H. Shaw, principal, welcomed new parents and introduced new faculty members.

## Governor Speaks After Presentation

Theodore R. McKeldin, Governor of Maryland, was the featured speaker at the assembly, held yesterday by the Exchange Club of Silver Spring, to present the school with a "Freedom Shrine."

The shrine includes framed replicas of important historical documents. After the presentation, the Governor spoke. The Band provided music for the event.

(Editor's Note: Because Silver Chips went to press before the assembly, coverage of the speech was impossible in this issue.)



"Last June and graduation seem a long time ago now that we are telephone career girls."



"We were lucky to get such good jobs without experience."



"And earn a good salary from the start—even while we were learning new skills."



"Lucky we talked with our high school counselor about telephone work—I can't ever thank her enough for the help she gave us."



The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company

## October Brings Blazer Contests Against Hubs, Campers, Wildcats

Blair's Red and White varsity eleven will come up against some highly-regarded squads in the months of October, as Hagerstown, Allegany, and Northwestern are listed opponents in that respective order.

In an away contest tomorrow evening, October 9, at 8 o'clock, the Blazers will encounter a strong Hagerstown eleven.

Coach Reno Continetti's 1951 charges absorbed a 19-0 defeat at the hands of a big Hub outfit.

Last season Hagerstown brought a team undefeated in two years to Silver Spring, and were greatly surprised when the Red and White sprung a decisive 25-6 upset.

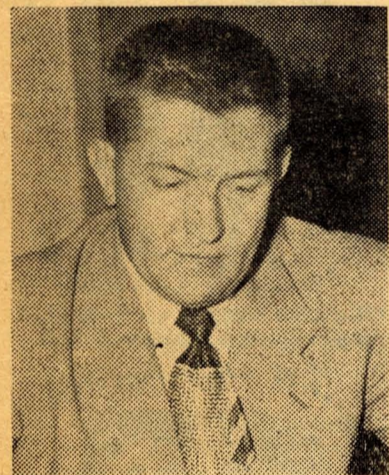
Another away game will find Blair traveling to Cumberland, Maryland, where they will take on Allegany High's Campers on Saturday night, October 17, at 8 o'clock.

During the 1951 gridiron season, the Blazers found themselves on the short end of a 33-19 score, and thus gained their fifth defeat of the year from Allegany. The '52 season, however, was brighter, as Blair lost to the Campers by a single point, 20-19, in the closing minutes of the final quarter.

Northwestern High School's Wildcats will journey to Blair stadium for the first time on Saturday, October 24, at 2:15 p.m.

Since the latter school was just established last year, no contest between the schools was held in 1951. The initial meeting between the two schools last season found Northwestern walking off with a 26-7 victory.

## Line Coach To Teach History



Line Coach Pete Pazahanick

Although Mr. Pete Pazahanick teaches four periods of world history, he is featured on this sports page primarily because he is Blair's new head line coach.

He joins Coach "Con" Brown, Mr. Herbert Dodge, and Mr. Guy Wiley to form virtually a new staff, with the exception of Mr. Dodge.

Similarly, as is Coach Brown, Mr. Pazahanick also is another native-born Pennsylvanian, born on August 16, 1922, in Plains, Pennsylvania. He attended Plains High School, where he played not only football, but also baseball and basketball.

Furthering his education, Mr. Pazahanick attended Mansfield State Teachers College and George Peabody Institute, where he lettered in football and baseball. He majored in physical education and minored in education.

Previous to coming to Blair, Mr. Pazahanick coached three years of football in Tanner, Alabama. Commenting on Blair's eleven, he asserted, "The boys are coming along very slowly, and lack both experience and aggressiveness."

Mr. and Mrs. Pazahanick have been married five years and have two sons, Johnny and Andy, four and two years, respectively.

## Coaches Complete List Of Activities

by Ann Chalupsky

Again the girls' locker room is buzzing as another school year is well on its way, according to Miss June E. Lippy and Miss Jean G. Baker, who have completed the schedule of girls' sports for this year.

In regular gym classes, volleyball and paddle tennis will head the list until October 26, when basketball and field hockey will take their place.

Hygiene classes, which a number of girls have asked about, are scheduled to begin November 30. On this date, also, folk dancing, recreational games, and gimp work will take place in classes.

Shortly after Christmas, indoor activities on the agenda are square dancing, tumbling, and gimp work for sophomores, followed by social dancing and again tumbling from February to April.

When April 5 arrives spring sports will take over gym classes and intramurals. Juniors and seniors will have archery and badminton, while sophomores participate in softball, badminton, and track. The latter sport is new this year.

With 100 girls signed for volleyball on Mondays and Wednesdays, 90 out for paddle tennis on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and 100 taking field hockey on Tuesdays and Thursdays, intramurals are again popular as after school activities.

## What Is Happening To Today's Collegiate Football Elevens?

by Jerry Kearns

College football this year saw the death of two-platoon football, which seems to be changing the whole game.

High school teams are still using the two-squad system, and many people think that possibly high school sports will prove to be better than college.

No longer can the star quarterback show his best on defense if he has to play both offense and defense. Many of the college coaches had to start from scratch even with the old members of the team because they have not had enough training to play both teams. On the other hand, high school coaches may devote more time to their new members and still have the old members playing good ball.

It would seem that the NCAA is trying to kill college ball with this

## Jayvees Prepare To Oppose Blades

Blair's Jayvee football team will encounter the Bladensburg Junior Varsity October 12, here, at 4 p.m.

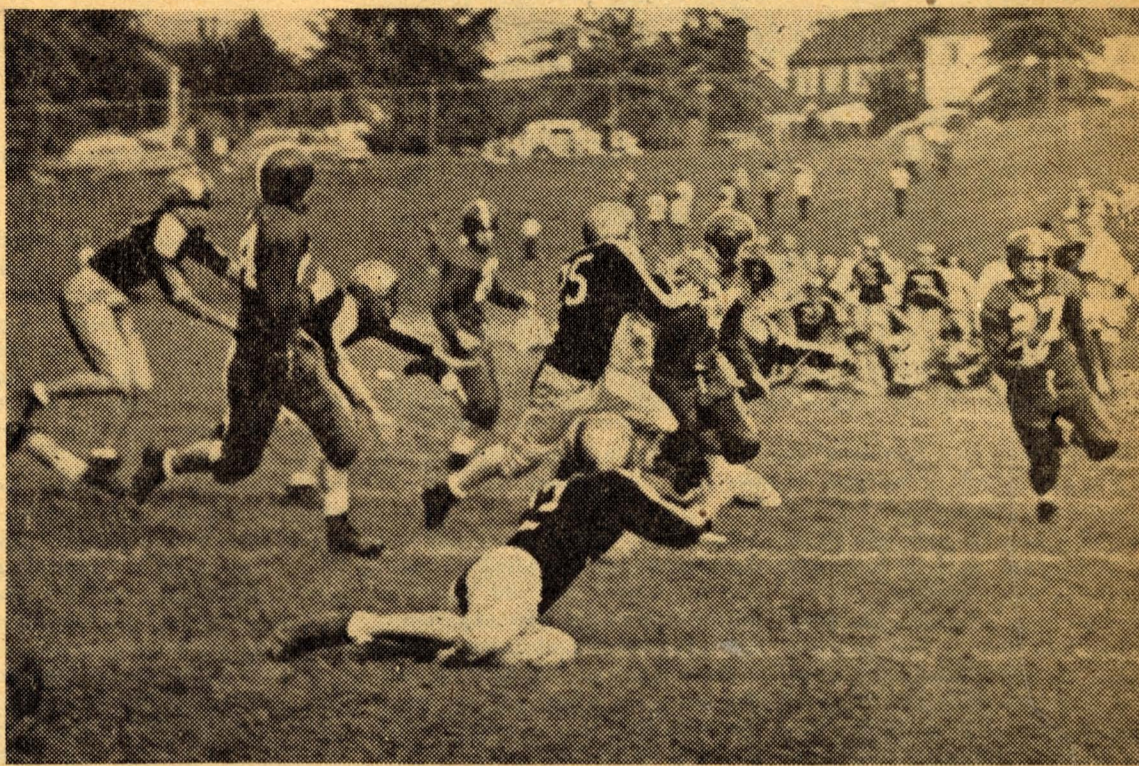
Mainstays for Coach Guy Wiley's eleven, on the line, are Tom Wise, "Tank" Schultze, Leo Bennett, Harlon Snoots, John Hutchinson, Jack Cliver, and Harold Sterling. Holding first-string back positions are Joe Zavana, Archie Webster, Jack Dellastations, Roger Williams, and Bill Culpepper.

From among 50 boys who came out this season, the squad was cut to 35, mostly juniors and sophomores.

## Blazers Triumph In Jamboree; Spring 6-0 Upset On Bladensburg

Starting their 1953-54 season, the Blair Blazers' A team defeated the Richard Montgomery eleven, 7-0, at the County Jamboree held at Bethesda Chevy-Chase on Saturday, September 19.

In the shortened game, the Blazers and Rockville changed the ball back and forth, but to no avail. Finally in the mid part of the second half, junior Dick Street, right halfback, ran across the goal to give the Blazers a six-point lead over the Rockville team. Street then turned



Blazer halfback Dick Street, No. 27, skirts left end for 37 yards and a TD in the Jamboree.

around and kicked the extra point to make the final score read 7-0.

Earlier in the afternoon, Blair's B team was forced to succumb to Sherwood by the score of 7-0. In

the third contest on the program, Bethesda-Chevy Chase wrapped up Gaithersburg with the score reading Bethesda 13, Gaithersburg 0.

Opening their official season,

## Football Squad Exhibits Fight, Deserves Backing Of Students

by Bob Balentine

Now that the time of brass bands, shapely legs, rousing cheers, and gay colors has come, it seems appropriate to urge each Blairite to come out and see not only the Band, Majorettes, and Cheerleaders, but primarily the football squad.

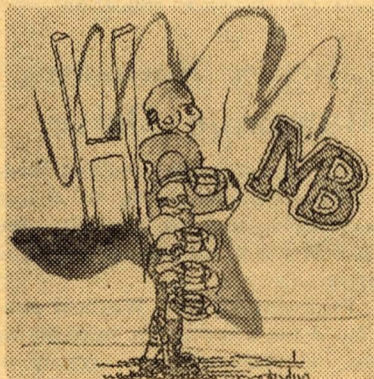
Since August, Coach Conrad Brown has been prepping his players for what looks like a rough season. Maybe some of you have observed the spirit and determination the fellows maintain either on the practice field or the playing field. I'm sure you'll uphold my opinion that they're giving it all they've got all the time.

Let's try to repay the team by attending all the games. Even with our attendance at these contests we're not doing much for Blair in comparison to the efforts of the players. Don't take the attitude, "Why should I do anything for my school? It's so big I don't even feel a part of it." You'll never become a part of Blair if you don't try to make Blair a part of you!

Winning or losing, the test of a loyal Blairite is: going to the games, and never hesitating to stand up for his school's team when called upon. Let's hope the squad improves with each game, and will be set to give B. C. C. a good battle!

Reports are that two ex-Blair athletes are making strides towards clinching berths on the Maryland University frosh football team. The two, as most of you know, are Bill "Moose" Turner and Ralph Ward. Both at Maryland on athletic scholarships, let's hope they can continue their fine records begun at Blair.

Both Ralph and "Moose" played basketball for the Red and White. Ward competed in baseball, also.



"Green Team Ripens!"

new system. After all, the boys will not be able to play their best after the game, because they will be more or less tired. With the two-squad system, the chances for a better game were much better because the boys had a little chance to rest.

The biggest advantage to the one squad is the better chance it gives smaller schools. There are two sides to every argument, and only time will tell, but possibly in a few years the two-platoon system will again be in its glory.

Note: Professional football, like high-school football, was not affected by the reversion to the single platoon system.

Blair was forced to bow to the Suitland Rams by a score of 6-0. Blair got close to their goal a few times, but the odds were against them, and they didn't score. Suitland made the only score of the evening in the last minutes of the first half. The game was played at Northwestern on Saturday, September 26, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, at Blair Stadium, the Blazers staged an upset over the favored Bladensburg in defeating them 6-0.

Early in the game the Blades drove to Blair's five-yard line, but Dick Street recovered a fumble and the march was halted.

The Blazers had the ball most of the third quarter, and culminated their drive with a short flat pass by quarterback Edgar Turney to George Everett for a touchdown and the game's only tally.

A few plays before the TD, Blair rooters were shocked to see Bladensburg's Knott run 90 yards to the end zone, only to discover they had a flag on the play.

## Intramurals Offer Numerous Athletics

Coach Edward Rieder recently announced the intramural program for the 1953-54 season which will include touch football, soccer, basketball, and foul shooting for the fall and winter months.

Touch football will be held during the class periods, and playoffs will be held after school to determine a winner who will challenge the faculty. Soccer will be held after school. These soccer games will serve as tryouts for the varsity team.

Basketball foul shooting is the highlight of the winter season with a volleyball tournament if facilities allow.

Track will initiate the spring sports schedule. The annual intramural track meet will highlight this program. Softball will also be held during the gym classes. Horse-shoes and paddle tennis will be held at the Blair field after school and intramural golf will be played on a local course.

## Youths Speak On Democracy

Liberty! Freedom! Democracy!

These are the freedoms and opportunities traditional to this nation for which the youth of America will again have the opportunity to speak in the 1953 "Voice of Democracy" contest here on November 3.

Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students of Blair and schools all over the country are eligible for this script writing and broadcasting competition.

In each school students prepare a five-minute broadcast script on the subject, "I Speak for Democracy," to be delivered orally in competition with other students. The scripts should speak for democracy and not against other governmental processes.

### Content, Originality Count

Judged on content, delivery, and originality, the school winner is selected on November 3 and the name is sent to the Audio-Visual Office.

"Model" transcriptions will be made of each school winner and entered in the school and community-wide contest held from November 16-20. From this contest a local winner will be picked, receiving a radio or a television set.

### Winner Has State Contest

The local winner will then compete in a state contest, the eliminations of which are scheduled for completion on December 28.

Four co-equal national winners are to be announced on February 1. A prize of a \$500 scholarship check and a week-long, all-expense trip to Washington, D. C., including three days in Williamsburg, Virginia, are offered to each winner.

The community winner's script will be transcribed by the local broadcasting station.

## Artists Will Paint Downtown Stores

In an effort to cut down on the customary Halloween vandalism, approximately 130 art students will literally "paint the town" Friday.

This idea of painting the front windows of the Silver Spring stores was originated by the Downtown Silver Spring Business Men's Association to replace the usual ugly and corrupt defacements with attractive decorations. Moreover, these paintings will create the true season spirit.

Under the direction of Mrs. Faye Sherry, most of the students from her five art classes will be excused at 1:30 to engage in this undertaking.

According to Mrs. Sherry, last year's project of identical nature, only on a smaller scale, was termed "successful." Even the policemen have had only complimentary remarks for the project.

## Welfare To Run Unified Drive To Support Various Charities

For the first time in its history, Blair's Welfare Committee will conduct a unified drive from November 9-13 to raise money for the various organizations, which, in the past, have been supported separately.

As passed by the Student Council, welfare representatives of the homerooms will collect money of any amount to be contributed freely by the students. In order to reach the \$500 goal, jars will also be set up in the cafeteria and school store where contributors can give.

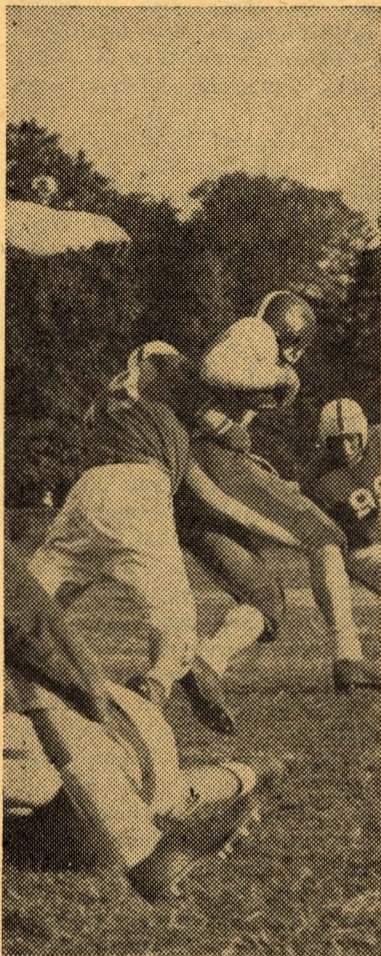
From this fund, \$180 has been appropriated for Loretta Rosini, Blair's adopted Italian war orphan.

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## Game, Formal Accent Events For Weekend

With the fourth annual Homecoming weekend here at last, a pep assembly during the activity period will take place on Friday to start the ball rolling.

Red and white day will spark the Homecoming spirit on Friday. Highlighting the chain of events are the football game with Coolidge and the formal on Saturday.

At 2 p.m., fifteen minutes before game time, and at half time the Band and Majorettes will perform in full attire.

Coolidge was Blair's opponent at this time last year, defeating them for the second consecutive year.

As is the custom, last year's Christmas Queen, Nancy Brown, and Student Council President, Paul Harris, will reign over the Homecoming festivities.

### Homecoming Calendar

#### Friday:

Red and White Day  
Pep Assembly in Activity Period

#### Saturday:

Football Game with Coolidge, 2:15  
Homecoming Formal 9-12 in the gym

Forming an "H" for Homecoming, the football team leads its foe, Lynne Kenestrick leads the Majorettes, the Cheerleaders sup on the game and the weekend closes with a "dreamy" formal.

The completion of the weekend is climaxed at 9 p.m. in the gymnasium, where Blairites and alumni will attend the Homecoming Formal.

The formal dress of this occasion is a new arrangement whereby the Thanksgiving Formal has been converted into a heel-and-tie affair with this formal as the first of the two formals for all classes.

For the price of \$1.20 per couple students can dance three hours to the music of Bob Lee's Aristocrats.

In keeping with the Halloween season, decorations of witches, etc., with silver stars hanging from the ceiling have been prepared by Jayne Eyerma and her Dance Committee members.

## Train Station Sets Scene For Coming Variety Show

With the setting of a train station in mind, all students can, and should, according to Miss June Lippy, start preparing now for the post-Christmas Variety Show try-outs.

Immediately after the Christmas vacation, Miss Lippy, Variety Show chairman, Mrs. Faye Sherry, Mr. Donald Loughrie, and Mr. Louis Rubin will start selecting approximately 30 student numbers.

Student numbers must be original and should not duplicate nor resemble any number used within the last four years.

Production dates have been set for March 25, 26, and 27.



## Comedy-Drama To Play Here

It's play time again!

A cast of 12 ambitious senior actors and a score of others as technicians can be seen rehearsing in the late hours of the school evenings and even on Saturday mornings for the annual Senior Class Play to be produced on December 10, 11, and 12.

"The Hasty Heart," a comedy drama successful on Broadway and in Hollywood, is soon to appear on Blair's own stage.

A Scottish theme involving eight men, one with no lines, one woman, and one interior setting are the complete ingredients for this production.

### Plan Triple Cast

Because of the absence of parts for women, a triple cast has been assigned to the one feminine lead. Also two actors will duplicate the male lead.

These are Betty Andrews, Carolyn Brown, and Phyllis Jolley as Margaret, with Michael Bragdon and Bob Barnhart as Lachlen.

The Orderly is portrayed by Wally Murphy; Yank, Roy Self; Digger, Alfred Huber; Kiwi, Jack Anderson; Blossom, Rodney Cox; Tommy, Al Shine; and Colonel, Tom Malloy.

Directing the play is Carolyn Galt, supervised by Mr. Louis Rubin, dramatics director.

### Students Aid In Production

Janie Williams is the production manager, under the supervision of Mr. Sydney Gelfand.

Barbara Streicher and Sandra Roush are property managers with the advice of Mrs. Lois Parker.

Costumes will be arranged by Sue Crowley, Judy Scotton, and Jayne Eyerma.

Senior Play Committee chairman Joan Craver will arrange for the tickets, ushers, programs, etc.

Mrs. Faye Sherry will handle the program covers.

## Girls Of Bank To Win Man In Steps

How to win a man in ten easy steps has, of late, been the main topic of conversation among the girls of the Bank.

However, this so-called man is only a wooden replica of the desired being and was created by Troy Hambright, senior, in an effort to further the thrift program.

The ten easy steps are the ten new thrift participants which each girl must succeed in obtaining before she will receive this wooden figure to be placed in the Bank window with her name on it.

The first girl to reach her goal and obtain a man will also be awarded a \$100 cash prize offered in co-operation with the Citizens Building and Loan Corporation of Silver Spring.

As each girl brings in a new thrift member, a gold star is placed by her name.

## Art Studios To Hold Open House To Celebrate National Art Week

Observing National Art Week, November 1-7, the Art Department will hold an open house, where the work of the students will be displayed.

According to Mrs. Faye Sherry and Mr. Sydney Gelfand, this is the first time Blair has observed this special week.

In Mr. Gelfand's room, A301, there will be many phases of commercial and general art shown. Fine and modern art will be displayed in Mrs. Sherry's room, A302.

Portraits from life will also be shown in Mr. Gelfand's room. On

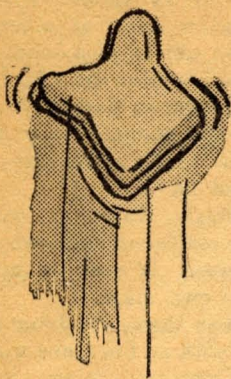
"Back to School" night students were there to show the parents how this is done.

Other interesting media being displayed in Mrs. Sherry's room are the mobiles hanging from the ceiling and some 80 pieces of fine sculpture.

More interesting works to look for in both studios are a three-foot sculpture by Mary Ann Corrells and a 3-D drawing by Fred Von Barnowitz, complete with 3-D goggles, paintings by Jack Mortinelli, Gretchen Loeser, and Ann Goldstein, and a textile by Bonita Beavin.

# Wha' Hoppen' To Canasta?

by Fred and Walt



Before we set out here to stumble over the light fantastic, we thought we ought to let you know that the above title has nothing to do with the story. We couldn't figure out a good title, so instead of sending the darn thing in and . . . well, anyway, here we go.

Did you ever wake up in the morning? Good, this is most convenient as that is what we planned to write about. If you are of average mentality and an all around run-of-the-mill kid who wakes up in the morning, you will frequent this nauseating adventure 365 days a year. (Leap years equal 366 days.)

(These articles are not only informative and entertaining but are also most educational.—Editor.)

Anyway, when in the course of human events your mother awakes you with various and sundry Japanese torture methods, you find it in your heart to lift your lily white soft head and communicate with her, either verbally, by mental telepathy, or by pounding little brother's head on the floor. Upon doing this

*A birdy with a yellow bill  
Hops upon your window sill;  
Cocked his shiny head and said,  
"Ain't you ashamed, you sleepy head?"*

You promptly dispose of said bird by throwing little brother at him. (Little brothers are very versatile.) Doing so you get dressed, fall down one flight of stairs, crawl into the breakfast nook, and scan the table top in mad pursuit of today's breakfast.

This morning is novelty morning as punishment for his awkward behavior the night before. Little brother is sentenced to preparing your pessimistically-looked-forward-to breakfast. (We are not degrading his inability to prepare foods, but how can you louse-up corn flakes?)

Here we have a variety of breakfast foods including the new Mark VII Cereal that goes, "Dumm da dummm." You also have oatmeal; in this you have a choice: with or without lumps. (Once you found a hockey puck in it.) Then again there is the box that has all prizes and nothing else. This is indeed your lucky day!

As for our personal plans—well, you guess.

Please excuse us, they are calling us to wash up for lunch.



Cartoon by Fred and Walt  
Don't shoot 'til you see the whites of their eyes!

## Graduation Presents Problems

Deciding what to do upon graduation is a problem which about 98 per cent of all high school students must face. Without regard to whether you are a sophomore, junior, or senior, the following advice should be of most significant interest to you.

Choose to attend a college that has a notable scholastic reputation, or, if you don't care to further your education, choose work that you enjoy doing, a job from which you get great satisfaction. (Not including marriage, girls.)

If your choice is college, don't conform by going where the gang goes. If you choose the right school, hard work will reap much fun and pleasure for you. If it's a financial problem that worries you, remember that some of today's most prominent personages worked their way through college.

If you are sure of your vocation, plan to enter a college that provides excellent instruction in this field. If you're undecided, like the vast majority, seek a liberal education. Don't become overspecialized in one field, as it tends to dull the character of an individual.

"Go slow," warns Brown University's Dr. Henry M. Wriston, "in choosing a vocation." Dr. Wriston also advises young people not to worry if they are still undecided about their future vocation upon entering college.

Sophomores! Start considering a college education.

Juniors! Now's the best time for college application.

Seniors! Get on the ball before you find you've really blundered.

## Psst, What's Number Three?

by Marty Reeves

There is one in every class. You know him—he is that foolish and viciously annoying person, the cheater.

Too lazy and weak-willed to do his own work, this character shamelessly copies other people's answers during tests, annoying everyone with his frantic questions. He boasts of getting copies of answers beforehand.

Another time you meet this pitifully dishonest character is right after you have just completed a difficult assignment. Then he is sure to impose himself upon you, begging you to lend him your homework, notebook, or book report.

This miserable person is cheating all right—cheating himself out of important lessons that he will need later in life. Look out for this object of pity, and don't degrade your school by cooperating with him in his crimes.

Marty Reeves, our guest columnist, was a reporter on Silver Chips last year and graduated with the class of 1953

*We of the Silver Chips Staff, speaking for the student body, are very glad to hear that Mr. Daryl Shaw, our principal, has successfully undergone his operation and wish him a speedy recovery.*

*Those students wishing to send cards to Mr. Shaw should address them to 517 Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, Maryland. We are sure they would be appreciated very much.*

## Television Simplifies Modern Studying; Look Out For Interplanetary Future!

by Cynthia Ferrell

Now that school is really in full swing, study habits are in the limelight.

### 'Lost Horizon' Brings Magic Of Shangri-La

by Marcia Greene

In the magic land of Shangri-La no one grows old and no one thinks of death. Ancient legends and explorers also have told of a beautiful valley among the high mountains of Tibet at the head of the Ganges River.

"Lost Horizon," by James Hilton, tells the extraordinary adventure of High Conway, an English diplomat, abducted and brought to this amazing, secret valley. He finds that previous plans were made for him to succeed the High Lama. To his astonishment the height of culture and education abounds among these people, resulting in a peace and serenity unknown in the outer world.

The tension point is reached when a member of Conway's party, who believes all of this nonsense, tries to persuade him to escape. The author has also intermingled an unusual romance which takes a triangular course.

A strong moral is suggested—let nothing distract you from your own horizon if you would reach the tranquil mental state of Shangri-La.

The average American high school student regulates his study hours by what's on television, for how long, and on what night. It is a proven fact that algebra is a whiz when done while watching Dragnet. There's something about scientific crime detection that makes even a moron capable of doing calculus.

You'll be surprised how much Cisco Kid will help with Spanish. His well-rolled "rrs" and "lls" are an inspiration to any pseudo-Spaniard.

A treasure chest of those absolutely invaluable historical bits can be found on any quiz program. Who knows when they'll save you from being caught empty-handed. After all, it is important to know what color eyes Lady Godiva's horse had.

Knowing famous people by sight can be easily accomplished when you watch "Who Am I?" "Where Was I Ten Years Ago?" "Life Begins at 145," "My Husband Was Tommy Manville," and "Win A Trip To The Moon With Marilyn Monroe".

Our study habits may be different from those of our parents, but the big change may come when our children hop from planet to planet instead of from class to class.

## Council News

### Student Government Participates In Interhigh Council Meetings

Since school started the Student Council has been operating in full swing.

All committees have been working steadily since the beginning of school on projects which we hope will improve the activities at Blair.

During these weeks the order committee under Vice President Charlie Mason, has been faced with the problems of traffic in the halls, parking situations, cafeteria conduct, etc.

The Assembly committee, under Harvey Iwata, has been especially busy. Also finding themselves with big jobs were the Dance Committee under Jayne Eyerma, the

Welcoming Committee under Rodney Cox, the Safety Committee headed by Jack Ghormley, and Ways and Means under Carolyn Thomas.

Jackie Dean's Election Committee performed their first feat by bringing the Sophomore representatives into Student Council.

Outside activities participated in by the Student Council include the Interhigh Student Council meetings of Montgomery County, and the Maryland Association of Student Councils. The convention was held at BCC this year. Representing Blair were students of our government.

## Senior Spotlight

### Nancy Baldwin Spends Summer Traveling With Ballet Company

by Ruthie

"Are you the girl from Celli's?" Frederick Franklin, formerly head danseur with the ballet "Russe de Monte Carlo," asked.

"Yes," replied the 16-year-old dancer who had just dashed into New York's Carnegie Hall.

"Get in there and learn that part," said Mr. Franklin. And with this Nancy Baldwin joined the Slavenska-Franklin Ballet Company.

Up at six every morning for 45 minutes of practice; Nancy takes a class every day and whenever possible goes to New York to study. In fact this June she was studying at the American School of Ballet in New York with Vincezo Celli (the present teacher of Prima Ballerina Alicia Markova) when she learned of the audition for the company. With only an hour to reach Carnegie Hall, Nancy ran through New York in the rain to become the only girl accepted for a tour of several western cities, including Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Laramie, Wyoming, and at the Red Rocks Amphitheater, in Colorado.

While dancing in Red Rocks, with President Eisenhower in the audience, Nan had to stand behind some scenery for "Street Car Named Desire" to hold it up.

"It was so windy," exclaimed Nancy, "I could hardly hold it still." Touring with the group as



Photo by Charles Peterson  
Nancy Baldwin

a guest artist, was Prima Ballerina Alexandra Danilova.

Beginning her formal dancing lessons only four years ago, Nan was soon dancing in ballets put on by her school at Constitution Hall. After only two years of lessons she began teaching at the Potomac Elementary School and now also teaches at the Montgomery County Jewish Center. In the spring of 1952 she was awarded the National Society of Arts and Letters scholarship.

Being a native Silver Spring girl, Nancy attended Woodside Elementary, Montgomery Hill Junior High, and Blair. She has made the honor roll all through her years in school.

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# Exchange Club Awards Blair Shrine As Governor Speaks

by Jackie DuMars

Honoring Blair, the Exchange Club of Silver Spring presented the Freedom Shrine with Governor Theodore R. McKeldin as guest speaker on October 8 in the stadium.

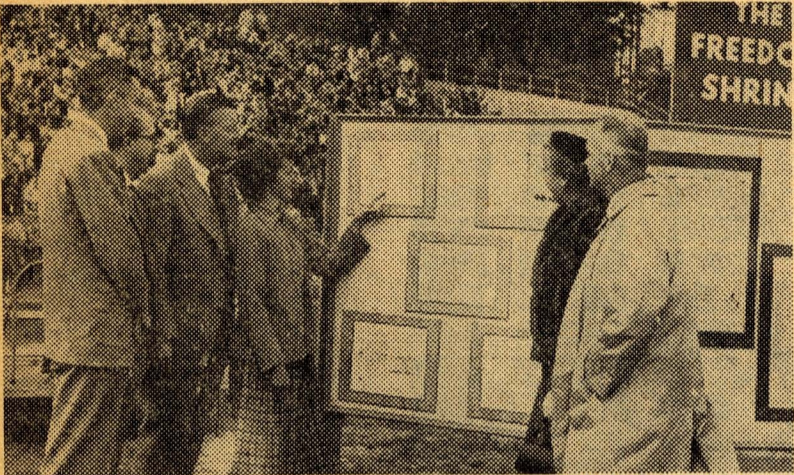


Photo by Bill Garrett

Viewing the new Freedom Shrine are Mr. Daryl Shaw, Dr. C. Walter Kelly, Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, Janice Funk, Mrs. Kathryn Lawlor, and Congressman De Witt Hyde.

Speaking "off the cuff" he traced, with enthusiasm, the "rich heritage of Maryland and America."

With examples from America's forefathers, he stressed "the true meaning of democratic life."

"The struggles and sacrifices of our forefathers should not be forgotten and should be before us constantly that we by our actions and living today may be worthy of their sacrifices," he continued.

## Includes Many Documents

The Governor's evident humor and good naturedness was displayed in his sidelights and anecdotes. To emphasize a point as abruptly as he had interrupted his main address, he would again resume his allusions.

Dr. C. Walter Kelly, president of the Exchange Club of Silver Spring, made the formal "Freedom Shrine" presentation. Mr. Daryl D. Shaw and Terry Hicks accepted the shrine in the name of the school.

Made by the National Archives and the Library of Congress, this shrine is on display in the school library. This 28th shrine includes the Bill of Rights, Jefferson's rough draft of the Declaration of Independence, the log of the U. S. Frigate Constitution, the Treaty of Paris, Washington's copy of the Constitution, the Northwest Ordinance, the Star Spangled Banner, Monroe Doctrine, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, agreement for the invasion of Western Europe, selections of General Eisenhower as Supreme Commander of Overlord, the German instrument of surrender, instrument of surrender in the Pacific, and the United Nations Charter.

## Hyde Congratulates School

In an "off the record" comment about the shrine, the Governor exclaimed, "I think that a similar shrine of our historical documents should be presented to all our high schools of Maryland."

The Honorable DeWitt S. Hyde, member of Congress, and one of the fourteen guests of honor at the

## Blanchard Takes Place of Keene

Blair's faculty enrollment has increased by one with the arrival of Mr. E. E. Blanchard.

As a replacement for Mr. Ellis Keene, who left recently, Mr. Blanchard teaches chemistry. He taught French and was assistant professor of chemistry on the faculty of William and Mary College in Virginia.

Mr. Blanchard spent last summer working on his doctor's degree.

assembly, said to one of the reporters, "It is difficult to add to what the Governor has just said. I congratulate Montgomery Blair on the award and suggest that everyone look carefully not only at the famous documents but at the lesser ones."

An etching by Don Swan of the State House in Annapolis was presented by the Governor.

The Reverend Robert E. Lee, of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Silver Spring, delivered the invocation and benediction.

The introduction of the principal speaker was made by Mrs. Kathryn Lawlor, member of Maryland State Legislature.

## Tapped .. Sounds Throughout D Building

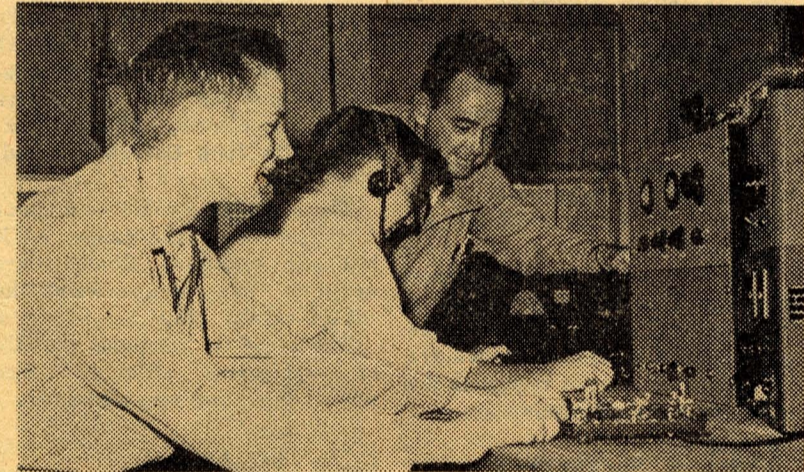


Photo by Charles Peterson

Jim Newton, Jack Colson and Mr. Joseph Harty prepare an amateur radio set for operation.

Such a conversation you would probably hear in D100 after school.

There are approximately 20 Blair boys who earned "ham" radio licenses from the Federal Communications Commission.

Several of the boys are now working on a station for the school, under the direction of Mr. Joseph Harty, instructor of electronics. The transmitter and receiver being used now belongs to Jack Colson. They are building their own transmitter, intending to buy the receiver.

There are several types of licenses, each depending on the results of the tests one takes. The test, which takes about one-half hour, consists of questions on radio theory and five minutes of code, of which one must get at least one minute absolutely correct. There is no age minimum, the only qualification being American citizenship.

To hams it is a standing contest to see who can contact the most

## Faculty Facts

# Science Department Chairman Sponsors Annual Exhibition

by Kay Goyne

Mr. Harold Martin Horn last spring saw the fulfillment of his ambition to produce a Blair Science Fair.

A native of Kansas, Mr. Horn was born and educated in Glasco, Kansas. From Glasco Rural High School, he proceeded to Midland College, in Fremont, Nebraska, earning his B.S. degree. There he majored in math and minored in science. He earned his master's degree in education from Maryland University, after serving with the 100th Infantry Division of the United States Army for four years during World War II.

Now in his seventh year at Blair, Mr. Horn taught previously at Emerson (Nebraska) High School, Fort Hill High School, Cumberland, Maryland, and Gaithersburg (Maryland) High School.

Besides teaching physics, he is chairman of the science department and sponsor of the Science Club. Previously he was sponsor of the

## Eleven Fill Court, Council Positions

Student body elections have named eleven juniors, seniors, and sophomores as Student Council representatives and court justices.

Representing the sophomores in the council are Carolyn Cooley, Bill Culppepper, Gretchen Laeser, Connie Frye, and Phyllis Holt.

New court justices are seniors Malcolm Holliday and Linda Straughn, juniors Alan Smith and Sandra Babcock, and sophomores Bob Colvin and Pat Baldwin.

## Monogram Society.

A member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Silver Spring, he is active in the men's groups there. In the interest of science, he is a member of the Washington Junior Academy of Science, which promotes the Washington Science Fair, and a member of a special commit-

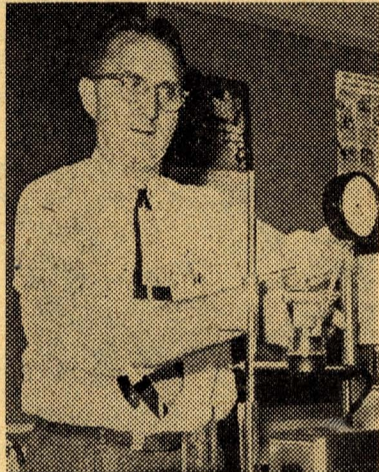


Photo by Charles Peterson  
Mr. Harold Horn

tee for the National Science Teachers Association, which conducts the Science Achievement Awards Program for the Future Scientists of America Foundation.

Included in Mr. Horn's interests outside of Blair are his wife and two little Horns. When all these interests and activities leave a few hours, this congenial teacher likes to display his talents in wood working and gardening.

## Eight Blair Grads Earn MJC Offices

When ballots were counted and results announced in Montgomery Junior College's selections of class officers, five out of eight offices were captured by graduates of Montgomery Blair.

Three members of Montgomery Blair's Class of 1953 were elected to offices in the college's freshman class. Mickey Marshall, who played trombone in the high school band and served on the dance committee, was chosen vice president. He enrolled at MJC this fall in the pre-engineering curriculum.

Mary Ann Moore, elected secretary of the freshman class and registered in the medical secretarial curriculum, placed on the high school honor roll in her sophomore and senior years and was awarded the Zonta Club full-tuition scholarship to MJC for 1953-54.

Elected treasurer was Peggy Jean Bamberger, who attended Montgomery Blair in her senior year.

Two graduates of the Class of 1952 who were elected to offices in MJC's sophomore class are Virginia May Barwick, named class secretary, and June Iwata, treasurer.

## Chips Wins High Rating Third Time

National Scholastic Press Association has recently awarded Silver Chips an All-American rating.

This marks the third consecutive semester that Montgomery Blair's newspaper has received this highest award. The newspapers evaluated were of the second semester of last year. Editor and managing editor of those issues were Bill Fullarton and John Magnus, respectively.

## Majorette Corp Admits Twelve Additional Girls

To make easier the letter formations, 12 additional members were admitted recently to the Majorettes.

There will be six regulars and six alternates. Lois Hartwell, Gail Harmon, Mary Gates, Mary Jo Moore, Margie Williams, Jean Callahan are the regulars and Nancy Murdock, Pat Tarbett, Marilyn Dennis, Barbara McCullah, Mary Giddings, and Carolyn Maskell, the alternates.

It was stated in the last issue of Chips that sophomores would not be accepted in this club; this was an error, nine sophomores have been added this fall.



"There's roller skating tomorrow after work — always something doing with the friendly young crowd at the telephone company."



"Guess we're lucky to work with so many congenial people. We sure have fun going to parties, picnics and other activities."



"Friendly associates, good salary, regular raises do make our telephone jobs worth talking about."



"I've been telling all my friends to come to the telephone company when they finish school!"

The Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company

# Homecoming Features Colt Game; Blazers To Meet BCC In Finale

Coach Conrad Brown's Blazer eleven will face two of the most important games in rounding out their 1953 gridiron season; namely, the Coolidge and Bethesda-Chevy Chase contests.

Saturday will find the Red and White clashing with Coolidge High School, of Washington, D. C., in the annual Homecoming game. The host Blair squad will encounter a Colt team with an 3-1 record at 2:15 p.m.

Last season a Blair team, unscored on in three games, entertained Coolidge and was rudely knocked from the unbeaten ranks by the powerful Colts to the tune of 13-0. Two years ago, 1951, the Blazers received the same treatment as Coolidge walked off with a 19-6 victory.

PAST BCC RECORDS		
YEAR	WINNER	SCORE
1945	Tie	6-6
1946	Blair	25-6
1947	BCC	6-0
1948	Blair	33-6
1949	Blair	20-12
1950	Blair	13-6
1951	Blair	26-6
1952	BCC	19-0

As usual the Blair Band and Majorettes will provide halftime attractions, and the Homecoming dance will climax the weekend, starting at 9 o'clock Saturday evening in the Blair gymnasium.

Saturday, November 7, Blair will be host to Frederick High School, of Frederick, Maryland, at 2:15 p.m. Blair will play the role of favorite as Frederick is currently having one of its most unsuccessful years.

During the 1952 campaign Blair traveled to Frederick to take on an undefeated hometown eleven and was promptly charged with their fourth loss of the season by a 20-13 margin. The Blazer squad, hampered by the injuries of quarterbacks Fred Schnable and Edgar Turney, were beaten by a very fast Frederick team. No meeting by the two schools was held in 1951.

In the final game of the gridiron season for both schools, Bethesda-Chevy Chase will come to Blair on Saturday, November 14, at 2 p.m., to engage the Red and White in the annual arch-rival contest. The game this year will,

## Ed Turney, George Rivers Spark 1953 Squad

Everybody is thinking and talking football nowadays, and they should be by all rights, but probably the subject is deepest in the minds of Blairs' co-captains Edgar Turney and George Rivers.

Beginning with Ed Turney, Blazer quarterback and a three-year varsity man, he was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on August 18, 1936. He attended Montgomery Hills Junior High, where he participated in basketball, baseball, and track. In Ed's first year at Blair he played first-string defense.

When asked how he liked playing with the team he replied that he thought they were a great bunch to work with. He thinks they show a lot of initiative and good spirit. As for his vocation, Ed stated that he hoped to go to the Coast Guard Academy and, after completing his studies, teach physical education at the academy.

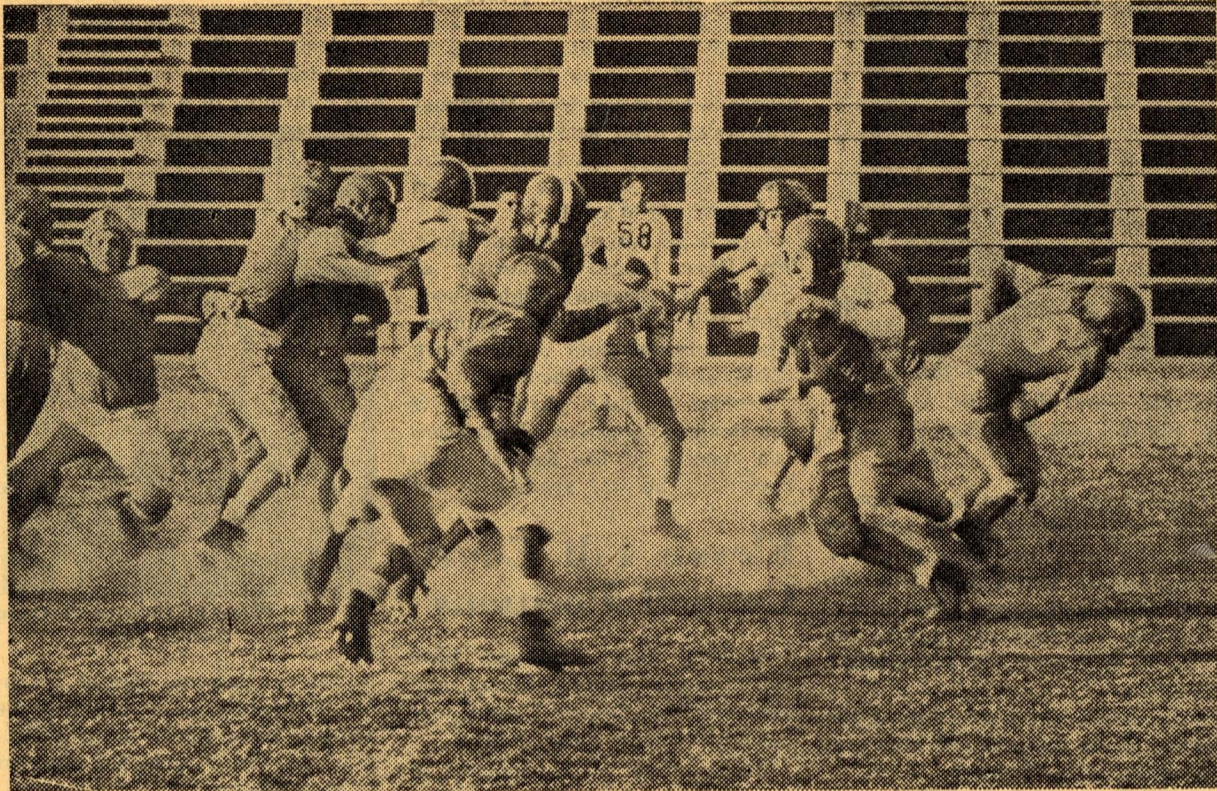
Going on to George "Muddy" Rivers, Blair's other co-captain and right end, he claims his birth place in Manila, Philippines, on November 2, 1936. He attended school in California, and later came to

incidently, have significant effect on the Bi-County League standings.

Last year Bethesda's Billy Corse wrecked the Blazers as BCC trampled them, 19-0. Led by Fred Schnable, Blair defeated the Barons by a 26-6 count in 1951.

Bethesda is currently leading the

newly organized Bi-County Football League with a 2-1 record. Losses to Suitland and Northwestern and a victory over Bladensburg give Blair a 1-2 standing, so that a win over the Barons would create a two—or even three—way tie for the championship.



Blair halfback, Pat Hale, takes a handoff from quarterback Lee Briggs and finds a nice hole. The action took place while scrimmaging Roosevelt in preparation for the Northwestern game.

Photo by Bill Garrett

## Kearn's Kolumn . . . by Jerry Kearns Football Comes To Completion; Lights Pending Student Action

Here we are almost at the end of October and coming into the home stretch of the football season, although we have three games left on the schedule.

Of course the number one game on the calendar is the annual Bethesda-Chevy Chase contest, which will be played here on November 14.

As is well known, Coach Dave Carrasco attempted to get lights for the stadium during the past summer. His main objectors were the people of this locality because they did not like the way the students acted after the day games. By that is meant, students walking over their lawns, and others pulling strange antics with their cars,

such as spinning wheels and speeding. The neighbors said that they would let the County put in lights if the students would refrain from doing the above mentioned.

It seems though that there are some students who just don't care and refuse to co-operate. There is no place in Blair for people like that. If you, the students, want Blair to have the lights, then co-operate with the neighbors.

Come and cheer your Blazers on to victory!

Due to the lack of space, your sports staff is initiating the policy of interviewing only the coaches and captains of the teams. We are sorry but we can not recognize the other team members this way.

# Ward Leads Romp Over Hubs; Allegany Wins In Last Minute; Nystrom's Kick Beats Blazers

Following an unimpressive 7-0 victory over Richard Montgomery in the County Jamboree and a 6-0 loss at the hands of Suitland, Blair's football squad finally displayed some power by whipping Hagerstown on October 9 at the Hub field by a 12-0 score.

George Everett started the Blazers rolling by recovering a fumble deep in Hub territory in the first period. Fullback Ed Ward subsequently went over for the initial touchdown. The score remained 6-0 as Dick Street's conversion attempt was wide.

Aided by a long pass, the third quarter found the Red and White in Hub territory once more. Then on a series of running plays, Ed Ward scored again. Dick Street's placement hit the cross-bar and fell short, the score thus reading 12-0.

Last Saturday, October 24, a fighting Blair eleven went down to defeat by one mere point, as Northwestern's Wildcats eked out a 7-6 win.

Northwestern drew first blood as Gardner scored from the 20 in the first period. Paul Nystrom's conversion made the score 7-0.

Norman Smith's sensational passing finally resulted in a 15-yard Blazer touchdown to Dick Street in the third quarter. However, Smith's placement attempt was low.

In the final quarter, Street skirted 25 yards for a touchdown only to have it called back because of a penalty.

Seeking to avenge last season's 20-19 defeat by Allegany, Blair's gridders journeyed to Cumberland on Saturday evening, October 17, only to be nosed out in the final 45 seconds, 13-6, by the Campers.

Allegany's Bucky Rice scampered 35 yards for a touchdown and six-point lead in the third quarter.

With four and a half minutes gone in the fourth period, the Blazers came back to tie the score when Ed Ward whipped a touchdown pass to Dick Street covering 35 yards.

However, Allegany was not to be denied as they tallied the winning TD in the closing seconds as they similarly did last year. Eddie Joyce culminated a 65-yard drive by scoring from the two. Dick Rank's conversion made the final score, 13-6, Allegany.

## Jayvees Schedule Suitland, Bethesda

"We'll be in there pitching," were the words of the Jayvee football coach, Guy Wiley.

Although the junior Blazers have lost their first three games, Coach Wiley hopes the team will continue to improve. A game is scheduled today with Suitland's junior varsity and November 11 brings a rival clash with Bethesda-Chevy Chase just three days before the varsity contest. Also, a scrimmage with John Carroll is scheduled.

The attendance could be a great factor in losing the games, as it has been very low. Students are urged to come out and watch the future varsity play.

The J. V. is composed strictly of sophomores although other schools are using upperclassmen.

## Girls' Highlights . . . by Anne Chalupsky

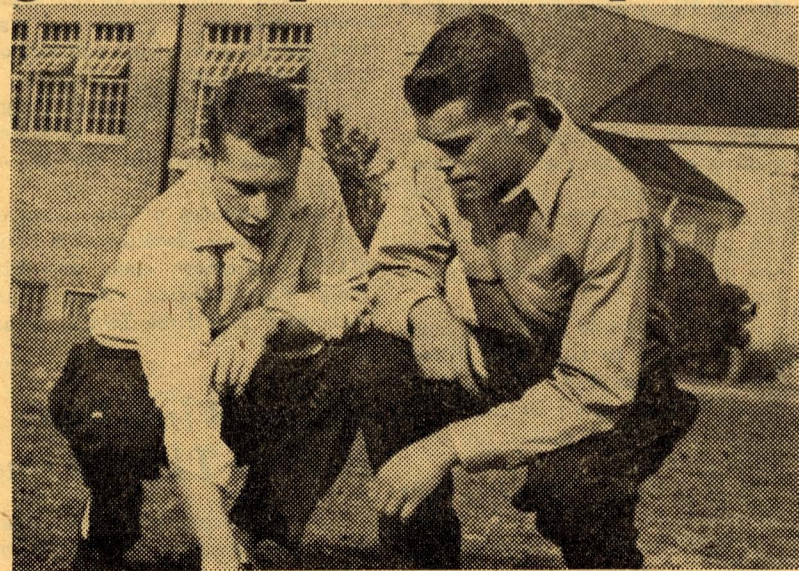
### Girls' Athletic Clubs Provide Service To Gym Department

Have you ever wondered about our very worthwhile service organizations, the Girls' B Club and the Student Planning Committee of the Girls' Physical Education Department?

Miss Jean Baker sponsors the Girls' B Club, which is composed of gals who have earned enough points by participating in intramurals to received a chenille B. The club funds, which are raised from the popular, annual slumber party and the sale of Blair pencils, are all turned over to the Girls' Athletic Department, with the exception of the money used to buy awards.

The purpose of the Student Planning Committee of the Girls' Education Department is to promote student-faculty participation in a combined effort to plan the physical education program, which also includes extracurricular activities. Miss June Lippy sponsors this committee and, with Miss Baker, chooses the most responsible and interested girls for membership.

Two girls are chosen at the mid-term of their sophomore year to remain in the club throughout their junior and senior years, providing that they stay enrolled in gym classes. If they do not, they are no longer eligible for membership and other girls in the same class are chosen to take their places.



Blazer co-captains, Edgar Turney and George Rivers, plan strategy.

Takoma Junior High. In his first year at Blair, he played both J. V. and varsity football.

As for his career, George hopes to take up geology. "Muddy" has a pretty good start along this line because he goes out West every summer and works in this field.

He feels, as does Ed, that the Blazers are a pretty nice bunch of guys to compete with.

Next edition: Crach Dodge will be interviewed.

# Distant Places Send Students Who Relate Their Adventures

From Istanbul and Shanghai, from London and Rio de Janeiro, come students to Montgomery Blair.

Each of the nearly 30 foreign teenagers now studying in this school has a different story of his experiences in the old country and the new.

Edith Albersheim, who came to America from Amsterdam in 1947, tells that she likes it here more than she can express because, "Under the German occupation I did not know what freedom was, but I sure do now."

In 1939 the family of Ilana Kertzman left Tel Aviv, Israel, for Mrs. Kertsman's homeland, America, since as Ilana simply states, "Mother was sick and tired of little food and Arab riots."

## Chinese Start Algebra Earlier

May Jen arrived from China in 1946, for Harvard University had offered her father a teaching position. "School work in China is much harder than here, and you learn more. You start algebra in the sixth grade and learn two or three years of chemistry, algebra, and physics in high school," contrasts May.

In 1949 Norway sent Herman Jacobson. His father had visited America in 1946, just after the war, and decided to have the family join him.

Aija and Rota Karklins came here from Latvia in 1949 to get away from the Communists. Since then they have been unable to obtain any information about their relatives and friends.

## Enemies Become Countrymen

Otfried Heybey, who awoke one morning during World War II to find his hometown in Germany had been bombed by the Allies, moved to the United States in 1947.

Other foreign students include Shirley Burrage, Pat Russell, and Yvonne Sidwick from England; Hans Groenveld and Jan Muerel from the Netherlands. From Canada came Andre Vadlancourt, and Altan Atok from Turkey.

Mexico sends Mavia Eugenia Zamudio; Philippines, James Bowen; Ecuador, Fedi Carbo; Brazil, Jeanne Piazza; and Puerto Rico, Rosalinda Izquiendo.

Also, Leopold Chen came from Belgium; Douglas Kim, Korea; Michel Dumas, France; Alex Geyger and Ulrich Kurzweg from Germany, and Gerend Bedo, Germany.

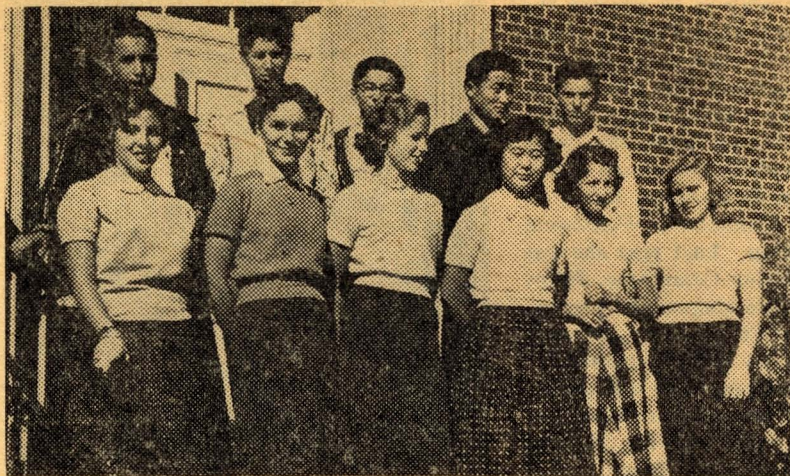


Photo by Charles Peterson  
First row, left to right, are Ilana Kertzman, Shirley Burrage, Rota Karklins, May Jen, Aija Karklins, and Edith Albersheim. Second row: Fedi Carbo, Herman Jacobson, Leopold Chen, Douglas Kim, and Otfried Heybey.

# High School Students Enter Ninth Annual Photo Awards Contest

Opportunity knocks again for high school "shutter" fans.

By entering the ninth annual National High School Photographic Awards Contest sponsored by the National Scholastic Press Association, students of grades nine through twelve, will have a chance to win cash awards for achievements in photography.

Fame and honor are also involved—for pictures winning in one of the four monthly contests may be eligible for the national competition. The winning pictures in this field may be chosen for display in the photographic salon, annually exhibited in high schools throughout the United States.

Five picture classifications have been established into which all pictures submitted by amateur photographers will be placed: School life activities, out of school

activities, sports, art and architecture, and animals and pets.

Contest Closes March 15  
The contest opened October 15, 1953, and will close March 15, 1954. Entries for monthly awards must reach headquarters not later than the fifteenth of each monthly contest period. The last monthly contest closes February 15. Entries received after closing dates will be included in the following month's judging.

To be eligible for the National Awards, entries must be postmarked not later than midnight, March 15, 1954.

Prizes range from \$5 to five grand prizes (one in each class) of \$250 each, a total of \$4,500. In case of tie, duplicate awards will be made. Pictures will be judged on photographic quality, general interest, and appeal. The decision of the judges, who will be announced later, must be accepted as final. One Prize to a Contestant

No contestant will be awarded more than one prize in any class during the life of the contest, with the exception that monthly award winners are also eligible to win a prize in the same class in the National Awards.

Pictures entered must be taken by the contestant without professional help and may date back to May 1, 1953.

# Silver Chips

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## Hygiene Program To Begin Soon, States Miss Lippy

"No girls who are not taking physical education classes will be able to attend hygiene classes this year," recently announced Miss June Lippy.

At the request of parents and students, hygiene classes were held last year for all girls—whether they took physical education or not. The classes proved satisfactory but will be discontinued this year because there are not enough teachers to accommodate the large enrollment of girls.

Miss Lippy, who is head of the girls' physical education program, said that classes will begin about November 30, and will continue all winter.

The course, which will be taught twice a week, will include safety and first aid for sophomores and personal adjustment and social hygiene for juniors. The courses taught to senior girls are personal adjustment, marriage, and family relationships.

## Relations Board Serves As Counselor To Solve Problems Of Upperclassmen

Working in connection with the Student Council is the Senior Relations Committee, composed of one representative from each senior homeroom.

In an effort to satisfy the many desires of the seniors, this committee was created some years ago. Not only does it settle seniors' complaints, but it handles problems such as the senior class gift. Each representative then relates the decisions of their senior executive board to the respective homerooms. The ticket sale to the George Washington-Maryland University game was also arranged by the Senior Relations Committee.

Automatic naming of the vice president of the senior class as head of this committee was begun this year, placing Rodney Cox in the chairmanship position.

The 15 representatives are Mary Ann Clark, June Spates, Betty Cox, Harvey Iwata, Jack Cullen, and Janet Theofield.

Others include Natalie Warfield,

Maurice Glatzer, Dick Gay, Ilana Kertzman, Carolyn Brown, Bruce Fales, Julie Buckingham, Patsy Weir, and Anne Chalupsky.

## Panel To Record Series For Station Broadcasts

In the second of six recorded series of radio broadcasts designed to foster better understanding of schools, Blair will play host to approximately 200 people in the Library, December 1.

Experienced educators, authorities on the topics selected, and parents from Prince Georges and Montgomery County schools compose the panels.

The topic for December 1 is "School Buildings for Today's Education." It will be tape-recorded and sent to radio station WGAY for the broadcast, December 6.

Mr. Ray Hamon, Senior Specialist in School Building Planning, U. S. Office of Education, will be the moderator.

## Party Committee Arranges Details

Are you a crazy-mixed-up senior?

Natch? You then qualify for the Crazy - Mixed - Up Senior Class Party on November 21, from 9 to 12 p.m. in the Blair gym.

All cats, squares, boppers, Drag-net fans, and just plain typical seniors will be admitted free of charge.

Planning the "ball" is the Senior Party Committee, under the chairmanship of Lorrie LeRoy. The committee is composed of Carolyn Galt, Ruthie Silverman, Nina Marchand, Barbara MacMeekin, Judy DuMars, Jackie DuMars, Christin Nelson, and Mr. Ellis Glime, senior class adviser.

"Dig" this: For some "solid-sending" Bob Lee's Aristocrats will provide the dancing music.

Charles Mason, master of ceremonies, will help swing the fun and frolic as he brings on the merry-makers (entertainers).

## Traditional Dance Marks Big Holiday

In a decorative fall setting, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will dance to the music of Bob Lee's Aristocrats at the Thanksgiving Dance.

The date is Saturday, November 28, the time, 9 to 12 p.m., and the place, the Blair gym. Dress is heel and tie, a change from the customary semi-formal. The fall formal was held this year over the Homecoming week-end because the general opinion was that a Thanksgiving formal is too close to a Christmas formal.

Admission is \$1.25 per couple. Arrangements and decorations are provided by the dance committee, of which Jayne Eyerma is chairman and Mrs. Lois Parker is faculty adviser.

School is closed for Thanksgiving vacation on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27.

## Seniors Rehearse Class Play Day And Night For Opening Show On Thursday, December 10

Curtain going up! First seat to the left, please!

When these calls ring forth, they will be the cues for the nine players to take their places for their production of the Senior Class Play.

"The Hasty Heart" by John Patrick, known for its long run on Broadway and also its success as a motion picture, will be brought before the public's eyes on Blair's stage in the gym, December 10-12 at 8:15 p.m.

It is the story of a wounded Scotch soldier and his last few months in a convalescent ward in the Orient. His extremely independent spirit is the concern of his fellow patients, but this attitude is eventually changed when love comes along.

Avon Chisholm, Jack Bonsby, and Don Flinn are responsible for the lighting and special effects.



In a scene from the play, Betty Andrews snaps a picture of the boys in the Army hospital ward.

Judy Neumann and Judy Myers are the voice coaches with Harvey Iwata, John Sipple, and Michael Lashley as stage managers.

Ushers are Betty Carr, Claudia Duvall, Charlotte Higgs, June Spates, Margaret Clements, and Joanne Gandy. The cast and other

Photo by Charles Peterson  
technicians' names appeared in the last issue of Chips.

Cost per person is \$1. All profits will go towards financing the senior activities such as, Senior Party, Senior Prom, Senior Banquet, and Senior Baccalaureate and Commencement.

## PTA To Hold Annual Party To Get Program Funds

By sponsoring the annual car-party tomorrow, at 8 p.m. in the school gym, the PTA is trying to raise funds to finance their year's program.

Canasta, bridge, and all "non-gambling" card games will be played at the various tables.

As an added attraction, door prizes will be awarded to the winning ticket holders. Each will be eligible for door prizes regardless of whether he is present or not.

Other prizes will be offered in the form of table gifts.

Tickets at \$1 per person may be purchased from homeroom representatives.

## How About Trophies?

Dear Silver Chips:

The addition of A building last year included two show cases by the main entrance, near the offices. Placed in these cases are the many trophies which Blair possesses.

Formerly, these trophies, of which we are all very proud, were placed in the library. To the students, they served as a glowing reminder of past accomplishments and an inspiration to future high goals. They were displayed prominently and were very noticeable. Now, in their present position, not many students see them since no classrooms are on the same level and few students go into that part of the building. As for visitors, most Blair visitors, in their tour of Blair include the library, since it is very new and modern. They would be more apt to notice the trophies if they were placed around the shelves of the library. At present these shelves are empty, giving a very impersonal and cold touch to a library which definitely is not such.

I think the trophies should once again enhance the shelves of our lovely Blair library.  
A Library Club Member.

*We should be thankful for our own easy life when we recall all the hardships our Pilgrim forefathers encountered. Even though many had died of starvation, disease, and at the hands of the Indians, they still believed they should give thanks. On the chosen Thursday morning, they attended church. That afternoon there was feasting, dancing, and singing with the Indians, thanking God for their deliverance.*

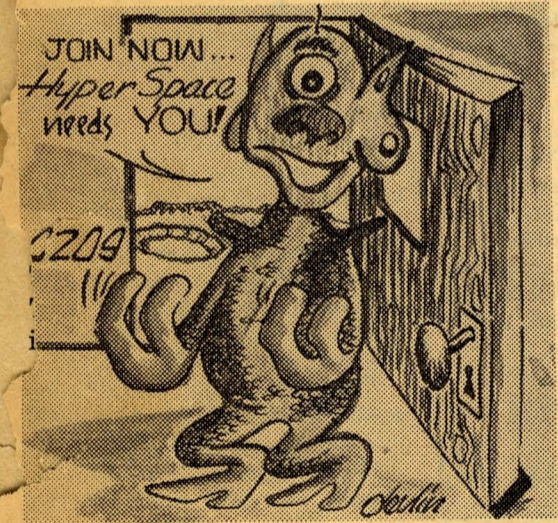
## Blair's Einstein II Precipitates 'Roaring Inferno' Comes Forth Wounded, Wearing Tattered Clothing

by Cynthia Ferrell

Having spent almost all of my time at Blair taking courses in English, history, and art, I looked toward chemistry with not undue apprehension.

The first week passed uneventfully until Friday. Then the sky fell. Our first little gem was to draw heated glass into a medicine dropper "affair". Standing close to the flame on the Bunsen burner was like peering into the mouth of a volcano. Gingerly, with watering eyes, I

### Interested In Science Fiction?



## 'Who's That Teacher? She Sure Is Sad-Looking!'

"She's the substitute for Mrs. Blair teacher, who's absent today. I had her second period."

"I wish we had a substitute. You can really get away with murder."

"No bird! They nearly have a fit."

"Ha, ha!"

"Ha, ha!"

Such is the conversation between two students of a certain high school in Silver Spring. This juicy bit of eloquence was overheard after one of the participants had attended a class conducted by an unfortunate substitute.

The next day, the regular teacher

will probably come back and "flip her lid," when she learns of the behavior of the scholars.

When a substitute enters the classroom, the result is a likeness to pandemonium, which Webster describes as "abode of all the demons."

Johnny turns to Tom, saying, "Let's switch names. You answer for me and I'll answer for you."

Jim pleadingly asks Jerry, "Answer for me when she calls roll. I'm going up to the cafeteria and get some lunch. I'm starved."

When Mrs. Substitute calls the roll, Johnny answers to Tom's name and

## Senior Spotlight

by Ruthie Silverman

## Court Notes

## Senior Play Occupies Joan, Rodney As 'Hasty Heart' Opening Approaches

The Senior Class play is at present the main interest of both Joan Craver, chairman, and Rodney Cox, who plays the part of Blossom, a character in the production.

Coming to Blair by way of Olney, Maryland, and Takoma Junior High, this busy senior's activities include homeroom president for three years, Inter-school Relations Committee, Dance Committee, Welcoming Committee and banking. Last year she was chairman of the Election Committee. Julius La Rosa is her favorite singer, and she exclaimed "The thing I'd want to do most would be see Julius La Rosa in person."

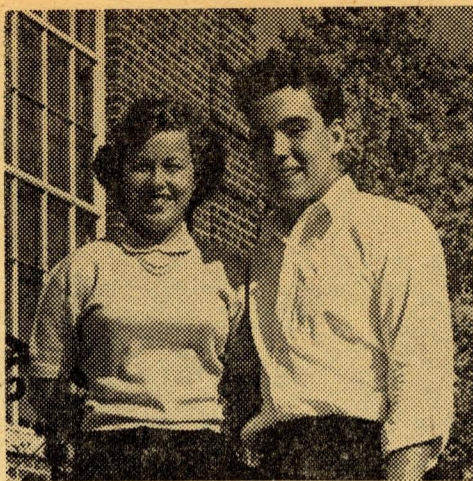
Swimming and watching baseball games are hobbies which attract her attention. Sherman Butler on radio and The Nelsons television program catch her fancy during leisure time.

Any kind of desert she would consider as her favorite food—except that she just loves "eating french-fried onions at the Hot Shoppe."

Next year's plans include working as a secretary for the government.

Most Blairites have seen Joan, as captain of the Cheerleaders. She was given this honor last spring and says "The two years on cheerleaders have been my happiest days of schooling." This year, she continues "has been even better because I work with such a fine group of girls."

Hailing from Silver Spring, Rodney has attended Woodside Elementary and Montgomery Hills Junior High. Vice-president of all three classes, Rodney is also Welcoming Committee Chairman as well as a member of the soccer team, Library Club, and Chair Committee this year.



Joan Craver and Rodney Cox

Eating and sleeping are among the hobbies of the Senior Class vice-president. For the first, fried chicken and mashed potatoes head the list.

Dramatics being his favorite subject, he took part in last year Spring Play and is now rehearsing for the Senior Class Play.

On the radio Rodney enjoys listening to Jackson Lowe and singer Jimmy Ricks.

Rodney's pet peeve is his car when it doesn't run and his pet passion is a "baby blue Cadillac convertible."

Presently taking the academic course, Rodney plans to attend Maryland or Montgomery Junior College next year, but his course is still undecided.

To sum up his interview, Rodney stated "I love money!"

Both Joan and Rodney enjoy working with the Student Council, to which they have been class representatives.

### Klassy Kwotes

## 'Nimb' Attracts Hypochondriacs

by Troy Hambricht

When asked "What would you do with a 'nimb'" these were some of our snappy retorts.

Ilana Kertzman: Let me think—oh—how's this—I'd sent it to Mr. Rubin for his play.

George Everett: With a what? Hey! What are you writing down? uh—uh—I'd send it to Coach Brown.

Jack Martinelli: I'd drop it down the elevator chute.

Mr. Blatt: Hummmmm—seems like I should know what it is. I'd find out what its factors were.

James Portello: Let's see—hummmmm—I'd frame it with old shoe laces, then I'd hang it in the medicine closet and hang the medicine closet on the front door and put "Do not open until Christmas" on it.

Alan Galletly: Whatssis for Klassy Kwotes? I'd take it home and fry it for dinner.

What would you do with a "nimb"? Most of us are hoping that we will eventually wear it, for a "nimb" is a halo.

## Justices Organize To Enforce Laws

by Jack Anderson

The Student Court set its organization to functioning immediately following the election of the associate justices. Its sessions have proved to be successful so far, and as we progress we hope to improve.

Contrary to the opinion of many individuals, the Court is not established as an instrument of forcing students to abide by the Student Council regulations.

Rather let it be said that it seeks to aid those who violate those laws to come to a better understanding of the necessary co-operation with the Student Government for the welfare of all at Blair and prevent recurrence of their offences. That is the prime purpose of the Student Council.

An average session would find that the regulation concerning the off-limits of the parking lot during school hour is most neglected. Second in number of cases are those concerning the one-way traffic on the stairways one also would find a number of cases regarding improper conduct in the cafeteria and questions concerning the registration of automobiles.

The Court is not restricted to these laws, however. Any regulation of the Student Council is within its jurisdiction.

We are a democracy here at Blair. Cooperation and consideration for others form the backbone of our democracy. Let us remember that.

## Bird's Eye View Of Thanksgiving

A real turkey by Fred and Walt

Well, here I am, a turkey. This is a pretty bad spot to be in . . . day before Thanksgiving and all. Gobble.

Any minute now that man who won me is going to come out here and ss-sl-t-t-te off with the head. Gobble. I can't see it, myself. Hmmm, look at that . . . a bowl of corn . . . fattening me for the ugh—kill. Gobble. Come to think of it, I am slightly hungry, I'll just have myself a nice big—good heavens, maybe it's poison! Gobble. Oh, well, what can I lose? . . . crunch, crunch; boy this corn ish preddy good, got a whull mouffull and can't talk very well. Gobble. Hmmm . . . look at that chopping block over there. That thing's for the birds. Ha, Ha! Gobble.

Let's face it . . . this is no time for funny stuff. Oh, oh, here he comes, and there's an ax in his hand. Gobble. Oh, well, goodbye all. I'll go quietly . . . just walk over here, get my head on the block, and wait. Gobble? Here he comes, old Jack, the Ripper. Look at that, he's calling me . . . isn't that cute, "Here, turkey, turkey!" How unoriginal can you get? Gobble. What a fink. I've got an idea, I'll humor him.

"Says, here's one that's been going around the coop lately."

First turkey (entering cafeteria) "Do you have any pumpkin pie in here?"

Second turkey (behind counted clad in white apron and blue jeans) "All our pies the punk in here."

Har Har yok. "Gobble. Oh, oh. That's did it, he's coming after me. That's the last time I steal from Milton Berle. The last time!!!!"

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## Former Graduates Earn Recognitions

Barbara Dodd, class of '52, was one of the ten women from the entire freshman class at Maryland, initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman women's national honor society. Membership is based on a 3.5 or high B average which each girl must maintain throughout one semester or the entire year.

Andrew Conn was one of 20 freshmen absolved from English at Johns Hopkins University this fall. He will receive a passing grade of H or A for the year in English. In a letter to Mr. D. W. Shaw from Mr. William F. Logan, director of admissions, he congratulated the principal and faculty for the fine job of preparing the students for college.

Leif Beck and Harold Hanson have both won freshman and sophomore honors, respectively, in the Founders' Day program at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

James Barker, now attending Dartmouth College, was recently given his own radio station, WDBS, Hanover, New Hampshire. James' show is called the "640 Club" and is one of the most popular on the air with Dartmouth students. Ed Fallen, class of '51, for his second year, has a show on Maryland's WMUC.

Russell Kifer, class of '53, also was absolved from the first semester of freshman English, at Pennsylvania State College. An excerpt from a letter from the head of the English department states, "Past records indicate that they (Blairites) are unquestionably superior, of good minds, and of excellent training on the secondary school level."

Nancy Bakke and Bertha Ann Shapley were among those graduating from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, with an A.B. degree. Nancy was awarded a fellowship for the study of international relations at Haverford in 1953-54.

Tom Markley, class of '52, having won his letter in football last year, returned to his old position of left end after starting as left half for the Pioneers of Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio.

Saul Honigsberg, Roberta Geehan, and Paul Harris, '53 graduates, were elected to the Student Council of Montgomery Junior College as freshman representatives.

## Library Initiates Juniors, Seniors

With smiles on their faces and corn starch in their hair, 24 tired but happy Blairites exited recently from their school library, where, following a serious service and fun-packed initiation, they had become full-fledged members of Montgomery Blair's Library Club.

These new members include Jean Callahan, Lorrie LeRoy, John Ford, Susan Curtis, Mary Jane McNeal, Elaine Martin, Pat Johnson, Jeanine Pair, Ann Schriber, Bonney Farley, Ann Chalupsky, and Pat Thompson.

Also joining the club were Joy Estes, DeEstye Graumann, Sidney Sharkey, Shirley Iwata, Betty Nicodemus, Ruth Peterson, Ronnie Nuttall, Merle Goldberg, Carol Kurn, Eunice Dubinsky, Phyllis Capalan, and Lorraine Barth. All students initiated on that date are juniors or seniors. Eligible sophomores will become members in April.

## Young Artists Paint Town To Help Cut Down Vandalism

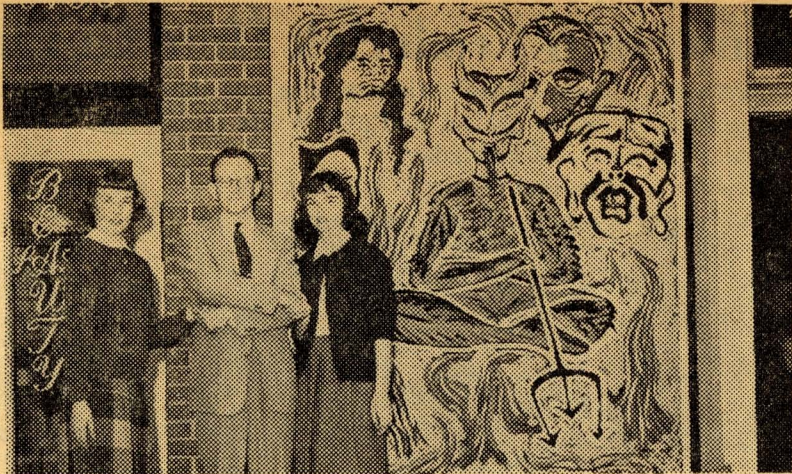


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First prize winners, Phyllis Tuley and Troy Hambright, stand beside Mr. William Morehouse, manager of Stott's, in front of their first-place window in the recent Halloween window-painting contest.

Three senior girls combined their artistic talents and emerged victorious in the store-front painting contest held October 30 by the Downtown Silver Spring Business Men's Association.

The team of Phyllis Tuley, Carolyn Maskell, and Troy Hambright, decorating the window of Stott's, received first prize in the contest. This is the second year that Troy and Carolyn have worked together and won a prize.

Troy received a "Scotch Cooler" picnic thermos while the other girls received \$5 gift certificates.

Second place team of Harry Slye

and Hunter Eyres together with the third prize winners, Lorrie LeRoy and Janie Williams, also received gift certificates. These groups decorated the windows of Western Auto and the Silver Spring Florist Shop, respectively.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Faye Sherry, approximately 120 students were dismissed at 1:30 p.m. to join in the contest with all paint being furnished by the Business Men's Association.

This program was begun last year by the association to help cut down on the usual Halloween vandalism.

### Faculty Facts

by Cynthia Ferrell

## Former Navigator, Traveler, Now Teaches Social Studies

Native Pennsylvanian Mr. Albert Chakan has definitely seen "how the other half lives," in his own words.

Born in Eckely, Pennsylvania, he soon moved to Freeland, where he spent his boyhood. In the interest of higher education, he prepped at the Mining and Mechanical Insti-

Just to keep things in the family, Mrs. Chakan often substitutes for her husband when he is ill. This is possibly less frequently these days, however, because she is busy taking care of their two children, a boy five years old and a girl three years old.

In his spare time, Mr. Chakan can be found enthusiastically raising and breeding tropical fish.

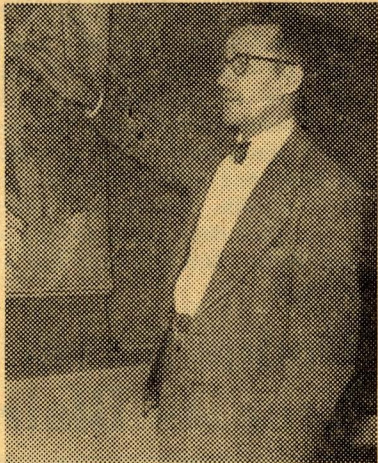


Photo by Bill Garrett  
Mr. Albert Chakan

tute. This versatile social studies teacher then received his A.B. from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and later obtained his M.Ed. from Columbia University and Maryland University.

During the war, Mr. Chakan served in the Air Force as the director of a night school at Ellington Field, Texas, and as a navigator for the Commanding General of the United States in Russia. The latter gave him an opportunity to study the way of life of our political opponents. His tour of duty enabled him to see most of the countries of the world, something that he obviously enjoyed.

Before coming to Blair in 1948, he devoted his energies to teaching at the Poolesville school. Instructing classes in civics and human relations has been his job at Blair for the past five years.

## Shine Earns Top Place In Democracy Contest

"In an era such as ours, with all its technological revelations, a nation which is free must be continually on its guard to protect that freedom," believes Allan Shine, first place winner in the 1953 "I Speak for Democracy" contest.

Second and third place winners were Jackie DuMars and John Durkovic, also seniors, the contest which was open to all high school students.

Allan included excerpts from the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution in his speech. He urged citizens "not only to defend democracy, but also to live and to practice it."

"Let us act before it is too late to act, and with God's aid, we shall all join together to help make democracy live," concluded Allan.

Allan, who transferred to Blair from Providence, Rhode Island, last year, is a member of the Welfare Committee, on the staff of Praeco

## Press Box Burns, Ruining Equipment

Over \$500 worth of damages in radio equipment and football dummies resulted from the burning of the radio shack, October 30 at 10:30 p.m.

A student living near the school described the incident: "The whole neighborhood was aroused by fire engine sirens. Looking out the door to find out their destination, we discovered it to be Blair. We rushed down the path and across the bridge to the stadium. Too well I remembered our jokes at having two fire drills that day. We found the blaze to be the reviewing stand instead of C building as I had feared."

No evidence has been established as to the cause of the fire, though rumors of misguided school spirit have been circulated. It is interesting to note that on the previous week-end Maryland University was the victim of similar destruction by students of a rival school. This school, after investigating, told the students involved to pay the \$350 for damages or be expelled.

## AAUW Sponsors Writing Contest

Sponsored annually by the American Association of University Women, the Creative writing contest is again open to Blair students.

With the contest closing tomorrow, November 20, winners will be announced and presented their prizes at the monthly meeting of the Association on December 3.

In each category, Poetry, Article, and Fiction, the first prize shall be any book of the winner's choice, costing between five and ten dollars. Recognition shall be given to second place winners.

All manuscripts become the property of AAUW and the decision of the judges shall be final.

## Rubin Receives Scenery From Broadway Show

Sets from "The Love of Four Colonels", a Broadway comedy-fantasy, have been presented to Mr. Louis Rubin, Blair's drama instructor, for use in school dramatic events.

Designed by the famous Roth Gerard, the sets have been valued at about \$5,000.

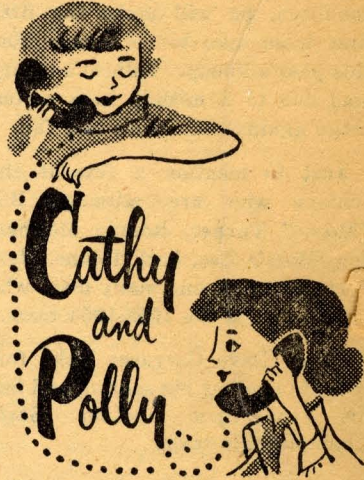
The presentation was arranged by Mr. Scott Kirkpatrick, assistant stage manager at the National, after he saw and was impressed by last year's production of "Liliom".

Argenteus, and Silver Quill, and in the cast of "The Hasty Heart."

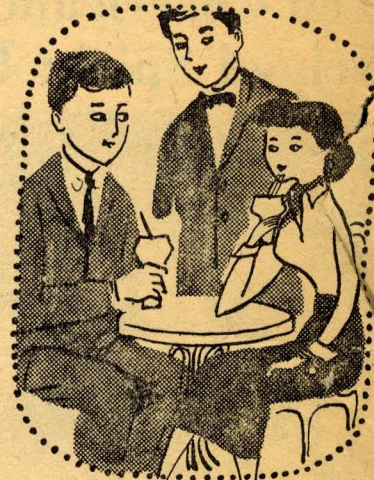
Allan's oration will be entered in the community-wide contest, of which the winner will receive a radio or television set.

The local winner will compete in the state contest, the eliminations of which are scheduled for completion on December 28.

The four national winners, to be announced on February 1, will be given a \$500 scholarship check and a week-long, all expense trip to Washington, D. C., including three days in Williamsburg, Virginia.



"My cousin Jill was here this evening—she wanted to know all about our telephone jobs."



"Hope you told her how much we like our work—and what fun it is to work with other young people."



"Sure did—and I didn't forget to tell her about the good salary and regular raises, either."



"I tell my friends to ask their high school counselor about telephone jobs—or to come to the telephone office when they finish school."



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# Blazers Fell Baron Championship Hopes

## Hoopsters Hold Practices Soon; Look For Successful Season

Though basketball has not yet begun, it's not far off, in fact practice begins November 23.

The question which is probably upper most in the mind of the students is whether this year's Blazer quints will bring home their third Maryland Class A championship.

Many of the boys of last year's first squad have graduated, and it leaves an open field for the boys. Don Dillard, who is a senior this year, may be back on the team, but if his leg, which was operated on last year, is not in good enough condition, he will make the fifth first team man to be minus from this year's lineup. Dillard's injury was due to a mishap in a scrimmage against St. John's last fall.

Just to mention a few of the seniors who are missing, Bill "Moose" Turner, Ronnie McPherson, Morris Lee, Jack Doane, Herbert Rawlings, and many more who went to form the 1952-1953 team.

Coach Dave Carrasco looks forward to another big season, and has his eyes upon another State Championship team.

### Spotlight On Girls

by Anne Chalupsky

## Ten Cheerleaders Help Create School Spirit; Brighten Events



Photo by Bill Garrett

The Red and White Cheerleaders, Blair's most loyal supporters.

So far this year Blair's school spirit has been tops, and do you know who stimulates our spirit?

Faustene Turner, Betty York, Binky Varey, Shirley Iwata, Sandy Burkhalter, Peggy Markwood, Dottie Rutley, Jeanette Thomas, Joan Eaton, treasurer, and captain, Joan Craver. These girls, as we all know, are doing a fine job of cheerleading. Sponsored by Mrs. Mary Lou Iacangelo, they practice every Thursday and hold meetings every Tuesday.

### Rieder Introduces Variation Of Track

John Lemp won Blair's track intramural trophy this year as he placed first in a field of 15 boys in a run that was held at Blair on October 28.

Earning intramural letters through participation were John Nesbitt, second place; Henry Hunt, third place; John Saylor, Munroe Meyersburg, Bob Kirshman, Rob Goldback, and Rich Goldback, who were fourth through eighth place, respectively.

Beginning the season on a fine note, Blair's team, paced by Henry Hunt and John Nesbitt, has posted a win in two tries.

The Blair harriers placed sixth in the Johns Hopkins meet and then edged Coolidge by three points.

The Blazers' next match will be the Maryland State meet in Baltimore on November 14.

### Rifle Team Looks To '52 Lettermen

Supervised by Mr. Robert McGuire, a group of 60 hopefuls turned out for the first tryouts of Blair's boys' rifle team.

During the early meetings the practices will be devoted to the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship consisting of sighting, the use of the sling, and various positions necessary for good marksmanship.

The season consists of a pair of matches with Bethesda-Chevy Chase and other area school teams. The rifle team looks forward to their matches with St. John's, their bitterest rival, and a chance to place in the National Championship at Maryland. Last year the team ranked tenth in the nation.

## Entertain Frederick Here In Closing Game, 2:30

Bethesda-Chevy Chase's visions of a possible Maryland Bi-County League Championship were dimmed when Blair's Red and White eleven held them to a scoreless tie in the annual rival game here last Saturday.

Blair's final league record is 1-2-1, while B-CC maintained a 2-1-1 log. Northwestern and



Photo by Bill Garrett

Halfback Dick Street hurdles Coolidge tackler.

Suitland, both with 2-1 marks, will fight for the title tomorrow night. Should this game end in a draw,

a three-way tie would again be created.

With a chance to cop the champ-

## Blazer Squads Need Recruits; Ex-Blair Athletes Aid Colleges

by Bob Balentine

Now that the scholastic gridiron season is completed for another year, a whole host of competitive athletics are open for student participation throughout the remainder of the school term.

Regardless of whether you've ever had any experience, come out for the team of your choice if you feel you are in any way qualified.

If you've failed in previous attempts to make a team, try again. If you fail this time, just remember that you did your part for Blair as best you could.

See where ex-Blair athlete, Ralph Ward, recently scored a touchdown for the Maryland frosh football team? In the freshman game between George Washington University, Ralph romped over from the six-yard line as the Terps won by

a large margin. Incidentally, this year's frosh eleven is said to be the best ever.

Leif Beck, Blazer tennis captain of the 1952 class, and now a sophomore at Lehigh University, recently coupled with a teammate from that school to win the Collegiate Doubles tennis championship.

For those of you who are wondering what those dark blue jackets with the scarlet red CS emblems stand for, they mean Cissel-Saxon. Several boys from Blair played for the Cissel-Saxon American Legion baseball nine last summer, which advanced to the Maryland State finals before bowing out. Members of the squad were sophomores Buddy Krey and Archie Webster; juniors Charlie Junghans, Charlie Keith, Dick Brown, and Joe Schoen, and seniors Bill Overman and Jay Solomon.

### Intramurals Start Soccer Practices

Blair's Metropolitan Soccer League champs will start practice one week after football season to get in shape for the first game, January 8, with Landon their listed opponent.

Coach Ed Rieder invites all boys who have never played any varsity sports to come out for intramural soccer (where the team will be selected, and any other boys who have participated in other sports, excluding varsity or jayvee football).

Last year's results in league play were 5-1-1, not including the play-off games. The overall record was 5-2-3.

This is only the booters' second season and Coach Rieder expects to have a fine team even without the services of Alfredo Posado, Frankie Teran, Herman Geiman, Nick Carbo, and Carroll Hitch, all lost through graduation.

Hitch, second highest scorer on last year's team, is attending Maryland University on a soccer scholarship.

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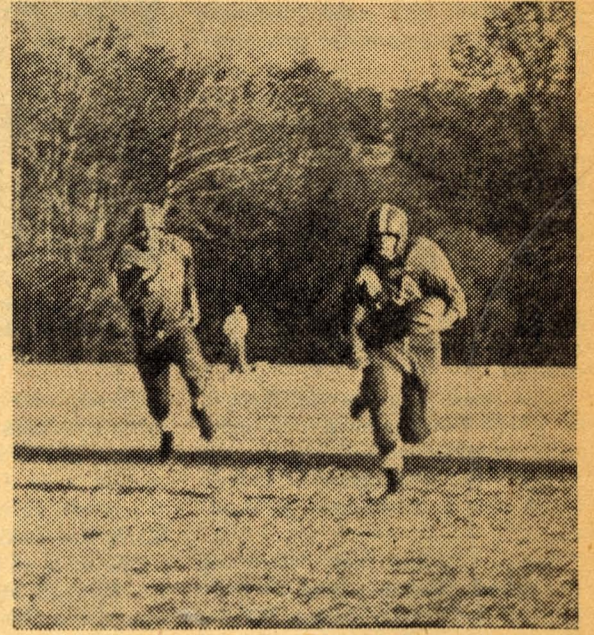


Photo by Charles Peterson

Street scores from 10 yards out against Colts.

Blair reached the Baron five-yard line in the second period before being turned back.

The contest was highlighted by fumbles, but fullback Ed Ward was outstanding.

Six and one-half inches of snow postponed Frederick High's visit to Blair on November 7, and the contest has been rescheduled for today. Since this game will end Coach Conrad Brown's first season as head football mentor at Blair, promotion of full attendance has been under way.

Homecoming week-end was a happy one as many ex-Blairites returned to see the Blazers outplay a heavier Coolidge eleven, who have found competition becoming keener with Blair each year.

Although Blair's smaller line was forcing the Colt backs to eat the ball on most plays, the Blazers had to wait until the final quarter to garner the game's lone TD, as Dick Street skirted left end for 23 yards and paydirt. Bill Eshelman's conversion on a short sprint accounted for the seventh point.

## Dodge Serves Fourth Straight Year As Blair Line Coach



Photo by Bill Garrett

Mr. Herbert Dodge

In this month's issue of Silver Chips, your reporter inquired into the life of Herbert W. Dodge, line coach of the Blazers.

Born in the District of Columbia, Coach Dodge attended both elementary and high school there. He attended Roosevelt High, where he played the positions of end and blocking back. He attended Mt.

St. Mary's College and Brown University. While at Mt. St. Mary's he was captain of the football team. During his college career he played the positions of end and guard.

Following graduation, Coach Dodge spent three years in the Navy with the commission of lieutenant. Senior grade at present he is in the reserve.

As for his past coaching experience previous to Blair, Coach spent two years at Roosevelt as line coach, and one year at Gwyn Park High in Brandywine, Maryland, as a baseball coach.

Upon his arrival at Blair four years ago, Mr. Dodge began teaching world history and economic geography. He also assumed the position of faculty manager of athletics.

Mr. Dodge commented that he likes working with the boys and he thinks that they have the greatest spirit he has seen since he has been at Blair.

## Writing Contest Affords Prizes

Entries for the 1954 Scholastic Writing Awards Contest will be accepted by English teachers up to the closing date, February 1, 1954.

All Blairites are eligible and may enter any number of manuscripts in the six classifications of the Senior Division. These divisions are: (1) Short-Short Story; (2) Short Story; (3) Informal Essay; (4) Poetry; (5) Expository Article; and (6) Radio and Other Drama.

Ten awards of \$25 each, plus a certificate of merit, will be given in each of the first four classifications in the Senior Division. Five top awards of \$25, plus a certificate of merit, for classifications 5 and 6. Honorable mention certificates are given in all classifications.

For the third consecutive time last year Blair led all other schools in this annually Star-sponsored contest. Twelve gold keys and 21 certificates were won.

For additional information, consult the announcement in your English teacher's room.

# Queen To Reign At Christmas Formal

Which of Blair's seven prettiest senior girls will wear the crown of white carnations and reign as Christmas Queen?

Following one of the school's oldest customs, her name will not be revealed until December 26, at the Christmas Formal in the gym.

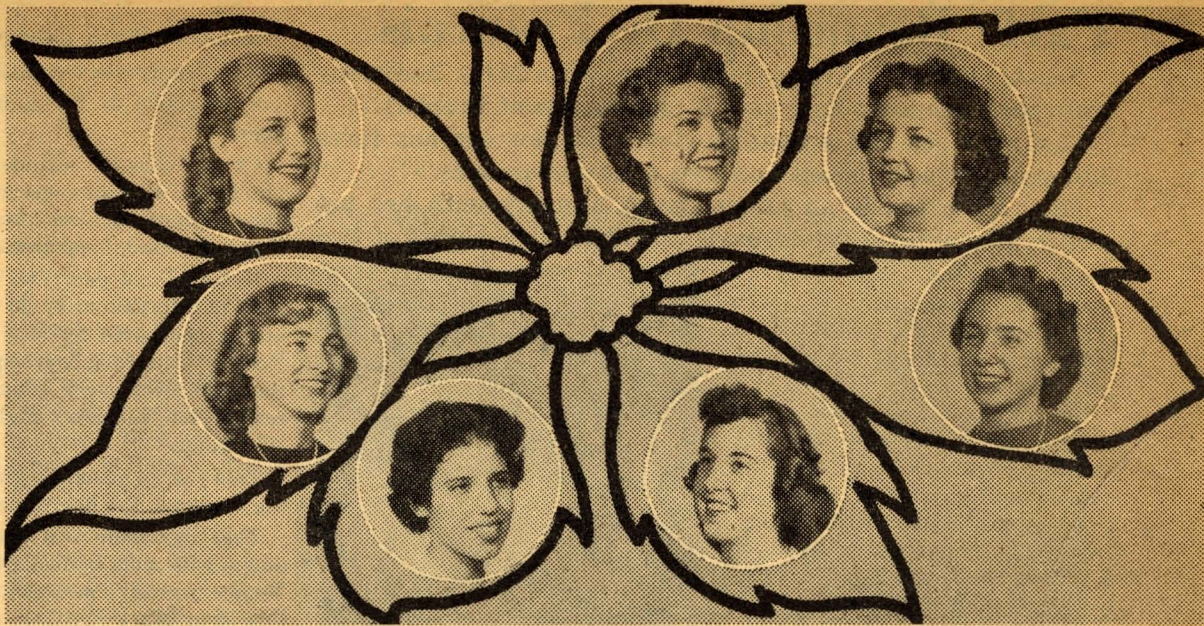
Last year's queen, Nancy Brown, will bestow the crown with the help of Terry Hicks, Student Council president. Following the coronation, the Queen and her court will dance with their dates to complete the tradition.

Among the seven contenders for the throne, a variety of interests are represented.

Kay Alkire is in the Majorettes, the Library Club, and the Publicity, Inter-school Relations, Welcoming, and Senior Play committees.

Monogram Society, Pep Club, and homeroom vice-president occupy Mary Anne Clark, as well as Dance, Senior Relations, and Publicity committees.

Jackie DuMars is the flag cap-



Forming the poinsettia are the seven Christmas princesses. Clockwise they are Kay Alkire, Mary Ann Clark, Jackie DuMars, Judy DuMars, Lynne Kenestrick, Faustene Turner, and Natalie Warfield.

tain of the Majorettes, page editor of Silver Chips, Library Club treasurer, and a member of the Senior

Party Committee. She is also a member of Quill and Scroll, the Honor Society, and Monogram Society, and the winner of the Elmira Key as last year's outstanding junior girl.

Jackie's twin sister, Judy, is class secretary, Monogram Society president, Library Club vice-president, and captain of the Majorette twirlers, as well as a member of the Senior Party and Dance committees.

Being Majorette Captain takes almost all of Lynne Kenestrick's spare time, though she is able to serve as homeroom vice-president.

A member of the Cheerleaders, Faustene Turner is a member of

the Library Club and the Inter-school Relations, Dance, and Welcoming committees.

Library Club President Natalie Warfield is a member of the Majorettes, the Girls' "B" Club, Girls' Physical Education Planning Committee, and the Monogram Society. She also serves on the Dance and Senior Relations committees.

Nominations were held in homerooms on December 1 and elections on December 11.

Teachers counted the final ballots to insure secrecy of the winner.

Charles Gasque and the Columbians, a 12-piece orchestra with two girl vocalists, will provide the music, while the Dance Committee will create a pale-blue setting with snowflakes and silver Christmas trees.

Due to the size of the gym, only a limited number of tickets are being sold. These are at the usual price of \$1.25 at the Bank.

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## Advanced Chorus Makes Singing Engagements, Bringing Yuletide Greetings To Community

Again, as in the past at this time, the student chorus under the direction of Miss Mary Cross has accepted singing engagements that range from early morning programs to late evening hours.

Already they have completed three appointments on their Christmas agenda and have eight more to go.

For the first time they sang at the Walter Reed Annex on December 8 for the veterans. The P.T.A. meeting engaged their talents on December 15 as did the Jim Gibbons show in the wee hours this morning.

Tomorrow they will perform at the Christmas tree lighting at Walter Reed. This, too, is a new attempt for the advanced chorus.

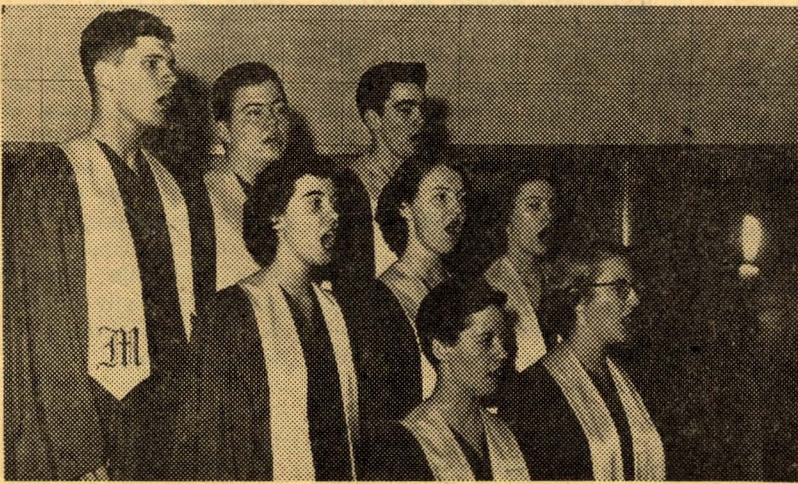
A brand new experience will be in store for the chorus members when they sing before throngs of people at the Corcoran Art Gallery. They are one of the three groups to perform, in fact, the only public school group. Here the combined garden clubs of D. C. and Maryland have on display "Christmas Greens." The Washington embassies are also taking part in the exhibition, which will be open daily for the public until December 20.

Following the custom of the past years, the advanced chorus will perform before the Silver Spring Kiwanis Club luncheon on Decem-

ber 22 in the Colesville Road Hot Shoppe.

The beginning chorus will take

part in Blair's Christmas activities as they carol through the halls and at the Christmas tree lighting.



Tuning in are eight senior members of the advanced chorus: (top row, left to right) Alan Galletly, Mike Corridon, and Jack Anderson; (second row) Julie Buckingham, Jean Corey, and Ruth Scherger; (bottom row) Denise Coyle and Diane Perkins.

## Polished Numbers Will Rate Selection

Tryouts for Blair's annual Variety Show will be held January 6, 7, and 8, in the rifle range.

Students will be allowed to sign up for tryouts sixth period on Monday, January 4, on the Variety Show bulletin board in "C" building. Winning acts, as selected by Miss June Lippy, Mrs. Audrey Steele, Mr. Louis Rubin, and Mr. Donald Loughrie, will be posted on the bulletin board on Monday, January 11.

Each year, approximately 30 acts are chosen, including three faculty numbers. The more polished the act the greater its chance of selection.

Each act will be practiced several times a week with its sponsor and several times during the Saturday rehearsals. These all-day practices begin about the middle of February.

## Praeco Celebrates Christmas In December Publication

Praeco Argenteus, Blair's Latin newspaper, will go on sale December 22 with its many Christmas features.

In English and Latin combined, it will be a publication of interest to a large majority.

Some highlights in Latin are: a movie review of "Roman Holiday," a book review of "Ben Hur," and a movie review of "Cinerama." Two Latin crossword puzzles take the shape of a snowman and a Christmas tree.

English articles include: "Christmas in Many Lands," "The Origin of the Christmas Tree," and "New Year's Day." Poems and a fiction story also make up part of the newspaper.

Copies of Praeco will be sold for five cents each outside the Latin room, C 209, during the lunch periods.

## Three Departments Schedule Pageant

"Miracle in Manhattan," an original pageant never before produced, will be the Christmas presentation for the entire student body during two more assemblies tomorrow.

Written in a style of blank verse, the play concerns a mute girl who sells flowers in the middle of winter in New York. It is a tri-department production with the combined efforts of the drama, music, and art departments. Interpretive dancing is done by both boys and girls of the fourth-period dramatics class.

According to Mr. Louis Rubin, dramatic director, it is "abstract, very modern, and most unusual."

For the first time, an echo chamber will be used in producing sound effects. Scenery includes a stained glass window, produced under the direction of Mrs. Faye Sherry.

Choreography has been arranged by Nancy Baldwin and Peggy Behrman.

Included in the list of main characters are Mary Gates, DeEste Gramen, Howard Kolodney, Bill Rast, Judy Newman, Dotty Rutley, Chuck Whitmer, and the entire advanced dramatics class.

Supplying the music will be the advanced chorus directed by Miss Mary Cross and accompanied by Allan Galletly.

## Food Only Charge For Tree Lighting

Offering all students an opportunity to get in the holiday spirit, Blair will hold its annual Christmas tree lighting December 22 at 7 p.m. in front of the school.

Besides the lighting of the tree, the program will consist chiefly of individual and group singing as led by the beginning chorus.

Although no admission will be charged, members of the Welfare Committee will be on hand to accept any contributions of canned goods.

## Treasury Division Encourages Thrift

"Future Unlimited," a new student art project, sponsored by the United States Treasury Department, is now in progress at Blair.

Selections will be judged on the basis of originality, appropriateness, and dramatic influence in aiding the promotion of the Saving Bond program. "Future Unlimited" is not a contest but an art project designed to encourage thrift among students. Each participant may choose his own art medium with the idea of portraying his future ambition.

The five best posters will be selected by Mr. Sydney Gelfand, art instructor, and sent to the State Headquarters Office of the United States Savings Bonds Division, in Baltimore, by February 2, 1954.

This nation-wide project offers young Americans an opportunity to display their hopes for the years to come by giving free rein to their individual creative artistic abilities.

## Christmas Calendar

- December 17  
Tenth grade Christmas assembly, fifth period
- December 18  
Twelfth grade assembly, second period
- December 19  
Eleventh grade assembly, third period
- December 22  
Christmas tree lighting, 7 p.m. in front of the school
- December 23  
Chorus caroling in halls
- December 24-January 3  
Christmas vacation (school closed seven days)
- December 26  
Christmas formal, 9 to 12 p.m. in the gym

## Holiday To Close School

Due to the fact that Christmas falls on a Friday this year, the holiday vacation will begin Wednesday, December 23 at 3:30 p.m.

With New Year's day also on a Friday, school will be opened again the following Monday, January 4. This will give students an 11-day vacation, seven of which are school days.

This is the longest vacation from school for the entire year.

# Miss McCarthy, Every Day Parle Beaucoup De Francais

Teaching French five periods a day, Miss Mary McCarthy truly *parle beaucoup de francais* (speaks lots of French).

Last year she had a Spanish class, but now she has three first-year French classes and two second-year ones.

Miss McCarthy is an animal lover, starting with her pet cocker spaniel to *les petits souris*, the little mice, heroes of two

stories in French I. Once this fall she was explaining the word "frightful" when she looked up and saw a crow staring at her through the window.

Her classes always seem to be the victims of one disturbance or another: garbage men rattling the cans below her window, long P.A. announcements, and short periods. Last year one day her second period class had three visits from foreigners and a fire drill. Miss McCarthy makes vicious threats and cries "Sweet mother," but has a merry twinkle in her eyes.

As a girl she wanted to be a nurse, but practice teaching sold her on her present occupation. She would love to travel through Europe, "especially France, Spain,



Miss Mary McCarthy

Italy, Switzerland, and England." She commented wishfully that every language student should visit a country where the tongue is spoken.

Her radio and television interests include "Meet the Press," "Dragnet," "You Bet Your Life," and "See It Now." In music she prefers the classical. She also "eats up" steak and chocolate pie.

Having come to Blair in October four years ago, Miss McCarthy soon became involved in activities. She now advises the Election Committee and the Future Teachers of America.

## Debaters Choose Short As Prexy

Now in its second year of existence, the Debating Club has recently elected James Short as president, with Barbara Frentz, vice-president; Carol Megby, secretary; and Lewis Gable, treasurer.

Under the leadership of Mr. Robert Wagner, the club will be discussing the political value of the U. N. and high school sororities and fraternities at their Wednesday meetings in room C202.

Among the activities planned is the appearance of the club on the Sunday television program, "Youth Wants to Know," where newsworthy topics are discussed with well-known people.

Yesterday several members of the Debating Society contested with the Debating Club of Bethesda-Chevy Chase. The topic was "Resolved: The government should have control of the building of Hell's Canyon Dam in Idaho." The Blair team took the negative stand in this debate.

The debate was non-decisive, but it gave the team experience in its first debate of the year

## Girl Shooters Pick Officers

Members of the girls' rifle team have recently elected Mary Mattison, president of the club, for the year.

Other officers include seniors Marjorie Perrin, vice-president; Jane Johnston, secretary; and Helen Barnard, treasurer.

In its second year, the club consists of approximately 20 members and is sponsored by Mrs. Roberta Keiter. Using the boys' equipment, the girls meet every Monday after school and Thursday night in the rifle range.

This year, sophomore girls are on the team for the first time.

They buy their own ammunition and pay 25 cents in dues per month. Members receive monogram points. President Mary Mattison said that they hope to compete with other schools this year. As a member of the National Junior Rifle Association for the first time, the five highest scoring girls fired 473 points out of a possible score of 500.

The following girls were chosen for the team by Mrs. Keiter for their ability as well as their interest in the club: Barbara Frentz, Carol Megby, Jane Johnston, Margie Perrin, Helen Barnard, Barbara Shipman, Ruth Ahl, Joyce Bennett, Mary Mattison, Louise Johnson, and Beverly Bosworth.

Others chosen are Dariene Nestler, Sarah Lyons, Doris Carwithen, Pat Perrin, Susan Mattison, Donna Benson, Gertrude Eyre, Jeanne Ceranton, Pat Thompson, Ellen Studds, and Sandra Stant.

## Interviews Show Santa, Rudolph Fakes, Bringing Shocking News For Holiday

by Fred and Walt

Around this time of year Mr. Walt Kelley pulls out his trusty little brushes and starts drawing Pogo singing, "Deck the Halls With Boston Charlie." So, it is only fitting that we, too, get out our typewriters (where we are they won't let us use any sharp instruments like pens, pencils, carrot sticks, scallions—most people call them green onions, but they're really scallions) and jot off a few hundred meaningless words about Christmas.

We all know the Yuletide season is upon us . . . what with beautiful Christmas carols coming out like "Christmas Dragnet" and "Santa Baby," also the bussling streets of our hometown bedecked in fine, shimmering streamers gaily hung on full, green pine trees, assorted groups of the inevitable last-minute shoppers scurrying merrily from store to store. (Kinda poetic, ain't it?)

We decided to do some research on the topic of Christmas, so among interviews, surveys, and reference

data we came up with the following shocking facts:

1. Christmas spelled backwards is "samtSirhC."
2. Out of an interview with 100 sidewalk and department store Santa Clauses: 97% confessed themselves to be imposters. The other 3% had bicycles.
3. There is not now, nor ever has been, a creature called Rudolf, the Red-Nose Reindeer.
4. This year's Christmas cocktail is: 1 jigger egg nog, 5 jiggers bay rum, ½ gallon sterno (French domestic). Pour ingredients into container and stir with sprig of holly.

Those were the facts. To quote a German phrase, "Mein Weihnachtsbaum hat gelbe flugel!" or "My Christmas tree has yellow feathers!"—(their) Vasyou Geshpritzenzy, unsuccessful German comedian during the latter half of the Deutchland revolution. (It loses something in the translation.) We refer to the last four words in paragraph one.

Anyway, Merry Christmas from yourses trulies (plural).

## TB, Press Associations Sponsor Press Project

Columbia Scholastic Press Association and National Tuberculosis Association are sponsoring a school press project to stimulate interest in TB, the number one killer of young people.

The issues containing information on TB will be submitted to the local TB Association. The outstanding papers will be sent to the state elimination, where no more than nine will be sent for the national judging.

The medium used may be news and feature stories, editorials, cartoons, and other art work.

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## PTA Tops Goal At Its Card Party

The \$1,600 goal set by the PTA was topped Friday, November 20, at the annual card party.

Parents, teachers, and students combined their efforts and made the party a financial success by raising \$1,700. As a result, no more fund-raising activities are planned for this year by the PTA. The money will be used for the group's budget, which was planned by the budget committee and approved by the entire group.

Door prizes were donated by merchants in the Silver Spring area. Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. DeVer Colson, organized this affair.

# Sophs, Junior Excell

Two sophomores and a junior captured first place honors in the Creative Writing Contest held at Blair in November.

Judy Lindner, an eleventh-grader, was awarded first prize in the article division with her entry, "Cigarettes and the Advertising Game." Recognition was also given Barbara Roome for her manuscript entitled, "That Intangible Something."

In the poetry catagory, sophomore Dean Holt received first place with his entry, "They Call Me Democracy," while "Humility," written by senior Sally Griffith, was chosen for second-place honors.

Katherine Sauer's story, "Cupid's Little Helper," won top prize in the fiction class and Bill Kogok received an honorable mention.

The three winning Blairites were honored at a dinner presented by Silver Spring Branch of the American Association of University Women, December 2, when they received awards for their prize-winning manuscripts. The students were given a choice of any book costing up to \$10 or a cash award of \$5.

## Klassy Kwotes

## High Socks Fad Creates Uproar

by Ruthie

Until just recently you probably thought those long, bright-colored socks were meant only to be hung on the fireplace at Christmas time. But now you know that no well-dressed girl can be without them.

About a month ago, Dottie Rutley, Sandy Stack, De Estye Graumann, and I decided to pool our courage and wear our socks to school. We were almost sure what the reaction would be since very few at Blair had ever seen such oddities before.

Entering school on the chosen morning I was greeted by Pauline Fuchs' comment of "What in God's world?" Then, Barbara Ewen approached asking, "Are you cold?" Continuing on a little further, Jamie Short informed me "They just don't have any appeal."

When seeing my new yellow socks, Sue Crowley first laughed and then began singing "Oh, the red silk stockings and the green perfume." Bobbie Conn screamed "Aiiii," and Wally Murphy wondered, "How come you all are wearing Bermudas today? . . ." Then stated, "That's terrible." "Hey, Ruthie! Where'd ya get your crazy socks?" questioned Marsha Salkeld.

But then there were those more complimentary souls, such as Jeanne Rice, who exclaimed, "They're cute"; Joy Estes who remarked, "I like—my mother's getting me some today"; and Nina Marchand, who said, "You wore 'em—I wish I had some."

Along with all these comments came everything from sly glances and snickers to out-right stares and laughter.

## Juniors Lead List Of Honor Students

With 78 students out of the 188 on the honor roll, the eleventh grade leads the list of students making all A's and B's on their report cards.

The senior class was second with 63 students, while the sophomores followed with 47.

The top section in the school was Miss Susan Aud's 11-1, with 17 honor students. Following was 11-13 with 13 honor students.

Four students made straight A's. They were Clarence McKenzie, 11-1; Barbara Roome, 11-8; Susan Mattison, 11-13; and Sue Crowley, 12-10.



## 'The Greatest Of These . . .'

With the approach of the Christmas season, we are again reminded that for nearly two thousand years men have celebrated this great holiday. Meanwhile Christianity has grown stronger with the passage of time.

Faith, which is inherent in a spiritual outlook, recognizes no geographic nor language barriers, and is a force which binds together men of every nation, color, and station in life. This has a great potentiality as a means of developing a better world.

Hope is reaffirmed this season, for a large portion of the world's people—hope, that in the coming year men and women everywhere will join together in working for peace and better understanding.

Love toward fellow man, friend and foe alike, is again proclaimed. It is love which the world needs: without love it cannot endure.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the gretest of these is charity." (I Corinthians 13:13)

On this Christmas Day, which holds so much spiritual significance, let us think of the part we as individuals can play in promoting world peace. Each of us should work in his sphere of influence in active support of the policies and principles in which we believe and for which we stand.

## Senior Spotlight

by Ruthie

## Margie Prefers Classical Music; Charlie Goes Eddie Gallaher

This issue of Chips Spotlight falls on two more outstanding Blair seniors, Margie Persion and Charlie Mason.

"I'm a real square about music," laughed Margie. "I like classical better than popular." Her favorite popular singer is Julius LaRosa. One of her hobbies is piano. She's director of a choir at her church and sings in another.

This very busy senior has been a member of the Library Club and Monogram Committee since her sophomore year. This year she is secretary of the Honor Society, an executive in the Library Club, chairman of the senior banquet, and also Monogram Committee chairman.

"Although work on the banquet doesn't start until spring, we're taking suggestions for a speaker and location now," she announced.

"We tried," says Margie, "to balance the monogram system so it was more fair."

Hailing from Kansas City, Missouri, Margie moved to Silver

Spring at the age of two, and attended Four Corners Elementary School and Takoma Park Junior High.

Bates College, in Maine, is Margie's after-graduation goal, where she hopes to major in religious education.

Charlie has been homeroom officer for his years at Blair. His committees include Publicity, Dance, Safety, Order, Chair, and Assembly. Also he is a member of the Library Club and of the baseball team.

Heading his list of favorite hobbies is drawing ultra-modern cars. Next

year Charlie plans to attend the University of Cincinnati, and after that he hopes to be a car designer.

Eddie Gallaher is his radio preference together with popular music.

Originally from Pocomoke City, Maryland, Charlie came to Silver Spring to start his sophomore year. "If I hadn't come to Blair," remarked Charlie, "I wouldn't have had these opportunities."



Marjie and Charlie

## 'Christmas Belongs To The Children,' Declare Advertising Departments

by Cynthia Ferrell

"Christmas belongs to the children" is the advertising world's favorite slogan at this time of the year.

To find proof of this, all you have to do is wander into a department store and follow the arrows to the toy department. This is not only the haven of that perpetually beloved man, Santa Claus; it is, for some reason, the place where the majority of teenage, part-time clerks are installed. Here they must stand for days on end helping lost children find suddenly care-free mothers, taking toys out of hot, clenched, little fists, and trying to explain to fathers that every-

thing has gone up since 1925.

One of the worst aspects of this sometimes near-fatal occupation is the noise. A toy department is one of the few places where you can still hear "Silent Night," "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and "White Christmas" simultaneously. Here are, definitely, joys in which children envision Santa coming down the chimney. Many a child who has been screaming and running around counters at break-neck speed will suddenly stop to go up to him and shake hands with a solemn face. And then, to everyone's great relief, he quietly steals away promising to be good "for at least the next three weeks."

# 'Hyper Space' Calls

Seen any flying saucers lately? Know any ghosts or come across any three-headed men? If you have, tell it to "Hyper Space, the hopeful young people's extra radical society for the promotion of amiable conditions everywhere," or otherwise known as the Science Fiction Club.

The Science Fiction Club is the newest addition to club activities at Blair. The club is devoted to the strange and unnatural, and

if you know a good tale it may rate space in their new magazine "Bedlam."

This new literary creation is the brain child of Editor Gloria Litvinsky. Helping her chart the course are Barbara Kahn, Ronald Nuttal, and Ronnie Kaspareck. "The magazine will be devoted to stories, poems, commentaries, book reviews, satires, and anything out of the ordinary," says Gloria.

The club hopes that this publication will become regular reading for all students and bring new devotees to science fiction. "So grab your space rockets and get out the old sheets and if you meet any men from Mars, don't be surprised," the editor continues; "they're only waiting to get their copy of 'Bedlam'."

## Council News

## Council Presents Current Budget

Since requests have been made to see the Student Council budget, Silver Chips has decided to publish a copy instead of the usual column.

The Student Council's money comes from three sources: the Dance Committee, the School Store, and the Ways and Means Committee.

The balance remaining from last year was \$238.84. The Store has \$800 credit. From the beginning of the year until the Thanksgiving dance, the Dance Committee had \$530.68 credit.

Debits incurred since the first of the year are as follows:

Dance Committee	\$116.88
Audio Committee	18.96
Publicity Committee	3.00
Order Committee	5.65
Welfare Committee	31.00
Council Expenses	64.46
Water Coolers	699.84
Cheerleaders	199.03
Library Chairs	210.00
Total credits are	\$1,569.52
Total debits are	\$1,680

Profits from the senior class play, which are hoped to be around \$1,750, will help to defray the expenses of several senior class activities. Included is the class party, which costs \$175; the prom, which is estimated at \$450; baccalaureate, \$120; and commencement, \$125.

In the past few years, the costs of baccalaureate and commencement have varied. At times it has been necessary to buy equipment for these services. This year, it is hoped that a pair of candelabra can be purchased for this event.

## Music Department Presents Assembly

In observance of Thanksgiving, the music department presented an assembly on Wednesday, November 25, with Reverend Frank K. Brasington and Dr. R. Paul Schearrer as guest speakers.

Presenting two selections, the Orchestra opened the assembly with "The March of the Meistersingers" and later performed "Entrance of the Sardar" from "Caucasian Sketches."

The Chorus sang "Psalm 150" and closed the assembly with "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." The audience joined in singing "America the Beautiful" and the "Thanksgiving Prayer."

# Seniors Bring Broadway Hit

by Sally Griffith

Character study was emphasized in the senior class production of "The Hasty Heart" December 10, 11, and 12 in the gym.

The drama showed how Lachlen, a Scottish soldier in an army hospital, changed from a sullen person who shunned friendship and who felt pride in independence to one who was transferred through companionship of friends. The discovery that he was going to die reversed his outlook. He thought that they had offered their friendship only because he was dying, and he was deeply hurt.

Quite a bit of acting skill was required to portray this change, and Bob Barnhart and Mike Bragdon are to be commended. The supporting cast as well reflected change with the play's mood.

Thursday and Saturday Bob played Lachlen, with Mike Bragdon playing the lead on Friday. Phyllis Jolley, Carolyn Brown, and Betty Andrews were Margaret on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday respectively.

Lachlen's roommates, each from a different country, were Yank, Roy Self; Digger, Alfred Huber; Kiwi, Jack Anderson; Blossom, Rodney Cox; and Tommy, Allen Shine. Tom Malloy played Colonel and Wally Murphy, the orderly.

Mr. Louis Rubin, director of the play, declared, "Once again Blair is trying to prove that, given the chance, a high school audience appreciates good shows—shows taken from Broadway stages."

# Tuberculosis Hits Thousands

What do you know about T.B.? It means something a little different to everyone. To a T.B. patient, it is that disease that has hospitalized him, made him useless to his family and his country, and even threatened death. T.B., one of the ten most dreaded diseases, kills more people than all other infectious diseases combined.

To the doctor, T.B. presents 115,000 new cases each year. Four hundred thousand Americans are estimated to have active T.B., of which 250,000 of these are likely to be spreading the disease.

What does T.B. mean to you, the future citizens?

T.B. or consumption, as it was called years ago, has been present since civilization began. There was consumption in ancient Egypt and China. The Chinese believed that diseases were carried by people handling food. They decided that some sort of invisible dirt was carried from hand to hand. The Japanese invented paper handkerchiefs, which tuberculosis patients always use. They were also the first to establish something similar to a Saturday night bath, realizing that body cleanliness was important, too.

In the Middle Ages, many fantastic methods of treatment were attempted. Some were horseback riding, swinging, blistering the skin, and mental suggestion.

Today patients are placed in sanitariums for rest and recuperation.

On March 24, 1882, Robert Koch, a Prussian scientist, discovered the tubercle bacillus. While half the battle had been won by the discovery of the germ, it was not over as a successful cure had yet to be found.

Some brilliant careers have been cut short by T.B. The author of "Pride and Prejudice," Jane Austen, died of T.B. at the age of 39. The Bornte family is one example of a brilliant family wiped out by T.B. John Keats and Franz Chopin were also victims of T.B.

It has been found that good health and cleanliness are the best combatants of T.B. Poor health and a general "run down" condition offer favorable conditions on the germ. Lack of rest seems to accompany a breakdown. One attack does not give immunity for life.

# Diedrich Wins Admission To Colgate Honor Group

William B. Diedrich has recently been elected to Konosioni, senior honorary society at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York.

Bill, voted "most popular" by his fellow students in high school, was president of Blair's student council in his senior year and also belonged to the Honor Society and Library Club. He also held a prominent position on the Inter-High Council. He was chosen by his classmates as one of three student speakers at their graduation ceremonies.

At Colgate University, the former Blairite has been majoring in Foreign Relations and Spanish.

# Banking Club Elects Officers; Co-Presidents: Crawford, Ervin

New bank co-presidents for this year, as announced by Mr. Walter Kiebler, are Gayle Crawford and Adele Ervin.

Other officers include Jim Tapp, vice-president; Pauline Fuchs, secretary; Joyce Carson, and Joan Craver, head cashiers; and Christine Freeburger, corresponding secretary.



New officers of the bank are (left to right) Joan Craver, head cashier; Gayle Crawford and Adele Ervin, co-presidents; Joyce Carson, head cashier; Jim Tapp, vice-president; and Pauline Fuchs, secretary.

They were nominated by an election committee and elected by the Banking Club.

The Blair Student Savings Bank was formed in 1935, under the supervision of Mrs. Hazel Erickson, to give commercial students business training and an opportunity to serve the school.

Upon Mrs. Erickson's departure in 1948, the advisership passed to Mr. Hraold Horn, now teaching physics here. He was succeeded by Mr. Robert Grove, of the County Education office, and later by Mrs. Jane Lear, who was replaced by Mr. Kiebler in 1951.

# Postman Originates Christmas Seals

Did you ever wonder where and why Christmas T.B. seals originated? Or who thought of having them? A Danish postman, a Delaware Red Cross secretary, a printer, and a Philadelphia newspaperman are responsible.

Einor Holboell, the Danish postman, back in 1902, while sorting the piles of parcels, saw two poor, cold children in the snow.

As he thought of the contrast of so much good will and the poor little waifs, it suddenly occurred to him that if each package and letter had some sort of seal sold at a small price, the money could be used to good advantage for the poor children.

## Postmen Approve Seals

Other postmen agreed to the idea, which was approved by King Christian, and the seals were issued with Queen Louisa's picture on them. The campaign was successful, and the money was used to build a hospital for tubercular children.

Four years later, across the ocean in Delaware, a tuberculosis sanatorium was about to close because of lack of funds. Those who were interested had given all they could. In desperation one doctor wrote to his cousin, Emily Bissell, who had previously thought of ways to raise money. She thought of a magazine article sent her by a friend, telling the story of the Danish postman and the Christmas seal. The local Red Cross could not afford to sponsor the project. Upon finding two friends and a good-willed printer, she had the seals made with a design of a red cross circled by holly, which she had created herself.

## Post Office Discourages Sale

On December 7 in Wilmington, Delaware, they sold the first seals for a penny a piece, although discouraged by the Post Office Department. Advertising experts were horrified by the idea of associating a dreaded disease with Christmas.

She became acquainted with a young newspaperman, Leigh M. Hodges, who upon learning her task became deeply impressed. He immediately went to his editor, E. A. Van Valkenburg, who, sharing his enthusiasm, told him to work on the promotion of seals full time.

Thus the little sanatorium was kept open and a site for a new one purchased.

The custom spread throughout many countries, until today more than 40 countries have used Christmas seals at one time or another.

# Girls' 'B' Club Sends 'Care' Package

As part of an extensive program being carried on at Blair to send CARE packages overseas, the Girls' "B" Club is preparing to send a package of sports equipment.

The National Association for Physical Education of College Women, sponsoring the projects in conjunction with school physical education departments, is working in cooperation with CARE.

The \$46 package, consisting of six rubber balls, two leather soccer balls, two leather volleyballs, and one volleyball net, will be sent to children in the Near East,

Campbell's Kids' Win Mythical Blair Cup

Coach Edward Rieder's soccer intramural program was culminated on Thursday, December 3, when the "Soccer Seniors" went down to a 3-2 defeat at the hands of the "Campbell Kids", captained by Ronnie Campbell.

In a close, hard-fought match, the "Kids" copped the mythical "Blair Cup" by virtue of the victory. The team was composed of sophomores, juniors, and seniors.



Goalie, Rodney Cox, prepares to boot in intramural soccer game.

Campbell's "Kids" took an early 2-0 lead, sparked by Stanley Darnowski's two goals. Jim Long and Doug Kim booted goals for the "Seniors," but John Gregg added the winning tally for the "Kids."

Other teams competing in the after-school games were team 1, under Bob Morris; team 3, captained by Joe Flowers; team 4, head-

ed by "Buddy" Barbee, and Dick Thompson's team 5. All the matches ended in shutout wins except the championship.

Outstanding players from the squads were asked by Coach Rieder to attend varsity practices. The varsity initiates its season on January 8, at Landon. The soccer schedule is listed in the lower left-hand corner.

Coach Brown Sees Team Earn 4-3-1 Record In First Season

Under Coach Conrad Brown's first year coaching stint, the Blazers football eleven posted a creditable 4-3-1 record, so that praise is in order for Coach Brown and his capable assistants, Mr. Herbert Dodge, Mr. Guy Wiley, and Mr. Pete Pazahanick.

Football season was officially opened on September 26, with Suitland, as the Rams came out on top 6-0. A week previous to this initial contest, the varsity defeated Richard Montgomery of Rockville in the annual County Jam-boree by a 7-0 score.

Blair's Blazers bounced back from their opening defeat to gain a surprising 6-0 victory over Bladensburg. A 12-0 win over Hagerstown followed, but Allegany broke the skein with a 13-6 decision in the final minute.

The Red and White eleven absorbed its final loss at the hands of Northwestern, 7-6. They then beat a powerful Coolidge team, 7-0, tied Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 0-0, in the annual rival game, and closed out their season by trouncing Frederick 26-0.

Under the tutelage of Coach Wiley, Blair's jayvees were unable to win in four games, but did manage a 0-0 tie with B.C.C.

Edgar Turney, Ed Howlin, Ed Ward, Tom Walker, "Sonny" Harper, Jack Ghormely, George Rivers, Bill Bennett, Terry Hicks, Bob Peake, and Ronnie Culpepper will all be missing from the 1954 eleven due to graduation.

1954 Soccer Schedule		
Date	Against	Place
Jan. 8	Landon	A
Jan. 12	Sidwell Friends	H
Jan. 15	Alumni	H
Jan. 26	Episcopal	A
Jan. 30	Woodbury Forest	A*
Feb. 9	Landon	H
Feb. 12	Episcopal	H
Feb. 23	Friends	A
Feb. 26	St. Albans	A

\* Only game at 2:30, remainder played at 3:30.

Diz Rud Bezgitbal (Red Basketball) by Igor and Boris (Fred and Walt)

Vell, comrads, haf you gottenski latest newz? Iz zeemink like dar Pittsborsht Peasentz shkunked dar Brooklyn Boms, 75-0. Dar ref vaz Mr. Highly Partial und he vaz vorkink for dar commissar union No. 107D. Durink dar last quarter a zlight uprizink getook plaze in dar Bomz' zide, but our heroes, dar gendarmz, burk it up. Goot!

Bezgitbol in dar U. S. S. R. iz democratic game, iz fair, and iz clean goot fun. Har Har. Dar loozer iz not beink heckled und dar vinner iz not gettink gebribed. Dar Russian rules iz beink diz: glorioz hero — GEORGY — Dar teamz iz not kickink each another, iz not dribblink (dribblink iz makink dar ref zick), schall at no time iz zingink American zongz! Goot heavenz! Durink dar Bomz-Peasentz game vun off dar playerz vaz zingink "Oh, My Papa." Off course zaid player vaz immeachidly deported to Siberia. An Egzeption iz "Ven dar Red, Red Robin Comes Bob Bob Bobbink Alonk." (Dot'z hokay.) Dar lazt rule iz: All play erz iz wearink red shneakerz. Zapp!

Nuxt veek dar Kremlin Grem-linz iz versuzink dar Mozcow Mules. Dun't mizz it!

Vell, dotz 30.

Varsity To Play Alumni During Holiday Vacation

Sophomores! Since you probably never saw last year's Blair basketball team, Maryland State Class A champions, in action, the opportunity will present itself on December 30.

That evening the 1952-53 team, and many other alumni will invade the Blair gym at 8 p.m. to take on this year's varsity.

A preliminary game will begin at 7 p.m., and admission is just \$.75. The game is sponsored by the Monogram Society.

Two hundred dollars of the amount raised from the game will be awarded as a scholarship fund to a qualifying senior.

Kearn's Kolumn by Jerry Kearns Carrasco, Rieder Eye Titles; Footballers Receive Honors

Here it is eight days before Christmas and 15 'til New Year's.

In the line of sports, New Year's means to the average fan, the Bowl games. To the students at Blair, it also means that another basketball season is well under way.

Coach Dave Carrasco has been working his boys quite hard when he can get hold of the gym, and they are beginning to show good form.

Also, Coach Ed Rieder has been directing his soccer booters in a few fundamentals of the game. Coach is hoping to bring another soccer championship back to Blair. Let's get behind him.

Xmas Tourney Is Open For Boys Of All Grades

The third annual Montgomery Blair Christmas Basketball Tournament will be held at Blair's gym and will run from December 26 through January 2.

Mr. Edward Reider, track and soccer coach, is director of the tournament this year. The tourney will be split into two classes: one division made up of teams with only sophomore members, and a second division with teams combining both juniors and seniors.

Quintet Faces Varied Schedule; Drops Opener, Defeats Easton

Opening their 1953-1954 basketball season, the Blazers quint was forced to succumb to Cambridge by a score of 55 to 33, on December 11.

On the following evening the Blazers retaliated by defeating Easton High by a score of 47 to 44. At the half, Blair was found to have a three-point lead by a 21 to 17 score.

The last three minutes showed Blair leading 42 to 40, thanks to a lay up by Dick Brown, but Weber Duncan of Easton tied the score

Playing their first home game, the Blazers will contest the Coolidge Colts at Takoma Junior High Gym, on December 23. Rounding out 1953, the Blazers will meet the Alumni in the Blair Gym, on Wednesday, December 30, at 7 p.m. The Juniors will also be at both of these games.

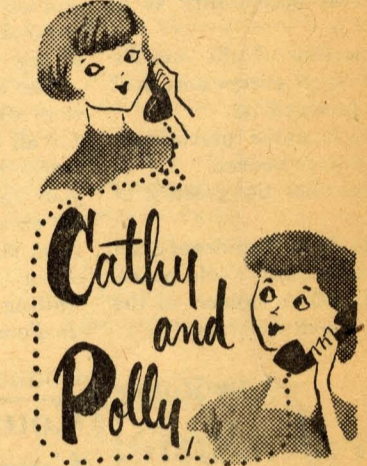
Although there are but six home games, the Blazers are almost covering the Metropolitan area, with a few new additions. Added to this year's schedule is W. and L.

Basketball Schedule		
Dec. 11	Cambridge	A
Dec. 12	Easton	A
Dec. 18	Rockville	T*
Dec. 19	Westminster	A*
Dec. 23	Coolidge	T*
Dec. 30	Alumni	H*
Jan. 5	Gaithersburg	H
Jan. 8	Northwestern	A*
Jan. 13	Roosevelt	A
Jan. 15	Bladensburg	T*
Jan. 22	B. C. C.	A*
Jan. 26	Suitland	A
Jan. 26	Wash. & Lee	A
Feb. 5	Northwestern	T*
Feb. 9	Bladensburg	A
Feb. 12	Gonzaga	T*
Feb. 16	John Carroll	A
Feb. 20	B. C. C.	A*
Feb. 23	Suitland	H
Feb. 26	Frederick	A*

T—Takoma Jr. High Gym  
\*—J. V. game also

by dropping in a goal. Another score by Brown sent Blair ahead, and in the last seconds of the game Jim Limric put the finishing touch on the score by converting two foul shots. Limric was high scorer for Blair with a total of 11 points.

Tomorrow night the Blazers will meet Richard Montgomery of Rockville at Takoma, while on Saturday, the quint will travel to Westminster. Both games start at 7 p.m., with the Junior Blazers playing the first game.



"How 'bout coming shopping with me? Im going to look for a coat."



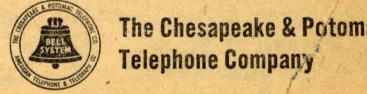
"Sure, I'll come—I got a raise—and I want to get a new suit."



"Isn't it nice to work for the telephone company where you get raises regularly without having to ask for them?"



"Yes—and your salary's good from the very start. Our friends would be smart to see about telephone jobs when they finish school!"



## Quill And Scroll Plans Service For Initiation Of New Members



Posing for a picture are some of the initiates of Quill and Scroll. (second row, left to right) Carol Megby, Lorrie LeRoy, Phil Melvin, June McHale, Walt Kremer, Mary Lowe, Eileen Engstrom, Bob Balentine, Kay Goynes, Coburn Richardson, and Barbara Thompson; (first row) Nancy Heim, Betty York, Ruthie Silverman, Judy Meyers, Troy Hambricht, Janice Funk, and Bette Ault.

For their outstanding work in journalism, 16 seniors and three juniors have been nominated for membership into Quill and Scroll, the international journalistic society for high school juniors and seniors.

The names of these candidates, along with the required information, will be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the National Society of Quill and Scroll for approval.

Bette Ault, Bob Balentine, Cynthia Ferrell, Kay Goynes, and Barbara Thompson are new initiates from the Silver Chips staff. Kay Goynes is the third-page editor of the paper while Cynthia Ferrell is feature editor and Bob Balentine is a co-editor of the sports page. Bette Ault and Barbara Thompson are typists and copy editors.

The editor-in-chief and assistant editor of Silver Quill, Lorrie LeRoy and Mary Lowe, respectively, are also initiates.

The three junior initiates, Walter Kraemer, Carol Megby, and Betty York, are all on the Silver Quill staff. Walter is an art editor, Carol is the typography editor, and Betty is an assistant art editor.

Seniors Troy Hambricht, Phil

## Top Exam Winner To Go To College

That 20 scholarships of \$450 each will be awarded to 1954 graduating high school seniors through competitive examinations was recently announced by Strayer College of Accountancy and Secretarial College.

All seniors of academic, general, and commercial courses are eligible to compete in this test to be administered this year by Blair during the first two weeks of March.

Mr. Donald E. Wilkes, vocational counselor at Strayer College, emphasized that the test is "designed to measure general scholastic ability and aptitude for business education and will not attempt to test a student's present business skills."

The award covers total tuition cost of either a one-year secretarial course or the first year of the two-year business administration course with an accounting major leading to a Bachelor of Commercial Science (B.C.S.) degree. The winner who receives the highest score on the general scholastic ability test may begin the course either in the summer or fall term of 1954.

Any senior desiring to take this test should contact Mrs. Elizabeth Macdonald in the guidance office not later than January 27.

Melvin, Coburn Richardson, and Judy Meyers are illustrators for the magazine.

Typists from Silver Quill include, seniors Nancy Heim, June McHale, Ruthie Silverman, and Janice Funk with Eileen Engstrom of the literary staff.

All Blair publications and the radio nominate members to join the organization. Initiates are chosen not only for their writing ability but for their work on photography, business, illustrations, and advertising. Praeco Argenteus and radio will nominate candidates for admission only in the spring of this year.

Quill and Scroll is a lifetime honor society, which is recognized by colleges, universities, and all journalistic organizations in this country. The Blair chapter, named after the novelist and newspaperman, Quentin Reynolds, is advised by Mrs. Lucille N. Moler and has been in existence since 1946.

The officers of Blair's chapter are Rosemary Nisonger, president; Carolyn Maskell, vice-president; Jackie DuMars, secretary; and Judy Molitor, treasurer.

## Panel To Record Views On Educational Problems

"What's in the Hopper?" will be the topic for a panel discussion conducted here on Tuesday, February 2.

This will be a discussion of the legislation affecting schools as it will be developing in Annapolis at the short session of the State Legislature.

Outstanding personalities of the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Parent-Teacher Association and Senate and House of Delegate members of the State Legislature compose the panel as experienced educators and authorities on the subject.

Between 2 and 3 p.m. in the Library, they will record the fourth in the series of six radio broadcasts designed to foster better understanding of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties' schools.

Mrs. Stanley Cook, past National Chairman for Legislation of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be the moderator, conducting spontaneous answers between the panel members and between them and interested citizens.

Radio Station WGAY has made free time available on their Sunday community programs to broadcast the information and points of view on problems in education. The recording time for this discussion is Sunday, February 7, 2:30 p.m.

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## Thespians Induct Talented Members For Their Work

Performances in the "Hasty Heart" and other dramatic activities have brought 18 new members to the National Thespian Society at Blair, to be inducted in February.

Candidates are invited on the basis of the amount of work done in any or all of the dramatic fields. The names are submitted by other teachers concerned with some phase of dramatics to Mr. Louis Rubin, dramatic director, who has the final work in the choice.

### In Second Year

This dramatic honorary club was started to advance interest in dramatics. Blair became a member of the society last year and membership grows after each dramatic performance. There are approximately 1,248 other schools under the same program.

Those eligible for membership are Phyllis Jolly, Jack Anderson, Rodney Cox, Howard Kolodney, Phip Melvin, Al Huber, Walt Kramer, Sue Trevas, Bob Barnhart, Carolyn Brown, Al Shine, Roy Self, Sue Crowley, Anne Chalupsky, Nancy Baldwin, Joy Estes, DeEstye Graumann, and Louise Martin.

### Must Earn 10 Points

In order to become a member, a student must earn 10 points, which are given for various activities ranging from acting in plays, variety show, assemblies and the like to work with lighting, scenery, make-up, and other aspects of dramatic production.

Not all persons will receive the same number of points, however. The more acting done, the higher the rating they will receive.

Other new members will be invited to join after the coming Variety Show.

## Boys Can Expect Service Duty With Dividends For Later Life

"There's a uniform in your future."

This phrase, borrowed from a well-known automobile manufacturer, was released in a recent newsletter of Scholastic Roto.

In an attempt to acquaint high school boys with the prospect of military service, three words of advice were stated as an aid to mature approach and outlook:

1. "Stay in school and get as much further training as possible. It is important in building civilian careers and bettering a serviceman."

2. "Take courses in high school with an eye to their value to you after you have donned one of Uncle Sam's uniforms. Math and physical science will be the biggest aids in performing today's highly mechanized armed forces."

3. "Learn what you can about what the services have to offer. With the hot war ended in Korea, higher schooling and trade techniques can be obtained at Uncle Sam's expense. Your high school guidance counselor, men acquainted with service life, recruiting officers, and even articles and literature can be of help."

Since teen-agers are faced with a uniformed future, it is advised that they plan to accustom them-

## Seniors Plan New York Spree As Highlight Of Year's Events, Scheduling 3 Days In City Hotel

Fabulous Rockefeller Center, exciting behind-the-scenes tour of radio and television studios of NBC, and a tremendous Music Hall stage show!

All and more will soon become a reality to approximately 180 seniors when the B. & O. Railroad speeds them on their annual journey to New York City for a three-day excursion from January 29 to 31.

Leaving Silver Spring at 7 a.m. Friday, January 29, by special coaches, they will be taken to Jersey City, where they will board B. & O. buses, which will transport them across the ferry to the "Empire State."

With two nights at the Warwick Hotel, they will be continually in the heart of the city with a choice of any of the hundreds of eating accommodations.

The scheduled activities include: Rockefeller Center with its mass of towering buildings, sometimes

## Dance Committee Planning Annual Sweater-Sock Hop

As winter is the season for sweaters, the annual sweater-sock hop will be held in the Blair gym on January 23 from 9 to 12 p.m.

All students will wear sweaters and will discard their shoes on the dance floor. Bob Lee's Orchestra, which played at the Thanksgiving dance, will provide the music.

Under the chairmanship of Jayne Eyerman and faculty adviser, Mrs. Lois Parker, the dance committee members will decorate on the morning of the dance.

Decorations will consist of a dark blue and coral ceiling with figures of jitter-buggers on the side walls. Admission is \$1.25 per couple.

called the "City Within a City," the National Broadcasting Company's "Behind the Scenes" tour of radio and television studios, a Music Hall stage show, "The Rockettes," and a first-run movie, and a glass-domed bus tour of Lower Manhattan, and the "East Side" Chinatown.

This trip to New York is made possible by special arrangement with the B. & O. Railroad and will cost \$25.70, which doesn't include the meals and other non-group activities. The estimated cost of the trip with all outside expenses will run about \$15 to \$20 more.

The tour conductor will be, as last year, Mr. Harold E. Coppage, passenger representative of the B. & O. Railroad.

The practical dress for the trip would be something comfortable and warm, according to Mr. Ellis Glime, senior class adviser.

Arrival times in Silver Spring Sunday night will be approximately 8:45 p.m.

Heading the Senior Trip Committee is Dan Fullmer. His active associates are Rich and Rob Goldbach, Dotty Rutley, Ray Goodman, Malcolm Holiday, and Joan Eaton. Names of the faculty who will chaperone the group have not yet been announced.

## Quill Sees Change In Date Frequency

Silver Quill, Blair's now annual magazine, will be available to all activity ticket holders around the first week in February.

Twenty-eight pages of stories and poems and one book review can be found between the decorative covers designed by the art students. Drawings to illustrate the 18 articles enrich the humor, which according to editor Lorrie LeRoy, is one of the outstanding attractions of this magazine.

With a varied selection of cover designs, numbering from 12 to 13, students will be able to pick the one of their choice when they secure them at the Bank.

All the articles were submitted directly by the students or indirectly through the English teachers, whereupon final selections were made by the literary staff.

Due to the fact that the money appropriated for Quill was cut in half, only one issue of the magazine will be published this year instead of the previous two.

In the past the new staff has always had a chance to gain experience on the magazine by working on the second edition under the supervision of the older staff members. However, since only one issue will be published this year, the new staff selections have not been made.

## Exams To End Semester

First semester will officially end today with the last two mid-term exams. Second semester will end on Friday, January 29, which

A student holiday will be observed on Friday, January 28, which will be a mid-year planning day for all teachers.

Should I Enlist In The Service?

This article is directed toward those senior boys who plan to enter the armed services after graduation, and also the ones who may be drafted by the selective service system.

This statement is not designed to oppose immediate entry into the services, nor to promote enlistments. It is rather a pro and con outlook at the problem.

Today, many boys are worried about their future, because they don't want to make any final plans, and then have them interrupted by the draft. So, with this in mind, many boys rush out after graduation and "join up," as the phrase goes. Now is that a wise move? In some ways "yes" and in another "no."

First, why yes? Well you have it over with, and quite possibly some of the experiences you will receive

'53 Fools Prophet

Last January, Silver Chips published a list of predictions for 1953 made by Dr. Michael Nostrodamus, a French prophet and physician of the 16th century.

In his book, "Prophecies," the Frenchman foretold some startling things for us last year, but few of them came true.

1. 1953 will be the beginning of the end for international warfare. Only the future can tell us how true this prediction was.

2. The world will be divided into two war camps: the East led by a man of steel and the West by a man of iron. Though Eisen in German is iron and Stalin is steel, Malenkov now has replaced him. However, one school of thought claims Stalin is still alive. Could this be true?

3. In May the church will suffer from severe persecution. Senator McCarthy made some accusations against the clergy this summer, but this is hardly "severe persecution."

4. The west coast of the United States will be invaded and Oregon occupied. How did Nostradamus, in 1555, know the name, United States, which wasn't established until over 200 years later? Or of Oregon? There may have been an error in the translation; anyhow, it is obvious that this forecast was false.

5. The Arab League will begin a holy war. Israel began the war with the Arabs; although a war, it can hardly be termed a holy one.

6. The third and final World War will begin no later than August 20, 1953. The truce in Korea had been signed by August 20, but perhaps an incident, such as the Trieste trouble, which seems small to us, may develop as the beginning of a third World War

7. The planet Mars will come into prominence. This prediction has little relation to reality.

It is claimed that among Nostradamus' correct prophecies were the two World Wars. He said last year would bring an end to the "cold war" by bringing a "hot" one, which would continue until 1999. Following it will be a golden age of universal peace.

will be of benefit to you in later life. Of course, there is the important factor of duty—the duty to help keep America free and at peace.

Now, why no? And that is easily answered by the fact that the boy may lose his interest in an important career, in which he might have been just as beneficial to his country as in the armed services.

What ever your choice, make it right for you; you can.

Dating Suggestions 'Liven Up' Doldrums

by Cynthia Ferrell

Dating is a very important part of most high school students' lives, and Blairites are no exception.

But believe it or not, going to the Silver, the Flower, or the Langley and then to the Hot Shoppe can get a little monotonous. So, at the peak of the mid-winter doldrums, here are a few suggestions which may help to liven things up.

Some Try Train

If you're short on time or just lazy and want to stay in Silver Spring, try going to Roth's to see a foreign movie. This may sound a little on the cultured side, but you would be surprised how interesting it is to hear another language spoken and still understand perfectly what is meant (with the help of sub-titles).

For a Sunday or holiday all-day date, sightseeing can be interesting and lots of fun. It's also very inexpensive. For a different angle, ride downtown on the train from the B. & O. Station in Silver Spring and get off at Union Station—right at the head of sightseeing territory. The train ride costs only 31 cents apiece, and if you get a "charge" out of doing something different, it's worth every penny of it.

Picnic on Canal

While it's still cold and not very "out-doorsey," an afternoon spent in a record shop, arguing over and playing that new Glenn Miller re-issue and some different versions of Beethoven's Ninth will really make time fly.

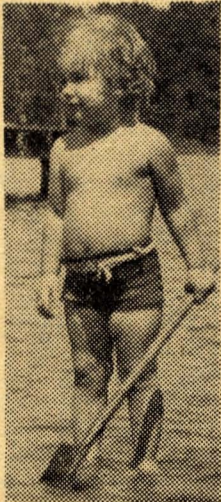
When spring and warmer weather come, "tra-la," the C. & O. Canal is the perfect place for a leisurely canoe ride. The canoes are plenty big enough for a huge lunch basket, portable radio, and a mound of pillows for us—the frail girls. This is also a good way to start on your tan.

Senior Spotlight Silver Springers Spend Free Time At Keyboard

by Ruthie

Two outstanding Blair seniors, Natalie Warfield and Dan Fullmer, claim Silver Spring as their hometown.

Beginning her education at Woodside Elementary, Natalie later progressed to Montgomery Hills Junior High and then on



Dan and Natalie

to Blair about which she exclaims, "I think Blair is the friendliest school . . . it's terrific and I just love it!"

Natalie also loves any kind of music, and some of her hobbies include singing, playing the piano, and dancing. She, too, is another Eddie Gallaher fan.

Always busy at school, Natalie is presi-

Walt Digs Muted Puse; Fred Has Linoleum Suit

by Ruthie

Trying to interview Chips' star humorists is like this.

They not only answered, but they also asked the questions. Anyway, the interview ran as follows:

Ruthie—What are you all's names?

Fred—I'm Fredrick John Sellers.

Walt—And I'm Walter Robert Kraemer, Esq.

Ruthie—Where are you originally from?

Fred—Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, as ver I was born.

Walt—The great state of California, land of opportunity.

Walt—Are you going to ask us what we want to be? I want to be a tea-kettle.

Fred—I want to be a juke-box (with demonstrations on how to be one).

Walt—My favorite subject is French, 'cause I need the grade.

Fred—My favorite's Burgularly II.

Walt—My hobby is staying up all night eating.

Ruthie—What do you like to eat?

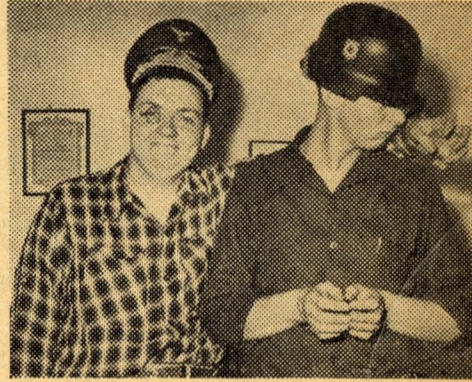
Walt—A two-pound wedge of Fatchima-tties Matzeroni cheese. Put down that I got a 100 per cent in the French test yesterday.

Fred—That reminds me, can we go to lunch now? We're hungry.

Ruthie—In just a minute. First, what are your ambitions?

Fred—My ambition is for Avon Chisholm to grow up, become a fire marshal, and condemn the school building.

Walt—I want to work at turning Blair into a Drive-In Pizzarina. Know what my



Fred and Walt

favorite color is? Muted puse.

Fred—I don't have a favorite color, but I have a favorite material. Unborn linoleum. I have a suit made of it.

Ruthie—That's nice. How did you two get together in the first place?

Fred and Walt—We were in ninth-grade homeroom together when we used to bite the seventh graders. The pangs of hunger are panging—can we go to lunch now?

Klassy Kwotes

More Books, Clocks Would Improve School

by Troy Hambricht

What piece of constructive criticism do you have to offer to Blair?

Carole Christensen: Better conditions in the halls.

Helen Johnson: We need stadium lights!

Mary Gates: Set all the clocks on one time.

Mary Abrahamsen: More informal dances where you don't have to get dressed up or have a date.

Nancy Hawkins: Keys for every member of the Bank.

Carolyn Galt: Required study halls as a part of the curriculum.

Paul Freas: Longer lunch periods, preferably 45-minute ones.

Ruth Peterson: A larger selection of books in the library.

Coach Reider: A cinder block track all the way around the field.

Sue Snyder: I think we should have clocks in the classrooms.

Sidney Sharkey: I think the school should have a student directory for everyone's name, address, and phone number and sell it to the students.

Diane Ehlert: A real big auditorium.

Allan Shine: I think that the kids who have detention hall should make up their time by cleaning up the campus—possibly cutting their detention hall time for doing so.

Time Marches On And On . . .

by Nancy Murdock

Soon, soon I will be free, away from this horrible torture. It seems as if I have been in this drudgery for eons and eons. I was not guilty, but the merciless law compelled me. But soon I will be free to do as I please, free to follow no one's dictates . . . soon, soon . . . soon.

I am now counting the seconds as they tick on: five seconds, four seconds, three, two . . . burring.

Boy, I thought that 3:30 bell would never ring.

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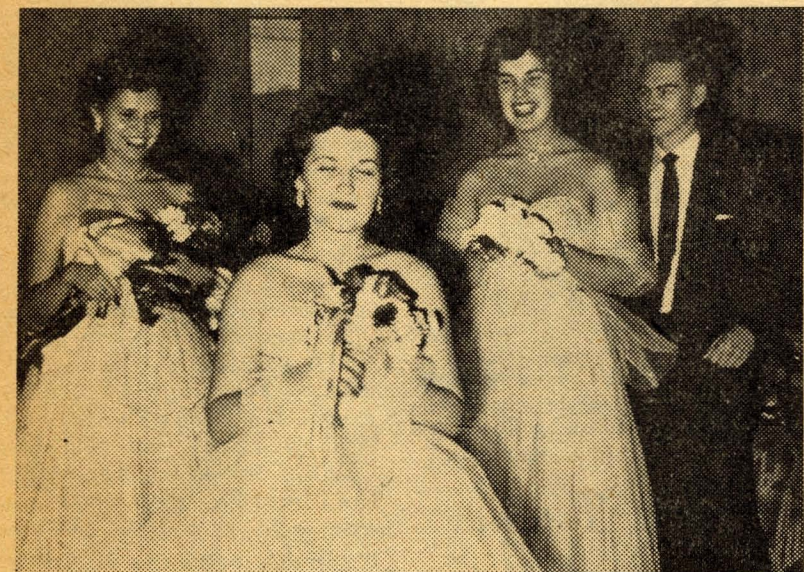
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# Coronation Of Mary Ann Clark Main Event Of Christmas Week

Culminating the Yuletide celebrations around Blair, the 1953 Christmas Queen was crowned at the annual Christmas Formal on December 26.

Mary Ann Clark was crowned Queen by last year's Queen, Nancy Brown, and Student Council vice-president, Charles Mason, with a court of six lovely senior girls. The lucky princesses were Kay Alkire, Jackie DuMars, Judy DuMars, Lynne Kenestrick, Faustene Turner, and Natalie Warfield.



Jayne Eyerman, Nancy Brown, and Charles Mason surround the newly announced Christmas Queen. Photo by Charlie Peterson

After the coronation, the Queen, wearing a crown of white carnations, and her court danced with their escorts to "Dancing in the Dark," as played by Charles Gasque and his Columbians.

The gym was decorated in a pale blue setting with snowflakes and a silver Christmas tree.

A week earlier, the students, believing it is better to give than to receive, contributed several hundred cans of food and outgrown clothing, including shoes, overcoats, jackets, and dresses to the annual Christmas Welfare Drive.

Under the direction of Mrs. Frances Andrews and Jean Scoltock, faculty director and student chairman of the committee, respectively, the Welfare Committee directed the collection of the donations. The latter were transported to Rockville by the committee and from there distributed to needy families of Montgomery County through the County Welfare Agency.

The Christmas tree was lit on Tuesday, December 23, with the

## EducationBulletins To Review Praeco

Classical Weekly, published by Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and the National Educational Association's Student Life will feature articles in January and April, respectively, on Blair's Latin newspaper, Praeco Argenteus.

Praeco's staff received written congratulations from Ruth C. Little, assistant editor of the N.E.A.'s Journal, for their "outstanding" Christmas issue.

Maryland University's head football coach, Jim Tatum, also sent the paper a letter which read in part, "Thanks a million for sending me a copy of your Latin newspaper." The December issue included the story of Coach Tatum's life and information on the University's football team, first in nation.

Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., State Superintendent of Schools, and Rowannetta's S. Allen, director of Instruction at the Board of Education in Prince George's County, also praised the staff for their excellent newspaper.

Faculty adviser of Praeco is Miss Hazel Bratt, chairman of the foreign language department, and Mary Mattison is editor.

## Weather Postpones Annual Concert

Snow made the title, "Winter" Band Concert most appropriate, when it caused the group to postpone the annual event from January 15 to January 28.

The 86 members of the Blair Concert Band will feature modern arrangements rather than the standard classics in the program.

Mr. Ernest Koch, director of the Band, feels that the students will enjoy the more modern selections which are not heard as often. The approximate 18 numbers to be played by the Band were arranged by modern composers, foremost in the field of high school arranging within the last 15 years.

### Follows Modern Trend

Following this modern trend, two special numbers will be played by members of the percussion section only, composed of Elizabeth Barnett, James Ferrara, Frank Harmon, Bob Sheply, and Bill Weinig. The other feature will be a clarinet quartet composed of Charlie Brown, John Saylor, Kenneth Kruse, and Mike Geehan.

All selections have a story background, and are the latest releases of arrangements.

### Nutcracker Suite Emphasized

The *Nutcracker's Suite* by Tchaikovsky will be presented with an emphasis on the dances and parts not usually heard. *The Golden Eagle*, *The Anniversary March*, *Stars and Stripes*, *Around The World* as arranged by Walter Beeler, and some Latin American music are among the numbers to be played by the entire group.

The fast-moving program also includes Ray Anthony's arrangement of *Trumpet Boogie* and LeRoy Anderson's arrangement of *The Phantom Regiment*.

Faculty Facts . . . . . by Kay Goyne

## Travel Intrigues Radio Head; Enjoys Collecting, Gardening

"Enjoying many hobbies," says Mrs. Priscilla Kline, "makes life interesting, even though it is hard to find time to do everything I like."

"However, traveling, collecting jewelry from foreign lands, and gardening," she continued, "rate at the top."

Teaching a straight U. S. history schedule for the first time since she came to Blair in 1949, advising the Radio Club, and taking care of her family are some of her many interests.

### Education Varied

A journalists herself, Mrs. Kline is a former columnist for the Maryland News, Sunday Star, and county papers and a member of the Montgomery County Press Association.

Born and raised in Bristol, Connecticut, she graduated from Syracuse University, where she majored in social sciences and received a master's degree in guidance. Later she did graduate work in history at several colleges, including University of Michigan, University of New Mexico, and University of Maryland.

### Forms Radio Class

Mrs. Kline's greatest service to this school is the formation of the radio speech class, now taught by Mr. Louis Rubin. The class was formed in 1950 under her guidance after the club had been organized the previous year.

During their vacations Dr. and Mrs. Kline and their two children, Nancy and Howard, like to travel



Photo by Bill Garrett Mrs. Priscilla Kline

Mexico and Canada, believes that much history can be learned through travel.

### Hopes to See Fabulous Places

Someday Mrs. Kline hopes to see some of the fabulous places her husband, a world traveler, visits. Thailand in the Far East and Lebanon in the Near East would be her first choice for living overseas.

In addition to newspaper experience, other summertime jobs include office work and conducting surveys for an advertising agency. "However," she concludes, "teaching school is the most satisfying experience. Being with young people is both refreshing and rewarding. Each day brings new experiences. One cannot long be gloomy or bored when surrounded with young people full of enthusiasm."

# Variety Show Train Of 32 Acts 'Warms Up'

A railroad station, which is the scene of the coming Variety Show, will be crowded as any busy station when the 32 acts make "their train."

This year's station managers are Mr. Louis Rubin, Mrs. Andrey Steele, Miss June Lippy, and Mr. Donald Lougherie.

Each act has a sponsor and is scheduled to practice with him one night a week. About February 10, Saturday rehearsals will start. Every act has a chairman with all practices scheduled after school.

Those who would like to be on the stage crew, scenery, or make-up committees have been instructed to watch the daily bulletin.

### Eleven Solos Survive

Of those that successfully survived the try-outs solo acts include Beverly Howell's dancing, marionettes by Gretchen Lorser, Sally Pope playing the zither, Dennis Larson's picking a ukelele, a hula dance by Barbara Gray, piano solos by Willis Bennett, Rita Preisman, and Jack Ghormley, with vocal solos by Bill Rast, Judy Myers, and DeEstye Graumann.

Those duets and trios who love company are dancing by Peggy Behrman and Jamie Short, Veronica Carnvale, Betty Nicodemus and Marjorie Wiedman, and Nancy Murdock with Donna Benson and Arletta Chesley, and trio acts with such titles as "That's Entertainment," "Top Hats," "Horserace-Can Do," "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue," and "Three Little Fishes."

### Opening Act Largest

Large choruses who believe the more the merrier include "Choo Choo Train," "Lovely Weather for Ducks," "College Chicks," "Hillbilly Tennessee Wig Walk," "Tootle-ooo Louisiana," "Tap Chorus," "Oriental Dance," "Farewell-So-Long-Goodbye," and "Hillbillies."

The largest act in the show is the "Opening Number Chorus." Members are Bill Rast, John Durkovic, Al Huber, Mike Corder, Betty Nicodemus, Sandra Stack, Julie Francis, Jean Scoltock, DeEstye Graumann, Jean Charuas, Susan Walker, Sandy Babcock, Barbara

## 'Porgy And Bess' Attracts Choruses

Attending the afternoon performance of "Porgy and Bess" at the National Theater on January 13, were 52 members of Miss Mary Cross's vocal music groups.

Although school was closed because of the snow storm, the students rode chartered busses to the production. One of America's foremost operas, the production was adapted from the play by DuBose Heyward, with music and words by George and Ira Gershwin.

The author, in gathering information for the play, became acquainted with the people and settings of Charleston, South Carolina, to make it seem authentic.

Having toured abroad with wide acclaim, the production is slated to move to Hollywood, where it will be filmed in CinemaScope, retaining the same cast.

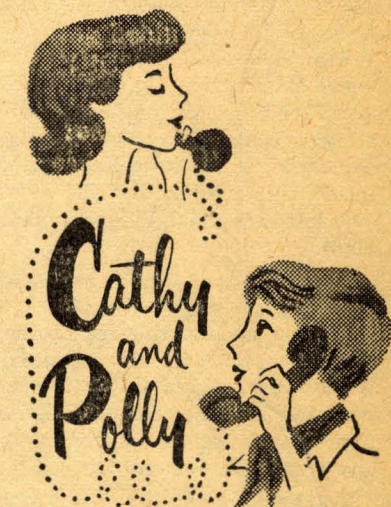
## White Winter Wonderland Brings Surprise Holiday

Sleds took the place of school books and pencils for two days when schools in Montgomery County were closed on January 11 and 13.

Snow, beginning on Sunday afternoon, continued until the next day, leaving a six to eight-inch blanket on the local area, giving students a one-day vacation. High winds caused snow drifts on Tuesday night and schools were closed Wednesday after being re-opened on Tuesday.

Gossage, Marjie Wiedman, Barbara Romme, Ruth Wylie, and Alan Galletley.

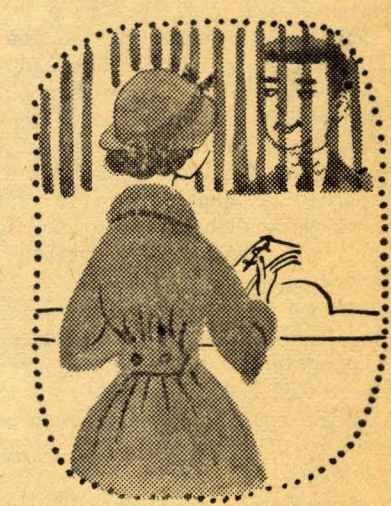
The Variety Show is scheduled on March 25, 26, and 27.



"We're planning a party for Sue ... she's just been promoted."



"That's pretty good, she's only been at the telephone company a short time."



"She's a bright girl ... and promotions—and raises—do come often at the telephone company."



"I'm telling all my friends to find out more about telephone jobs from their school counselors."

# Squad Elects Cox As Captain; Booters Lose First Match, 1-0

Though losing their first of eight interscholastic games to a luckier Landon team, 1-0, the Booters and their coach, Ed Reider, are feeling quite optimistic.

The Booters' schedule consists of nine games, three home games including Sidwell Friends, Landon, and the Alumni, and three away games before concluding their season at St. Alban's on February 26.

The soccer squad has recently unanimously elected Rodney Cox, their goalie, as captain. The squad is composed of 31 players, both upper and lowerclassmen. The first string, composed of 11 eager players is as follows: Rodney Cox, goalie; Melvin Keller, left fullback; Mike Coder, right fullback; Roland Bell, center halfback; Clarence MacKenzie, right halfback; Jim Achison, left halfback; John Gregg, center forward; Stanley Danowski, inside left; Fadi Carbo, inside right; Kenneth Miller, outside left; and Paul Villone, outside right.

The Booters' only weak spot, Coach Reider states, is in their forward line, and for this reason they are not expected to score too heavily. However, this liability is compensated by their strong defense, their aggressiveness, and their desire to win, he pointed out.

The team, in only its second year since the war years, has again this year boys on its roster from other countries, who played this international sport in their native country.

Coach Reider, who feels Landon is their toughest opponent, hopefully looks forward to future games and especially toward the revengeful clash between the two rivals at Nolte Field on February 9.

## Newest Sports Include Squash

by Fred and Walt

The younger de-generation brought with them an undergrowth of new sports, e.g., squash racquets, mass basket weaving, Bisque tortoni pitching eight to the line, loaded carems, Swedish log throwing, basketball, Siberian scrabble, double-handed fish little Egypt-duces and one-eyed sevens wild, wrestling, &c. Due to the lack of space, time, and patience on your part we shall endeavor to explain only a few of the aforementioned avocations.

**Squash Racquets:** Interesting game employing use of squash, several tennis rackets, and played in padded cell. Be careful not to hit the squash too hard or there will be diced squash all over the court.

**Mumble de Peg:** A complete set of rules pertaining to this game can be found in the forthcoming volume "Mumble de Peggin' in Your Own Cotton Pickin' Backyard" by Helen "No-Toes" Twelvetees.

**Basketball:** Say, while we're on this subject, some people have been spreading a rumor to the effect that BCC's basketball team has been receiving money; this was squelched when the players quit cashing their checks at Blair's bank.

Sorry that's all the time, but to quote: "... and remembuh, to excell in anyone of these here sports, the important factors are lots of sleep and drink plenty of mild and keep healthy at all times and you'll excell and than you," Helen Twelvetees, Yale 39 (Harvard 7).

## BCC To Host Blazer Quintet

by Bob Balentine

Deviating from the usual custom of playing the two Blair-Bethesda-Chevy Chase basketball games at the University of Maryland's Ritchie Coliseum, tonight will inaugurate a new system, when Coach Dave Carrasco's Blazer quint will be guests of Coach Weymouth Judkin's Baron five at the Bethesda gymnasium.

This pattern will also follow suit for the second rival contest. Since our new fieldhouse should be ready for next year's basketball season, Blair will act as host for those two games, and then an alternating schedule can be set up.

Blair is ranked number 17 in the Washington Post's rating of area scholastic basketball teams. Bethesda is in 12th spot. Can we allow this? We can't figuratively get out on the floor and help our team, but literally we can, by coming out to see our squad in action. Let's try to pass BCC in the ratings. This can be accomplished only by a unified effort on the part of both the team and the students.

Incidentally, some of you ex-Montgomery Hillians might remember Coach Weymouth Judkins as "Jud" Judkins, head athletic director at Montgomery Hills up until September, 1952. Coach Carrasco was promoted from Takoma Junior High to the Blair coaching staff in December, 1950.

Congratulations are in order for the "Dogtrotters" for winning the Blair Tournament, although the "Trotters" held secret practices.

### Girls' Spotlight

by Anne Chalupsky

## Strikes And Spares Are Rare As Bowling Intramurals Begins

Quoting the encyclopedia, each year over 15,000,000 people bowl, more than take part in any other indoor sport, and about one-third of these bowlers are women.

A small division of this one third are 220 gals from Blair, who are participating in after-school bowling intramurals at the Silver Spring Alleys. Each team, consisting of five girls, bowls once a week on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, and is automatically entered in the Round Robin Tournament.

## Rifle Squad Ready To Initiate Season

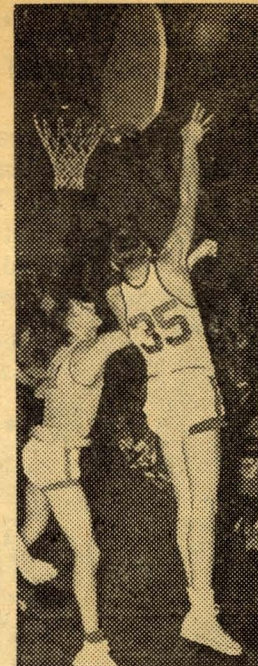
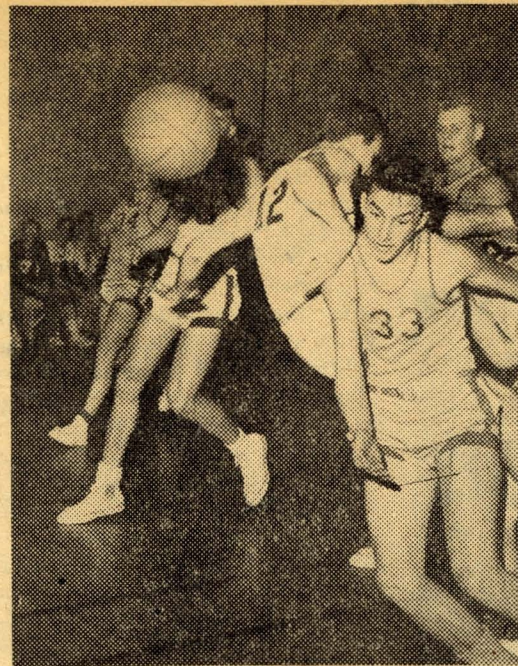
Beginning matches in the last week of January, Blair's rifle team will be shooting to hold their number 10 national ranking.

Blair riflemen have postal matches with all the other top 10 teams in the National Rifle Association.

Leading the squad this season is captain Bob Green assisted by Courtney Schlosser, co-captain, Reggie Tatum, treasurer, and Ronald Sterns, executive officer. The team is coached and directed by Mr. Robert Maguire.

Shoulder-to-shoulder matches with Bethesda-Chevy Chase, George Washington, St. John's, Bullis Prep, and Northwestern will complete the schedule. Two "warm-up" preliminary matches have already been fired.

# Quint Takes Last Four Straight



Photos by Dan Pompa

At left, Blazers' Jim Limric hits the hardwood, fouled by Coolidge's Bob Wondrack (33). Right, Blair's Dick Brown attempts jump-shot.

## Dogtrotters, Jets Pace Teams For Holiday Basketball Titles

During the Christmas vacation, the annual holiday basketball tournament held at Blair provided plenty of competition as the "Dogtrotters" won the junior-senior division championship and the "Jets" gained the sophomore title.

The "Dogtrotters" had to rebound from an overtime, 52-50 loss, to Al Schmitz's "Spooks" to win, 44-36, over the same team a half an hour later, for the division championship.

Players composing the winning "Trotter" team were Fred Witmer, Bob Mann, John Stoneburner, John Hanlon, Bill Eshelman, and George Everett. Members of the runner-up "Spooks" included Al Schmitz, Dino Bayz, Jimmy Aitcheson, Fred Fry, Ross Chaimson, Jay Solomon, and Bob Balentine.

The outstanding play of the

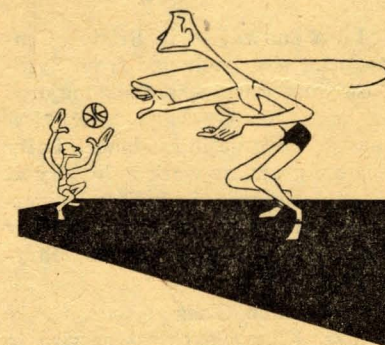
## Support Your Blazer Team

by Jerry Kearns

Since before Christmas, the Blazer basketball team has been in full operation, but the same cannot be said for a good number of the student body. As a matter of fact, their participation has been very poor.

As far as attendance at the games goes, it has not been bad but the spirit and sportsmanship displayed has been very poor. This was particularly noticeable at the Northwestern game when some of the Blair rooters started shouting remarks not proper to the occasion or any occasion for that matter.

If some are under the impression that name-calling is expressing school spirit, they are way off the track. It is more detrimental to the school than anything else.



Cartoon by Walt Kraemer

Let's Not Have a Deserted Gym

When you go to a game shout your heads off, but in the right way. Go along with the cheerleaders.

Your team is out there trying to bring home another state championship, and if you show that you are behind them, it will make them feel more as though they are accomplishing something.

With a seven-win and three-loss record, the Blazers tonight face their first season try against Bethesda.

In the third game of the season, the Blazers were victorious over Rockville 60 to 34. High scorers for the Blazers were Dick Brown and Don Dillard both with 10 points to their credit. Bowles was top man for Rockville with seven.

On the following day the Blazers traveled to Westminster to defeat them 58 to 38. The first half showed both teams tied 21 to 21, but in the second half Blair pulled ahead. Brown was high with 12, followed by Dillard with 11. Boyer was high for Westminster with 11.

Returning home, Blair was forced to succumb to the Colts of Coolidge by a heartbreaking score of 49 to 50, at Takoma. Brown was high for Blair with 12 followed by Dillard and Peterson with 10. Bob Wondrack of Coolidge held 20, and "Doc" Weingarten with 17.

In Blair's gym the Blazer quint was defeated by the Alumni by a score of 58 to 53. The half-time score read 24 to 23 with the Blazers in the lead. Brown was high for Blair with eight, and Parsons held 11 for the "grads."

Again in the Blair gym, the Blazers overran Gaithersburg by a score of 56 to 39. The half-time score found Blair with the lead by a 27 to 14 score. Brown again was high for Blair with 17. Steele of Gaithersburg held 14 to lead them.

Traveling to Northwestern, the Blazers found themselves victorious by 10 points with a 43 to 33 score. Again Brown was high for Blair followed by Blanton McDonald with 11. Rector of Northwestern held 10.

In the Roosevelt game, Blair was victorious by a score of 57 to 38. Dick Brown was high for the Blazers again.

In what was termed a surprise by many, Blair trounced Bladensburg 52 to 40. Bob Peterson gained high scoring honors for Blair with 17.

## B-CC, W-L, Rams, Will Face Blazers

When Montgomery Blair meets arch-rival Bethesda-Chevy Chase at Bethesda's gym, today, a heated encounter is promised. The Barons from Bethesda are having a fine season with five wins against only two defeats. The Blazers of Silver Spring also are having a good season with a seven-win and four-loss record. As everyone knows, Coach Dave Carrasco's squad last year started late, but still won the State Championship.

After the Bethesda encounter, the Blazers take on the Rams of Suitland High School, January 26, at Suitland. The Rams are having a fair season with limited talent.

On January 29, the Blazers will take on the Generals of Washington-Lee, over at the Arlington, Virginia school. The Virginians have one of the best quints in the Metropolitan area. The Generals are probably the toughest team the Blazers will encounter in the regular season.

The February engagements will be just as rough as were the January games, with Northwestern and Bladensburg coming up against the Blazers. Both these games will be very indicative of who represents this district in the state tournament. Blair plays close to their own backyard against Northwestern at Takoma, February 5. The game with Bladensburg on February 9, will be at Bladensburg.

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## Train To Arrive At Gym Terminal With Variety Acts

Gathering at a make believe train station in the gym on March 25, 26, and 27 will be 32 Variety Show numbers which together "will have appeal for everyone," according to Mr. Louis Rubin.

In accordance with the theme the stage hand, Dan Fullmer, senior, will play the role of a porter to assist the travelers onto the observation platform.

### Conductors Call 'All Aboard'

Two train conductors to act as master of ceremonies will be chosen in approximately a week from last Monday.

Six junior girls will be the first ones to react to the call "all aboard" doing a number to the "Choo Choo Train." Backing this up will be the "opening number chorus" with a crew of 17.

The extras as recently chosen are Margo Sansone, Judy DuMars, Barbara McCullah, Mike Bragdon, Fred Fry, Al Huber, and Dick Street.

### Teachers Take Part

One never knows whom one will meet at a train station; so it is with the faculty members. The only clue given to their act is that approximately 10 will be appearing.

In the line of accompaniment, 11 will have pianists; the rest will use records.

The 1954 Variety Show will include acts from classical numbers to folk ballads and everything in dances to novelty dances.

## Uline Arena Game Invites Half-Time

As one of their few winter engagements, the Blair Band and Majorettes will preform at Uline Arena on February 12 for the basketball game between George Washington and Washington and Lee Universities.

Wearing their new West Point military caps, the girls will display new routines at half time to waltz and march tempo. While the pom pom girls form an aisle onto the floor, each group of the Majorette Corps will enter separately, some turning cart wheels.

Lynn Kenestrick, captain, during part of the 10-minute show, will twirl a lighted baton and do solo acrobatics.

The Blair Band is the only one invited for that evening.

## Woodies Sponsors Test Career Conferences For Students In Cooperation With University

A career conference program sponsored by Woodward and Lothrop is now in session for high school seniors who are interested in choosing an occupation.

The second in a series of tests especially designed to aid in the selection of an occupation will be given on February 20, 9:30 a.m., at George Washington University. The Psychology Department of the University, in cooperation with the program, will direct and grade the test with concern for the field in

## St. Valentine's Day Reveals Affections

Saying it with flowers,, candy, etc., on Valentine's Day is an old familiar custom of showing a sweetheart your affections.

Once it was the custom to draw lots to choose a valentine for the



Valentines bring thoughts of love when they're from one who cares.

coming year. Today decorative and cartoon valentines are exchanged by people all over the United States.

Although St. Valentine is the name given to three different martyrs whose feast day falls on February 14, the customs of St. Valentine's Day have no connection with the lives of these saints. Explanations of these customs are probably all inaccurate. The most plausible explanation is that St. Valentine's Day is a survival of a Roman festival.

## Quill Picks Megby As Editor-in-Chief

Following the publishing of Silver Quill, Blair's magazine, the group has choosen its staff for next year headed by editor Carol Megby.

Assisting Carol, will be Terry Winner, as associate editor, Walt Kraemer, art editor, and Betty York, as associate art editor. On the business side, Paul Kanter was choosen business manager and Carol Morey heads publicity and circulation. Barbara Holmead is in charge of exchanges and Harriet Silkett of typing.

This year, Lorrie LeRoy was editor-in-chief; Mary Lowe, assistant editor; Carol Megby, typography editor; and Janie Williams, art editor.

Among Quill's aims is to publish a semi-yearly magazine.

## Board Exams Measure Status For Higher Education, Awards

With the third of the five College Board exams scheduled for Saturday, March 13, students will again be considering registration for the tests.

Some colleges make use of these examinations for entrance in measuring the student's ability and academic preparation and also in connection with scholarship awards. However, the admission officers also consider school grades, rank in class, recommendations, interviews, and other indications of the candidate's readiness for college.

To register for the test all candidates must fill out the formal College Entrance Examination Board application, (obtained from the guidance office), and sent along with the fee, to the proper Board office before the closing date of registration.

### Deadline Closes March 6

In requesting an application blank, the candidate should bear in mind that most colleges requiring them prefer a particular examination date.

To be accepted without special service fee of \$3 for late registration, applicants and the fees must reach the appropriate Board office by February 20. Late registrations are considered from February 21 through March 6. The charge for the morning tests, which concern scholastic aptitude, is \$6; the afternoon tests, dealing with achievement, cost \$8. However, if the morning and afternoon tests are taken on the same day the charge is \$1 total.

### Candidates Have Choice

By request on the application blanks, reports of the test scores will be sent to any three colleges of the candidate's choice without extra charge. Additional reports and those requested after late registration closes will cost \$1 more. These

## Double 'B' Hop Assists In Bettering Relationships

With the purpose of bettering school relations, the Double "B" Hop will be held for both Blair and Bethesda students at the new Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School gym from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on February 19.

As usual the dress is heel and tie, and the music will be provided by Henry Carpenter's Orchestra. Tickets are on sale at the Bank.

Since this affair was held at Blair last year, Bethesda will be playing host this year.

## Scientists Eligible To Compete In School, D. C., National Fairs

All Blair students are now being urged to take part in the second annual Science Fair to be held from March 31 to April 2, by the Science Club and its sponsor, Mr. Harold Horn, who are planning the event.

To qualify for entrance, students must contact one of the science teachers. Awards will be given, but they have not yet been determined.

Exhibits may be entered by an

individual or a group of individuals. Outstanding exhibits will be eligible to participate in the eighth annual Washington, D. C. Science Fair competition on April 9-13. Winning exhibits in the D.C. Fair will then be asked to enter the National Fair to be held later.

The fields in which the "scientists" may enter are botanical sciences, zoological sciences, chemistry, physics, electronics, health, mathematics, physiographical sciences, engineering, and conservation.

### Horn Expects 100 Entries

In order to operate more efficiently, the Science Club at Blair is divided into three Fair committees: Publicity, Charlie Peterson, chairman; Hospitality, Pat Argerake; and Layouts, Bob Hichler, chairman.

The school contest will be run similiarly to that of the D.C. Science Fair. This procedure was adapted for the convenience of the students to familiarize them with the procedure of the D.C. Fair.

Due to the better organization of the Fair by the Science Club, Mr. Horn expects the entries this year to double last year's 50 entries.

### Fairs Stimulate Interest

While the school competition will be among the Blair students only, the D.C. Fair will include competition with other senior high schools of the area. Junior high school students will compete in their own divisions.

The purpose of the Fairs is to stimulate a greater interest in science study by all students and to detect talented youth without exploiting them.

## Girls In Home Arts Course To Model Coats, Suits, Slacks At Fashion Show

For the fourth consecutive year home arts students will model a variety of garments at the annual Fashion Show to be held in the Blair gymnasium March 4.

Using an ocean liner setting for the show, the runway will be arranged as a gangplank to comply with the theme. The show will consist of six scenes. In the first two scenes, "Going Abroad" and "On Deck," girls will display suits, coats, skirts, jumpers, and slacks. During the "Captain's Dinner" and "Sunday on Board" scenes, formal and Sunday dresses will be modeled.

Girls in all three grades have made the clothes during this year, including a variety of designs, fabrics, and colors suiting every season.

There will be three assemblies during the day in order that girls in all grade levels may have an

## X-Ray Unit To Examine Students February 15-17

To curb tuberculosis, chest x-rays are scheduled at Blair on February 15, 16, 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Faculty, students, cafeteria and janitorial help, and teachers from surrounding elementary schools will report to "D" building to the mobile unit for x-rays.

Tuberculosis projects, films, and a Ray Milland recording will highlight the preceding week.

opportunity to attend the program, which has been prepared under the guidance of Mrs. Louise Harmon, Mrs. Elizabeth Spence, and Mrs. Mary Dickerson, of the faculty.

Approximately 55 girls will participate in the show.

## Eleven Candidates Rate For Initiation

Initiation of new members is now in order for Blair's Radio Club which congregates every Wednesday afternoon with the adviser, Mrs. Priscilla Kline.

Eleven students from all three grades will be inducted at the initiation party in the Wheaton Recreation Center at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 13. Only initiates and members are invited.

The purpose of the Radio Club, which is a service organization, is to spread school publicity through local radio stations to the community. It was formed five years ago mainly to give students a chance to display their verbal talents. All activities such as athletics, dramatics, etc., are given publicity through the activity of this Club.

The names of the initiates are Bonita Bevin, Jeni Decker, Dan Fallon, Marcia Greene, Donna Kinkel, and Walt Kraemer. Others are Nancy Murdock, Jeanne Rudiger, Ann Schreiber, Fred Sellers, and Fred Von Berniwitz.

# 'Good Evening, Mr. And Mrs. Smith'

With the number of dances in the spring, the need for chaperones grows, but past experiences of these parents and teachers makes the job unpopular.

After giving up their spare time to come to school for these affairs, they are given the "cold shoulder" by teenagers who should show their appreciation.

Without their help, dances would be impossible, yet how few students realize this. They are so easily taken for granted, but if a dance were cancelled because there were no chaperones many would complain long and loud.

It would not take much time to stop and say, "We're so glad you could come," or "Thank you for making this dance possible."

Realizing the problem, the dance

## Quiet, Not Riot . . .

The study habits of the average high school student are famous for their weird nature and inefficiency.

Now, while the second semester is still brand new, an effort can and should be made to improve this condition.

Physical well-being is of prime importance. If you are tired or bogged down with a cold, that stack of books may seem to get bigger by the minute. *Quiet Room Essential*

A nice quiet room with good ventilation and proper lighting over the left shoulder should be provided before any attempt is made to study.

A Blairite's idea of quiet and a teacher's idea of the same state may be two entirely different things. Contrary to popular opinion, this does not mean *Dragnet* on the radio or television.

It may seem impossible to find a quiet place in a busy household, but if the need is recognized, some provision can usually be made.

### Follow Regular Schedule

A regular schedule for study should be set up and followed. A concentrated study period should not last longer than 20 minutes or half an hour.

Now is the time to knuckle down to a good two or three hours a night that will bring grades up. So remember: good study habits formed now mean an easier time in the future.

### Council News

## Student Body President Outlines Main Changes

by Terry Hicks

As the first half of the year faded into the past, the Student Council found itself in good condition. Looking back on our first semester of operation we find that four main changes have taken place.

First of all, and probably most important to you, a new monogram policy has been enacted. This means that the monogram will now be slightly harder to obtain. Secondly, a revised financial procedure was introduced and accepted. It seems to be working; the treasury balance as of January 27 was \$700.

The third change was made in the constitution. The school store was officially accepted as a standing committee of the Student Council, with the student head of the store automatically becoming chairman. Last, but certainly not least, as that old phrase goes, the fate of approximately \$1,000 received annually by the school store was decided. The Student Council's share will be available at the beginning of the following year.

committee has appointed a group to greet them, but this is merely one step in the right direction.

Recognition of their help by all the students would be the ideal situation, both by standards of etiquette and good sense. Each one who greets these considerate people is making them feel more welcome and helping to give Blair a good reputation.

## Hot Rodding Growth, Presence Aids Rider

by Bob Mann

Noting the growth and presence of the numerous hot rods and custom cars at Blair during the last two years, many unique conclusions can be drawn.

"The American boy has suddenly, overnight, become mechanically inclined."

"Car owners of today are anxious to achieve some singular or more beautiful automobiles than can be mass produced."

"Owners desire greater performance and economy than standard cars give."

These statements must be altered to conform to the facts presented by the history and development of hot rods.

Hot rodding had its origin about 1900 by men trying to improve their cars, but it did not begin as a sport until the mid 1930's. California was the birthplace and cradle of hot rodding and it remains today as the focal point of the hot rod movement. California has been the leader in the march for police cooperation and even encouragement of hot rods instead of the reactionary, oppressive methods enforced by many state and local governments.

The prime result of hot rodding is the satisfaction of creating something useful yet enjoyable. Moreover the activity gives many young men the basis for a career or at least a practical hobby.

The effects of hot rodding are just beginning to benefit the American people. Many top engineers, pilots, and industrial leaders are men who participated in the earlier movements of the sport of hot rodding.

## Down-Hearted Giraffe Rates High In Reviews

by Fred and Walt

In a past issue of Chips (you sophomores won't remember this . . . you sophomores who do remember this should spend more time on your studies rather than waste it on this article—editors), we had a small thing going called "Television Reviews."

The afore mentioned created quite a bit of comment in the journalistic world, but we decided to write some more anyway.

You probably don't realize what a hardship it is for us to write these reviews because our TV set has a pretty dim picture. In fact, it's so dim, we don't get the 9 o'clock shows until after midnight. Our set's a pretty old one, too, we'll say that for it; it is . . . you know, the other night we picked up the Happiness Boys!

Well here we go . . .

1. *Bonino*—An Italian steals his way out of Italy with a three-pound wedge of Fatchimattie's Matzeroni Cheese.

2. *You Are There*—We are there . . . they are there . . . are you sure all French students start this way?

3. *My Favorite Husband*—The life stories of several Hollywood actresses.

4. *Omnipuss*—Something for every face.

5. *You Bet Your Wife*—Gambling from Bagdad.

6. *Red Buttons*—Do the Communists say they invented this, too?

7. *Dragneck*—The story of a down-hearted giraffe.

8. *Early Bird Theater*—As the name implies, the show is for the birds.

9. *Night Owl Theater*—See Early Bird Theater.

10. *Hoppity Skippity*—Always watch this show because he's a weal wive wabbit.

11. *Arthur Godfrey and His Ex-Friends*—The group is growing.

12. *To Be Announced*—We still haven't been able to catch this show.

SILVER CHIPS

### Senior Spotlight

## Americans' Friendliness Inspires Douglas Kim

by Ruthie Silverman

Sometimes walking, sometimes riding horse-back, and sometimes being carried in sedans by coolies, third grader Douglas Kim and his family traveled southwest from Shanghai, China, where he was born, toward Chungking.

Attending school for short periods wherever they stopped along the way, Doug was in seventh grade by the time he reached Chungking. At V.J. Day, when the Chinese-Japanese War was over, he returned to Shanghai.

His parents being Korean, they planned to go to Korea but it was not until about one and a half years later, when the Commun-

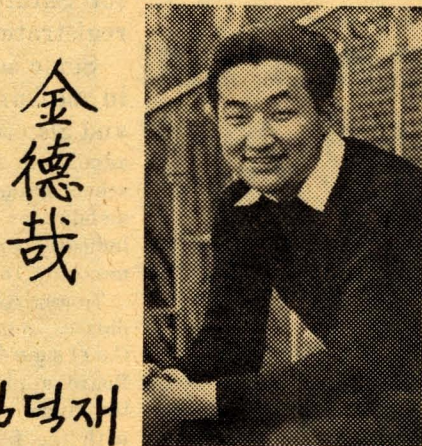


Photo by Bill Garrett

Douglas Kim with his name written in Chinese (top) and Korean.

ists began to take over the main land of China, that they moved to Seoul, Korea.

Having taken English since sixth grade, Douglas entered the American School in Seoul, learning Korean at home.

The first day the Korean War broke out in 1950, the American School moved to Tokyo. "I stayed home for a couple months," said Doug, "until I heard somebody say they needed someone who could speak Chinese. So I volunteered and became a Combat Interpreter with the intelligence section of the First Marine Division." His duties included interrogation, translating documents, spying, and conciliation work.

Several months later his father, who had previously been commander of the Korean Army, was appointed Ambassador to China. "I went with him to Formosa," stated Douglas, "to go to school." In 1952 Doug decided to come to the United States to get prepared to attend an American College.

Athletics interest Doug, as he plays on Blair's soccer team. "They put much more emphasis on sports here than they do in China," he pointed out.

He likes to draw and some of his posters can be seen around the school. "I don't like modern art, especially in the high schools," he says. "Students first should be taught fundamental skills of drawing."

"I think if an American boy went to China, he would be lonesome. Here everyone is friendly and helpful. Whatever group you go into you are a part; that's the nicest feeling I have," Doug concluded.

### Klassy Kwotes

## Allergic, Shy Flamingo Hides Itchy Argyles

by Troy Hambright

Why do Flamingos stand on one foot? Bill Argerie—because the other one is allergic to water.

Barbara Ryan—because the other foot itches.

Reggie Tatum—maybe he only has one leg!

Hezekiah Heckendorf—because he has a hole in the toe of his argyles and doesn't want anybody to see it.

Joe Doaks—they stand on one foot because they were born with one leg shorter than the other, and they stand on the long leg to wear it down.

Mr. Keibler—they are imitating storks in hopes of getting a job.

Sidney Sharkey—because the other foot is sore from gripping the sand, like it does to stand up.

Myra Hirst—I'll bite, why?

Karen Ulrich—because they have to hide their worst foot.

## Seniors Have 'A Real Ball' On Annual Trip

by Cynthia Ferrell

This is an attempt to tell only some of the wonderful parts of the senior class trip to New York City, on January 29, 30, and 31.

At 7:30 Friday morning 180 excited Blair seniors boarded a B. and O. train in Silver Spring for what was described as "a real ball."

Radio City and NBC were visited on Friday afternoon. The tour was especially interesting to many of the girls, because it was rumored that movie actor Tony Curtis was rehearsing in one of the studios. Unfortunately (and we did look) no one saw him. We were then taken up to the top of the Rockefeller Building to see Manhattan Island all at one time, which is really quite a feat.

### Ice Skating Draws Students

Several groups of students attended the NBC radio quiz show, "The Phrase That Pays." Nancy Jean Mayer and Troy Hambright, who were selected as contestants, received a cocker spaniel puppy and a set of encyclopedia as prizes.

The very cold, crisp weather lured many students to Rockefeller Center to ice skate or just to watch.

Saturday morning, bright and early, we sprinted to Radio City Music Hall to see a Cinemascope movie, "Knights of the Round Table," and the long-legged, machine-like Rockettes.

A tour of the Bowery and Chinatown occupied Saturday afternoon. The unusual aspects of these areas of lower Manhattan were interesting. The guides who conducted the tour told stories of the famous Tong Wars and of life on Skid Row. Neither the chaperones nor the guides had any trouble keeping all of us together!

### Hotel Fire Keeps All Awake

Night clubs and extra special restaurants were on the bill Saturday night. The Village Barn in Greenwich Village and the Bal Tabarin further uptown drew large groups of students.

Most everyone was too "pooped to peep" that night, but a full night of sleep (after all the coke parties) was not to be our reward. At about six o'clock, five fire engines raced up to the hotel to put out a fire on the sixth floor.

Magnificent churches on Fifth Avenue were visited on Sunday morning. Lunch in some of the "arty," chic cafe shops followed for many.

Early afternoon saw us frantically throwing our rumpled clothes into shrinking suitcases and racing into the lobby to settle last minute business and snatch them up, while juggling the toy dogs that became so popular during the trip.

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## Former Fighter Pilot Follows Family Tradition By Teaching

Coming to Blair as the first full time driving instructor, Mr. Robert Maguire took his first public school teaching position here in 1947, following his discharge from the Air Force.

Having been a fighter pilot in World War II, he also served as an Air Force flying instructor in Texas for two years. His travel with the Army has taken him into many parts of the United States and foreign countries, including Okinawa, Japan, New Guinea, and the Philippines.

## Three Graduates Earn Recognition

Three Montgomery Blair graduates, who are now attending American University, have earned high honors there.

Audrey Ricketts and Ellen Coblenz, graduates of 1951 have been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Among 24 seniors and six juniors, they received the honor which is based on scholarship, citizenship, and extra-curricular activities.

### Audrey Prominent in Activities

Audrey is the treasurer of Kappa Delta Sorority, accompanist of the University Glee Club, and secretary-treasurer of the junior class. She is also a member of the German Club, the Religious Board, Orientation Board, and cheerleading squad.

While attending Blair, Audrey was a member of the F. T. A. (Future Teachers of America), the Glee Club, and the Silverlogue staff. Upon graduation from high school, she was awarded a four-year scholarship to the University, where she is studying under the well-known pianist, Evelyn Swarthout.

### Ellen Is Honor Student

Ellen is a member of Phi Mu Sorority, Phi Delta Epsilon, the honorary journalistic fraternity, and Delta Phi Alpha, the honorary German fraternity. She also is a member of the Orientation Board and the Woman's Athletic Association. Ellen is the senior editor of the yearbook. While attending Blair, she was a member of the Library Club, the F. T. A., the orchestra, and CARE. She began college at Oberlin College in Ohio and later transferred there.

Miriam Thompson, a graduate of 1950, was recently elected Homecoming Queen at American University. Miriam is the third Thompson sister to receive the honor. She is the captain of the cheerleading squad, vice-president of the senior class, and secretary of Kappa Delta Sorority.

## Miss Stickley Returns After Major Operation

Returning after a ten weeks' absence, Miss Elizabeth Stickley, head librarian, was welcomed back to school by teachers and students, alike, on Monday February 8.

Literally "rolling out the red carpet" for her return, the Library circulation desk was decorated with large red and white letters reading, "Welcome Back, Miss Stickley" and red paper was rolled from the door to the desk.

After a major operation at Suburban Hospital last December 3, she returned home on Christmas Eve and has spent the following period recuperating at her home.

During her illness and recovery she received many flowers, over 1,000 cards, and a new Pokey Bear.

One of the two Blair teachers who originated from Plains, Pennsylvania, (the other being Coach Pete Pazahanick), he graduated from Plains High School and began preparation for a teaching career at Bucknell University, where he received an A.B. degree. Currently he is working on an M.A. degree in Education at Maryland University.

Coming from a family of many teachers including both parents,



Photo by Bill Garrett  
Mr. Robert Maguire

aunt, uncle, brother, and sister in the teaching profession, it didn't take long for Mr. Maguire to decide that this was the career for him.

His main hobbies are fishing and shooting, despite the fact that some of the driver education students say that he "just loves to check workbooks." Though he claims that those are his main interests, he still tells each new class that he will teach all the beautiful blondes how to drive and leave all the handsome boys for Mrs. Cissie Sanborn, the other driving instructor. The two share the same classroom with half of the class claiming Mrs. Sanborn and the other half with Mr. Maguire as their teacher.

Before heading the rifle team at Blair, he was sponsor of the cheerleaders for four years. He taught U.S. History before driving was enlarged to a full-time course.

Mr. Maguire says about teaching driving, "There is something new and different going on all the time. By teaching this course, I can easily see the results of my efforts. It is rewarding and provides thrills, and lots of laughs."

## Gelfand Announces 'Future' Winners

Winners of the recent "Future Unlimited" art contest selected by Mr. Sidney Gelfand, of the art department faculty, are June McHale, Harvey Havland, Elizabeth Meyers, Marilyn Todd, Evelyn Skidmore, and Ronald Crummett.

The six winning posters will be sent to the state headquarters office of the United States Savings Bonds Division in Baltimore.

Each participant chose his own art medium and portrayed a future ambition that could be made possible through United States Savings Bonds.

In order to encourage thrift and promote sales of Savings Bonds, the Treasury Department developed this contest, open to all high school students.

Selections were judged on the basis of originality, appropriateness, and dramatic influence in aiding the promotion of Savings Bonds.

Mr. Gelfand, who received a certificate of participation from the Treasury Department thinks that this was a good experience for the commercial art students who participated.

## Home Arts Department Grows With Additions Of Kitchen, Sewing, And Child Care Equipment

Continuing its rapid growth, the Home Arts Department recently received new furniture for its "all-purpose room."

The room, once the art room, was transferred to the Home Arts Department when "A" building was completed and the Art Department moved to its third floor. Last year the Home Arts classes had no furniture for their new room.

The new equipment includes four kitchen units with two gas ranges and two electric ones, a garbage cabinet, storage cabinets, a triple

mirror for sewing, and child care equipment.

Eventually, the department intends to refurnish their apartment, which has a living room, dining room, kitchen, bedroom, and laundry.

The department, which fills the entire top floor of "B" building, also has a food lab of eight cooking

units and a sewing room with 12 machines.

Mrs. Louise Harmon, head of the Home Arts Department, tells that when she came here five years ago, there were two teachers and about 225 students. Starting last year, they have had three teachers and about 300 students.

They now not only teach the traditional "sewing and cooking" but also, home furnishing, consumer education, child care, home nursing, and personal and family relations.

## Mrs. Harmon Makes Survey

Mrs. Louise Harmon was one of ten people to visit the Galena, Maryland, High School on January 26 through January 28.

Mrs. Harmon, together with the other teachers and administrators of the Middle Atlantic Education visited Galena High to discover whether they are maintaining desired standards and, therefore, merit a renewal of their accreditation by the Association. The school consists of only 172 pupils in junior and senior high combined.

The survey of their home arts department was Mrs. Harmon's assignment in the evaluation project, which was conducted by teachers and administrators of Maryland and Delaware.

Since the enrollment is so small, Mrs. Harmon says there are no absentee nor behavior problems, and the student body is very co-operative.

One of the things Mrs. Harmon enjoyed especially was an original play produced by their junior history and English classes.

The program setting was the Knight House, located in the area and dating back to Revolutionary times.

The legend says that Kitty Knight threw scalding water on the attacking British soldiers to save her house from being burned.

Mrs. Harmon thought the assembly both amusing and entertaining.

## 52 Soph Neophytes Join Library Club

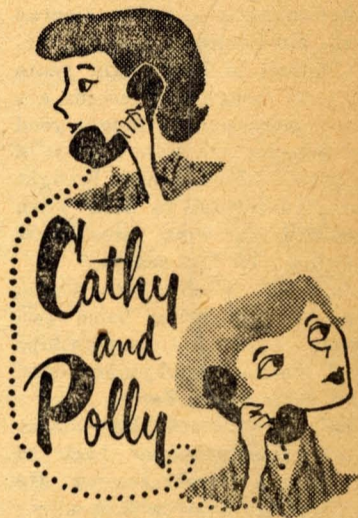
Initiation into the Library Club was one of last week's highlights when 52 sophomores became members on February 6 and 7.

After performing different stunts and presenting a five-minute skit, they were allowed to sing "I'm Just A Little Sophomore" and take the oath. They became full-fledged members on the following day after wearing the "sacred sucker" for one day.

The 52 included Ilene Shetler, Elinor Rosen, Carol Marey, Kay Lyle, Linda Saunders, Janet Michellod, Harvey Howland, Margery Cannon, Pat Argerake, Sally Pope, Pat Baldwin, Howard Krieger, Carolyn Cooley, Sheila Murray, Kathryn Dempsey, Harriet Silkett, and Nancy Bongage.

Others were Lorraine Jones, Betty Lee Lloegae, Judy Line, Dan Fallon, Gretchen Losier, Elizabeth Anderson, Jeannie Anderson, Larry Grannat, Jean Carver, Jay Johnson, Ellen Walker, Peter Shacteld, Robert Hass, Larena Ruppert, Joan Gray, Marian Sherman, and Marilyn Babin.

Carolyn Burch, Sharon Bosworth, Sally Eyerma, Betty Eckstein, Pat Hanson, Elaine Garret, Mary Hoffman, Jane Johndrew, Mary Jen, Tove Martin, Judie Lewis, Judy Levine, Elizabeth Lines, Katrina Tiedman, Charlotte Renshaw, Carol Kern, Dick Smith, and June Wright were initiated also.



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"Yes, and it looks so comfortable! We're lucky to work at the telephone company where we have such a nice place to relax."



"And cheerful offices, too. They're bright and airy - not crowded."



"Those nice surroundings are a good reason why I want to tell all my friends to see about telephone jobs when they finish school."



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# Last Semester Will Culminate Senior Sports

by Jerry Kearns

At last the second semester is here, and for the seniors it is their last one at Blair.

Although there are a few months to go until graduation, I thought it appropriate to bring out some of the major sports highlights of the past three years.

## Continetti, Brown Aid Football

Looking back over the years, we find that this year's senior class has seen two football coaches, Mr. Reno Continetti and Mr. Conrad Brown. Mr. Continetti brought varsity football to Blair eight years ago. And though the records are not too impressive, he taught good sportsmanship and more interest in the game. Coach Brown brought some good fortune to Blair when he showed four wins, three losses and a tie for his first season.

The seniors have seen Coach Dave Carrasco bring home two Maryland Class A Championships in both their soph and junior years. Rieder Brings Back Soccer

Last year Coach Ed Rieder brought varsity soccer back to Blair after a 10-year absence. He also furnished Blair with a soccer championship, and is hoping for another.

The other sports which we have yet to see are track, baseball, golf, rifle, which is now in progress, and tennis.

We extend our gratitude to the coaches Carrasco, Dodge, Brown, Maguire, Rieder, Kulakowski, Pazahanick, Rhodes, and Wiley. Good luck for the rest of the year and the future.

Let's get behind the coaches and boys and support our teams!

## Sportlight On Girls

# 'Annies' Prove Apt With Guns

by Anne Chalupsky

The trigger, the hammer, and the barrel may be main parts, but the girls' rifle team has learned a great deal more than that on the handling of a gun and its mechanisms.

Twice a week the "Annie Oakleys" of Blair meet in the basement of "D" building, where the rifle range is located, for worthwhile practice sessions. Joining the club at the beginning of this school year, the girls have made some large accomplishments in learning the parts of a gun and positions in shooting, as only four or five knew how to handle a rifle previously.

Directed by Mrs. Roberta Keiter, the team was chosen from the original club members on the basis of attendance, cooperation, team work, and marksanship. Once a month they compete in a national association tournament against high schools from all over the United States and are at present ranked 14th in the competition.

In entering a national tournament, an assigned target is sent to Mrs. Keiter and, after seeing that the members take their turns, she sends it to a score keeper, who takes records, etc.

Holding the record for the best score in any match to date is Carol Megby. Following closely with the highest December scores are Donna Benson, Sally Lyons, Mary Perrin, and Barbara Shipman.

The next scheduled match is with Northwestern in March.

# Quint Cops Third League Win; Rally Falls Short Against W-L

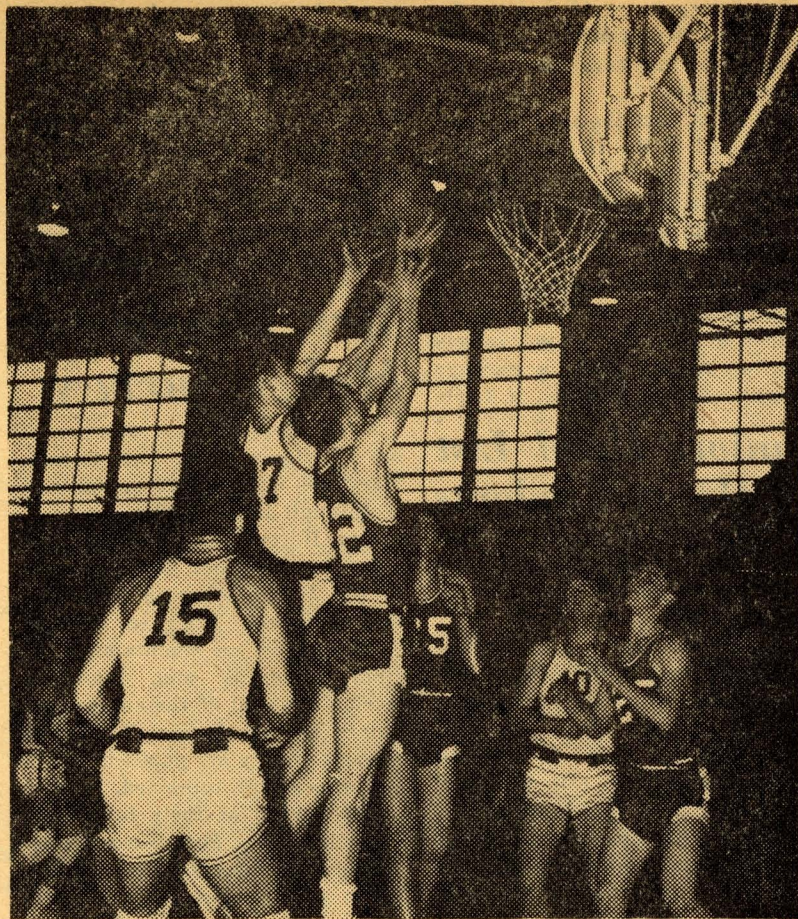


Photo by Charlie Peterson

Blanton McDonald and B-CC's John Cornelius fight for possession, while Baron Larry Sault (15) and Blazer Bill Overman (25) look on.

By virtue of their second victory of the season over Northwestern's five by a 49-33 score on Friday, February 5. Coach Carrasco's Blazer quint went over the .500 mark in Bi-County League competition.

Highscoring Dick Brown contributed seventeen points as the Red and White completely outclassed the Wildcats.

Going into the latter game with an overall 7-6 record and a Bi-County standing of two wins and two defeats, Blair now has an 8-6, 3-2 log respectively.

Washington and Lee's Generals, currently rated as the Washington area's number one scholastic basketball team by the Washington Post, received a scare from the Blazers on January 29, at W-L, when Bob Peterson and Bill Overman led a 19 point rally in the

## Jayvees, 'B' Boys Set Winning Paces

To date, Blair's jayvee team, composed strictly of sophomores, has won three out of four scheduled contests.

Led by Bill Froman, Archie Webster, Dick Smith, Joe Zavona, and Eddie Clements, the sophs have rolled over Richard Montgomery, 30-25, and Landon by a 43-22 score, but were trounced by Coolidge's jayvees, 47-41. Froman recorded sixteen points against Landon for the highest single total of any individual player.

Blair's "B" team, which includes a few jayvee performers, consists primarily of juniors. The "B" boys have beaten Northwestern, 42-30, and Bladensburg, 41-34. Their most impressive win was a 54-38 victory over B-CC.

Allan Alkire, "Sonny" Barbot, and Joel Freedman have been setting the pace, aided by several sophs. Barbot is the only senior member of the squad.

Alkire is the leading scorer, having recorded 22 counters against Bethesda.

final period only to see their team lose, 53-50. Peterson led Blair's scoring attack with 18 counters, a Blazer high for the season, followed by Dick Brown who had 10. W-L's Plain garnered 11 points to help his team post an 8-1 season record.

Suitland High pulled an upset on the Blazers at Suitland, 55-53, thus posting their first Bi-County League win against two losses. Suitland's Ronnie Crown, the League's leading scorer, dunked 21 points. Four Blazers scored in double figures, but to no avail.

In the annual rival game with Bethesda-Chevy Chase, the Red and White were beaten by Washington's number four scholastic team by a 56-45 count. B-CC now has won twelve out of fourteen games this season.

# American U's Basketball Roster Includes Three Ex-Blair Grads

by Bob Mann

Looking at American University's basketball team you might note that Blair is the foremost "farm" team, for past Blazers comprise one-fourth of the Eagles' squad.

John Selby, Jimmie Williams, and Ronnie McPherson are all Blair graduates who now star for American University. All the boys are members of the Varsity Club, a sports fraternity.

John graduated in 1950 and played basketball while at Blair. Last year as a junior at American University he was the Eagles' top scorer and picked on the Mason-Dixon All-star team. John is a member of Alpha Tau Omega and he is majoring in economics.

Graduating with the class of 1951, Jimmie Williams was voted "Most Athletic" as he played three years of football, basketball, and baseball for Blair. Entering American U., Jimmie chose to major in physical education. This is his first year of basketball for the Eagles and he will probably play baseball also.

Star of two state championships, Ronnie McPherson graduated in 1953 with participation in all three

# Boosters Nip Friends For Initial Triumph

After getting off to a slow start, the Booters, under the direction of Coach Ed Rieder, have come on to show great promise.

"They are a good defensive team," Mr. Rieder stated, nearly a month ago, "but I don't look for them to score too heavily."

Since tasting defeat at the hands of Landon in their opener, the Booters have gone on to tie Episcopal 0-0, lose to Woodberry Forest 5-4, and defeat Sidwell Friends 4-2.

Against Episcopal in a league game, the Booters, outmanned but not outplayed, plodded through the muddy visitors' field to a scoreless deadlock. Blair was outplayed on defense but upheld excellent offense throughout the contest.

## Blazers Begin Home Stretch Of '54 Season

Coming into the home stretch, the Blazers have only five games left, of which two are Bi-County League games.

Tomorrow night at Takoma gym, the Blazers will face the Eagles of Gonzaga, who are in the top heat of the Catholic League. In last year's game Blair defeated the Eagles.

On the 16th, the Blazers will go to John Carroll, where they will lash with the Carroll quint. Carroll, too, is one of the top Catholic League contenders, although new to the League.

Saturday, February 20, will find the Blazers clashing, and fighting for the first place lead in the Bi-County League against Bethesda-Chevy Chase, who has already once defeated the Blazers this season. The game begins with the Juniors at 7:00 p.m. at B-CC.

Suitland, who also has defeated the Blazers once this season is next on the schedule. Suitland, too, is fighting for first place in the Bi-County League. The game is at Blair at 3:30.

Last on the Blazer schedule is Frederick at Frederick. The Juniors begin at 7 p.m. February 26, is the date.

Journeying to Woodberry Forest, Virginia, on an all-day affair, the Booters played an exciting game on even terms with them. Woodberry Forest had a great advantage, with big, strong halfbacks who got the ball into scoring position easily.

The spectators saw Woodberry Forest score two points in the first quarter, and another point in the second, with Blair close at their heels scoring two points in the second period. The third quarter Blair could not score, and Woodberry Forest scored two points. Blair came back strongly in the fourth period, holding them scoreless, and scoring two points, not quite enough to tie. Scoring for the Booters were Mike Coder, Jim Atchison, John Gregg, and Stan Danowski.

Blair played host to Sidwell Friends February 2, and downed them 4-2. Ronnie Campbell paced the eleven with two points. Stan Danowski and Fadi Carbo each had one.

## Gym Classes End Tumbling Sessions

by Wally Murphy

Tumbling season is over and we must turn to other less popular sports.

However, for those all-year-round enthusiasts, here are a few new tricks and games that you and your friends may try.

Have you ever seen a back flip and head stand from a standing position? This is done with a half flip backwards landing head downwards without your feet touching the floor. Sounds easy, but try it with no hands.

One of the newest gymnastics is the elementary, one and a quarter back flip with a half twist from a running start, off the gym wall. You should end up, end up.

A yet untried game(?) is "airplane." Each team builds a human pyramid about six men high and about eight feet apart. Each team has an "airplane" on top of its pyramid.

At a signal the opposing "airplanes" launch themselves into space, meeting in mid-air, and crash to the ground. The man that lands on the bottom is "shot down," and the other team scores a point.

Try it. It's just "bruises of fun."

# Sports Quiz Tests You 'Whizzes' On Knowledge Of Blair Athletics

While looking through the morgue during the preparation of this page, the Sports Staff found a quiz which seems appropriate for this time. The answers to the questions are based on statistics as of February 5.

If you miss any more than two, you haven't been paying much attention to the basketball team.

1. What is the Blazer record to date?
2. Who is the top scorer of the Blazer squad?
3. Where does Blair stand in the Bi-County League?
4. Where does Blair stand in the scholastic basketball ranking of the Washington Post?
5. What are the total number of

points scored by the Blazers?

6. Out of 14 games what is the average of Brown, Peterson, and Dillard?

7. In Blair's history, who has the most amount of points scored in one season?

## Answers

1. Eight wins and six losses.
2. Dick Brown with 169 points in fourteen games.
3. Tied for second place with Suitland (3-2).
4. Blair is eighteenth.
5. Blair, 652.
6. Brown 12, Peterson 7.6, and Dillard 6.9.
7. John Selby, who scored 289 points in 1948-49.

# Variety Show Accompanist Finds It Tedious But Pleasant

by Alan Galletly

(Editor's Note: How does an accompanist feel after pounding the keys for three consecutive years in the Variety Show? The following is one's account of the "joyous" task of either making or breaking an act.)

Now that the annual Variety Show is under way, maybe those "lucky" people who managed to stay out of the show would like to know some of the trials and hardships facing the participating acts.

Each act selected for the show rehearses at least once a week with their sponsor. (That's orders!) Most of them rehearse after school. Then they have to practice at least once a week on their own. (That's orders, too!)



Photo by Bill Garrett

Five lovely chicks dancing to "Lovely Weather for Ducks" are, left to right, Joan King, Cynthia Ferrell, Carolyn Maskell, Phyllis Tuley, and Troy Hambricht, accompanied by Ruthellen Ford.

During these afternoon rehearsals, there is a strange air of uncertainty and doubt in the minds of those rehearsing as to who is going to be corrected next or what more could possibly go wrong. Even the unsung hero, the accompanist, gets his share of the fireworks. (I know!)

Some of the more familiar phrases of the directors during rehearsal are these gems: "Straighten those lines!" "Diction, I'm not getting your words!" or "All right, let's have it from the beginning!" Another might be (and usually is): "O.K., once more and you can all go home!" However, the victim of the latter phrase is apt to end up rehearsing for another hour or two.

## Executive Board Lays Slate For Library Club Offices

The executive board of the Library Club recently nominated the slate for next year's officers.

All of the candidates have been members for at least one year. The nominees are: President, Julie Francis, Carol Megby, and Jean Charuhas; Vice President, Sandy Lovre, Howard Kolodney, and Susan Walker; Treasurer, Shirley Iwata, Ann Dietrick, and Beverly Bosworth; and Secretary: Carolyn Cooley, Tove Martin, Judy Levine, and Margaret Cannon.

Library Club members will have an opportunity to vote for the candidates sometime next week in Mrs. Carrie Lusby's room, C102. Mrs. Lusby heads this particular election board and will be the only person to know the results before the winners are formally introduced at the annual Library Club Banquet on April 7.

## Graduates Soon Order Red, White Caps, Gowns

Caps and gowns measurements for senior boys and girls will take place on the morning of March 17, in the cafeteria.

Due to the popular vote of the students in a previous poll, the boys will wear red robes instead of the former maroon colored ones. White is the selection for the girls. The style of the poplin cloth robes is the same as before.

The cost for the boys is \$2.00, and \$2.50 for the girls.

We saw the show for the first time in its entirety when Saturday rehearsals started on February 27. For the latter we are coupled up in the gym rehearsing the entire show from 12:00 to 4:30, just occasionally getting up for a coke. Right now the show is a far cry from what it will be on March 25, opening night.

## Contestants Relate Privileges, Duties

Twelfth grade social studies and English teachers are now encouraging seniors to enter the sixth annual "Citizenship Essay Contest."

Sponsored by the Civitan Club, its purpose is "to encourage the student to think seriously of his approaching responsibilities as a citizen and to prepare to meet them courageously and wisely."

The subject chosen for 1954 competition is "The Privileges and Duties of a Citizen." The essays are 500 to 1,000 words in length.

### Board Announces Finals In June

Three top essays will be sent from Blair by March 8 to enter the Civitan Club contest of the local district. A board of judges will submit the winning essay of the community by April 15 to the District Contest. This essay will then be in competition with other club-winning essays.

From this judging a winning essay is to be forwarded to the International Contest not later than May 15.

The Board of Judges selected by the International Chairman shall report their findings to be announced at the International Convention in St. Louis in late June.

### Winner Receives \$600 Scholarship

In the rating 30 per cent is allowed for composition, spelling, punctuation, and neatness; and 70 per cent for subject matter and its value as a contribution to citizenship education.

Prizes will be awarded with a \$600 scholarship, \$150 payment per year, as the first place, provided the student maintains a "B" average. First through tenth place awards will be made.

Previous to these awards the Civitan Clubs of the various districts will present other prizes to the local winners, the best one receiving a \$100 U. S. savings bond.

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## Calendar Foretells Coming Activities

Looking over the big calendar in the office, one discovers that many important events are coming up this spring.

It will be girls' choice for the Vice Versa Dance on March 19, while the result of many departments' work and many rehearsals will be the 14th annual Variety Show on March 25, 26, and 27.

### Scientists To Display Projects

Blair's young scientists will exhibit their knowledge at the Science Fair, March 31 through April 2.

Two banquets will be held in April. At its banquet the Library Club will announce its new officers and initiate its new teacher-members. The other banquet will be the annual senior one at the Hot Shoppe on Georgia Avenue. Between the banquets is the well-loved Easter Vacation lasting from April 16 to 25.

### B-Club to Hold Slumber Party

Closing April and opening May will be the Girls' B-Club Slumber Party.

Two of the biggest dances in a high school student's life will take place in May: the Junior and the Senior Proms. Until 1950 they were held together as one dance, but in that year, because of the enrollment's growth, they were split. The Juniors will promenade May 7, at the Roosevelt and the Seniors, at the Shoreham on the 14.

## College, Organization Awards Open To Deserving Seniors

About 23 scholarships are still available to seniors here through competition tests, previous records, or need, depending on the sponsoring college or organization, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Macdonald, college counselor.

Application for a \$525 per year scholarship for Colorado College and a \$700 to \$1,250 scholarship for Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, must be in by March 5.

### March 8, 14 Close Applications

March 8 is the closing date for scholarship applications to Chicago University worth \$600 to \$1,200 per year.

Colgate University and Stanford University, which are offering National and Regional scholarships up to \$1,200, hold March 15 as the closing application date.

### Muhlenberg Offers Full Tuition

Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania, is offering four full tuition scholarships, applications for which must be in by March 31.

Applications for one of 26 scholarships to Case Institute of Technology for \$1,500 to \$3,000 or for one of 35 scholarships to Hobart-William Smith College in New York for \$100 to \$500 per year must be in by April 1.

### Organizations Give Aid To MJC

To receive a \$450 scholarship to the Gardner School of Business applications must be in by May 1.

The American Association of University Women of Silver Spring will probably, as in previous years,

## Amateur Players Attempt Roles In Spring Play, 'The Heiress'

Is it better to buy one's way into marriage than to live a lifetime of solitude?

"The Heiress," a dramatic hit from the pens of Ruth and Augustus Goetz, which will be presented as Blair's annual spring play, will answer this question.

Judy Newmann will play the lead as an awkward young lady who gives her heart to an idle fortune seeker. This role was created in a twelve-month run on Broadway by Wendy Hiller and in the movies by Olivia De Havilland.

## Annual Tourney Draws Journalists

Junior and senior high school journalists throughout the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia are now registering for the eighth annual Maryland Scholastic Press Association Convention and Writing Tournament scheduled for Saturday, April 3, at St. John's College, Annapolis.

The winning team of the senior-high writing tournament will receive the Cumberland News-Times trophy. For the best school annual, the H. G. Roebuck & Son trophy; for outstanding service of a student editor, the Maryland Press Association trophy; to the senior high newswriting winner, the University of Maryland certificate; and for writing tournament and publication, M. S. P. A. certificates.

St. John's College will make several book awards and many professional journalists from both Annapolis and Baltimore will serve as speakers, judges, and consultants for the various activities.

### Critics Hail Play

Her stern father will be portrayed by Ben Wimberly and the suitor by Bill Rast. Others in the cast are Carol Ferrar as Mrs. Montgomery, Jeanne Ceranton as Mrs. Almond, Mary Gates as Marian Almond, while Doris Schuman plays Maria; Carolyn Galt portrays Mrs. Penniman; and Cecil Newberry plays Arthur Townsend.

The setting of the play is New York of a century ago. It was suggested by Henry James' famous novel, "Washington Square," and was hailed by critics and audiences from coast to coast. This gripping drama thrilled New Yorkers for one solid year and ran over 400 performances.

### Play Reflects Familiar Traits

Called a play of "inheritance and frustration," it is well-known that viewers are always identifying the characters with themselves or someone they know.

Keith Wheeler has been chosen to be the stage manager, while Dan Fullmer will be his assistant. Properties chairman is Bonita Beavin and the stage carpenter is Conrad Bailer. Avon Chisholm is the electrician and Marge Kline is in charge of the wardrobe crew. Student director of the play is Louise Johnson with the assistance of Herschel Shostack.

## Traditional Dance Requires Corsages That Girls Create

ATTENTION, GALS! The time has come to approach the unaware boy of your choice and request the favor of his company at the 15th annual Vice-Versa Dance.

On March 19, boys will enter the school gym with everything from vegetables to birdcages pinned on their lapels—in some cases placed on their heads or hanging around their necks. The custom is for girls to create (?) unusual corsages for their dates, which, at the dance, will be judged on originality. A prize will be awarded.

Last year's honor went to Gloria Schultz and her date, Norman Kruse, who wore a prize-winning sunflower, and in 1952, Mary McLaughlin pinned on her date's lapel a delightfully grotesque shrunken head of a Confederate General.

This is "boys' night" at Blair, as they will enjoy seeing the checks paid by their girls, who will also perform the courtesies expected of all perfect gentlemen.

Dress is heel and tie. Watch posters in the halls for time and admission. Have fun, guys! ! !

## Art Department Exhibits Alkire's One-Man Show

Now showing at the Art Studio is a one-man show by Alan Alkire of original pictures, which will last until April 15.

Mr. Sidney Gelfand, art instructor, thinks highly of this junior's work and will show some of Alan's work in the May Art Fair at the Silver Spring Art Gallery.

# Opportunity Raps

Practically everyone has heard the twentieth century called "The Age of Science" or "The Atomic Age."

A high school or college student probably comes in contact with science as much as, if not more than, the average adult. The majority of his studies are connected, in some way, with this miracle worker, and yet, unless it is one of his major interests, he seldom considers it seriously.

## Science Career Interesting

A career in science is one of the most interesting of the many offered to today's young men and women. It holds vast, unexplored areas where there is keen but not over-crowded competition, and often very desirable salaries paid by large engineering, chemical, electrical, or petroleum companies.

The role of women should not be overlooked in scientific work. Although they have chosen to remain in the less vigorous fields, such as laboratory and chemical analysis, an ever increasing number have been found in engineering.

## Small Schools Have Basic Courses

There are many fine schools with excellent courses in science. As a rule, large universities and colleges are better equipped with extensive facilities and have more skilled instructors; however, this is not always true. Fifteen small schools like Ohio Wesleyan are excellent for basic science courses, but do not attempt to give the student a completely specialized education.

When one thinks of the accomplishments of science in the past 54 years, it is only reasonable to assume that at least equal progress will be made in the next 46. Why not be in on it?

# Hot Rodders Should Form Organization To Support Purpose Of Their Sport

Through the course of recent years one of the most hackneyed expressions that has developed is the phrase "hot rod," which causes fear to parents and blind anger to motorists and pedestrians.

Every old or battered automobile is termed a "hot rod." Furthermore, every irresponsible or careless driver is ultimately regarded as a "crazy teen-age hot rodder" whether the driver be 16, 35, or 60. With these untruths lie the whole problem of police and public persecution and condemnation of hot rodders.

To clear up many myths concerning hot rods, here is a brief definition of a hot rod and its purpose.

First, a hot rod is a machine carefully designed and assembled to give better performance than a stock automobile and it is the owner's desire to possess something unique in this mass-produced world of today.

Second, an owner of a true hot rod probably would not drive in the immature manner of the person who is commonly called a "hot rodder" because of the evident risk of time, labor, and expense to himself and his machine.

The term "probably" was used in the preceding sentence because it is human nature, after putting much time, effort, and money into a car, to want to see "how fast it will go."

It is therefore the duty of Mont-

## Senior Spotlight

by Ellen Ragan

# Lorrie Likes Classical, Plays Violin; Keith Craves Hillbilly, Plays Fiddle

Even though he calls it a fiddle and she calls it a violin, seniors, Lorrie LeRoy and Keith Wheeler both play the same instrument in Blair's Orchestra and participate in many other activities.

Lorrie, who is the former editor-in-chief of Silver Quill, is vice president of the Monogram Society and Chairman of the Senior Party Committee. She is a member

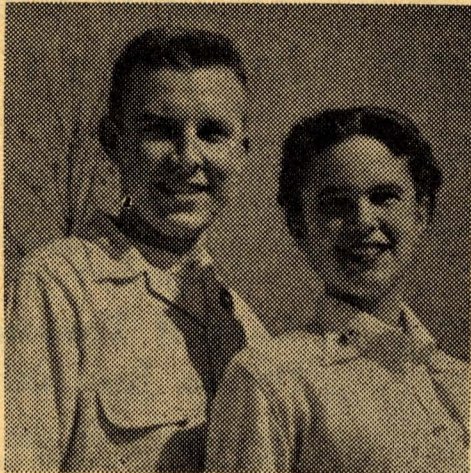


Photo by Charlie Peterson

Keith Wheeler and Lorrie LeRoy

of the Library Club, Art Club, Senior Executive Committee, National Honor Society, and Quill and Scroll.

Although she has been on the honor roll for the last three years, her pet peeve is teachers who don't warn students about tests.

In her spare time(?), she collects pictures and models of horses, reads, and listens to classical and popular music. She loves drawing and painting and claims art as her favorite subject.

Jo Stafford and Fritz Kreisler are among her favorite entertainers.

Lorrie admitted that she has always had a strange assortment of pets. Once, she had ten white mice and at another time she had four chameleons. Now, she has only one parakeet, Georgie.

She plans to teach art after attending

gomery Blair High School students interested in the activity to form some sort of an organization to campaign for a place where cars can be tested safely and legally.

If such a club were formed, it is more than possible that with careful planning and organization, official police and civic support and sanctioning could be obtained.

With backing such as this, the cause of true hot rodding would be aided no end in the Silver Spring area and Montgomery Blair will have performed a great service for the welfare of the public and for the sport of hot rodding.

## In Like A Lion

by Mrs. Julia Collins Ardayne

WHOOOP at the window!  
Claw at the sill.  
Howl like a mad thing  
Over the hill.

Snarl at the ankle:  
Snap at the hand:  
Trail wind and sleet and snow  
Over the land.

Fling all your vehemence  
Into your wrath;  
Scatter and break  
Everything in your path.

HOWL down the chimney!  
Bellow and slam;  
(Come in like a lion—  
Go out like a lamb.)

Syracuse University. Her secret ambition is to own a whole stable full of horses.

Keith is a member of the Student Council, Senior Executive Council, and president of the Radio Club.

About his work in the Radio Club, Keith says, "Whatever the president is supposed to do, I do." Having been a member of the club for two years, he has been elected to Quill and Scroll and the Thespian Society for his work in that group. Keith plans to become a radio announcer after attending Maryland University.

He spends his extra time listening to hillbilly shows, his favorite artists being Hank Snow and Junior Rodgers, while his favorite song is "These Things Shall Pass." Keith has played the fiddle, "not violin," since he was thirteen and says that his secret ambition is to be a musician-hillbilly of course. However, he laughingly admits that anyone who has heard him play would see why it would have to remain a secret.

Collecting records, you can guess what kind, is another of Keith's hobbies.

Although he raised lizards in his basement during junior high school, Keith strongly denies having any now.

## Classified Ads

### Wanted

Car with seat for set of seat covers.

Person who signed "Guess Who" on red-lace Valentine, please call JU. 9-0000, or in Jersey, Bigelow 6-1111.

### Lost and Found

LOST—Ten cases of Laddie Boy Horsemeat. If found, return to Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

LOST—Key to my little brother's cage.

FOUND—One English term paper due January 11. It was in my locker all the time!

### For Rent, Sale, or Trade

RENT—One loft for frustrated art student.

SALE—1923 Stutz Bearcat and raccoon coat. Will sacrifice to member of the Polar Bear Club.

SALE—Slightly used argyles with special feature—can be put on from both ends. Reasonable.

TRADE—One Variety Show Act for big, soft bed and 12 hours sleep.

## Court Notes

# Field Trip In Spring Planned By Justices

by Jack Anderson

As the year goes by, the Student Court, is still working with students and their problems. We feel, however, that the co-operation on the part of those who have appeared before the court has been very good.

We have lived with the regulations of Blair for a half year now and should by this time have them well in mind. Therefore, the Court feels that there is no excuse for not knowing these rules. In an attempt to eliminate the crowded conditions on the stairways, the Court will uphold the order committee in keeping order in those places. Let's all get on the ball and keep the stairway procedure organized.

This spring the justices of the Court have in mind as an aid to their knowledge of law gained at Blair, a field trip to the session of a Federal or state court. Being present in the gallery of such a session will be of interest and great help to each of the justices.

Also in line for this year, aside from the regular hearing of cases, is the revamping of the court constitution. The latter as it now stands will need adapting each new year. Revision of certain sections and phrases will eliminate this problem.

# New 'Wallpaper Waist' Enforces Spring Diets

by Cynthia Ferrell

In spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of a young woman who is thinking of bright new clothes with which to trap him.

This year she shouldn't have too much trouble in baiting a trap with the most sensibly feminine clothes to be seen in a long time. All shades of blue from milk-white to deep, deep navy will be found in every type of clothing, including short jackets and shorter skirts.

Ever since Dior startled women (and especially men) by saying that skirts would creep up, people have been wondering if and when his idea would become popular. It looks as if this is it, but the degree of change will be a matter of personal taste.

A shade of pink for every type of coloring (including red heads) will jump all over the bounciest prints imaginable. Full, fluffy skirts puffed out by crinolines will be gathered in to wallpaper waists. The wallpaper waist, which simply means very tight fitting to a little-girl-size waist will mean some dieting for a lot of people. But as you will soon see, it is well worth it.

High-heeled sandals in pastel shades were prominent last year and promise to surpass even former popularity. They are especially flattering when worn with full, crinolined skirts, topped by flowered shirts.

We might as well cover the subject from head to feet by mentioning that the very versatile Italian cut will be tamed slightly for the spring and summer months. This means, happily, that it will be easier to care for.

# Boys' Shoe Fashions Have Built-In Argyles

by Fred and Walt

Picking up a newspaper the other day we found that coffee items are being replaced gradually by the incoming of men's spring fashions. This gave us an idea; so donning our white bucks and Hawaiian sport shirts, we took pencil and paper in hand and began to write.

After having jotted down a few words, we noticed the whole thing was lacking something, our pants. This was most embarrassing; so selecting a pair of lavender plaid-pegged Ducks with saddle stitching and matching suspenders, we once again proceeded to create.

What's new in men's spring fashions this year? Let's start from the bottom.

Shoes: The average conservatist is wearing either box-toed dirty buck loafers or opened-toed weaved moccasins with metal heels and built-in argyles.

Slacks: Anything pegged below sixteen and above minus three is all right. Lately since sports outfits—where the trousers and jacket don't match—are prevalent but impracticable for school, we advise sports pants—where the two legs don't match.

Shirts: Short sleeves are here. This, of course, does not prohibit the wearing of a "weskit." By the way, "weskits" can now be obtained in several styles—with fireproof armholes, hand-carved gelatin buttons, built-in watch fobs, etc. However, shirts can be gaucho, "B" collars, three-ply French cuffs, v-necked; open toed, and with built-in bourbon straps. How neat is this?

Beltsville, Md., the fashion capital of the world, reports this spring, that in public, clothes will be imperative.

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## Visiting Teen-Ager Tells Of Customs, School In Trinidad

by Ruthie Silverman

"We speak English in different forms," said Mr. George Elliott Mose. "The only language we don't speak is American."

Mr. Mose, Chief Probation Officer in Trinidad, British West Indies, his wife, and daughter Lynette, were among a group of 35 or 40 foreign educators to tour Blair on February 19.

Lynette, who attends St. Joseph's Convent in Trinidad, will be in this country with her family for about three months. Her high school days begin at 8:15 and end at 3:05 with eight subjects and an hour and a half for lunch coming in between.

### Ranks High In Scholarship

Being third highest of 100 students to win scholarships for secondary school, which ordinarily costs \$16 a term, Lynette studies nine subjects, which are English (her native language), Latin, geography, French, Spanish, art, math, biology, and Scriptures.

At 15, Lynette is in her fourth year of high, which is equivalent to our junior year. After five years of high, she will take an exam sent from England, which enables all those who pass to go on for two more years of school, approximately the term of our junior college.

### Casual Dress Amazes Lynette

There are about 500 students in Lynette's school and they all wear blue uniforms. She was very much amazed at the bright plaids and casual dress worn at Blair. Lynette herself is very small, with dark complexion and short black hair.

Netball ranks as her favorite sport, although the girls in Trinidad also play basketball and tennis. No dances are held at her school.

About her country Lynette says, "Trinidad is cosmopolitan. Many people think we have a native tongue, native dress, and all—but we don't. We dress in blue jeans just as you."

## Senior Travelers Relate Adventures

With "Education Beyond the Classroom" as a topic, five seniors showed members of the PTA, on February 16, the advantages of student field trips.

Ellen Heft and Richard Hyland spoke about their student trip to Mexico, while Jean Corey talked about her trip to Europe. The students explained that they had developed an understanding of and respect for people of other countries. They emphasized how much they had benefited.

Richard Gerber, who had gone on the student trip to the United Nations, looked upon it as a learning experience. He had developed respect and appreciation for the organization, he said.

A speech on the senior class trip to New York was given by chairman Dan Fullmer. He explained that Blair students had "worn" their best behavior and appreciated the arrangements made by adults and the B. & O. Railroad Company. Moderator Lynn Taylor introduced the speakers and told of the many opportunities that extracurricular learning offers.

## Junior Wins First Place In Star Writing Contest

Sally Smith, junior, captured first place with her radio script, "The Pledge," in the Star's Scholastic Writing Award Contest.

Other entries of Blair students won seven gold keys, and 43 certificates of merit. All winners will appear in the next edition.

## Faculty Facts

by Ellen Ragan

## Woodworking Counselor Finds Students His Biggest Interest

Caught in the act of telling a joke, Mr. Robert Henley, the eleventh grade counselor, got right down to business by telling this reporter that he "survived college after almost dying (mentally, not physically) in high school."

"I promptly married the best looking gal in town and started out as a journeyman teacher." He soon distinguished himself by installing the first two industrial art shops in Howard County and teaching how to build corner shelves.

After teaching at Silver Spring



Photo by Charlie Peterson

Mr. Robert Henley

Intermediate, he spent one unforgettable year at Bethesda-Chevy Chase, one year of rest at Gaithersburg High School and "finally I lost my mind and asked Mr. Shaw for a job at Blair."

Displaying a picture of his cottage at Kent Island, one of the three houses he has built, he declared he spends the summer and winter week-ends there when the students get too much for him. Currently, he is building a cruiser to be named the M.T.1.

Mr. Henley and his children, Nancy Lee, 10, and Bobby, 8, named their pet hound dog, Mickey

## Brogue, Green Apparel Characterize The Irish

Lilting laughter, bright green apparel, and an overworked Irish brogue convert everyone into a "Lucky Irishman" on March 17.

Those whose ancestors came from the Emerald Isle celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with festivities. But everyone has a right to be Irish on Patty's Day.

Saint Patrick was not an Irishman. Contrary to popular belief, he was English. Pirates captured him, and for several years he tended sheep for an English chieftan. Patrick studied in France and went to Ireland as a Roman Catholic missionary.

Brush up your brogue and don your green apparel, lads and lasses; Saint Patrick's Day is March 17.

## Local Dean's List Claims Graduates

Four members of the class of 1953, now freshmen at Montgomery Junior College, placed on the Dean's List of honor students for the first semester.

David Robins, Roberta Geehan, Bruce McDowell, and Mary Ann Moore received the honor, which means that their grades were half A's and half B's or better.

Bruce McDowell holds this year's Board of Education scholarship award to MJC, while Mary Ann Moore received the Quota Club scholarship.

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Vernon, when they were rooting for the slugger to win the batting championship. Pete, an eight-foot king snake, became an ex-member of his family when it was accidentally shot by a member of the Blair faculty.

He declares that he is very fond of fooling the public and mentioned that he makes reproductions of antique furniture at very reasonable rates, and that his phone number is . . .

He is very proud that he made all the trophies for the Presidential Cup Regatta, turned the base for the mace (symbol of authority) in the U. S. Senate, and has done woodworking on plaques for Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower.

"My biggest interest is youngsters, since I'm not allowed to say kids, and I get a lot of pleasure out of knowing so many sons, daughters, etc., of the friends I went to school with," stated Mr. Henley.

His biggest gripes are the weather around here and people who are always cussing out Washington drivers, who are really just out-of-town drivers.

He admitted that Mr. Shaw gets a little upset when he becomes too much interested in woodworking and often calls him a perennial juvenile.

Closing the interview, the guidance counselor laughingly remarked that he hoped they took his picture before all his hair fell out.

## Praeco Features St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day will be the feature attraction of Praeco Argenteus when it appears on March 17.

The Latin newspaper will contain articles on the Blarney Stone, Ireland, and the Shamrock. Also, there will be a book review on Andrew Jackson, whose birthday falls in March, and reviews of Cinerama and the novel, "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."

The twenty-third annual nationwide Latin examination will again be taken by more than 150 students on April 9. Results will be announced by the middle of May in time for the Awards Assembly.

Eight Latin classes chartered four buses last week and when to the Dupont Theater to see a performance of "Julius Caesar."

## Police In Eight States Suspect Blair 'Cowboys' Of Kidnapping

Innocently driving home from a match at George Washington High School, four members of Blair's Rifle Team were slightly amazed to see a patrol wagon drive up beside them and order them to pull over.

Captain Bob Green, Courtney Schlosser, Reggie Tatum, and Ronald Sterns were then ordered to line up and fold their arms. As a crowd began gathering and the traffic stopped, some policemen questioned them while others searched the car.

"Seeing the rifles and equipment, the crowd looked at us like we were a bunch of desperados," remarked Courtney.

Mr. Robert Maguire, the Rifle Team coach, then came to their rescue along with Nels Morgan, Greg Lewis, and Michael Toth. He is quoted to have said, "The boys must have been playing cowboys down 14th Street" and "I wonder

## Record Number Earn Monograms, Awards

Forty-four seniors and nine juniors received their monograms at the biannual awards assembly, February 24, the largest number of recipients at one time in the history of Blair.

Twelfth-graders awarded the Old English B were Kay Alkire, Jack Anderson, Bob Balentine, Norwood Beveridge, Jack Bonsby, Charles Boss, Avon Chisholm, Ronald Culpepper, Donald Flinn, Nancy-Jo Floyd, Fred Fry, Janice Funk, Carolyn Galt, and Jack Ghormley.

Others were Malcolm Holliday, Janice Heidenreich, Nancy Heim, Richard Hyland, Harvey Iwata, Ulrich Kurziveg, Mary Lowe, Barbara MacMeekin, June McHale, Nina Marchand, Elaine Martin, Charles Mason, Paul Meyers, Judy Ann Myers, and Christine Nelson.

Jeanne Piazza, Jean Rice, Betty Richardson, Josephine Rogers, Ruth Scherger, Ruth Silverman, Louise Sinclair, Barbara Streicher, Evelyn Taylor, Janet Theofield, Carolyn Thomas, John Tiedeman, Keith Wheeler, and Janie Williams also received their letters, and with them, automatic membership in Blair's Monogram Society.

The nine juniors earning the 1000 points needed to receive the school's monogram were Barbara Frentz, Paul Halesky, Howard Kolodny, Helen Johnson, Susan Mattison, John Ramsey, Elise Robinson, Alan Smith, Michael Toth, and Jo Ann Wolman.

Highlighting the athletics awards at the assembly was the presentation of the Cushman Trophy to co-captain Edgar Turney, named Blair's outstanding senior football player. When presenting the trophy, Coach Conrad Brown said, "Although it was a hard decision to make, we chose a boy who was a good leader and one on whom we could always depend." In preceding years Elmer Robinson and William Turner were awarded the honor.

Members of the football squad receiving awards were Ed Howlin, Jim Limric, Robert Sidnick, Donald Harmon, co-captain George Rivers, Ronald Culpepper, Tom Walker, Paul Freas, Harvey Harper, Norman Price, Jim Pickett, and Terry Hicks.

Others were Bill Bennett, Tony Versis, Jack Ghormley, Ronald Harmon, Robert Grant, Edgar Turney, George Everett, Dick Street, Bill Eshelman, Eddie Ward, Norman Smith, Bill Scheick, and Pat Hale.

Senior managers of the team, Douglas Kruse and John Nesbit, also received their football letters.

For the first time, members of the J. V. football squad received emblems from Coach Brown.

Coach Ed Rider presented awards to the intramural touch football and soccer squads.

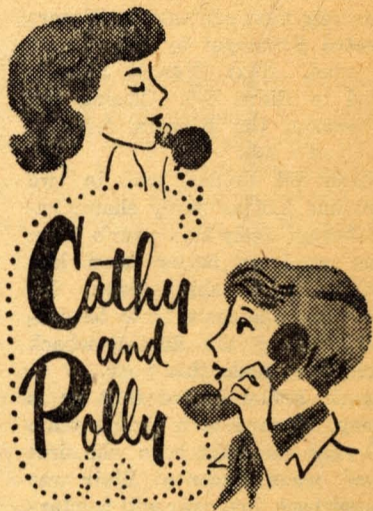
Then he awarded varsity cross country letters to John Lemp, Henry Hunt, John Saylor, and captain John Nesbit.

Pallie Berry, president of the Girls' B Club, presented certificates for

athletic letters to seniors Anna Belle Acree, Natalie Warfield, Mary Jane McNeal, Jayne Eyerman, and Julie Buckingham.

In order to receive the chenille B, each girl had to earn 500 points by participating in intramurals, being a sports manager, entering tournaments, and being chosen for honorary teams.

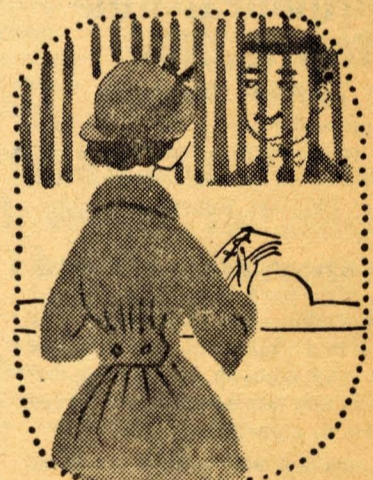
Mr. Daryl Shaw, principal, told the juniors in their third period assembly that the new boys' gym will be completed by the first of June. The senior baccalaureate services will be held there, it is hoped.



"We're planning a party for Sue . . . she's just been promoted."



"That's pretty good, she's only been at the telephone company a short time."



"She's a bright girl . . . and promotions—and raises—do come often at the telephone company."



"I'm telling all my friends to find out more about telephone jobs from their school counselors."



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# Blair Ties Episcopal; Brown Gains Bi-County Honors

Rounding out a successful season at St. Alban's February 26, 2-0, the Booters captured their second straight Metropolitan Interscholastic League championship.

Because tying Episcopal refused a playoff, the schools will share the championship.

After getting off to a shaky start, without a victory in their first three games, the Booters took their next four out of five.

Early in the season, the Booters faced the Alumni, and tied 2-2. Again, facing Landon, the Blazers were forced to succumb under a 2-0 victory.

In their next contest the Blazers defeated Episcopal by 4-3, due to the wind. Next Sidwell Friends bowed to Blair, 3-0. Closing out the season, the Blazers defeated St. Alban's, 2-0.

Coach Ed Reider, who in two years has had as many championship teams, feels this year's team is as good or better than last year's championship team. He added that the team is to be congratulated on the fine comeback which they made this year.

Coach Reider stated that he is looking forward to a strong team next year since the boys who first played, when soccer at Blair was brought back, last year will be playing their third year. Coach Reider

enthusiastically concluded, "As Coach I feel very proud to be their coach and leader."

## Red Soccer Is New Deal Of Soviet

by Igor and Boris

Hallo, Comradz, ve iz chust getting back from Hamerica (dar land where everybody iz havink a contagious smile—trenchmouth). Ve iz zeenink over dar a game vhat iz beine called "soccer." Hevvinz to Georgi, zuch a game!

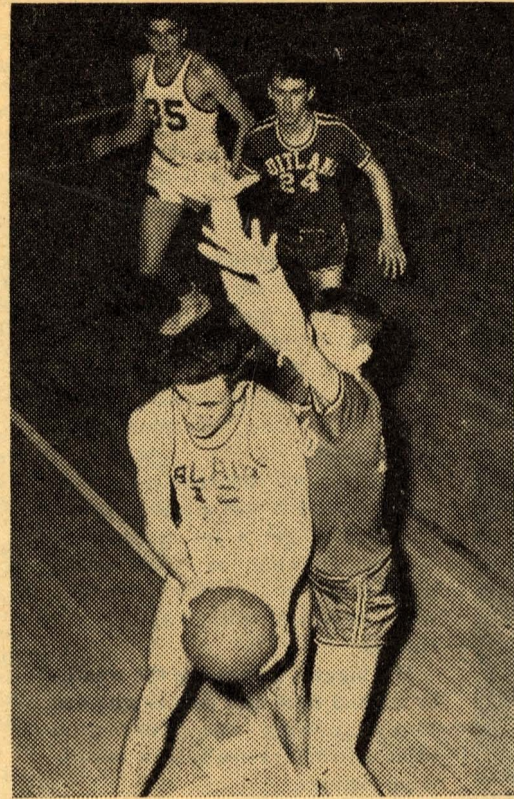
Dar plot off dar whole tink iz dat dar iz beink a big white blob off borscht und dar playarz iz kickink everythink (inkludink one each-odder) und dey iz kickink dar big blob off borscht und iz kickink und kickink! You can bet your bottom ruble on that!

Dar bazic rulez iz beink two teamz: team nombar one, und team nombar two. Team one iz tryink to kickinkski dar blob off borscht all dar way down dar field around dar playarz into dar goal. Ven dey do dis, dey iz receivink one point und one free gift cartificate to Barney's Blintz, Bagel and Borscht Bake.

Vell, dotz dar rulez und ve haf chust put a kewestion to dar Krem-lin if ve invested dar game or not. Ve did. One more think, playarz iz not playink for fun, but iz playink for grudge.

Playing inconsistently most of the season, Coach Dave Carrasco's Blazer basketball team completed their schedule with a 51-47 victory over Frederick last Friday night, thus giving them an overall eleven win nine loss 1953-54 record.

Dick Brown scored a total of 252 points for the campaign, eclipsing "Moose" Turner's 232 points last year, for a 12.6 average. Brown scored 20 points against both Suitland and Fred-



Blazer Jimmy Limrick (10) is guarded well in Suitland contest, which Blair won on their home court. Dick Brown (35) tries to move into position for a pass from his teammate.

Photo by Bill Garrett

erick, topping the Blazers in this respect. Bob Peterson chipped in with 18 counters against Bladensburg.

For their outstanding play throughout the season, both Brown and Peterson were elected to the All Bi-County squad. Brown made the first team, while Peterson gained a second team berth.

Having won the Maryland State championship the previous two years, Coach Carrasco couldn't quite find a real winning combination. He remarked, "The boys just didn't seem to have the fire and determination necessary for another state championship. Also, we were greatly hurt by the absence of Don Dillard from our lineup during the latter part of the season."

Coach Carrasco added, "We lacked a good outside set man; however, some of the boys had real talent, but not quite enough experience."

Missing for next season's five will be Bill Overman, Bob Peterson, Jim Limrick, Don Dillard, Blanton McDonald, and Kent Clements, who are all due to be graduated. Blair will have a good nucleus next year as Dick Brown, the squad's top scorer, and Herbie Jacobson, a 6'7" center, will return.

Listed among Blair's victories were Easton, Westminster, Gaithersburg, Roosevelt, Northwestern (twice), John Carroll, and Frederick. The Blazers split with Suitland and Bladensburg, lost twice to Bethesda, and one to Washington and Lee, Gonzaga, Cambridge, Coolidge, and the Alumni.

Tomorrow night will spell the death of the gym for varsity basketball tilts. Two games will be played, the first starting at 7 p.m., which will pit the Varsity against the Faculty, and the second, the Varsity versus the Alumni. Special ceremonies will be held between games.

## Coaches Pick New Teams For Spring

by Jerry Kearns

At last it's nearly here! Spring that is, and with the coming of this season, spring sports begin again.

Last week Coach Stanley Kulakowski started his boys on their pre-season practice. Due to the loss of many of last year's stars through graduation, the field is pretty well open for all interested boys.

Mr. Ernest Rhodes is preparing his 1954 tennis team, which means the boys will start an up-at-6 a.m., round-of-tennis, with some sparkling opponent, home-for-a-shower-and-breakfast, and then to-school program. Sounds invigorating, doesn't it? Try it and see.

Coach Edward Rieder is also preparing to have his boys on the run again. In last year's track season, the team brought home many first, second, and third place prizes. Coach again looks forward to a fine season. In fact they all do.

Last but not least is golf, under the guidance of Coach Dave Carrasco. Blair in the past has had one of the top teams in the area.

The Coaches extend to all interested boys an invitation to try out for the teams of their choice, with this in mind: There is always room for a boy with ability.

## Bethesda's Barons Improving In All Sports (Unfortunately)

by Bob Balentine

Bethesda-Chevy Chase's athletic prowess is gaining with each new year, and in a way I think many of us seniors will be glad to graduate for fear of witnessing more losses to our arch-rivals.

This basketball season is certainly evidence of B-CC's increased talent, what with two wins over our Blazer five and a Metropolitan Scholastic basketball rating of number three. Although our football team held them to a scoreless tie this season, we were soundly beaten

in 1952, 19-0. Last baseball season saw the Blazer nine split with the Barons in two contests.

Previous to 1952, Blair had its way with B-CC in most sports events. I might be all wet. Maybe Bethesda has merely hit that ten-year cycle, but I doubt it. Don't get the idea that a B-CC student wrote this column, but I do believe in giving credit where due. The best we can do right now is to hope for a good baseball year against the Barons, which incidentally, means two wins.

Coach David Carrasco will admit that this season's squad wasn't anything to rave about, but when the Washington Post rated Poolesville and Gwynn Park above us, he has a just gripe. The team seemed to lack the drive necessary for winning basketball.

Many of you probably remember Mike Sheehan, assistant sports-editor of last year's Chips. Mike is playing with MJC's red-hot quintet this year along with Gordon Stafford, a Blair varsity man in 1951. Jack Doane and Tommy Tompkins, members of last season's State championship five, are now playing with the Maryland frosh squad.

## Marksmen Lose First Match To GW; 'Annie Oakleys' Outshoot 'B' Rifleteers

Blazer marksmen have had a difficult start this year as they dropped their first match with George Washington in the last week of January.

Recently the rifle team fired a postal match with the top team of the country. Co-captain Courtney Schlosser believes that they didn't fare too well although the results of the contest have not been released.

The "B" squad, or lower 10 members of the team, have fired an exhibition match with the Blair girls' rifle team. The latter, coached by Mrs. Roberta Kieter and led by Jane Johnston, pulled an upset victory over the red-faced

## Cushman Trophy Tells Legend Of Sportsmanship, Inspiration

by Ellen Ragan

Next time you pass the Robert M. Cushman Award Trophy in the library, stop and remember the story of inspiration that it symbolizes. This tribute is a lasting reminder of good sportsmanship and outstanding athletic ability on the part of a former Blair star athlete who was killed in an automobile accident in 1950.

In 1949, his senior year at Blair, Bob was presented the Andy Farkas Trophy and the Lion's Club Trophy as the best football player of the year plus being chosen the most outstanding fullback for two years. Bob's interests were not limited to football. A four letter man, he had been on the jayvee basketball team, track team, and in the Boys' "B" Club. Bob was also a member of the Library Club and the Student Council.

The verse under his picture in the year book, "Who could outrun our fullback ace or compete with his laughing face?" gives you another glimpse of Bob. A humorous story in Silver Chips tells of his playing "leap frog" with many other boys.

Bob is probably best remembered by football fans because of the game with Gonzaga in 1949. After a scoreless first half, Bob caught

the kickoff in the third quarter and ran 90 yards for a sensational touchdown.

After graduation, Bob played football at Brown University, where he had received a scholarship. Then he transferred to Montgomery Junior College.

Making professional football his lifetime career was Bob's goal. However, the tragic New Year's Eve automobile accident ended his dreams.

Bob's friends presented a trophy in his honor to Montgomery Blair. Each year the most valuable football player's name is engraved on that trophy.

Bob Cushman is a legend at Blair. Time will never erase the record and inspiration he left.

## 'B' Boys Post 5-1 Final Season Log

Montgomery Blair's newly formed "B" basketball team sports a five win one loss final record, while the J. V.'s have won two and lost two in their regular season play.

The two squads were distinguished by the presence of juniors and a senior on the "B" team, while the jayvees were almost entirely sophomores.

Sonny Barbot and Allan Alkire, a senior and a junior respectively, were the big guns for Blair's "B" boys, Alkire being the squad's top scorer. Other junior members were Joel Freedman, Dick Street, Marvin Skolnich, Joel Goldstein, and Joe Doaks. Next season several of these boys may move on to varsity status, with the exception of Street, who was moved up this year.

Blair's jayvees were headed by Archie Webster, Bill Froman, Joe Zavona, Dick Smith, Eddie Clements, Joe Gannon, and Dick Williams. These boys may be playing varsity or "B" ball next season, depending upon their ability.

Among the "B" boys' victims were Northwestern, Bethesda, Bladensburg, Westminster, and Gonzaga. They lost only to Coolidge.

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# Questionable Dress Stirs Doubt

Are your standards low?

If you belong to the vast majority of the Blairites they aren't, but perhaps you're an individualist who feels that the wearing of certain apparel makes you stand out in a crowd. It does! If a girl wore a sweater and skirt to the Junior Prom she would look ridiculous. If a boy wears skin-tight Levis to school, he looks just as bad.

It is indeed unfortunate that a small group can give a bad name to a once acceptable form of dress. Those who do wear belts with their dungarees and who do wear the right size have become branded along with the rest. With a little thought, however, they will see that co-operation in wearing a different type of pants will aid in the campaign against the "Levis Situation."

A reasonable argument, "If they can't afford slacks . . ." is soon refuted with the fact that the light-brown and grey wash pants, so popular on college campuses, cost considerably less than blue jeans.

The girls also have made a claim to fame in their sheer nylon blouses and tight-fitting sweaters. These, too, are in bad taste and can easily give an unintended bad impression.

Mr. Daryl Shaw has the right to take a stand forbidding certain types of clothing, but he has left the decision to the students. The banning of Levis by Bethesda and Takoma Park Junior High may seem harsh; let's remove the need for such a rule by co-operating in wearing clothes that reflect high aims rather than "rock" or "drapes."

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## Science Department Sponsors Annual Fair, Presents Prizes For Top Projects, Explanations

Botanical and zoological sciences, chemistry, physics, electronics, health, mathematics, physiographical sciences, engineering, and conservation are the areas in which projects have been entered in Blair's second annual Science Fair, March 31 to April 2.

There will be awarded three ribbons and three certificates in each class and certificates of honorable mention. All first place winners in their areas will be assembled and quizzed about their projects. From this conference, first, second, and third places will be chosen for the best explanation.

The first place winner will receive ten dollars; the second, five dollars; and the third place, three dollars. All prizes will be for the purchase of scientific equipment.

On April 1, all exhibitors will be on hand to explain their work to visitors, who will drop ballots on the way out, voting for whom they thought explained his project best. This winner will then receive five dollars toward the purchase of scientific equipment.

Among those entering projects are Nancy Jo Floyd and Sharon Fitzgerald, who entered a project on forecasting weather. Their display is composed of two homemade instruments, two graphs, and a scale showing change in atmospheric pressure.

Another entrant, Courtney Offut, who is entered in zoological sciences, has made an apparatus

to test the mentality of a squirrel.

The Fair is being financed with \$50 given them by the school for operating expenses.

## Maryland Day Celebrates Landing Of Colonists, 1634

It was just 320 years ago today, March 25, 1634, that the colonists disembarked on St. Clement's Island in the Chesapeake Bay and named it Maryland after Queen Henrietta Maria, the wife of Charles I.

Thus originated Maryland Day, or Founder's Day. So it is that Maryland has set this one day aside to commemorate the bravery of these men and women who fought for freedom, particularly of religion.

This day is usually held in incidental observance in parts of Maryland, without big public celebrations. Some schools may honor this historical event with student assemblies or other special events.

## El Dia Pan-Americano Celebrara El 14 De Abril En Las Clases Del Espanol

by Cynthia Ferrell

El dia pan-americano esta celebrado cada ano el 14 de abril en conmemoracion de la amistad de los 300,000,000 personas de las Americas.

La celebracion esta resenado por las legislaturas nacionales de las paises, y se observio por fiestas, manifestaciones artisticas y programas educacionales en la escuela.

Aqui a Blair, manifestaciones, trabajo hecho a mano y objetos artisticas se han preparado de Latin-America. Se los pondra en una ventana por exhibicion a la tienda de la escuela desde el 5 hasta el 14 de abril. Estas cosas se han presentado por los alumnos en las clases enseñadas por la senora Iris Massey. Algunos alumnos contaran conversaciones de los paises sud-americanos.

For those who are not acquainted with Spanish, this is a translation of the passage on the left.

Pan-American Day is celebrated each year on April 14 in commemoration of the friendship of the 300,000,000 people of the Americas.

The celebration is originated by the national legislatures of the countries, and is observed by fiestas, artistic displays, and educational school programs.

Here at Blair, displays, handiwork, and objects of art of Latin America have been prepared. They will be exhibited in the window of the school store from April 5 to April 14. These articles have been presented by the students of the classes taught by Mrs. Iris Massey. Some of the students are preparing conversations about South American countries.

## Latin Competitors Test For Trophy

One hundred fifty Latin students are expected to take the Nationwide Latin Examination given at Blair, April 9.

The fifty-minute exam consists of 120 possible points, 60 given for correct translation of Latin sentences into English, and the other 60 awarded for using good grammar.

If any student in Miss Hazel Bratt's or Miss Kathryn Johnston's Latin classes can make a score of 115 on the exam, the Language Department will receive a second trophy to go with the one earned last year. It takes any three top winners to secure a trophy but winners can be accumulated over the years.

Blair was the only public school in Maryland last year to receive the Latin Trophy from the Examination Board.

## Variety Show Opens Tonight Revealing Bustling Train Station

Have you seen it? Be sure and catch this train as it leaves for the Variety Show at 8:30. If you miss it tonight, be sure to make it one of the next two nights. Your fare for the excursion costs only 75 cents. As you board the train, you see the chorus promising you such places as "New York, New

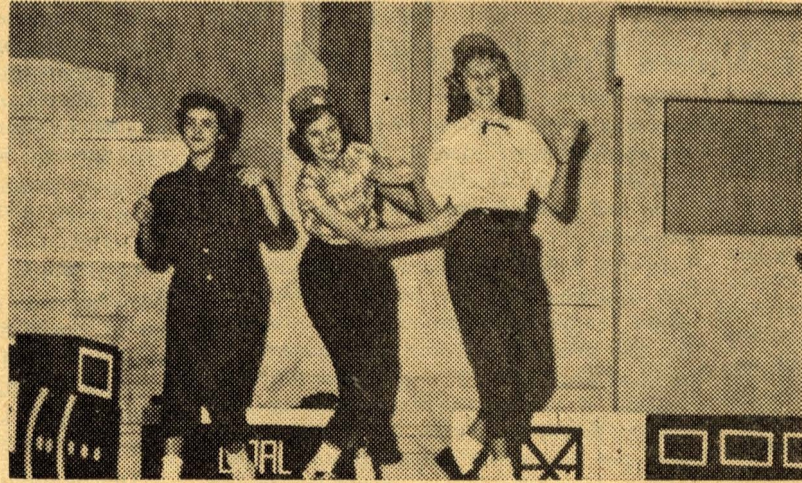


Photo by Charles Peterson

Sandy Lovre, Virginia Bagby, and Susan Gummer board the Variety Show platform with their act, "Choo Choo Train."

York," "Deep in the Heart of Texas," "California, Here I Come," and "Oklahoma" while you gaze through the window of the "Chattanooga Choo Choo."

After you are settled in your seats, the "Choo Choo Train" of Susan Gummer, Virginia Bagby, Andy Lexen, Charlene Sanger, Sandy Lovre, and Ann Grover takes you right up on stage to meet the chorus you saw in the distance.

Those in the number are Betty



Cartoon by Tom Devlin  
Rock or Square?

## Artists To Display Pictures In Show

Seventeen Blair students will exhibit their art work at a Teen Age Art Exhibition sponsored by the American Association of University Women at their annual meeting in Fredrick, Md., April 9 and 10.

According to Mr. Sydney Gelfand, Blair art instructor, "This exhibition is unusual in that 80% of the artists represented in this important showing are tenth graders." All media of art will be displayed, with the matting of the pictures done by Harvey Howland.

Showing their work are Alan Alkire, Pat Baldwin, Carol Femar, James Fisher, William Hant, Lorraine Mamukari, Jean McFerran, and Robert Moore.

Others are Howard Persky, James Portello, Peter Royland, Marian Sherman, Barbara Skinner, Francis Smith, Dorothy Taylor, Catherine Van Camp, and Fred von Bemeurt.

## Fete Honors Shop Faculty

In tribute to the Shop Department, the Library Club will be honoring this group at the annual banquet on Monday, April 5, in the Colesville Hot Shoppe.

As honored guests, the shop teachers will be seated at the head table with particular commemoration going to Mr. Paul Steigner, department head.

### Officer to Give Annual Report

The customary annual report will be delivered by president Natalie Warfield with vice president Judy DuMars presenting the Club's gift to the school, to Mr. Daryl W. Shaw, principal.

At no time in its existence has the Club given as many student awards as are to be presented this year. Twenty-one compared to the previous maximum of 10 deserving Library Club members will be credited. The names are not revealed until the marked time at the banquet. The reason for the large number, Miss Elizabeth Stickley claims, is because so much more responsibility was placed in the students' hands during her month's absence.

### Graumann, Galletly to Entertain

Under the direction of Miss Mary Cross, the Music Department will feature vocalist DeEyste Graumann and pianist Alan Galletly.

For more laughs and fun the traditional faculty initiation ceremony will be executed. The "lowly initiates" must recite the customary poem, eat the sacred lemon, preform skits, and take the oath.

Eight sophomore members will perform skits with the aid of Rodney Cox, senior, playing the part of Pokey Bear, the Library Club's mascot.

Next year's Library Club officers will be announced.

## Scribe Contestants Make Preparations

Junior and senior high schools in Maryland will be competing in the journalistic contests at the eighth annual Maryland Scholastic Press Association Convention at St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., on April 3.

One of the phases of competition is an on-the-spot writing contest which entails a team of five students from each school.

The writing is broken down into five fields—news writing, feature writing, editorial writing, sports and speech reporting. Blair's includes, respectively: Bob M. and his alternate Howard Per Norwood Beveridge and W. Murphy, Allan Shine and R. Silverman, Bob Balentine Jerry Kearns, and for speech reporting, Sally Griffith and E. Ragan.

Other phases of competition be the selection of the best school publications and the most outstanding editors for the annual Maryland Press Award.

## Two Student Assemblies Precede Easter Holidays

As usual the ten-day Easter vacation (six of which are school days) will be preceded with two school assemblies.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 14, and Thursday morning, April 15, the choruses (advanced and beginning), under the direction of Miss Mary Cross, will perform.

The guest minister speaker has not been chosen.

School will officially close at 3:30 on Thursday, April 15, for the Easter Holidays and will reopen on Monday, April 26.

# Waving Batons Lynne And Gary Lead Majorettes, Band; Marching Pair Cherishes Dancing Shoes And Trumpet

by Jackie DuMars

A trumpet, a pair of dancing shoes, and a baton are the cherished possessions of two "professional amateurs" in the senior class.

To Gary Frank Smith and Beverly Lynne Kenestrick these items mean everything. They are their life—the past, present and future.

But these material things would be of no value if the owners lacked the talent to manipulate them. This ability has come through years of lessons and hours of practice.

One may not have had an opportunity to closely observe Gary with his trumpet or Lynne with her dancing shoes, but surely they have not overlooked them on the football field or in parades. For Gary and Lynne are Blair's Drum Major and Majorette Captain, respectively.

Lynne has mastered two batons not to mention twirling fire and aerial flips.

Gary standing six feet tall has command of a three and one-half foot baton, while five feet two inches Lynne spins a baton of two feet in length. However, Lynne had never had a baton lesson in her life until last summer, when she

attended the Oglebay Drum Major and Majorette Institute for two weeks. This involved nine hours of practice daily, which is not too much out of the ordinary for this energetic gal.

Beginning in the ninth grade Lynne had her heart set on being a Blair Majorette and began her practice when she trained with the Greenbelt Majorettes. Lynne's future ambition is to teach dancing (toe, tap, acrobat, and baton) and choreography aiming

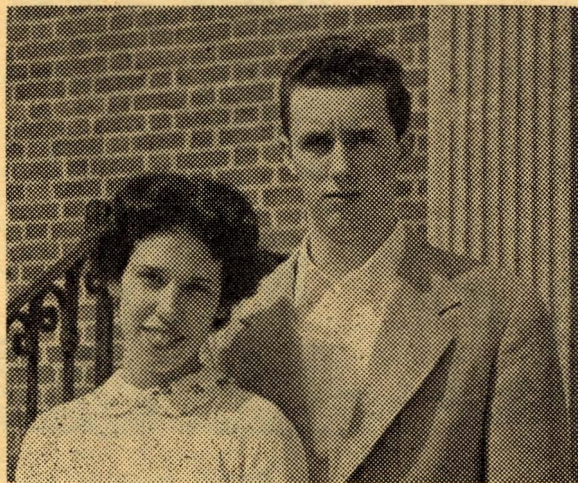


Photo by Charlie Peterson

Lynne and Gary

## Fading Spirit?

Remember last year and the year before and even at the beginning of this year all the school spirit we had?

All the students rooted and cheered our teams, curiously questioned about the "T" contest, looked forward to the dances, took an interest in how Council rulings would affect them, went all out for clubs and activities, and just generally worked as an interested and single school body.

Of course we all knew when our Band and Majorettes won an award, and that 10-6 was first to have 100 per cent sale of activity tickets, and that a favored senior English teacher was leaving.

But we also knew when a class officer got detention hall, or when a junior girl was given her very own car, or when a football player hurt his right thumb. Even little events became topics of conversation and things that pulled the whole student body together.

Now it seems we are all divided into little dots and dashes. All running around in different directions. So much more pleasure can be gotten from school if every one takes an interest in being a part of a big organization.

What do we need to get our school spirit flying again? One central interest: our school!

## ODE TO OVERALLS

*Smilin' Sid, the Levi Kid,  
'Twas the name he won last fall;  
His Levis were the tightest pair  
In any high school hall.  
Sid's hair was the longest;  
His shirts were screaming loud.  
The lassies swooned for the Levi  
Kid,  
The idol of his crowd.  
Four ninety-five he'd give the  
clerk;  
More expensive than the rest—  
The Levis of this doll-face were  
By far and wide the best.  
One fine day, food tempted Sid,  
He gurgled down a 'shake.  
The rivets strained, the side seams  
bulged—  
Oh, what a grave mistake.  
The straw that broke the Levis  
back  
Was Sid's stoop to the ground.  
That splitting sound—the jeering  
boys—  
Were heard for miles around.  
So now he roams the halls in cords,  
The lassies make no sound.  
Sorrowful Sid—the ex-Levi Kid—  
Alas! He gained a pound.*

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Lewis and Clark High School  
Spokane, Washington

## Council News

by Terry Hicks

### Student Government Views Problem Of Levis

The matter of proper wearing apparel was first brought to the attention of the Student Council sometime after the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Alan Vogt, vice-principal, appeared before the Council to explain the problem and to present the views of the Administration. He explained that the Montgomery County Board of Education had given Mr. D. W. Shaw, principal, the authority to take immediate action on the matter if he so pleased. He said, however, that an agreement had been reached by the Administration to ease into the banning of blue jeans or dungarees, and aim for a possible restriction by September of the next school year.

After hearing the views of the Administration and the possibilities and problems that might arise from such action, the Council discussed the situation thoroughly.

After several weeks of heated argument for and against the banning of the blue jeans, the Council was able to reach an agreement. A roll call vote was taken on the motion stating that the Council not support any immediate banning of the wearing of dungarees or blue jeans, sometimes known as Levis. This was passed by a 10 to 6 vote and agreed to by the Administration.

For further consideration on the discouragement of the wearing of blue jeans, and the eventual restriction on the practice, the Council asked Mr. Shaw to come before them and answer questions concerning the situation.

In the following meeting a second roll call vote was taken on the motion that the Council support the Administration program for the eventual banning of the wearing of jeans and Levis. This was passed 8 to 4.

Some of the arguments supporting this motion stated that such a restriction has been put into effect successfully in a few surrounding schools, one of them a junior high school. It would seem rather senseless for students coming from a junior high school under such a program to attend a senior high that has no restrictions of that type.

It is the Council's opinion that the proposed plan put forth by the Administration will eventually raise the standards of the school. Anyone feeling strongly either to the affirmative or negative is invited to submit his opinions to the Student Council any sixth period or to contact his student government representative.

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toward a studio of her own some day. Already she has done two and a half years of teaching toe, tap, and acrobats.

If she doesn't go to college and major in physical education next year, Lynne plans to continue study under her present teacher.

"Music, music everywhere and not a note to spare" could well be the tune in Gary's life. His music obligations involve the home, school, community, and even the church.

Home is where the practice comes in—two hours on his trumpet. At school Gary practices one hour with the Band not to mention the extra evening rehearsals. Within the last two months Gary and seven other musicians have been organizing a light dance band to play for schools, church organizations, and other community functions.

In the tenth grade Gary had his own orchestra. He joined a band called "The Regents" the next year.

In the eighth grade he started drum majoring under Sergeant Edmund DuMar, Drum Major of the Presidential Marine Band, and continued with him for approximately two and a half years.

Junior high school days found Gary as drum major of the Metropolitan Police Boys' Club Band in Washington.

To attend the Navy School of Music in Washington is Gary's ambition.

## 'Movies Are Better Than Ever' So Bring Your 3-D Glasses, Popcorn, Optimistic Smile

by Fred and Walt

With the reverberating strains of "movies are better than ever" we bring you, the reader, into another copiousness (that's clean, too, we looked it up) of movie re-

views. So with 3-D glasses oriented, popcorn in hand, and optimistic smile, we lead you by the hand down the aisle into oblivion.

## Klassy Kwotes

### Levis Present Problem With Varied Answers

by Troy Hambricht

Silver Chips seriously tried to get a poll of typical Blairites' attitudes on the Levis that some of the boys are wearing. Here are the replies.

Allen Shine: If it is at all possible to carry out the policy of discouraging the wearing of Levis without discriminating against those who can't afford anything else, I think it would add to the cultural atmosphere of the school.

Mr. Loughrie: Wearing Levis is not conducive to formal attire. It definitely has a reaction upon their character. I am against them. They should not wear them, if not out of consideration for themselves, then out of consideration to their fellow classmates.

Nancy Candish: I surely don't like them very much. I think boys should wear slacks to school.

Dick Wells: I wear them because I don't want to wear out good pants at school. A lot of times good pants will get furniture polish on them from the desks.

Joyce Schelle: I think slacks look much better than Levis. They look so much cleaner and neater.

Tom Malloy: They are all right. If people want to wear them in a public place, I guess it's their business.

Shirley Iwata: I think they affect the boys' behavior when they wear them to school.

Randy Crone: I feel more at home in them. I don't like dress pants.

Jack Jarnagin: It's dirty in shop class, and they are comfortable.

Allen Gallently: Blair should be like B.C.C. in the respect that Levis are not allowed. Also, I think that the students' actions are affected by their dress.

Sharon Johnson: I don't think they should be forbidden to wear them, but I do think they wear them too low.

First we saw "The Importance of Being Ernest," by Ernest E. Ernest. . . Better bring your lunch to this next one, plan to stay over night, too. The main feature is pretty short, but wait until you see "The Long, Long Trailer." . . CinemaScope, too, has become quite prevalent. One of their latest is a biography of a plastic surgeon, entitled "New Faces." . . There's a new Italian show outa now. It's a take-off on alla the fog inna London and it's called "The Bigamist." (It's a one of those pizon puns that take a while). . . We came across a real frantic picture called "Strange Love," starring Boris Karloff and Shirley Temple.

British pictures, or "Brit-flics" as they are sometimes termed, have become predominant in the States. One of these is "Murder On Monday," a late England release. This is a real Rank production. (J. Arthur, that is.) . . Informative pictures are also quite popular. One is about how cafeteria food is processed and brought to you, this is "Beneath the 12 Mile Reef." . . Another movie is "Tarzan Meets His Superior." And with this note the series of Tarzan movies are concluded. . .

We also went to view a picture entitled "The Little Fugitive" or "Would the Following Students Please Report, etc." . . Knock, knock. Who's there? "Annapurna." Annapurna who? "Annapurna her little finger."

With this revolting pun we nauseously close, as our advisories are starting to break down the door.

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# Senior Class Elects Rosemary, Terry For Citizenship Award

As a result of voting of the Senior Class, Rosemary Nisonger and Terry Hicks have been awarded the Civitan Citizenship Award.

Both seniors were nominated and elected by their classmates from a list of six girls and five boys.

Currently, Rosemary is editor-in-chief of Silver Chips, president of Quill and Scroll and homeroom vice president. She also is a member of the Senior Baccalaureate Committee, Library Club, Monogram Society, and Publicity Committee. She plans to attend Maryland University.

Terry is president of the Student Council and a member of the Library Club, Order Committee and Inter-School Relations Committee. He also is a member of the National Thespian Society, Monogram Society, and football team. Last year, Terry received the Harvard Prize Book awarded to the outstanding junior boy. Also, Terry has been president of the sophomore and junior classes, Student Council Treasurer, and Varsity show M.C. He plans to study engineering.

## Graduates Achieve Honor At Colleges

Graduates of Blair, now attending colleges, have earned places on deans' lists, newspaper staffs, and play casts.

Aiming at a prize of books, which if won, will be given to Blair, three freshmen at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, are attempting to achieve a higher scholastic average than any other group from the same high school.

They are Steve Blomgren, who acquired an average of A-, Bill Fullarton, who received an average of B+, and Bill Thompson, who received a B average.

Elected to editorial positions on Maryland University's newspaper, the Diamondback, are a past editor and managing editor of Silver Chips, Barbara Dodd and Jerry Jewler, respectively. Charlie Brailer, another ex-editor of Chips, is now business manager of the Maryland University campus radio station, WMUC.

Janean Courson, 1952, has been named to the Eastern Baptist College (St. David's, Pa.) Dean's Honor List.

Jack Bruce, an honor student in his sophomore year at Wesleyan University, has been elected Associated Editor of the Cardinal, a literary quarterly.

Four graduates preparing for the March 26, 27 presentation of Montgomery Junior College's "The Glass Menagerie" are Virginia Barwick, '52; Phil Spiekerman, '53; John Saylor, '52; and John Thomen, '53.

## Chips Adviser Receives High Journalism Award

Mrs. Lucille N. Moler, adviser to Silver Chips for the past 11 years, has received the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Key, which is awarded for outstanding contributions to school journalism.

Mrs. Moler currently serves as president of the Maryland Scholastic Press Advisers' Association. Her interests at school include Chairmanship of the Faculty Public Relations Committee and adviser to Quill and Scroll.

The Gold Key awards were made at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York to 23 advisers and seven directors of state and regional scholastic press associations at the conclusion of the association's thirtieth annual convention.

Others nominated for the annual award were Jackie DuMars, Judy DuMars, Natalie Warfield, Joan Craver, and Mary Anne Clark. Senior boys were Blanton McDonald, Jack Anderson, Bob Barnhart, and Charles Mason.

## Three Publications Rate High Honors

At their Annual Convention in New York, two weeks ago, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association awarded high honors to three Blair publications: Praeco Argenteus, Silver Chips, and Silver Quill.

Praeco, advised by Miss Hazel Bratt, received the highest award given, that of Medalist. Remarking on the results of the judging, Miss Bratt exclaimed, "In all my teaching career I think this is the greatest honor I have ever received."

The Latin newspaper has previously been cited by the State Superintendent of Schools and other educators for its excellence.

First place ratings were awarded to Silver Quill, advised by Mrs. Dorothy Love, and Silver Chips. This rating is second only to that of Medalist. Chips, advised by Mrs. Lucille N. Moler, has previously been awarded the All American rating by the National Scholastic Press Association and has received International Honor Rating from Quill and Scroll for the past two years.

Silverlogue, advised by Mrs. Alma Davidson, received a first place rating last fall, when the Association rated all yearbooks.

Judging of the publications was done on a point system, and winners were ranked in groups according to the number of points. Those winning top honors were ranked "Medalist," and below them first, second, third and fourth groups.

### Faculty Facts

by Ellen Ragan

## Senora Steele Ensena Espanol Having Once Toured Mexico

Mrs. Audrey Steele has found the Variety Show her biggest school interest ever since she came to Blair five years ago.

Participating in the faculty acts plus serving as one of the sponsors



Photo by Bill Garrett

Mrs. Audrey Steele

consumes three or four months of each year, but she exclaims that it is just one of the many things that she loves about Blair.

Mrs. Steele, who teaches Spanish five periods a day, says, "Blair is the most wonderful school in the world and I love teaching here."

One of the things she enjoys most is taking her Spanish classes to the Rio Grande Restaurant each year. Mexican food is tops with her, but she admits she would not want it

## Chattering Corsage Worn By Justice Wins First Prize

Through rain and fog (?) Blairites and their friends battled their way to the school gym, where the annual Vice-Versa was held March 19.

Sporting varied and unusual corsages prepared by the girls, the



Photo by Bob McBain

Wearing his prize winning corsage, Jack Anderson is accompanied by its creator, DeEstye Graumann.

males seemed to spend quite some time trying to find others as crazy as their own.

Capturing first place in the judging for the "most unusual" corsage was Jack Anderson with his red flower enclosing chattering teeth made by DeEste Graumann.

Winning second prize with his spring bonnet complete with roses and a live duck was Ray Brown. His escort, Peggy Behrmann, created the hat.

Jean McFerran's painting of a gal chasing her fella won a third place award for her date, Tommy Tompkins.

Everything but the kitchen sink (that might have been there, too) was seen at the dance either on top of, in back of, or in front of, the weighted-down boys.

every day. She hopes to visit Mexico this summer and appropriately says cowboy movies are her favorite television programs.

Gardening, swimming, basketball, ping-pong, and directing child activities are her hobbies. She also enjoys chaperoning the annual Slumber Party and the Senior Class Trip.

Explaining why she has been limping around the halls recently, she disclosed that a planter's wart had just been cut off her foot. "I've been Hopalong Cassidy, ever since, I suppose," she laughingly replied. It was the first time Mrs. Steele had ever been in the hospital and although she saw some cute internes, decided that she hated doctors and dentists but loved people.

Semi-classic music, murder mysteries, and eating are among her favorite pastimes although she says she sleeps most of her life away.

Born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, she later attended Hagerstown High School and Western Maryland College for one year. Then, she transferred to the University of Maryland, where she majored in Spanish and minored in English.

After graduation, she married, traveling to Mexico on her honeymoon. Returning to Maryland University she acquired her M.A. there in 1951. She laughingly admits she can't get away from there because she loves to attend the university's football and basketball games.

## Students Cop Honors For Creative Writing

Outnumbering all other area schools for the fourth consecutive year, the entries of 49 Blair students won first place, seven Gold Keys, and 43 certificates of merit in the Star's Scholastic Writing Award Contest.

Sally Smith, a junior, won first place with her radio script, "The Pledge." The script, involving the problems of a girl receiving a bid from a sorority, was selected from the best manuscripts in each category.

### Twelve Win for Expository Articles

In the expository article division, Kara Alkire, Melvin Keller, Louis Koschmeder, Malcolm Halliday, and William Weinig won certificates of merit. Raymond Quigley, Robert Trevas, Marc Jacobs, Fred Ellerman, Kay Wrasse, James Long, and Michael Geehan received the same honor.

Beverly Bosworth, junior, won a gold key for her essay. Other certificates winning students who entered essays were Linda Atkins, Shirley Iwata, Betty Denny, and Diane Finney.

Winning a gold key in the short story division was Vivian Reardon. Allan Smith, Kendall Sites, Anthony Lee, Richard Hyland, Allan Shine, Katherine Saver, Mary Gaines, and Beth Edmunds won certificates of merit with their short story entries.

### Radio Scripts Win Three Keys

Blair was the only school represented in the winning radio script division with three gold keys and eight certificates of merit. Sally Smith, DeEstye Graumann, and Howard Kolodny received the keys while Carolyn Decker, William Georgegan, Jacqueline Dean, Louise Martin, Marian Foster, Sue Crowley, Kay Goyne, and Barbara Streicher won certificates.

In the short story division, Victor Ricci won a gold key with his entry, "Long Walk," with Ronald Nuttall, Margaret Fike, De Estye Grau-

## No More Vacation . . . April Fool!

"No School Today!" "Your socks don't match!" "There is a baby amphibian in the upstairs hall!" "Fried octopus is on the menu today!"

These are only a few of the many quips which we may hear during that fateful day, April 1. This day, of course, is April Fool's Day.

Everyone participates in these friendly jokes. We play them on our friends for laughs. But the practical joker, of whom we should beware, is the "telephone monger." This guy or gal is the smooth talker who calls to tell you that you have become the owner of a new automobile or have fallen heir to a million dollars.

But tricks which may harm someone or cause dissension among friends should be ignored.

Don't fall into the clutches of a practical joker. Beware of the animals in the upstairs hall, the free gifts that the other fellow received in some store, and the holiday which was called on account of too much sun!

## Sophs, Juniors Discover 'Those Registration Blues'

Students may not have "income tax worries" but oh, "those registration blues!"

Mr. Robert Henley and Mr. Robert Zimmerman have been visiting various homerooms since March 16, explaining the requirements of each of the four courses.

Subjects are to be chosen and registration blanks filled in and returned to school before March 31.

mann, and Ruth Scherger winnig certificates of merit for their entries.

Margaret King won a gold key in the poetry division with her poem, "Evening." Those winning certificates in this division were Barbara Frentz, Cynthia Ferrell, Susan Curtis, John Proctor, Peter Shoenfeld, Carolyn Galt, and Sally Griffith.



"What fun to be working with so many young people at the telephone company!"



"And quite a few of them are boys and girls we knew in school—it's almost like old home week!"



"No wonder so many of them head for the telephone company when they finish school—the work's interesting and the salaries good."



"We should tell our friends to find out about telephone jobs from their high school counselors."



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# Four Boosters Make Metro Team

Recently the Blair soccer season was brought to a close with an All-Star contest at Sidwell Friends and bowed to an eleven composed of "Eldermen," players from a Sunday soccer league, 3-2.

The All-Star squad comprised chosen outstanding players representing those teams in the Metropolitan and Interscholastic League in addition to St. Alban's High School.

Players elected to the All-Star squad from the "Booters" staff were: Ronnie Campbell, Jim Atchinson, Fedi, Carbo, and Melvin Keller. The latter was the League's only unanimous choice and thus was voted captain. Stan Danowski, another honored Booter, received honorable mention.

In addition to the Blair All-Stars playing in the game, other players, namely, John Gregg and Roland Bell, participated in outstanding style. The Booters contributed half of the All-Stars' points with Fedi Carbo scoring one of the goals.

The score was tied, 2-2 all the way up to the last minute, when the old-timers pushed across the winning goal. Coach Ed Reider played against his own boys as he lent his services to the Sunday Leagues. (Isn't this disloyal?).

With nine of his regulars returning next year, Coach Reider eagerly looks forward to a team which is destined to a third consecutive championship.

## Brown Will Guide Varsity Linksmen

This season's Blazer golf team will be under the mentorship of Coach Conrad Brown, as Coach Dave Carrasco, now head athletic director, has been forced to give up some of his responsibilities.

Returning lettermen are Robin Ehlert, Jerry McFerran, and Bob Peterson. Several boys showing

### 1954 Golf Schedule

Apr. 5	St. John's	Columbia
9	Bladensburg	Argyle
12	Northwestern	Manor
30	Fairfax	Fairfax
May 3	Suitland	Prince Geo.
7	Rich. Mont	Argyle
10	Falls Church	Army-Navy
14	Coolidge	Congressional
17	Wash-Lee	Congressional
21	B.-C.C.	Woodmont

promise are sophomores Carl Lohrn and John Owen, juniors Bob Ireland, Allan Alkire, and Joel Freedman, and senior Fred Fry.

Last spring the golfers posted a 5-2 record, unsuccessfully defending their Metropolitan Title against Washington and Lee.

## Bowling, Ping-Pong Terminate Winter Intramural Athletics

by Anne Chalupsky

With the ending of winter intramurals, congratulations go to bowling and ping-pong champs.

Take a look at the results of these high scorers! Barbara Diggs won 132, Shirley Long 126, Shirley Iwata and Janice Heidenreich 119, Joy Sweet 116, Marian Mohler 117, Claudia Duvall 115, and Ruth 114.

Betty Reid was winner of the ping-pong singles match, while runner-up was Janet Kramer. Betty Reid and Carol Incoe took the doubles championship, and second went to Betty Andrews and Jean Carroll.

Sophomores Shiela Murray, Linda Zehring, and Pat Narey were recently elected to the Girls' Planning Committee of the Physical Education Department on the basis of



Posing (l. to r., top) are Booters Stan Danowski, Mel Keller, Jim Atchinson, Fedi Carbo, Ron Campbell.

## Athletic Department Terminates Season With Basketball Finale

Bidding farewell to their old gym and at the same time bringing their basketball season to a close, the Montgomery Blair athletic department held their basketball round-up on March 5.

The evening's events consisted of an intramural basketball game, a Varsity-Faculty game, and a Varsity-Alumni game, respectively.

Highlighting the hilarious evening, former Blair principal, E. Merritt Douglas, introduced Mr. Crescent Bride, head of the County Physical Education Department. Mr. Bride, once a coach at Blair, reminisced about the gym and the teams in the past who have played in it for 18 or 19 years. Also attending the affair was Blair's former head coach, Reno Continetti, at Blair for 11 years, who acknowledged, as did the other coaches attending, outstanding members of the alumni. Jimmy Williams, who is now playing at American University, paid tribute to former basketball coach Tony Creme, who is now serving in the Air Force.

This event is to be the last Varsity sports affair held in the gym which is to be turned into a girls' gym; boys' physical education classes will be moved to the newly completed new gym next year.

During the ceremony Coach Dave Carrasco honored this year's squad with red-letter "B's." Lettermen from the Varsity were Norman Smith, Dick Street, Jim Limrie, Blanton McDonald, Don Dillard, Bill Overman, Bob Peterson, Dick Brown, Herb Jacobson, and managers Jonathan David and Wayne Bonifant.

participation in classes and intramurals. I hear that the June meeting of the committee will be at Ocean City, Maryland, at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Diedrich. How neat is that!

The annual Modern Dance Recital at George Washington University March 12 was enjoyed by Jean Love, Anne Lallande, Kay Payne, Pallie Berry, Pat Edwards, Hilda Johnson, Betty Baum, Mary Jane McNeal, Natalie Warfield, Janice Heidenreich, Miss June Lippy, and Miss Jean Baker.

Keep posted via the morning bulletins as to sign-ups for intramural spring sports, which are archery, badminton, and softball. They are scheduled to begin soon.

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# Baseball To Start March 30; Only Four Lettermen Return

Blair's 1954 baseball team, under the guidance of Coach Stanley Kulakowski, will initiate their spring campaign on March 30, against Gaithersburg on the Blair diamond.

Only four lettermen will return this year to bolster chances for a successful season; consequently, several positions are

open. Among the veterans are: "Sonny" Barbot, an infielder, second baseman Bill Overman, and outfielders Jay Solomon, and George Everett.

However, Coach Kulakowski has four capable reserves returning, including infielders Joe Schoen, "Sonny" Johnson, and Terry Johnson, and a converted first baseman, Ed Ward, who is now a pitcher.

Noticeably lacking this year is the presence of an experienced pitcher. Ward, a righthander with no previous pitching experience, seems to be one of the more solid candidates. Bob Moulton, a starter last season when only a sophomore, is missing this year, having moved to Texas. Lost through graduation last summer were pitchers Jim Brown and Ronnie McPherson.

Silver Spring's Cissel Saxon Legion baseball team looks like it has come up with three boys who should make the grade at Blair.

### 1954 Baseball Schedule

Mar. 30	Gaithersburg	H
Apr. 2	McKinley Tech	A*
5	Western	A
8	Eastern	A*
13	Frederick	H
15	Coolidge	H
27	Roosevelt	A
29	B.-C.C.	A
May 3	Suitland	H
6	Bladensburg	A
10	Northwestern	H
14	Roosevelt	H
17	B.-C.C.	H
20	Suitland	A
24	Bladensburg	H
27	Northwestern	A

\*Denotes games at 3:15, all the rest at 3:30.

### Kearn's Kolumn

## Combative Sports Spring Into Action

by Jerry Kearns

With this issue of Chips, your present sports staff goes into retirement, as it were, while Ray Gustin takes over. We extend our best to your new staff and wish them luck.

When last I wrote this column, I innumrated on the many various and sundry coaches, but through an oversight, I did not mention Mr. Joseph Hardy, who coached both JV football and basketball. At this time I would like to congratulate him on his good work.

"Here we are, sports fans, at ringside, in the Blair gym. Standing in this corner, weighing 145 pounds wearing trunks, is Homer the Horrible; in this corner weighing 195 pounds is Willy the Undefeated, also dressed." Thus begins the boys' physical education in combative sports. This replaces the stand-by of years past, square dancing. After a few weeks of boxing, wrestling, etc., the boys keep saying, "Swing your partner," the hard way.

To this I must add, "I was a 140-pound weakling; now I have black eyes."

While on the topic of physical education, we should remind you that spring intramurals, beginning soon, include track, softball, and golf. These will probably begin after the coaches finish their health lectures, which seem to interest all the boys.

## 34 Boys Turn Out For Tennis Trials

Thirty-four boys have reported to tennis Coach Ernest Rhodes for spring practice.

Although only two varsity lettermen and five junior varsity members of last year's squad have reported, Coach Rhodes feels confident of finding more good players among the new participants.

A pre-season tournament has been arranged to rank the boys on a "ladder system," which will be used for the rest of the season to determine the starting positions for interscholastic matches.

Last season's record ended 3-3-1.

## Thinclads Open Season April 3

Encountering their toughest competition in their first meet, Blair will open their track season with the Alexandria Relays on Saturday, April 3, at Alexandria.

The Northern Virginia schools, primarily George Washington and Washington and Lee, are perennially the top track teams in the area.

Saturday, April 10, Blair enters the Poly Relays, in which the finest teams from Maryland, Virginia, and the District are participating.

### 1954 Track Schedule

Apr. 3	Alexandria Relays	Alex.
10	Poly Relays	Balt.
14	Annapolis	Blair
23	Northwestern	?
May 1	Invitational	U. of Md.
6 & 7	Metro. Meet	Wilson
14	Bi-County Meet	?
22	Md. State Meet	U. of Md.
26	"5 Star" Meet	Blair

Five more meets are scheduled for May. Blair is entered in the University of Maryland Invitational, the Wilson Metropolitan, the Bi-County, Maryland State Meet, and the Five Star intra-squad meet. Over the Easter vacation the team will face Northwestern on April 23.

## Sharpshooters Lose Two Matches To GW



Aiming (l. to r.) are Bob Green, Bob Sterns, Nels Morgan, Harold Roland.

Marksmen from Blair have suffered a thorny start as they lost twice to the riflers of George Washington High School.

In the Blazer's most recent match with the Colonials, Blair lost the contest by a two point margin.

Several postal matches have been fired, however the scores have not been released.

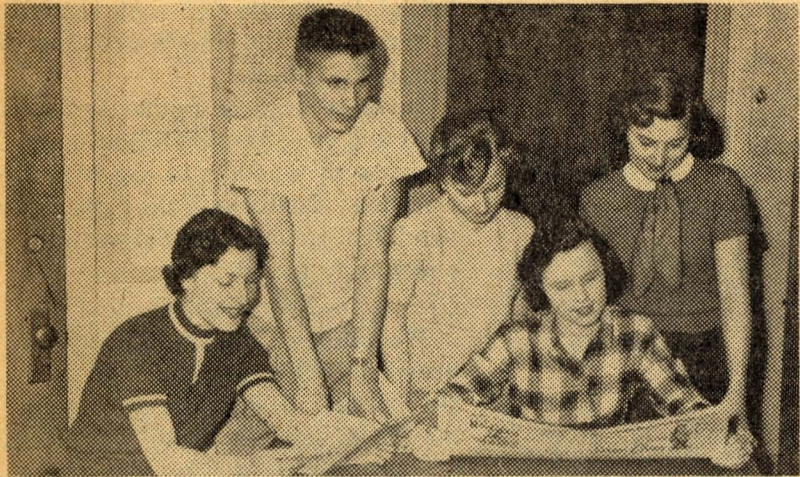
Greg Lewis, Bob Green, and Courtney Schlosser have earned the National Rifle Association's highest award, the Distinguished Rifleman Medal.

Blair will fire a shoulder-to-shoulder match with Northwestern on March 25.

Coming up later this spring will be shoulder-to-shoulder matches with Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Bullis Prep. The Bulldogs of Bullis are perennially a top notch team.

# Chips Announces Ragan Editor; Reid, Mann Staff Co-Managers

Under the direction of the present staff the new Silver Chips staff for 1954-55 has published this issue of Blair's newspaper.



Looking over a recent issue of Silver Chips are (left to right) Sandy Stern, Bob Mann, Sally Smith, Ellen Ragan, and Betty Reid.

Present editor-in-chief, Rosemary Nisonger, will pass her position on to Ellen Ragan under the supervision of adviser Mrs. Lucille N. Moler.

The job of managing editor will be done by co-workers Betty Reid and Bob Mann.

Feature editing will be taken care of by Sally Smith for the remainder of this year and next.

Page one, which carries all news of future school activities, will be edited by Nancy Murdock.

## Students To Give 'The Happy Time'

As an experiment the advanced drama class will give an arena-style production of "The Happy Time," by Samuel Taylor.

This will be the first time Blair has put on an arena show, which will make it the second school to do arena staging in the area.

Arena staging is quite different for actor and audience alike in that the audience sits on all four sides of the stage. This brings the viewer much closer to the play.

This Broadway comedy is about a French Canadian boy in Canada trying to grow up, and the amusing problems that confront him.

Those included in the cast are Howard Kolodny as Bibi, Bob Barnhart as Papa, Judie Myers as Maman, Ralph Lopez playing Grandpere, while Uncle Desmond is played by Chuck Witmer, Uncle Louis is done by Dave Sabin, and Janie Williams plays Aunt Felice.

Mignonette is played by Dotty Rutley, while Julie Francis is Sally. Dan Fulmer is Alfred and Bruce Beatty, Mr. Frye.

Student director is Sue Trevas, and lighting is done by Avon Chisholm.

Because of crowded facilities, tickets will be by invitation only.

## P. T. A. Plans Work Project Arranging Summer Jobs

In order to give work experience and opportunities to Blair students, the Parent Education Committee of the P.T.A. has developed a summer employment project.

Mrs. S. D. Griffith, chairman, explained that they're trying to "put local employers and Blair students in touch with each other. First opportunities will be given to juniors and seniors; then, if the demand exceeds the supply, the offer will be open to sophomores."

With the committee, are representatives from the administration, guidance department, diversified occupations staff, and the P.T.A. exexecutive board. A letter to the parents and students on this program was included in the P.T.A. newsletter addressed in homeroom this morning.

Editing page two, which carries editorials, features, and articles by staff columnists, Fred Sellers and Walt Kraemer, will be Marie Kelly.

Juanita Shelby and Howard Persky, assisted by Sherry Woolridge, will edit past and present school news on page three.

Sports editor Ray Gustin will lead page four, assisted by Jim Fitzpatrick, Bill Cosgrove, and Bruce Fales.

Jackie Norris and Jean Sorrells will assist Howard Persky, News Bureau director.

Pictures will be taken and developed by photographers Bill Garrett and Charles Peterson. Tom Devlin will continue as cartoonist, assisted by Jim Pickett.

Business manager will be Sandra Stern while circulation will be headed by Carol Kern and her assistant, Shirley Bohn.

Fred Dorsey will be in charge of advertising, while Kenneth Miller, Jean Sorrells, and Jackie Norris will be assistants.

## Calendar Reveals Trio Of Dances; Proms Reserve Roosevelt, Shoreham

"April Showers Bring May Flowers" will be the theme of the annual Spring Dance, April 23, in the gym from 9 to 12.

Droplets of paper rain will liven the walls along with colorful spring flowers, while the ceiling will be draped with light spring colors.

The Serenaders, composed of Blair musicians, will play the music for this heel-and-tie affair.

Only a limited number of tickets will be sold at the door the night of the dance. The price is \$1.25 per couple.

A tradition of the junior year is its annual formal prom, which will be held this year at the newly-redecorated ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel from 9 to 12 on May 7.

Juniors and their dates will sway for \$2.75 a ticket to the strains of Bob Lee's Aristocrats with entertainment provided by classmates at intermission.

## 'Sleepy Time Gals' To Camp In Gym

Slumber party time again gals! Sponsored by the Girls' "B" Club, the annual slumber party is scheduled for April 30 in the school gym.

This activity is open only to girls attending Blair, as there is a limited number who may participate. Tickets go on sale for \$5.00 at the school bank Wednesday, April 14, as none will be sold at the door. Each girl must bring her own bedding, preferably cots, bed rolls, or sleeping bags.

There will be no admission for girls who do not have permission slips signed by parents. Slips will be collected at the door.

# Silver Chips

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## United Nations Test Reveals 2 Winners To Vie Nationally

That Bill Eshelman, junior, and Allan Shine, senior, are the two school winners in the written United Nations contest held at Blair on Thursday, March 25, was recently announced.

Three students, one senior and two juniors, competed in the contest, answering questions on all phases of the U. N. Sets of the questions for the contest examination were available earlier in order that the students might prepare for the test.

The winning test papers have been submitted into the national competition to be judged on a larger scale. Winners from this contest will be notified by telegram during the first week of June; complete announcements of the results will go to all the participating schools shortly thereafter.

Blair has participated in this activity, sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations, Inc., since 1947. Students in all classes are eligible to compete and may take the test every year.

Almost 3,000 schools are participating in the contest, representing every state in the United States, as well as Alaska, the Canal Zone, Guam, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

## Spring Play In Rehearsal; 'Heiress' Opening Draws Near

When "The Heiress" as the annual spring play opens in the Blair gym May 28, it will show the results of many weeks of hard work, not only by the actors but by its "unseen workers."

Ten major committees have been organized under the supervision of Mr. Donald Loughrie, director.

## Grads Recognize End Of Last Year With Class Fete

As one of their last flings before the supposedly sad departure from their Alma Mater, approximately 200 to 225 senior boys and girls will attend the Senior Class Banquet at the Colesville Road Hot Shoppe on Wednesday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m.

"Looking to the Future" will be the theme of the evening with the programs and decorations complying. The ornaments will be arranged by Phyllis Heflin and Janie Williams, two members of the Banquet Committee.

### Dr. Elicker To Speak

Dr. Paul E. Elicker, secretary of the National Honor Society, is to be the guest speaker and will highlight the evening along with acts of entertainment from the recent Variety Show.

Preceding the roast beef dinner, the senior class chaplain Josephine Rogers, elected by the Senior Executive Board, will give the invocation.

### Seating First Come First Served

Seniors will be able to state their preference as to the seating arrangements on April 26 and 27. The requests will be handled on a first come first served basis.

The Banquet Committee under the chairmanship of Marjorie Persion includes: Janie Williams, Binky Varey, Phyllis Heflin, Joy Estes, and Josephine Rogers.

The occasion is both stag and drag. However, no alumni nor underclassmen are permitted as dates of seniors.

Rehearsing two nights a week since February, the cast plans to practice three nights weekly and on Saturdays as the opening night draws nearer.

"The Heiress" tells the story of an awkward, unloved girl, played by Judy Neumann, whose only chance at marriage is halted by her cold, sardonic father, played by Frank Samstag. Realizing that his daughter's suave, goodlooking fiancé, Bill Rast, is a fortune seeker, the doctor threatens to curtail the girl's inheritance if she marries this idler. The young man, learning of this, jilts the pathetic girl. By the time he returns to her, eager to renew his suit, she is bitter, hard, and hopeful for revenge.

Others in the cast include Carol Ferrar, Jeanne Ceranton, Betty Andrews, Doris Schuman, Carolyn Galt, and Cecil Newberry.

Tickets will be on sale soon for \$.75 for either of the two night's performances.

## Walter Reed Invites All To See Sunrise Service

An invitation is again extended to students and faculty for the annual outdoor Easter Sunrise Service scheduled by the Walter Reed Army Medical Center on April 18, at 7 a.m.

Led by Reverend Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, the service is the 27th annual affair. Music will be furnished by the United States Army Band.

The service will be held at the Natural Amphitheater at Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Formal Gardens.

The service will be preceded by the "Massing of the Colors."

# Three Publications Cop Honors; Senior Places In Writing Contest

Three Blair publications and one senior who participated, in the writing contest won honors at the eighth annual Maryland Scholastic Press Association Convention at St. John's College, Annapolis, on Saturday, April 3.

Silverlogue, whose adviser is Mrs. Alma E. Davidson, was awarded the H. G. Roebuck and Sons trophy. The latter is awarded annually to the yearbook judged the most outstanding of those entered in the competition. Mr. Sidney Schultz, a Roebuck and Sons sales representative, presented the trophy to Rose Curry, who accepted it on behalf of the Silverlogue staff.

Rated as the best high school Latin newspaper, Praeco Argenteus won top honors in its division. Miss Hazel Bratt is faculty adviser for this publication.

Silver Chips, Blair's newspaper, won third place in the judging of



Photo by Bill Garrett

Receiving the H. G. Roebuck and Sons trophy from Mr. Sidney Schultz, sales representative, is Rose Curry on behalf of the Silverlogue staff. The presentation was made at the Maryland Scholastic Press Association Convention at St. John's College, Annapolis.

papers in high schools of 1,500 to 2,000 attendance.

A member of the Latin newspaper staff, Allen Shine, senior, placed second in the editorial division of the writing tournament

conducted as part of the program. The subject, as assigned at the session, was Senator Joseph McCarthy. Only recently Allen was chosen as Blair's winner in the "I Speak for Democracy Contest."

# All Will Remember

Flowering dogwood exemplifies one of the most beautiful and unforgettable legends of the Easter season. It is the Good Friday legend, "The Cross of Dogwood," which originated in the South many years ago.

At the time of the crucifixion, the dogwood tree grew so firm and strong that its timber was chosen to make the cross.

This greatly distressed the tree, and it was filled with pity and sorrow.

And Jesus, nailed upon the cross, said, "Because of your regret and pity for my suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth, it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross."

"Forever and forever," continued the Voice, "you shall be cherished as a reminder of My Cross. You shall be the symbol of the Divine Sacrifice and the glorious Resurrection."

Even today, the beautiful pink and white blossoms form a cross of two long and two short petals. In the center of the outer edge are nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red. In the center of the flower blooms the crown of thorns.

And all who see it will remember . . .

## Avon 'Boone,' Trailblazer, Collects Fire Engines; Heads Audio-Lighting Club At School Functions

by Fred and Walt

If you look closely enough, you'll find a well-beaten path between the audio room in the gym and D-100 (Electronics Shop). The Daniel Boone who blazed this trail is a young fellow who collects fire engines for a hobby. His name is Avon "Vonnice" Chisholm. This boy is the illustrious head of the Audio-Lighting Committee.

There are other senior members too humorous to mention; however, upon request by Don Flynn and Jack Bonsby we shall mention their names: Don Flynn and Jack Bonsby; formerly "the Happiness Boys."

But today we shall reluctantly direct our attention to their intrepid leader, Avon.

After cornering the aforementioned personality we procured the following answers to the following questions following. . .

## French Classes Bow To Harmonious Noises

by Sally Smith

Parlez-vous francais? Oui? Tres Bien!! In other words, that's fine if you're a French fiend, and even if you're not, that's okay.

The naughty enfants (kids) of French I, have made their claim to fame by denouncing Spanish. (Mrs. Massey, Mr. Pierce, and Mrs. Steele—they really didn't mean it!) Even French II classes are known for their unusual qualities.

Ever wonder what happens in a typical French class? Here's the inside information—this is the real thing!

First of all, we enter the renounced room of D-106. Remember that number! Once inside the room, we are confronted by students (?) of various shapes and sizes, and of course, Mademoiselle McCarthy.

After various starts and stops, class begins. At the precise moment that class gets underway, the unmentionable happens. The little men with the pretty dirty trucks begin their tasks. Unfortunately these men are commonly known as garbage men, and they work directly under the windows of D-106.

As the little men begin their daily chores, the French class graciously bows to the harmonious melodies of clanging garbage cans. After many threats to join the Foreign Legion, Mademoiselle McCarthy good-naturedly continues the lesson. The garbage men depart just as the bell rings. Au revoir!

## Senior Spotlight

by Sally Griffith

## Eating Pizza At Aldo's Appeals Greatly To Senior Class President, Secretary

"We both like the pizza at Aldo's," says Judy DuMars and Bob Barnhart, senior class secretary and class president.

Judy, who likes popular music, claims, "When I turn on the radio. I always listen to music, but on television I like "My Little Margie" and "Hit or Miss." An Eddie Gallagher fan, she prefers Perry

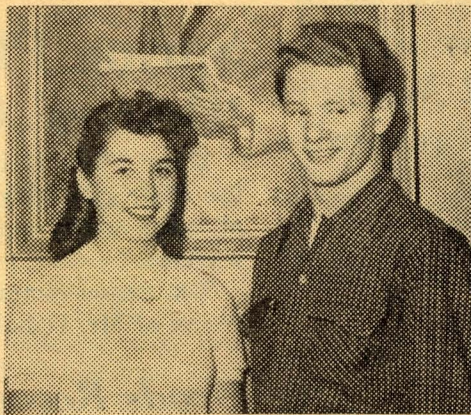


Photo by Charlie Peterson  
Judy and Bob

Como's records, and includes dancing among her hobbies.

In her free time she often reads novels and classics. At present she's reading "The Robe." Swimming is her favorite summer sport, but in the winter she loves to sleep.

The brown-eyed brunette intends to go to Maryland, where she'll study home economics; then, "like every normal girl I want to have a home of my own."

Aside from her class duties, Judy is Library Club vice president, Monogram president, and captain of the Majorette twirlers.

Bob Barnhart, who played Lachlon McLachton two of the three nights of "Hasty Heart," considers the part "a lot of fun" as well as "valuable experience." He portrayed a Scotchman who lacked self-confidence, but gained it through friends in an Army hospital.

He is uncertain as to what his ambition is, although he jokingly said, "to get out of here." Bob will go to William and Mary College or Maryland University to take business administration.

For hobbies, he states flatly, "Women!" In music he likes jazz, but unlike almost everyone before interviewed in Senior Spotlight, Bob isn't an Eddie Gallagher fan! Bob likes "all kinds of books," especially C. S. Forester's "Captain Hornblower" stories.

Bob states that being class president is an honor, but a lot of work. Other extracurricular activities include Student Council, Library Club, Monogram Society, and Thespians.

## Klassy Kwotes

## Students Answer Back To Senator McCarthy

Do you think that Senator Joseph McCarthy is helping America?

Ralph Lopez: No, even though he has made the American people aware of the Communistic threat, his tough-boy methods have been against the American way.

Anita Seaton: No, but he sure is helping the Communists.

Jack Stafford: No, he's not helping America, but he's not hurting it either. He's got the right ideas, but he's going about it the wrong way.

Janet Michellod: He's an exhibitionist, believing that he will run for the presidency next election.

Fred Ellerman: Unless the rising influence of the Wisconsin Senator and his Nazi tactics are destroyed, it is likely that he will realize his apparent ambition of becoming an American monarch.

Gloria Litvinsky: No, I think he's making too much of an issue out of things that are really no concern of his. He is doing more harm to our free way of thinking than he is doing good.

Audrey Adams: The only thing McCarthy has done for his country is make a mess.

Charlene Sanger: I refuse to answer on the grounds that I am a Republican.

Anonymous: Who is Senator McCarthy!!

Tip Hubbell: Yes, I recognize McCarthy as an individual who is intent upon clearing our government of Communists and Communist sympathizers. I regard Communism as the principal foe to our national welfare.

Terry Johnston: Joe must go! McCarthy's slanderous statements and accusations will terminate with his expulsion from the Senate.

## In Spring Job Hunting, Early Bird Gets Worm

by Cynthia Ferrell

April may seem to be an early date for planning a summer job, but you will find, (as I have) from bitter experience, that the early bird very definitely gets the worm.

This note of warning applies, with special emphasis, to sophomores and juniors who will find lack of age a barrier. Persistent inquiring, begun early, will make an employer remember you and perhaps reward your fortitude. This does not mean pestering the poor man until he hopes he will never see you again. Whoever, said "Moderation in all things" knew what he was talking about.

The types of jobs available differ with age groups. Seniors, who will be 18 by the beginning of the summer, will find a greater variety of jobs open than ever before. How-

ever, local shops and department stores hire many 16-year olds.

Many of the numerous gas stations, garages, and machine shops in this area hire boys for summer help. Age is not as great a question here.

Perhaps the most appealing job situation of all is found at the local ocean resorts. When the large hotels open late in May, their dining rooms and beach service facilities are staffed with high school and college students. The hours are extremely agreeable, and the pay is, for such an idyllic situation, positively wonderful. The work is not, of course, the easiest in the world, but it is far from unbearable when you're counting the minutes "till you'll be back out on the beach."

## A Dangerous Step

It has been said that there is a thin line between a practical joke and actual vandalism; if that statement is true, then the line is growing distinctively thinner.

In these days of higher taxes, rising costs of equipping schools, and an increase of students to use now overcrowded facilities, the prankster-vandalist has to be discouraged in one way or another.

## Grave Need for Improvement

We realize that the students have heard lectures and admonitions on the subject before, until to most it may seem like "old hash," but recently an outbreak of this type of practical joking vandalism has reached a proportion where it may endanger the lives of each one of us.

You may easily recall the old nursery tale of the shepherd who cried "Wolf," when one wasn't near, in order to attract attention. When the villagers ran in fright, he thought it immensely funny. Gradually though, they realized he was only joking and when one day the wolf actually appeared and the cry "Wolf" was sounded, they thought it only a false alarm and paid no heed. In this old "saw," the roots of disaster may be seen.

## False Alarms Peril Safety

The persons or people who are continually ringing the fire alarm bell in C building may someday have the lives of their fellow students at stake, by this so-called "harmless prank." The situation has grown to where teachers, unless forewarned of a practice fire drill are completely ignoring the alarm. It does not take a person of great imagination to see that in the advent of an actual fire this may prove a fatal tragedy.

We urgently call upon the student body to remember this, and, if by chance they should encounter someone in the act of ringing a false alarm, to remind him of the dangerous step he is taking and of the far-reaching consequences it may bring.

## Court Notes

## Student Body To Elect New Associate Justices

by Jack Anderson

The student body elects at the end of each school year a chief justice to head the Court during his term the next year. Two associate justices from each class are elected at the beginning of that term. This puts forward a handicap to the court during that time previous to the election of the associate justices. This should be remedied this year by having the associate justices elected in the general election this spring.

Your student court here at Blair is an experimental body, believing in the ideals of student self-government. It is an organization sponsored in only a few high schools. You are heartily encouraged to voice your opinion to any of the justices. We hold you as the reason, instrument, and judge of our organization.

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## Library Club Selects Megby To Head Next Year's Group

Heading the new officers of the Library Club will be Carol Megby, it was announced at the club's twenty-fourth birthday banquet held at the Colesville Road Hot Shoppe April 5.

Mrs. Carrie Lusby, faculty adviser to the election committee, also announced the other new officers: Sandra Lovre, vice presi-

Margaret Kline, Sandra Stack, Paul Meyers, Carolyn Decker, Jayne Eyerman, Mike Corridon, Marjorie Persion, Charlie Brown, Nancy



Photo by Howard Krieger

New officers of the Library Club, as announced at the banquet, are Carol Megby, Carolyn Cooley, Shirley Iwata, and Sandy Lovre.

dent; Carolyn Coolie, secretary; and Shirley Iwata, treasurer.

The retiring officers include Natalie Warfield, president; Judy DuMars, vice president; Jackie DuMars, treasurer; and John Ramsey, secretary.

The banquet, which honored the Industrial Arts Department, introduced the shop instructors as honor guests. In accordance with the theme, the place-cards and programs had a symbolic design.

Fourteen teachers received their "sacred suckers," having taken the traditional oath by the dictionary: Mr. William Bagnall, Mr. William Marks, Mr. Guy Wiley, Mrs. Iris Massey, Miss Kathryn Johnston, Mrs. Roberta Keiter, Mrs. Cissie Sanborn, Mr. Charles Pierce, Mrs. Louise Dickenson, Mrs. Glenora Detwiler, Mrs. Lillian Glazer, Mr. Richard Wagner, Mrs. Virginia Carroll, and Miss Andrella Buchanan, of Kensington Elementary, who founded the first grade school Pokey Bear Club.

Judy DuMars announced the Club's gift to the library, six file cabinets.

Awards were given to the seniors who had given outstanding contributions to the library club: Natalie Warfield, Judy DuMars, Jackie DuMars, Ruth Scherger, Betty Andrews, Janice Heindenreich, Binky Varey, and Fred Fry.

Other rewarded seniors were Jackie Dean, Pauline Fuchs, Nancy

## Former Blairites Gain College Rank

Three Blair graduates have recently won high honors at their colleges.

Roberta Walker, a graduate of 1953, has been elected to the Sophomore Board of the Glee Club of Pembroke College in Brown University.

Martha Wubnig was a member of the freshmen dance group which participated in the Greek Games held for the fifty-secondth time in the Barnard College gymnasium. The traditional games are modeled after the ancient Greek Olympics.

William Diedrich, a Blair graduate of 1950, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the scholastic honor fraternity. Bill also is a representative to the Student Senate and a member of Komosion, the senior honorary society at Colgate University. He serves as a staff member on WRCU, the university radio station, and is the manager of the varsity baseball team.

## Kurzweg, Offutt, Shosteck Take Highest Awards In Science Fair

Three seniors walked off with first, second, and third place awards at the second annual Blair Science Fair, April 2, by virtue of judgment rendered by 18 professional men and women from ten government agencies, Montgomery Junior College, and the Smithsonian Institute.

Highlighting the judging was the announcement of the first place winner, Ulrich Kurzweg, whose winning entry was a supersonic wind tunnel. Second place went to Courtney Offutt for his puzzle box, a device used for feeding his pet squirrel. Herschel Shosteck copped third position with his entry depicting house heating with solar energy.

All told, 53 projects were entered in the Fair's nine divisions. Winners were chosen for each division. Second, third, and honorable mention were awarded according to the number of entries in each separate division.

The winners of the Science Congress, chosen from the divisional winners, were selected from conferences held with the students by the judges. The judges then made their decisions based on scientific

thought, dramatic value, ingenuity, technical skill, workmanship, originality of concept, and thoroughness.

The primary purpose of the Science Fair is to create student interest in various fields of science. It is hoped that even more projects will be entered next spring. Excluding honorable mention, 11 seniors, seven juniors, and seven sophomores won places.

### Solar Energy Project Wins First

Engineering: First place, Herschel Shosteck, Solar Energy. Second place, Stephen Stout, a senior, Homemade Motorcycle. Third, Harvey Iwata, a senior, Aerodynamics in Action.

Physiographical Science: First Place, juniors, Henry Hunt and Robert Korsehen, Minerals. Second, junior, David Bath, Classification of Minerals.

Electronics: First, senior, Howard Roher, Automatic Control for Electric Dehumidifier. Second, senior, Jim Long, Illustrated Sound Waves. Third, juniors, Richard Avner and Otfried Heybey.

### Sophs Cop Math Division

Mathematics: First, sophomore, Robert Moore, Exploring the Binary System of Mathematics. Second, sophomore, Paul Kantor, The Binary System. Third, junior, Ronald Sterns, Primary Construction.

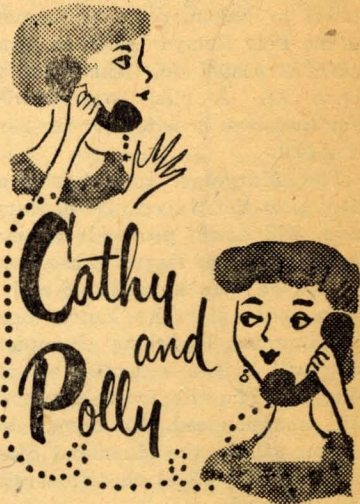
Physics: First, Ulrich Kurzweg, Supersonic Wind Tunnel. Second, senior, Douglas Kruse, Ballistic Pendulum. Third, senior, Robert Mischler, Continuous Diffusion Cloud Chamber.

Botanical Science: First, sophomore, Richard McConaughy, The Complete Flower. Second, sophomore, Gloria Litvinsky, The Spotlight Is on Bacteria. Third, senior, Robin Jans, Deficiency Experiment on Plants Using a Soilless Medium.

Zoological Science: First, Courtney Offutt, Puzzle Box. Second, junior, Richard Dirksen, Fron Dissection. Third, sophomore, Patricia Hansen, Embryological Growth of Four Animals.

Chemistry: First, sophomore, Robert Coie, Action of Enzymes on Food. Second, senior, Clayton Cisar, Measuring the Food in Your Milk.

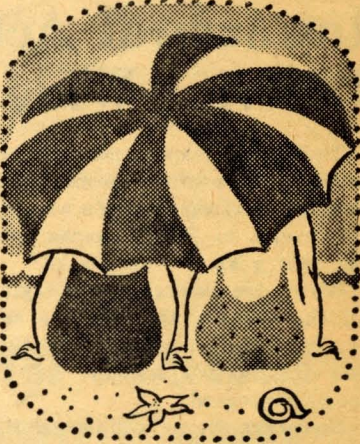
Conservation: First, sophomore, Barbara Schaefer, Conservation on the Farm.



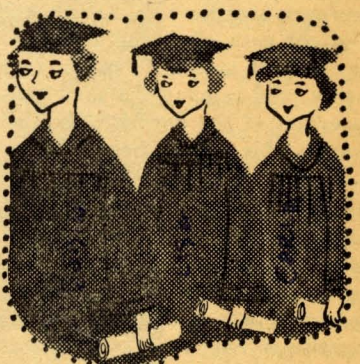
"I've got practically all my vacation clothes packed—have you?"



"Almost everything—except for my new bathing suit. Three more days and we'll be on our vacation—and getting paid for it, too!"



"Yes, it's nice to know that the telephone company pay check keeps coming right along."



"It's a good place to work all right—and this year's graduates will be smart to see about a telephone job when they finish school!"



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## Honor Societies Add Members In February, March Inductions

February and March were big months for many juniors and seniors, for during these months 26 students were admitted into the National Honor Society and 30 others were initiated into the Monogram Society.

In order to become eligible for admission into the National Honor Society, one must carry an average of 3.5 on all Blair grades. This number has been established on the basis that A's equal four points; B's equal three points; C's equal two points; and D's equal one point. Under this system a student must have between a B+ and A— average.

In addition to scholarship, an eligible student is judged on his character, service, and leadership.

The following seniors were admitted in to the Honor Society in February: Betty Ann Ashmore, Mary Ann Clark, Susan Curtis, Christine Freeburger, Marcia Greene, Troy Hambricht, Deane Kempfer, Betty Richardson, Robert Goldback, Douglas Kim, and John Waters.

Fifteen juniors were also invited to join the Society at that time. Included were Barbara Frentz,

## Juniors Top Roll; All A's Go To 21

Out of the 236 students making the honor roll, the juniors again led sophomores and seniors, with a total of 100 honor students.

Closely following were the seniors with 85 and the sophomores with 51. The honor roll, which is on display outside the Silver Chips office, includes the names of all students who made all A's and B's.

Listed below are the names of the 21 students, 11 girls and 10 boys, who made all A's:

Sophomores—Barbara Caparette, William Friedman, William Haut, Mary Lowe, Malcolm Martin, and Richard Smith; juniors—Barbara Frentz, Paul Halesky, Sandra Lovre, Bob Mann, Clarence McKenzie, Carol Megby, Robert Meroney, Kay Payne; seniors—Sue Crowley, Sue Curtis, Jackie DuMars, Douglas Kim, Ulrich Kurzweg, Lorris LeRoy, and Binky Varey.

Patti Judith Hummel, Jane Irving, Helen Catherine Johnson, Sandra Lovre, Susan Mattison, and Carol Megby.

Other juniors gaining membership were Evelyn Payne, Betty Reid, Elise Robinson, Barbara Roome, Paul Halesky, Otfried Heybey, Howard Kolodny, and Nicholas Rouse.

Julie Buckingham's home was the setting for the candlelight initiation service of the Monogram Society March 30.

Of the 53 students receiving Monograms at the Awards Assembly in February, 30 were initiated into the Society that night.

### Faculty Facts . . . . . By Sally Smith

## Former High School Athlete Coaches Baseball, Teaches

Since Mr. Stanley Kulakowski played on his high-school football, basketball, and baseball team, and participated in college athletics, it



Photo by Bill Garrett  
Mr. Stanley Kulakowski

### Junior Cops Essay Contest, Enters County Competition

Marvin Skolnik, junior, won the school-wide "Our Liberties Under the American Bill of Rights" essay contest sponsored by the Maryland State Bar Association.

The 1,500-word essay will now be entered in the County competition; then, if victorious, in the State. A prize of a \$25 savings bond will go to the County winner.

is not surprising that one of his major interests at Blair is coaching the baseball team.

Besides his interest in the baseball team, Mr. Kulakowski teaches four periods of biology. He has been at Blair for six years.

An exciting record preceded his coming to Blair. From 1943 to 1946, Mr. Kulakowski served in the tank division of the Army. He was a gunner and a tank commander. During his World War II service, Mr. Kulakowski saw much of Europe, spending a good deal of time in the Ruhr valley in Germany.

Hailing from the Keystone state, the teacher attended Mahanoy City High School. Upon graduation, he furthered his education at Western Maryland College and later at Teachers College, Columbia University.

As coach of the baseball team, Mr. Kulakowski states, "Because of the younger and inexperienced players, I cannot predict the future of this year's team." He hopes for a stronger team next year.

Mr. Kulakowski has been married two years. They have no children.

# Thinclads Place Sixth At Alexandria Relays

# Twirlers Bolster Blazer Nine

Placing sixth out of 27 teams in the Alexandria Relays, the Blair track team opened the season on a bright note. Blair came in second in the medley relay. John Nesbitt paced the relay with a 4.51 time for his mile segment of the race.

For the overall meet, Blair beat out their Bi-County rivals, Northwestern and Bladensburg. The host school, Washington and Lee, won the meet with George Washington High's coming in second. Entered in the relay meet were schools from Virginia, Maryland, the District, and North Carolina.

Three meets in April and five in May will comprise the entire track schedule. On April 10, Blair will travel to Baltimore to participate in the Poly Relays. Another away meet is posted for Annapolis on April 14. A dual contest with Northwestern is slated for the 23rd of April.

The Maryland Invitational on May 1, at the University of Maryland, will again pit Blair against the finest track teams in the area. At Wilson's track on May 6 and 7, Blair will enter the Metro Meet. Deciding the Bi-County championship will be the encounter set for May 14. The site for this meet is still unannounced. To climax the season will be the Maryland State Meet on May 22 at the University of Maryland.

## Marksman Shoot Toward Sectionals

Pointing for the sectional championship of the National Junior Rifle Association, Blair marksmen will five several scheduled matches as a tune-up for the title contest on April 24 at Maryland University.

During April the riflers have matches with several area teams. Two contests with St. John's, one with Bullis Prep, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, and Northwestern will comprise the remainder of the season.

The outlook for next year's team appears good as most of the squad are juniors and will return next year.

**Ray's Roundup** . . . . . **By Ray Gustin**

## Intramural Activities To Begin Offering Wide Variety Of Sports

The tentative sports staff wishes to pay tribute to the former staff, who have performed such a wonderful service to Blair's sports over the past year.

We of the new staff will try to fill the vacancy the best we can by giving the reader an interesting and informative account of all sports concerned.

Now that the split lips and the black eyes have vanished, the boys in physical education classes have switched from pugilism to less brutal activity. It is to be feared, however, that the boys have caught a slight case of spring fever. For at the first breath of spring there was a mad rampage to show those members of the opposite sex their innumerable capabilities.

These decathlon activities consist of a wide variety, including such vivacious sports as golf, softball, track, archery, horseshoes, and paddle tennis. The spring program, operating on a round-robin system, constitutes one week each of softball, track, and recreational sports.

After-school intramurals, which are pending, include softball, archery, and golf; however the boys interested in the latter amusement must supply his own equipment while playing at the nearby Sligo course.

## Netmen Victorious In First Contests

Blair's netmen have gotten off to a fast start in a year which may prove their most successful since 1952.

The Red and White tied Coolidge in their first outing, 4-4, and toppled the highly-rated University of Maryland freshmen, 5-4.

Coach Ernest Rhodes believes the Blazer squad is balanced in playing experience as well as individual ability, pointing to the fact that there are three returning lettermen: Bob Trevas, Howard Persky, and John Lemp. Jayvees that will be back to bolster the team include: Joel Goldstein, Wally Murphy, Phil Melvin, and George Leonhardt. Two new boys, junior Tom Patterson and sophomore Tim Wright, are making their bid for one of the top six positions.

Their next engagement is with Western, followed by Gonzaga and Northwestern. After a brief interruption for Easter vacation, the team gets going against arch-rival B.-C. C. and in quick succession Bladensburg, George Washington, B.-C. C., Bladensburg, and finally Western.

## Golfers Shutout St. John's, 9-0, To Open Campaign Successfully

Initiating their 1954 season auspiciously, Blair's varsity golfers swamped St. John's High School, 9-0, for their first victory over the latter school since 1938.

Playing at Columbia Country Club, Robin Ehlert beat Pete Loda 6-5, and Jerry McFerren won over Glen Mitchell 2-0. Ehlert and McFerren teamed to win the best-ball



Photo by Bill Garrett  
Out at third base is sliding Sonny Barbot, while Bill Disque looks on in a game against Gaithersburg.

## Chessmen Gather In Cafeteria; Shun Disturbing Interruptions

by Fred and Walt

Among the various and sundry societies and organizations around Blair, there is one called the Chess Club.

We happened to visit a "session" on Thursday in the cafeteria. We inquired why they use this site as their meeting place. The answer was simple, the members use the left over scallops for chessmen.

We walked into the cafeteria

play, 4-3. Bob Peterson won, one up, over John Grubb, and Carl Lohren beat Chris Gilbertson 6-4. Johnny Owen defeated Joe Loda 2-1, and Bob Irelan beat Dick Craft 7-6. Peterson and Lohren won their best-ball matches as did Owen and Irelan.

In their varsity debuts, Owen and Lohren, only sophomores, aided the other four veterans in decisioning last year's Metropolitan Champions. Mitchell and Pete Loda are two of the District's outstanding scholastic golfers.

Tuning up for their opener with St. John's, the linksmen were victorious over Montgomery Junior College by an 8-1 score in a match held at Sligo. Another tune-up match found the Blazers outclassed by a strong Maryland University frosh squad, 7½-1½.

Playing at Price George's, Jerry McFerren and Robin Ehlert won their best-ball match 3-2, accounting for one point. Ehlert gained the other half point when he and Maryland's Richard Mason split a point. Mason was Blair's number one man last season.

## Students To Enjoy New Gym In Fall

That sophomores will be required to take physical education upon the completion of the new gym next year was stated by the administration recently.

Just what will the new gym be like? It will have three floors, the first devoted to the basketball courts, while the second will house offices for the coaches. The third floor will be devoted to classrooms. An added feature will be an indoor driving range. Also included will be 1,000 lockers.

Some of the new courses that will be offered are weight-lifting, handball, indoor badminton, boxing, and wrestling. The latter two were initiated this year.

Opening their season with a surprising bang, the Blazer nine has won three consecutive games, receiving well-pitched games from their starters, Gregory Morris and Jerry Power.

This season has indeed shown an unexpected twist for a team who only had four lettermen returning and at the beginning of the season had, on paper, a green team. Coach Stanley Kulakowski has received finished performances from his lower classmen, who make up half of the line-up, as well as from his longer-experienced players.

### Hurls Successful Opener

The Blazers who started practicing early opened their season March 30 with a decisive triumph over Gaithersburg 10-1.

Shaking the fever of his first start, Jerry Power, a sophomore, hurled two-hit ball to pick-up the win for the Blazers.

In their next outing against McKinley Tech, the Blazers rolled to easy victory, again upon their pitching strength. Gregg Morris, who pitched a two-hitter over the seven-inning span, permitted no hits after the second frame while striking out eight.

### Four-Run Rally Beats Western

It took more than tight pitching to catch Western, April 5, when they jumped to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. Finally, when two were down in the seventh with Western leading 4-2, the Blazers got hot and scored four quick runs. This ended all rallies with Blair's winning its third straight game, 6-4.

Starring for the Blazers' squad other than those already mentioned

BLAIR	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
EASTERN	0	0	0	1	2	0	

have been Jay Solomon, George Everett, Bill Overman, Sonny Barbot, Dick Brown, and Bill Culpepper.

It may be that the Blair fans will get their long-awaited revenge from B.-C.C. for the year when the two teams clash in May. The team, which is lacking only student support, is worthy of whatever ardent backing given them.

## Forty Gals To Host Sports Guests During Annual Spring Sports Day

by Beti and L-n

Combine 200 girls, softball, volleyball, and refreshments; mix well; bake in the warm May sun; and the result—one of Blair's annual Sports Days.

Sponsored this year by the Girls' "B" Club and the Student Planning Committee, two Sports Days will be held here May 10 and May 12, the first date set aside for senior high schools; the second for junior highs. Miss June Lippy has announced that 40 Blair girls will act as hostesses for the visiting girls representing six senior highs and three junior highs in Montgomery County.

The girls' honorary basketball team traveled to Damascus High March 30, where they played that school's team. Forwards were Joan Buch, Binky Varey, Jean Callahan, Ellen Ragan, Susan Gumper, Carol Megby, Gloria Pratesi, and Jean McFerren. Guards included Pallie Berry, Betty Reid, Barbara McCullah, Kay Payne, Rebecca Mooney, Diane Ehlert, Susan Walker, and Mary Ann Clark.

Leaving school at 7 a.m., 15 girls journeyed to St. Mary's Seminary in Southern Maryland, March 26, where they competed against other high schools in basketball and volleyball. Six schools were rep-

resented at the Sports Day altogether. Students at the Seminary entertained the visitors with tumbling and modern dance demonstrations.

Blairites attending the event were Ann Diedrich, Gayle Crawford, Pallie Berry, Carolyn Smith, Marilyn Dennis, Gloria Pratesi, Kay Payne, and Betty Reid. Others were Carol Free, Nancy Wilson, Carol Megby, Mary Mattison, Julie Buckingham, Joan Buch, and Jean Williams.

Spring intramural activities consisting of softball, archery and badminton will begin immediately following Easter vacation.

## Gals Beat Northwestern; To Fire In Tournament

Five members of the girls' rifle team will participate in a tournament at Maryland University April 24. They will fire against other high schools in this area using both standup and prone positions.

In their recent match with Northwestern, Blair's gals registered a sweeping victory over their competitors.

SILVER CHIPS

# Increased Expenses Raise Cost Of Student Activity Ticket Fee

Because of rising prices, the cost of the activity ticket will be raised to \$8.00 next year, still saving each student about \$7.00.

Needing equipment for the new gym, the athletic department will receive about \$700 from the new activity ticket, which is over half the amount they requested.

By purchasing the ticket the holder will be admitted to all home games and reduced prices for away games, omitting the Bethesda-Blair game.

When they could find no way of cutting expenses, Silver Chips received their requested \$150 increase, which will give the holder 12 issues regularly.

## P.T.A. Presents Student Talks

Continuing its study of "Education Beyond the Classroom," the Parent-Teacher Association will present representatives of additional school activities to tell about their program, at the P.T.A. meeting, May 18, in the gym.

The last of this series will include talks on the Band and Orchestra; the publications: Silverlogue, Silver Chips, Silver Quill, and Praeco Argenteus, and the foreign students' impression of American schools by Douglas Kim.

### Students Feature F. T. A.

At the April 27 meeting, three other activities were featured. Margaret Seltzer, Elise Robinson and Carolyn Decker spoke on the Future Teachers of America.

The Future Doctors and Nurses Club was discussed by President Annabelle Acree, Carlton Corey, and Gertrude Eyre.

### Council Presents Discussion

Terry Hicks, as president, led the discussion of the Student Council program, with Rodney Cox, Carolyn Thomas, Joan Craver, Jayne Eyerman, Jean Scoltock, Kay Wrasse, Don Wheeler, Linda Straughn, Lee Briggs, Phylis Holt, Bill Culpepper, and Carolyn Cooley.

At this meeting, the new officers were chosen. Mr. Leonard Esley was elected president with Mrs. William Wright and Mr. Daryl Shaw, assisting him as vice presidents. Recording and corresponding secretaries chosen were Mr. Jack MacHale and Mrs. William H. Smith respectively. Mr. Jack Kolodny will be the new treasurer.

## Silverlogue, Praeco Argenteus Announce Staffs; Preparations Well Under Way For Next Year

Silverlogue and Praeco Argenteus have recently announced their staffs, who are already making plans under the guidance of the present staffs.

Repeating the idea of co-editors started last year, Silverlogue will be headed by Jo Ann Wolman and Marjorie Weidman.

Marilyn Boote and Dan Fallon will be literary co-editors, assisted by Marian Sherman, Tove Martin, and Meg Fike.

Carrying through the idea of co-editors, each class will have editors in this fashion. Mary Abrahamson and Joy Swett will be senior editors, and Carol Cox and Barbara Frentz will be junior editors. Sophomore editors will be Nadyne Silverman and Judy Lindner.

Ellen Green and Kate Sisk will be teacher editors. Clubs are co-edited by Peggy Munz and June Wright, and boys sports edited by Lou Jane Taylor and Dan Fallon. Lillian Dayhoff and Connie Fry

will handle pictures, while advertising is taken care of by Jeanine Pair, Virginia Roland, Fran Carrodus, Jane Johndrew, Dottie Rice, Judey Lewis, Susan Woodward, and Georgian Freeman.

Typing will be done by Rose Curry, Sandra Burkhalter, and Barbara Werner, while Howard

Krieger, Jim Sulter, and Connie Fry will handle photography.

Editor of next year's Latin newspaper will be Terry Winner assisted by Elinor Quigley. Typing editor will be Betty Eckstein, and Paul Kenton will be business manager, while exchanges will be handled by Marilyn Faust.

Although a way has been found to cut the price of printing Silver Quill, they want to publish two issues next year which will balance out any increase for them.

With their backlog and a new way of cutting costs, Silverlogue's budget will actually be cut about \$209.

Activity ticket holders will receive all of these publications.

Expecting about the same enrollment, Student Council plans to sell the same number of activity tickets next year as this year, about 1,300.

Students who have not paid the second installment of their Activity ticket will not be cleared at the end of the year.

## Council President Not Known; Voters Choose At Hall Polls

Who will hold the executive branch of Student Council? Many are waiting with anticipation while the election committee counts the votes. Students are taking advantage of their democratic rights by voting this week in the free elections at the polls located in the halls.

After a week of campaigning, the electioneering was brought to a climax with the school wide assembly as the candidates presented themselves to the voters.

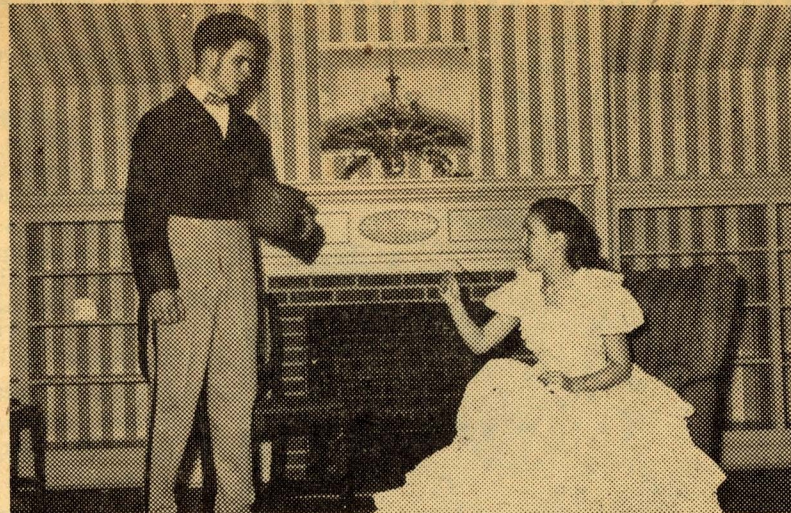
Campaign managers wait anxiously to see whether Lee Briggs, Ralph Lopez, Nick Rouse, or Don Wheeler will hold the executive position of the '54-'55 Student Council and who will be the assistant.

How did you vote in the competition of Judy Fine, Phylis Holt, and Gretchen Loesser? Many hope their candidate will win the honor of secretary.

### Outing Selects Glen Echo

Glen Echo will again be the site for the annual Blair outing sponsored by the Student Council. Chartered Capital Transit buses have been arranged.

# 'Washington Square' Comes Alive At 'The Heiress' Opening May 28



Catherine (Judy Neuman) pleads with Morris (Bill Rast) not to leave her in an early scene from "The Heiress."

Photo by Charlie Peterson

### The Cast

Catherine Sloper	Judies Neumann
Dr. Sloper	Frank Samstag
Morris Townsend	Bill Rast
Mrs. Montgomery	Carol Ferrar
Mrs. Almond	Jeanne Ceranton
Marion Almond	Betty Andrews
Maria	Doris Schuman
Lavinia Penniman	Carolyn Galt
Arthur Townsend	Cecile Newberry

On May 28 and 29 the authentic period setting of "The Heiress" will show a shy awkward girl who gives her heart to a handsome young romantic lead.

Mr. Donald Loughrie, director of the play, remembers trips of many a mile to pick up authentic antique pieces for the setting.

Entire action takes place in the Sloper home of 16 Washington Square in New York of 1850. "The Heiress," created by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, reveals the plight of this unloved girl.

Costumes by Jack Mullane portray the period's wide skirts billowed over hoops. All in keeping with the 1850 theme are the sideburns being grown by the male half of the cast.

Hammering and more hammering has peppered the rehearsals of many weeks as the stagehands make French period windows and the fireplace.

This year's Spring Play will be as authentic as is possible from the wallpaper on the wall to the hairdos on the feminine leads.

Tickets are now on sale in the homerooms for either night for \$.75.

## Journalists' Society Plans For Banquet

Quentin Reynolds Chapter of Quill and Scroll, the local unit of the national honor society for high school journalists, will hold its annual banquet on Tuesday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m., in the Colesville Road Hot Shoppe.

Featured on the program will be Mr. Aubrey Graves, Washington Post and Times Herald columnist.

Four publications will be represented (Silver Quill, Silver Chips, Silverlogue, and Praeco Argenteus) as will the Radio Club. Approximately 170 invitations have been sent to Quill and Scroll alumni members beginning with the class of 1950. Guests of the members will also be attending.

Norwood Beveridge, senior, will serve as master of ceremonies and introduce the entertainment to be provided by some of the Quill and Scroll members.

Members of the various publications will be inducted into the Society.

Tickets are on sale for \$2.50 in the Silver Chips office and may be secured from Margaret Seltzer before and after school there.

## Essay Contest To Inspire Peace Through Languages

Ever wanted to inspire world peace? Ever tried to speak a foreign language? Try your hand at solving both these problems.

A \$25 Savings Bond will be awarded for the best original essay submitted on the theme: "Piercing the Language Barrier" (How an International Language Would Benefit Mankind) in the contest sponsored by the Esperanto Club of Washington.

These high school student essays which must not exceed 750 words will be judged on content and literary merit. Send entries to Esperanto, c/o Irvine, 149 R St., N.E., Washington, D. C.

## Band, Majorettes To Contest Soon; Chorus Performs

Blair's Band and Majorettes will compete Friday, May 21, in the Washington Lion's Club Band Concert to be held in the National Guard Armory.

Entering in the marching band division as they did last year, the band will display the different formations required in the competition.

Preceding the Majorettes, the honor guard will stand at "parade rest" while the Majorettes vie for first place. The routine will include various basic twirls plus the technique of the Majorettes.

Since the event is the largest contest in the area, practicing has been important in the competition with 20 schools participating.

The Advanced Chorus, who has just premiered the song, "Spring in Silver Spring," will present an orientation program to the area junior highs. The Chorus will explain different techniques of singing and the importance of the Chorus curriculum.

## Classes To Present Children's Plays

Beginning dramatic classes will give two children's theatre plays and two junior-high plays in the area, the week of May 31 to June 7.

"The Indian Captive," by Charlotte B. Chorpennig, will be student directed by Jackie Dean.

Those in this play of a pioneer girl captured by the Senecas are Nancy Murdock, Anita Seaton, Marcia Greene, Roger Sherman, Sue Crowley, Mike Bragdon, Larry Bubes, Kay Wilmette, and Judy Scotten.

"Wizard of Oz," will be given as the second children's theatre production under the student direction of Jean Ceranton, starring Peggy Behrman, Rodney Cox, Carol Walker, Anne Chalupsky, Barbara Streicher, Pat Wyatt, Nancy Cornell, Marion Foster, Jerry Kearns, and Carolyn Brown.

Only one of the junior high plays has been chosen. "Sparkin'" a comedy of Hillbilly wooing by Nancy Baldwin, will star Rita Priesman, DeEstye Grauman, Carolyn Thomas, and Tom Devlin.

## Graduation, Exams, Fun Highlight June Calendar

- June 1: Awards Assembly.  
2: Track Meet.  
3: Arena Production.  
4: Spring Band Concert.  
7-9: Senior Exams.  
10: Seniors clear.  
Final issue of Chips.  
11: Junior, Sophomore Exams Begin.  
Seniors' Last Day of Classes.  
Outing to Glen Echo.  
13: Baccalaureate.  
14-15: Junior Exams.  
17: School Closes at Noon.  
Graduation at 6:30.

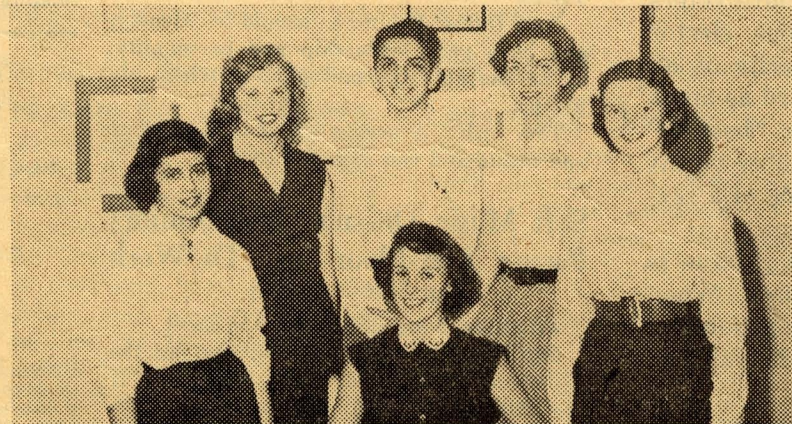


Photo by Charlie Peterson

Newly appointed staff members are (left to right) Terry Winner, Betty Eckstein, Jo Anne Wolman, Paul Kantor, Marilyn Boote, and Marjorie Weidman.

# Horsewoman Phyllis Heflin Fox Hunts; Illustrates For Silver Quill, Handbook

With around 200 ribbons and 20 trophies already to her credit, Phyllis Heflin, continues riding and showing horses every spare moment.

Beginning with rides around a pony ring at a very early age in her hometown of Memphis, Tennessee, Phyl didn't start to ride seriously until she was 14. "I rode in my first show on Memorial Day of 1951, and the first ribbon I won was a blue—just don't tell them there were only two entries," she laughingly added.

"The first year I showed Trinket (the horse she still shows) she fell with me twice and I ended up with a broken collar bone and a concussion—so, after that I was grounded for the rest of the season. The next year, we ran all over the state going to the Maryland shows." All the while she was collecting more awards.

"In November, 1953, we went to the Garden (Madison Square) and had tons of

fun! I was scared to death." But, frightened or not, Phyl came home with a second, a third, a fourth, and a fifth place.

"All last winter I spent my time fox-hunting. We killed one, and I got the brush (tail)."



Photo by Bill Garrett  
Phyllis Heflin

Also very active in school, Phyl is a member of the National Honor Society and served on the Senior Banquet Committee. She received her monogram last June. Often busy with school art work, she did a Silver Quill illustration, painted scenery for the Variety Show. At present she is working on next year's handbook.

Future plans include the University of Maryland with an art course and then later specialization in art.

"So, I guess all my life," says Phyllis, "I'll fiddle with art and horses."

## Water Fountain Society Makes Poet Of Bagnall

The society that seems to have developed around the drinking fountains has become one of the most popular extracurricular activities in school.

Gossip and games are discussed fully while waiting for the cool, clear water.

Faculty members have noted the situation and one has aired his views in poetic form as follows:

### Drink And Visit

by Mr. William Bagnall

*Drink and visit before you enter  
Once inside you must decide  
Whether you are sorry you entered  
For those who must ponder  
You will sit over yonder  
And make up your mind not to wander,  
Until the clock on the wall  
Gives out with the news in the hall  
That you may drink and visit with all.*

## Council News

### Council Members Work To Carry Out Projects

by Terry Hicks

In the past month or so, the Student Council has been very busy. Among its many projects is the annual orientation of junior highs. This consists of student council members visiting Takoma, Eastern, and Montgomery Hills junior highs in a program aimed at acquainting the incoming sophomores with Blair. To aid in the orientation is a special film of Blair's many activities, which was made and sponsored through the Student Council.

Another item on the list of doings is the annual spring outing to be held June 11 at Glen Echo. The entire school and alumni are invited.

The annual project of exchanging students with Bel-Air High School has been successfully undertaken. Soon students from Bel-Air will visit Blair to see how other students are affected by the approaching summer vacation.

Another project that is nearing completion is the balancing of the activity ticket budget for 1954-55. Because of the rise in prices and the greater demand for better and better school activities, the price has tentitively been raised. This compares favorably with the activity tickets of other schools.

Last on the list, but first in mind are the elections for student government officers and members. One may anticipate a great battle between members of the sophomore and junior classes in the annual campaigns.

## Format For Freedom . . .

Free and secret election of governing officers is the foundation of the American democracy. This is the format for freedom enjoyed by residents of the United States; as such it should not be abused by a clash of personalities or a vote to establish a popularity rank.

Sensational campaigns have become a tradition at Blair. Halls, walls, and ceilings are covered with clever, attractive campaign propaganda de-

signed to secure votes. Obviously a candidate who has a following that can produce striking slogans or put up a flurry of posters can lure voters and votes. A consciencious elector should weigh the true merits of all the candidates and disregard as much as possible the campaign "hoopla." A victor should ride into office on his qualities and not on the tide of a successful propaganda program.

Entering into the election issue is the factor of human nature. When appearance, personality, or popularity are the basis for victory, the value of an election is nil.

The idea of using extreme caution and intelligence is hardly an original one. Invariably it is brought to light at every election; however, there are still those that can be swayed sufficiently by external virtues and those who do not consider the actual qualifications. It is worthwhile to remember: Choose wisely, lest you regret the choice afterward.

## Jerker Thwarts Fiend In Drugstone Fracas

by Fred and Walt

Not having anything to do yesterday, I thought, "Why not visit a drugstore?" Not having an answer, I proceeded to ramble into one.

First I noticed a scale. With an optimistic smile on my face I walked over and stepped upon this piece of machinery. I removed my coat, hung it over my arm, and dropped a penny into a slot, which was located directly above a sign stating "HONEST WEIGHT, NO BIRD." Promptly a little card came stumbling out reading "ONE AT A TIME PLEASE." Scales are not funny.

With a frustrated look on my face I walked over to the soda fountain and sat down. "I'd like a cherry coke."

"You'd like a cherry coke."

"I slave behind this fountain eight hours a day fixing milk shakes, sodas, and banana splits, and a guy like you comes in and says, I'd like a cherry coke."

"Yes," I replied underterminedly.

"You got a noté?"

"Look, forget the coke. What flavors ice cream do you have?"

"Chocolate, strawberry, vanilla, yucca, salt, wool, and black. . . ."

"Sir," I said, "Your flippancy has a tinge of insubordinative sub-service."

As I begrudgingly left, a size twelve scoop of vanilla came charging from the direction of the counter.

"I think next time I'll visit a dime store, they're tamer."

## 'Real Frantic' Public Address 'Blurbs'; Add Zest To Morning Announcements

by Sally Smith

So what's a blurb?  
Well, a b-l-u-r-b is one of those cra-a-azy skits regularly heard over the P.A. You know, a "real frantic thing!"

### Klassy Kwotes

### Leadership, Personality Make Student Leaders

What do you consider the most important characteristic a student leader could have?

Bill Eshelman: A school leader should be a good example for others to follow. He needs personality and must be looked upon highly by others.

Janet Sale: We need a student leader who can keep school spirit high all year long.

Vic Ricci: I think every school leader should have a thorough understanding of school procedures and a good sense of humor. But why not ask Terry Hicks?

Terry Hicks: No comment.

Ruth Monaghan: I want someone who is a good speaker and will give our school a good name.

John Proctor: Some necessary qualities of leaders are sincerity, reliability, co-operation, and the ability to get along with others.

Joan Davis: I think he should be friendly, and have good leadership and personality, as he has an important part in school activities.

Tom Lisle: A person who has high ideas and ideals and can expound them.

### Soft Music Doesn't Quiet Junior; Pacing The Floor Sure To Work

by Marie Kelley

Attention, baby sitters, old and new!

Don't shudder when you find yourself the first baby sitter that Junior ever had. If the sitter (that's you) and Junior have become acquainted, that is ten points for you. But maybe you have never met; then remember these tips from an old pro.

During the daytime, youngsters insist on continual entertainment. This could be anything from spacemen to games, so brush up on the latest space lingo. At bedtime try Junior's favorite story or a little music. Babies usually go to bed quietly, but sometimes your last resort is to walk the floor! The older youngster's weakness has not been found as yet.

Good luck, you'll need it!

## Attention, Scholars!

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Examinations are synonymous with the month of June (next month). So let's consider our study habits. Are all the lessons up to date? Or will some Sad Sam or Lazy Daisy be cramming his or her empty heads on examination eve night, instead of resting for the next day's tests.

As the school year draws to a close, summer plans and the excitement of graduation cause studies to be somewhat ignored or taken for granted. No one enjoys studying during warm weather, but let's analyze the value of reviewing the year's work now.

Perhaps the books have been put off for a ball game or party. But is it not easier to start studying a little each night now? After the assigned work is completed, why not spend some extra time on review?

Seniors, juniors, or sophomores, we all have a duty to do our best work. And as the school year nears completion, we should try even harder.

A little study each night now will save time and energy next month. Don't be caught burning the candle at both ends the night before examinations.

These blurbs originate beyond the forbidden door of D 103, Mr. Louis Rubin's room.

From this sanctum have come some of the greatest epics of all time, in other words, the P.A. blurbs.

Through sly, dry, and just plain slapstick humor, they advertise school functions.

Most students have no idea of the actual toil that goes into each of the blurbs.

First of all, the students of Radio Public Speaking spend class time dreaming up possible ideas in radio script form. The blurbs are read and discussed in class, the best ones being chosen; some of the ideas they come up with, well—(no comment). The chosen skits have to be edited and copies made for the performers.

Then the illustrious Fred and Walt (of this page) dash for the tape recorder and go to work. Every blurb used on the P.A. is on tape, thanks to THE Fred and Walt team.

But before a blurb can be taped, the characters (and I mean characters) must be picked and they must be able to read their parts (no goofs allowed)!

At last the big moment arrives; the blurb is recorded and ready for use. Happy landings!

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### Standing Classified Ads Column To Appear In Future Editions

It has come to the attention of the Silver Chips staff that a permanent Classified Ads column might benefit and interest the student body.

Ads received by feature deadline (our next deadline is May 26) will be printed for a fee of ten cents per line. It is preferred that copy be in the office before this date because last minute changes in the page plan are inconvenient. The column will be continued in every issue if ads are available in the Silver Chips office by the publication deadline.

## Native Teacher Is Modest About Prize-Winning Orchids

Next to a five cent cup of coffee the hardest thing to find these days is a teacher at Blair who actually went through Montgomery County schools.

Such a one we have in Mrs. Bernice Mallack, who proudly boasts that she is a product of Maryland public schools from elementary grades right through to college.

Mrs. Mallack was born in Sandy Spring and graduated from Sherwood High School, later receiving her B.A. at the University of Maryland. Later she earned her M.S. degree at Columbia and Maryland.

Mrs. Mallack has wide teaching experience in the Washington and suburban areas. She taught four years at Montgomery Hills Junior High, and four years at Capital Radio Engineering Institute of Washington, D. C., where she helped write and revise text books. Added to this, she taught one year of physical education at Oxon Hill High in Prince Georges County. Here her chief duties in pedagogy are in mathematics, where students

## P. T. A. Begins Job Placement

Finding jobs to fit the students and students to fit the jobs is keeping the Student Placement Bureau of the Parent-Teacher Association very busy.

Having sent letters to over 500 firms, the bureau, headed by Mrs. S. D. Griffith, has sorted the employment offers into classifications so that students will be placed in the best job for their abilities.

Two assemblies, attended by juniors and seniors respectively, explained the program with the aid of a talk by Mr. Robert MacBriar, comptroller of Woodward and Lothrop's and a skit by Jayne Eyerman, Janice Funk, Mr. Jack MacHale, and Keith Wheeler. The skit showed the right and wrong way to apply for a job.

Letters were sent by the group to parents of Blair students. On May 6, applications were distributed in senior and junior home-rooms. They were similar to those filled out at stores by applicants.

## Chips Wins Rating For Recent Issues

For the fourth consecutive semester, Silver Chips has received an All-American rating from the National Scholastic Press Association.

Based on the first semester issues of 1953-54, the paper received 1,570 points for this highest rating in the 2,000 to 1,401 enrollment category.

Editor and managing editor of the prize-winning issues were Rosemary Nisonger and Sally Griffith, respectively.

The paper was judged in comparison with those produced by other schools of approximately similar enrollment.

## Praeco Reveals Vesuvius, Story Of Chariot Races

With the theme of 2,000 years ago, this issue of Praeco Argenteus will go on sale Friday, June 4.

English articles will include subjects such as the battle at Actium, the eruption of Vesuvius, and others.

Latin articles tell of spring fashion, chariot races, movie reviews, crossword puzzles, and many other interesting features.

know her for her keen sense of humor.

At school she is Chairman of



Photo by Bill Garrett  
Mrs. Bernice Mallack

the recently revised Monogram Committee.

Raising flowers, "any kind", Mrs. Mallack says, is her chief hobby. In a recent experiment with orchids she and her husband have crossed several pair and have gotten a completely new plant, which will not be named until after it blooms four or five years hence. She also, modestly admits too having won prizes for her orchids.

## Persky Takes Art Honors; Eight Win Local Awards

"View of the City," a pen and ink drawing by Howard Persky, has won fourth place award in the Maryland Teen-Age Art Contest.

## Bel Air To Send Seniors To Visit

Two Bel Air High seniors will be guests of Blair this week-end.

The seniors will be shown the classes and extracurricular activities of Blair tomorrow. That evening they will be escorted to the Senior Prom.

"They will be given a chance to see how other students are affected by the approaching summer vacation," remarked Terry Hicks, Student Council president. As part of the week-end plans, the couple will be taken on a sightseeing tour of the nation's capital.

During the Easter vacation, April 23 and 24, two seniors from Blair visited Bel Air. They were Douglas Kim and Alicia Smith.

The exchange of students between Bel Air and Blair is an annual project of the Student Council.

## Advanced Chorus Presents Programs For Civic Groups

The advanced chorus, under the direction of Miss Mary Cross, entertained the Silver Spring Woman's Club at Woodside Methodist Church on May 5.

A new song, "Spring in Silver Spring," was presented for the first time at the Silver Spring Board of Trade meeting on May 6, by this group. The song, written by Joseph Breckner, manager of WGAY, will be tape recorded for further publicity use. Dr. Forbes Norris, superintendent of Montgomery County Schools, spoke at the meeting on the theme, "School."

On May 7, the chorus participated in the All Maryland Choral Day Festival. In the morning, the event was held at the Maryland Coliseum and in the afternoon at the armory.

## Concert Spotlights 15 Senior Artists In Spring Festival

Featuring three specialty numbers by members of the graduating class, the Band will present its annual spring concert at 8 p.m. June 4, under the direction of Mr. Ernest Koch.

Altogether, 15 seniors will take part in the specialty numbers. Playing in the brass sextet will be John Bankhead, Robin Caldwell, Tom Gerald, Douglas Ross, Phil Snyder, and Stephen Stout. The saxophone quartet will include Betty Carr, Tom Cherrix, Ronnie Culpepper, and Robin Mischler. Eileen Engstrom, Ronald Flynn, Mike Geehan, Ned Gummell, and Robin Jans will play musical arrangements on their reed instruments.

The entire concert Band will present Tchaikowsky's "Overture 1812" and selections from "Robertta," written by Jerome Kern. Also included will be a Cole Porter song.

Mr. Koch stated that whether or not the concert is held in the gymnasium this spring will depend mostly on the weather. If it is too warm, the program may be presented outdoors near the corner of A building and the Library.

tion prize, Howard's entry will be forwarded to Richmond, Virginia. There it will be submitted for judging in the sectional division of the nation-wide contest sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

In the Montgomery County contest, the preliminary for the state judgments, Blair artists emerged with nine ribbons: In the pastel division: first place, James Fisher, "County Railway Station"; third place, Jean McFerran "Pre-Dance Mood"; pen and ink division: first place, Howard Persky; oil division: first place, William Haut, "Dawn"; second place, Pat Hale, "Country Life"; water color division: second place, Pat Baldwin, "Autumn Landscape"; third place, Howard Persky, "Miami Sketches"; charcoal division: first place, Fred Von Bernewitz, "Portrait of a Lady"; tempera; third place, James Portello, "Fear."

Mr. Sydney Gelfand, one of Blair's art instructors, has remarked that it is most curious that of the eight winners, five are sophomores.

## Juniors Capture National Awards

Two Juniors have won national awards in the 1954 Scholastic Writing Contest sponsored nationally by Scholastic Magazine and in this area by the Evening Star.

Winning in the essay division was Blair student, Beverly Bosworth, who won commendation for an essay entitled "The Silent Plea." Her theme involved the life of a boy who lived in the slums.

Honorable Mention was awarded to Victor Ricci in the Short Story division. The story was entitled "The Long Walk," which concerned a condemned murderer's thoughts. Both Beverly and Victor won gold keys in the Star Contest for their writings.

Blair has outnumbered all other area participants in the contest for four consecutive years.

## Corey Captures First For Citizenship Essay

Jean L. Corey, senior, is the winner of this year's Citizenship Essay Contest sponsored by the Civitan Club of Silver Spring.

Jean entitled her award winning essay, "The Privileges and Duties of a Citizen," and will receive a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond. The judges were unanimous in declaring this year's winning entry as the best they have read since initiating the contest five years ago.

Seniors of four Montgomery County schools were chosen as entrants, and from these, three winners in each school were eligible for final judging. In the division, "Best Essays By Schools," from Blair, Jean again won first place, De Estye Graumman was awarded second place, and Eileen Engstrom received third place.

Outstanding boy or girl citizens from the four schools were chosen

some weeks previously by vote of their classmates for the Civitan Club Citizenship Award Contest. Students winning here by choice of their peers were seniors Rosemary Nisonger and Student Council President Terrin Hicks.

Awards in all classes are being presented at the A.A.U.W. Luncheon program today by Judge Alfred D. Noyes, of the Juvenile Court of Montgomery County. Judge Noyes will address the group in a speech on "Fighting Juvenile Delinquency and Our Progress."

## Senior Boys Earn Awards, Certificate

Three seniors won honor ratings at the George Washington University's annual High School Discussion Conference and earned for Blair the Certificate of Distinction on April 13.

Among the top ten speakers of the day were Allen Shine and Norwood Beverage. Jack Anderson was a member of the best panel Discussion group.

"How can present procedures and practices of Congressional investigations be improved?", was the "timely" topic of discussion.

The conference, sponsored annually by Dr. L. P. Leggette, was known as the "Spring Conference" and was a follow-up of the Fall, or November 24, conference.

Delegates attended from the local Virginia, District of Columbia, and Maryland areas. Mr. Donald Loughrie directed the group from Blair.

## Seniors Achieve Honor For Poetry

Four seniors have been honored by the National Association of High School Poetry for their achievements in this field.

The girls, Sally Griffith, Cynthia Ferrell, Carolyn Galt, and Susan Curtis, are all members of Mrs. Dorothy Love's English IV class.

Selecting the best selections from their works, the girls sent their poetry to the Association office in San Francisco for judging.

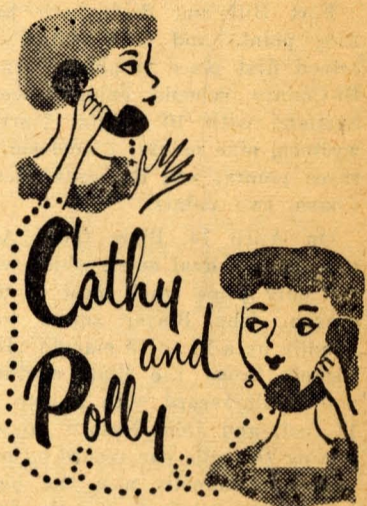
High school students throughout the country submit their works to this group for judging. Those which are selected as best are printed in the Association magazine.

The girls' poetry will appear in the spring issue of National Anthology of High School Poetry. A copy of this issue has been requested by the Library.

## Thirty Seniors Take Exam, Enter Mathematical Contest

Entering the mathematical contest sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America, 30 seniors took the 80-minute examination May 6.

The senior who makes the highest score on the test will receive a Certificate of Merit from the Association and will also be eligible for State and Division prizes.



"I've got practically all my vacation clothes packed—have you?"



"Almost everything—except for my new bathing suit. Three more days and we'll be on our vacation—and getting paid for it, too!"



"Yes, it's nice to know that the telephone company pay check keeps coming right along."



"It's a good place to work all right—and this year's graduates will be smart to see about a telephone job when they finish school!"



# Trackmen Tie For State Meet

In a deadlock with Fort Hill High of Cumberland, Blair's track team tied for first place in the county division of the Maryland Invitational on May 1 at Maryland University's track.

With fine individual performances the order of the day, John Nesbitt placed second in the mile run; Joe Hogge came in third in the 880 yard run; Bob Swartz ran third in the 220 dash; and Bill Eshelman tied for third in the 440 yard dash. Blair was first in the 880 yard relay and ran third in the mile relay.

Fort Hill and Blair both had 22½ points and both teams received first place trophies. Other Bi-County schools entered were Suitland with 10 points; Northwestern, nine points; Bladensburg, three points; and Bethesda-Chevy Chase, two points.

On April 14, Blair faced Annapolis in a dual meet, which was the only home track meet of the season. The Blazer squad won handily by a 81 to 18 margin. Jim Pickett broke the Blair stadium pole vault record with a leap of 11 feet, and John Nesbitt missed setting the mile run record by one second. Annapolis won the high jump, 100-yard dash, and the shot put, while Blair swept the mile run, mile relay, 440 relay, 220 yard run, 880 yard run, discus throw, broad jump, and pole vault.

At Wilson High School's track,

## 'And So To Sleep Again' Cry Girls After Slumber Party

by Betty and Ellen

If you like to stay awake all night, love loud, blaring music, and 300 girls crawling over you, then join us at the annual girls' slumber party.

We arrived at 6:30, dumped our blankets, and took off. When we returned, we found the gym full of chattering girls and chaperones, of course.

11:00—We've been here quite a while now and not much has happened—yet. Jump rope, shagging, and tumbling are about the only activities thus far, except for the important act of eating, which started long ago. Everything from soup to nuts is being sold in the store.

12:00—Not a soul has dozed off—how could they? When you combine radios, ukes, and a piano, a bit of noise is produced. As before, everywhere we look—food, food, and more food. How long can this last?

1:00—Entertainment is being provided by members of the Variety Show. Miss Baker is doing a wonderful job of imitating Mr. Rubin in the faculty number. What talent?

## Riflers Place In Sectionals; Close Successful Season

Climaxing the season with a big bang, the Blair rifle team placed second in the sectional matches at the University of Maryland on April 24.

Blair edged Northwestern in a prone match by 10 points. Defeating St. John's by 104 points and Bethesda-Chevy Chase by a 56 point margin in April, Blair faced St. John's riflers in a return meeting on May 6 with the results undisclosed, to end the season.

SILVER CHIPS

# Blazers Down Rivals; Lead In League Race

After defeating their arch rivals, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 6-5, and the Rams of Suitland, 3-2, the Blazers feel in prime readiness for their coming games with Bi-County competition.

The Blazers, who are 3-1 in Bi-County play, will encounter chiefly League opposition in their remaining games with exception of the Roosevelt game tomorrow.

## Ray's Roundup

### 'Joe' Gets Views Of Spring Athletes

by Joe Journalist

Joe, a cub reporter, got his assignment and with much esteem went in quest of a scoop.

Joe, with notebook and pencil in hand, descended the gym stairway to the coaches' office in pursuit of pre-game data, when he was overwhelmed with an awaiting throng of players. The commentary went something like this: "Well, if it isn't Shirley Povich"—there was bound to be some sarcasm, but the most frequent comment heard was: "Say, Joe, how about putting my name in the paper."

This request, however, was just an inkling of the feeling in the minds of players who lacked recognition. For a season which thus far had shown great prowess for all spring sports, the attendance had been pitifully sparse.

Time and again it had been the players' "beef" that if the student didn't get to the game they should not add insult to injury by asking the score or how the players fared. The players who had done their share for the school's good name were awaiting student backing for future games.

If Joe Journalist didn't get his story, he did get the views of a group of athletes toward their fans.

Since defeating Frederick, April 13, 10 to 9, the Blazer Nine has proceeded at a .500 clip.

The get-away game before the Easter holidays against Coolidge showed Blair on the wrong end of a 3-1 score. Against Roosevelt at Blair April 27, Blair, which seemed to have the game won, succumbed to a last-inning rally and bowed 7-6.

## Blair Defeats B.-C.C., 6-5

A rivalry was enlivened April 29 between G.-C.C. and Blair; however, this time it was at the Baron's expense.

Things got rolling in the visitor's sixth with the Blazers at a 4-2 deficit when nine men went to bat. Before the Barons were able to put out the fire, the Blazers had pushed across four big runs. The Barons

Blair	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bladensburg	0	0	2	0	1	0
Morris, Culpepper; Hahn, McGee						

made one desperate try in the last frame but could not quite push across the tying run as they lost their first game of the year to the Blazers, 6-5.

## Power Wins 3-2 Victory

Opposing Suitland, the Blazers once more came from behind to take away a victory. Blair's Jerry Power, with some sparkling clutch pitching, witnessed a two-run outburst in the seventh to give the Blazers their victory in Bi-County play by a one-run margin, 3-2.

## Linksmen Remain Undefeated; Rain, Hail Halt Suitland Match

Shutting out Fairfax on the last day of April, Blair's linksmen gained their fourth victory without a defeat at Fairfax by a 9-0 score.

Opening their season with a 9-0 win over St. John's, the golfers, under Coach Conrad Brown, have since gone on to beat Bladensburg, 8-1, at Argyle, and trounce Northwestern at Manor by a 8-1 count. Blair lost a "white-wash" against

golf this season, only to be rained out when each player was up on

Last Friday the Red and White golfers of Montgomery Blair swamped Richard Montgomery of Rockville recording their third 9-0 win in as many games.

his opponent. The match will be re-played at a later date.

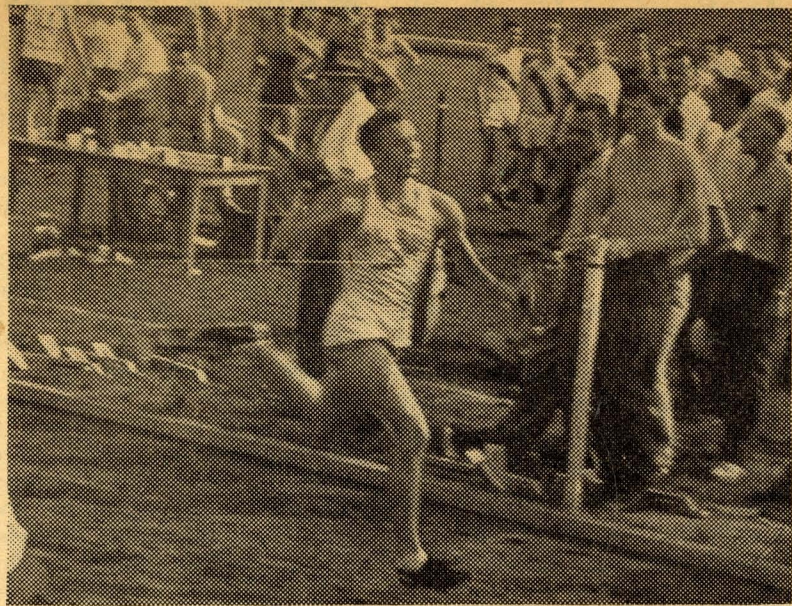


Photo by Charlie Peterson

Bill Eshelman comes in first in the mile relay. Blair and Fort Hill tied for first place in the county division, each school had 22½ points.

Blair placed fourth in the mile relay and third in the sprint medley. George Washington, Washington and Lee, and Wilson won the first, second, and third places in the overall scoring.

The track team has its two most

## Horse-Water Polo Made Easy Or: Duck And You've Had It

by Jer

It has been called to my attention that Blair does not have a water polo team with or without horses. Now this may strike you

as strange, and knowing of your great interest, I decided to investigate the matter.

I then interviewed Ronald Waterlogged, who is the inside-outward right-left wing for the Washington Bats Water Polo and Horse Course Association. I asked him to describe the fundamental rules of this sport. He replied, "Da idear of dis here game is to see who can drown da most udder guys on da udder team. It is done in dis manner: Youse foist finds a horse, you den meunt and run into da water shouting. "Here I come, you lousy bum." And den swing at him. If youse knocks his block off, youse gets three pernts. If youse knocks him inta da water and he drowns, youse gets four and a half."

That was all he said because he was going down for the third time.

## Netmen Unbeaten At Halfway Mark

The Net Squad is currently enjoying one of their better seasons and, at little less than the halfway mark, are undefeated although much tied.

The boys who pound the rubber sphere began this illustrious season by tying Coolidge 4-4 in a match called on account of darkness.

Maryland's Frosh were "taken" on April 8, and, to everyone's surprise, Blair won 5-4. Coach Ernest Rhodes was much delighted by this outstanding triumph and was carried off the field by the elated team. They had no choice since he had fainted after Howard Persky had lost a set point. Howard, seeing Coach Rhodes' condition, recovered his aplomb and went on to win the match.

In their third contest the Netmen tied Western 4-4 in a long, drawn-out contest called on account of darkness. Tim Wright had failed to put in batteries in his flashlight, so the match was called a draw.

Against Northwestern an easier time was had by all in winning 6-3. At this point most of the team are for chucking the rest of the rest of the schedule and playing Northwestern two or three times more.

## Athletes To Contest In 'Little Olympics'

Blair's fourth "Little Olympics", annual intramural track and field meet, will take place on June 2, with the three coaches officiating, Messrs. Ed Rieder, Dave Carrasco, and Conrad Brown.

The contestants are chosen by their coaches in the gym class for their speed and ability. No boy may enter more than three events. The boys will be divided into three groups, each one headed by their coach. Last year Coach Carrasco's boys ran off with the spoils.

Procedure of the games will be the same as the Olympics started by the Greeks and now played every four years. A grand march of the contestants around the stadium, will be followed by the winner and two runners-up receiving their medals from atop the pyramid shaped pedestals.

Students will be excused in the afternoon to attend the event. Any student not wishing to attend may go to one of the study halls.



Photo by Bill Garrett

Bob Peterson (left) is shown chipping to the second green at Fairfax Country Club. Captain Jerry McFerran (right) pitches to the 16th hole.

Northwestern when captain Jerry McFerran had to miss the match. Against Fairfax, all Blazer golfers were victorious as Alan Alkire filled in capably for the absent Robin Ehlert.

On May 3, the Blazers traveled to Prince George's Country Club to take on Suitland, who initiated

Robin Ehlert and Jerry McFerran won their match play and their best-ball play against Bladensburg as did Bob Peterson and Carl Lohren. Johnny Owen and Bob Irelan won their best-ball play, but Irelan, playing in sixth position, lost to Keith Bowie, the Blade's topman.

## Baccalaureate Begins Finale

For 533 seniors, the beginning of the end began yesterday, June 10, as they took the initial step with baccalaureate rehearsal from 9:45 to 12 a.m., at Sligo Church in Takoma Park.

The actual Baccalaureate Service, which an unlimited number of guests may attend, will be held on Sunday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the Sligo Church. Reverend Edward R. Bley from Zion Lutheran Church, will deliver the sermon. An Invocation and Benediction will be given by Rabbi Tzoi H. Porath from Montgomery County Jewish Community Center. Josephine Rogers, Senior Class Chaplain, will deliver her original prayer.

### Rehearsals Begin Monday

Commencement rehearsals start the following day, Monday, in the Blair Stadium from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Dress rehearsal will be Wednesday, June 16, at which time the actual program will be run through in its entirety. Seniors will wear the caps and gowns conforming with all the regulations of white shirts and dark ties for the boys and light colored dresses and shoes for the girls.

Although classes end for seniors at 3:30 today, they will report to homeroom each morning from June 14 through 17.

### Seniors Bid Farewell

Final Commencement rehearsal will be held the morning of graduation, Thursday, June 17, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. At 6:30 p.m., in the stadium the seniors will bid farewell to Montgomery Blair. Reverend Eugene W. Allen from the United Presbyterian Church of the Atonement will deliver the Invocation and Benediction. Diplomas will be presented by Mrs. Willard Edwards from the Board of Education.

## School Year Ends 'In The Tropics'

When the school year draws to a close and all textbooks and exams are forgotten, there is the last fling of the year, the Farewell Dance.

During an evening "in the tropics" students will dance to the beats of Charlie Brown's Serenaders in the gym from 9-12.

This heel-and-tie affair will be the evening of the last day of school, which, if you already haven't circled it on your calendar, is June 17.

Lines of jungle natives will dance about the walls through hanging vines draped from the ceiling with tropical flowers, ferns, and leaves.

As one of the traditional customs, seniors will pass under a tropic-blossomed archway as their dates turn their class rings with a kiss.

## Band, Majorettes Parade New York

As guests of the Silver Spring Lions' Club, the Blair Band and Majorettes will attend the Lions' International Parade in New York, July 7 and 8.

Because of crowded conditions, only the 12 twirlers who participated in the previous Lion's Club contest and the honor color guard will accompany the 84 Band members.

Staying at the St. George Hotel in Brooklyn, the marchers will represent the 22nd District of Lions, which includes Montgomery and Prince Georges counties, the District of Columbia, and surrounding Virginia areas.

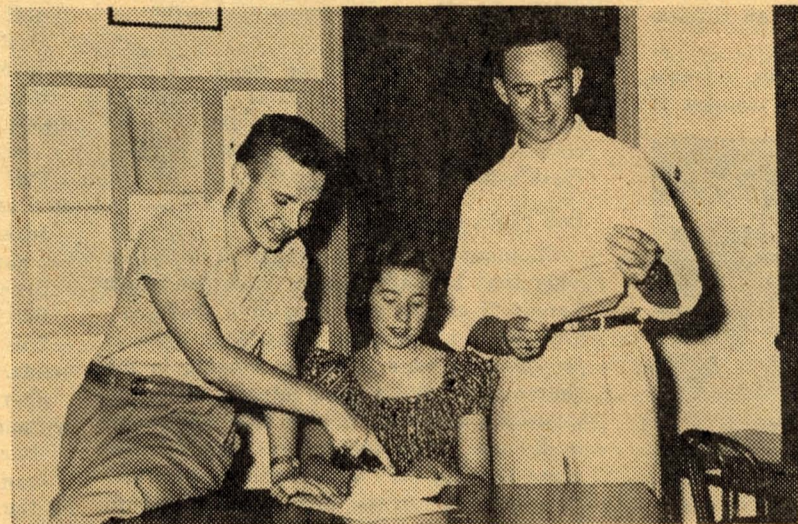
# Silver Chips

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## DuMars, Wheeler, Hicks Rehearse Speeches For Commencement Exercises, Next Week



Seniors Keith Wheeler, Jackie DuMars, and Terry Hicks look over the speeches they will deliver at Commencement.

Photo by Bill Garrett

## Wheaton High Opens; Causes Changes Here

Since fewer students will be attending Blair next year due to the opening of Wheaton High School, certain changes must be made in the program here, including a reduction in the teaching staff, by September.

The major class change which will probably be made is the termination of driver education after this year and the transfer of those instructors into other teaching assignments. Mr. Daryl W. Shaw, principal, explained that driver education is the logical course to eliminate, if such action is necessary, since the ratio of students to teacher is smaller in that field than in any other at Blair.

Although driver education is currently meeting the need of only one fourth of the students who should have it, the course is considered one of the best of its type in Maryland. Aware of this fact and realizing the importance of driver education, parents and members of the administration are trying to find some way to continue it next year.

The second program change to be made by September is the closing of one of the two art rooms. If these reductions remain necessary when school opens, about 125 students will be denied art and approximately 200 others will not get driver education.

In the administrative change to take place, the present faculty of 88 teachers must be reduced to 82.

## Thespians Induct 'Stage-Struck Kids'

Fifteen juniors and seniors will be initiated into the National Thespian Society on June 15 for their proficiency in various fields of dramatics.

The initiation will be in the form of a masquerade, the initiates dressing as characters from famous plays.

The initiates include Bruce Beatty, Peggy Behrman, Bonita Judy Cammisa, Jeanne Ceranton, Juliet Elliot, Julie Francis, Dan Fullmer, Alan Galletly, and Marcia Green.

Other members-to-be are Louise Johnson, Donna Kinkel, Mary Lowe, Dorothy Rutley, David Sabin, Frederick Sellers, Sandra Stack, Richard Street, Barbara Striecher, and Charles Witmer.

This means that several of the teachers leaving the school in June will not be replaced in the fall and their work will be absorbed by other faculty members. The County Board of Education is attempting to provide teachers for the increased enrollment expected in September and is compelled to reduce the number of high school teachers in order to provide a sufficient number of teachers for children in elementary schools. Most of the 5,000 additional students expected to enter Montgomery County schools next year are of that school age, and as a result, more teachers will be needed in the lower grades.

Although Blair's enrollment will show a decrease of only about 50 students next year, Wheaton High will actually accommodate 360 students who would have come here if the new school had not been built. Of this number 200 will be sophomores; the other 160 will be juniors, who are presently in tenth grade here.

## Mexico City Calls Student Exchanges

As part of the Inter-American Exchange Program, five students will spend the summer in Mexico City.

The program offers students the opportunity to live with a family and learn the customs and the language.

Now visiting Blair are Yolanda Canovi, who is visiting Susan Mattison, and Jania Torres de Anda, who is now staying with Lois Darr.

"This is one of the best ways to promote friendship and understanding between the United States and her neighbors to the South," stated Mrs. Audrey Steele, Spanish teacher here.

This summer Kay Payne, Patty Tarbett, and George Rutkaski, from Blair, will exchange visits with Pilar Prieto, Idalia Medinilla, and Alberto Jorge Rebora from Mexico City, respectively. Most of the group will leave around June 21 and remain until the end of August.

With "Education Fifty Years Ago and Today" as the central theme, three seniors will speak at the Commencement exercises, June 17.

Following Blair tradition, these speakers were selected by their fellow classmates for their speaking ability.

First speaker, Keith Wheeler, will give an overall picture of social needs. Jackie DuMars will speak on education fifty years ago. Today's education and how the graduating class is prepared to face problems will be discussed by Terry Hicks, this year's Student Council president.

Keith is president of the Radio Club and a member of Quill and Scroll and the Thespian Society.

Jackie's school activities include the Monogram Society, Honor Society, Silver Chips, Dance Committee, and Majorettes. She is secretary of Quill and Scroll and treasurer of the Library Club.

These speakers were selected from a group of seven in a preliminary contest held before Easter in order to allow them time to do research.

The speeches were then submitted to Mr. Donald Loughrie, speech teacher, and to principal Daryl W. Shaw for approval. A time limit of five minutes has been placed on each speech.

## College Grants Go To Seniors For Scholarship, Extra Work

Over 24 seniors, as of June 1, have received scholarships from colleges throughout the nation for high scholastic records and outstanding work in various fields here.

A few students have received two scholarships from colleges and organizations. Norwood Beveridge has been awarded both a D. C. Alumni scholarship and a general scholarship to Harvard University. Jo Rogers has received a work scholarship of approximately \$300 toward total expenses at Eastern College in Pennsylvania. She will also get her tuition of \$175 paid and will receive \$100 toward her total expenses from the D. C. Baptist Convention.

### Three Receive \$100 Scholarships

Three students have won \$100 Home Economic scholarships to Maryland University. They are Lois Koehler, Jacqueline DuMars, and Judith DuMars.

Winning general scholarships to Connecticut Wesleyan University, Lehigh University, Brown University, and the University of Chicago are Michael Geehan, Douglas Kim, Bruce Beatty, and Glenn Gilbert, respectively. Bruce's scholarship is for \$500 and Glenn's is for \$690. Robert Balentine also has received a \$400 general scholarship to Colgate University.

### Go To Outstanding Students

Scholarships to students outstanding in one particular field also have been awarded. Robert and Richard Goldbach have received scholarships to the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture; Louise Johnson, a \$525 scholarship to Northwestern University; and Carolyn Decker, the P.T.A. teaching scholarship of \$250.

Several other special scholarships have been awarded to seniors,

## Linguists Win Merit

Language students have gained special recognition either through contests or certificates for linguistic achievement in Spanish, French or Latin, the latter having won a nation-wide excellence trophy for the second consecutive year.

This trophy will be presented to the school by Miss Hazel M. Bratt, chairman of the language department, and will be placed in the trophy case at the main entrance.

In this year's national Latin contest Mary Mattison, Paul Kantor, and Barbara Desin scored 117 correct answers out of a possible score of 120.

Second place honors were achieved by the following students: May Jen, William Friedman, Sally Snyder, Gloria Snyder, Gloria Litvinsky, Norwood Beveridge, and Betty Lee Fogel.

In the nation-wide Latin examination these Blairites placed third: Elise Robinson, Elinor Quigly, Fred Norton, Betty Bowman, Judith Hummel, Suzanne Katzin, Richard Smith, Barbara McCullah, Malcolm Martin, James Pfifer, Martha Propst, and Robert Burt.

New members of the National Latin Honor Society are Mary Mattison, Norwood Beveridge, Allan Shine, Terry Winner, Sally Snyder, Paul Kantor, May Jen, William Friedman, Malcolm Martin, Gloria Litvinsky, Ruth Parsons, Robert Moore, and Bernard Devorski.

Receiving the certificate of superior merit in their two-year study of Spanish are Paul Halesky, Lorraine LeRoy, Kenneth Kruse, Ellen Heft, Joan Norris, Fred Ellerman, Cecile Barksdale, Jean Scoltock, Susan Sinclair, Adrian English, Marilyn Valey, Jackie DuMars, Judy Lindner, Betty Ann Ashmore, and Richard Hyland.

Certificates were received by the following: Norwood Beveridge, Robert Cooper, Sue Crowley, Janet Michellod, and Ruth Scherger for general excellence in French.

including the principal scholarship in N.R.O.T.C. to Maurice Glatzer and the Maryland Alumni Scholarship to Allen Schine, both for \$600. Sally Griffith has received the Jane Adams scholarship of \$700 to Rockford College for four years; Mary Ann Sorrells has won the Mary Graydon scholarship for \$350 to American University; and Ronald Culpepper and John Water have received scholarships from the cooperative program of N.O.L. to the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Legislative scholarships to St. Mary's Seminary and Junior College and to Western Maryland have been awarded to Dorothy Robinson and Ellen Duval, respectively. Barbara Carmack has received the \$150 Board of Education scholarship to M.J.C.; Pauline Fuchs, the Monogram Society Scholarship; and Raymond Anderson, a scholarship for \$285 to Benjamin Franklin University.

## Chorus To Appear At Closing Events

Completing a lengthy schedule of appearances this year, the Advanced Chorus, under the direction of Miss Mary Cross, will sing at the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises.

The approximate 55 members of the group have practiced every day and will continue during the last week of school.

They will sing "Ours Is the World," "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee," and "Give Us Faith," at the exercises.

# Happy Holidays

Vacation time has come again for millions of kids (like us) across the nation. To many of us they are a source of sheer excitement. Unfortunately, others feel that the only thing vacations are for is an excuse to close the school. Here are two views on vacation.

Summer vacation is coming soon for Daisy and Mazie. They are typical of the many teen-agers in our schools today.

Daisy, a practical young miss with ideas of attending a good college some day, is going to do part-time work this summer. Some of her vacation will be spent sightseeing and having a good time with her friends.

Mazie, who is a bit impractical, wants to have all play and no work on her holidays. While her friends are having fun and being wise earning extra money, Mazie will be sitting at home (having fun?).

Holidays will be here next week. How will you spend yours? How many of us will feel blue in September because we have nothing to show for our summer efforts except a beautiful tan?

Have a happy vacation!

## Today's Senior

Commencement! The beginning of the future for another group of Blair graduates.

Today's senior class is well equipped for tomorrow's scientific age. In time, perhaps, the harvest will provide statesmen, doctors, lawyers, mothers, and homemakers.

Some will continue their education in college; others will serve their country in the armed forces. Each has a dream, something he has been striving to gain. Now the time is close at hand, the time of decision. Most graduates will grab it; a few will let it slip by.

Only those, who fight and conquer evil, will win. All that is left to say is to keep punching, have faith, and remember your alma mater.

We who will follow in your footsteps congratulate you on your accomplishment. From your ranks will come tomorrow's leaders.

## Rufus Reviews Activities Of Year; Assures His Return In September

Roving through the halls in search of someone to review the past year, we found Rufus Far Frombright lounging in Detention Hall. Here was a perfect prospect; an old pro in the six-year course on "How to Get Out."

"Well, do you remember Mr. Shaw's opening the 'cages'? And, of course, everyone knew a soph from an upperclassman because sophs grinned all day and ran eagerly to each class (for one week).

"Boys, wearing red underwear and helmets, ran around the stadium; then the broadcast booth burned down before the man with the camera fell off. There was a big fire, where they burnt some guy. After this, the boys put away the red underwear!"

Yawningly he continued, "Everyone had a case of spring fever, awhile back. Now they run around like headless chickens—don't know why. They're too happy for school's being so close to the end."

We assumed that his displeasure was due to his absence from the graduation class. Hearing of the coming activities, he mumbled, "Yep, but I'll be waiting right here next year!"

## Senior Spotlight

# Editors Leave Duties To Underclassmen; Make Preparations For College Debuts

Rosemary Nisonger and Bob Balentine are bidding farewell to their jobs on Silver Chips and looking toward the future.

Rosie, who is editor-in-chief and president of Quill and Scroll, is also a member of the Library Club, Monogram Society, Publicity Committee, Baccalaureate Committee, and winner of the Civitan Citizenship award.

Co-sports editor, Bob Balentine, is treasurer of the Senior Class, and a member of

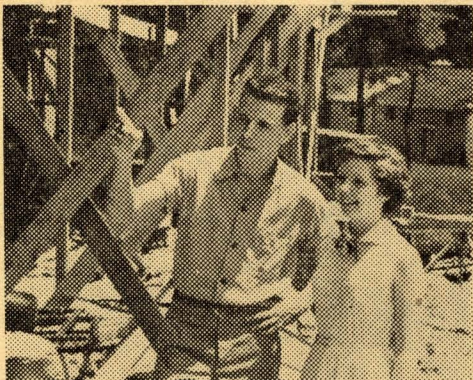


Photo by Bill Garrett

Rosemary and Bob view the new gym.

Quill and Scroll, the Chair Committee, and the Senior Executive Committee.

Both Rosemary and Bob plan to take liberal arts courses and major in social science but are undecided as to the future. Rosie will attend Maryland University, while Bob plans to attend Colgate University on a scholarship awarded him recently on the basis of his high grades.

Rosemary's interests include cooking, tennis, badminton, dancing, popular music, and people. She makes most of her clothes and likes to design them. Her pet peeves are delicious food with lots of calories and people who can't take jokes.

This 5'3" miss was born in Columbus,

## President Makes Plans; Calls For Student Help

by Lee Briggs

The key-note of next year's policy in Student Council is better school spirit. A school of Blair's quality and size should promote the best spirit possible. We realize that the barriers which prevent the best spirit possible are found in both the student body (and Student Council) and in close connecting outside parties. It is our earnest belief that if the student body and Student Council were working in close unison toward the removal of these barriers, a stronger spirit would develop.

Our plans in brief are as follows:

1. Close alliance between Student Council and student body through the greater participation of the student body in Council activities and a better informed student body on Council affairs. To accomplish this, we plan both to limit the number of positions any one person can hold and to present the student body with summaries of Council activities as well as certain posted reports.

2. To create an active participating Alumni Association in extra school activities. As has been pointed out before, with the help of an active Alumni Association made up in part of business men and women, many of the obstacles facing a high school in connection with the community and financial problems would disappear.

3. Re-arrange and equip the Student Council with a more efficient system of operation. This means a system based on the knowledge gained by past mistakes.

4. And also to create an even more cooperative attitude between the faculty, student body, and Student Council than displayed in the past.

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Ohio, and then moved to the Silver Spring area, where she has attended S.S.I., Takoma, and Blair. For the past two summers, she has supplemented her high school program with courses in journalism and dramatics at Catholic University. Rosie also acted as registration chairman for the Maryland Scholastic Press Association Convention last year.

"If you should ever see some boy way back in the corner in Miss McCarthy's French class, fifth period, that's me," claims Bob. "I am an avid French student (just ask Miss McCarthy)."

### Bob Fears Girls

Claiming that he is afraid of girls, he adds that he likes Tango music but can't Tango. "I can listen to anything that's not too classical," he says. Nat King Cole is his favorite singer. Besides singing in his church choir, Bob's main interest is sports, especially baseball. Bob (whose real name is Robert Wade Balentine) finds his pet peeve running the 880 in physical education. "Everytime I run the half-mile, I get sick," he states.

"You might say I'm five foot, two, eyes of blue, but I'm not," laughs Bob. Actually he is 5'10", weighs 150 pounds, with a brown crew cut.

### Moves To Wheaton Area

He was born in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, "a mighty fine little place" according to Bob, on July 10, 1936. Then Bob moved to Wheaton in time to start the seventh grade at Montgomery Hills.

Bob is often teased by friends with remarks like "Ask him if he brought his Balentine."

In conclusion, Rosemary and Bob gayly wished their successors as much good fortune and the continued good times which they, themselves, enjoyed while on Chips.

Now Rosie and Bob are waiting for their college debuts.

# Columnists Predict Wedding Bells, Bugle Calls, Frat Parties Ahead

by Fred and Walt

It seems as though we just begin getting accustomed to turning in an article once every three weeks when we find summer vacation is upon us and "last issue" time has arrived. This is the second year we

## Suntans, Dancing, Jobs Available at Ocean City

by Sally Smith

After the last dog dies on June 17, hordes of Blair students will find themselves walking down the three-mile boardwalk once again. Ocean City is now in full bloom.

Whether you are going for pleasure or a summer job, Ocean City always attracts Blairites.

Having recently been there, I noticed that there are a number of job opportunities in the shops on the boardwalk. The minimum age is 18, as it also is for hotel work.

Perhaps one of the finest services Ocean City has to offer is the Teen Age Club. The group meets in the ballroom on Monday through Friday evenings. Dress is informal for these record dances. On five Wednesday evenings during the season, semi-formal dances are held. Participation in this club's activities is a fine way to meet new friends and see fellow Blairites.

Many Blair students go to Ocean City in large groups for a week in order to have on expenses. Some seasoned followers of this practice estimate that the cost per person for one week in Ocean City can be as low as \$20. This means living in cottages off the boardwalk. A large group can usually rent an entire cottage. By bringing as much food from home as possible, expenses can be cut somewhat. Some may think the estimate is a little optimistic, but it has been done.

See you in Ocean City this summer!

## Klassy Kwotes

# Seniors List Memoirs Of High School Days

What will you remember most about Blair?

Joy Estes: The friendliness. It's the friendliest school I've ever gone to.

Tom Malloy: The weekends!

Margaret Seltzer: The jolly old lunch table.

John Durkovic: Today 12-7, tomorrow the world!

Jo Rodgers: The wonderful principal and college counselor.

Bruce Beatty: "Will the following people please report. . ."

Ann Storm: The stampede at lunch time.

Phil Melvin: I remember the insane turmoil at 3:30.

Jeanne Rice: Those crazy, mixed-up slumber parties.

Bruce Fales: Detention Hall.

Betty Carr: The miles I've walked.

Bob Durham: Mr. Horne's crazy experiments.

Sherry Wooldridge: The teasing I got for my southern accent.

Mike Corridon: Traffic jams in the halls.

Jean McFerran: All the '52 and '53 signs on the walls.

Norwood Beveridge: Senior girls.

Arla Saunderson: I'll always remember the crowded halls.

Ronnie Culpepper: The too small wastebaskets I always missed.

Mickey Miller: That "straight" white line in the hall.

Janice Heindenreich: The homework—and that's it, believe me.

Stewart Allen: The pretty girls.

Allen Galletly: The old cafeteria.

Alicia Smith: Mr. Marks' "little" Economics and Government "quizes."

Jim Hendershot: Senior trip to New York.

Mary Wooster: Mr. Fox's Chemistry class.

Richard Brown: Mr. Rhodes' Mechanical Drawing class.

Bob Jarboe: Drag races in the parking lot.

Sandra Stack: The friendly kids.

Avon Chisholm: Mr. Rubin.

will be bidding a fond adieu to our Senior Class. Goodbye, kids, we'll miss you; you've all been bricks through the whole ugly mess.

You know, when you leave this school, you'll be making a transition into something quite unlike high school life. You may be entering college, or a vocation of your choice. Then again, we could turn to the more lurid alternatives such as marriage or a letter from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue (and we don't mean one of Mamie's "teas"). Or maybe as a final ultimatum from a teacher you may find a bomb in your diploma.

In case you're wondering just what graduation is going to be like, you can read "Inside a High School Graduation," by John Gunther. If you enjoy this book, you may also enjoy Gunther's "Inside College," and next month another one of John Gunther's "Insides" is coming out.

If you do wind up in college amongst the fraternities, sororities, professors (text-books wired for sound), etc., you may get into such a situation as a sorority party or a frat blow-out. We want to warn you not to drink anything stronger than Pop there.

We do, however, want to go along with the many others who will be wishing you all the luck in the world and best wishes for the coming years.

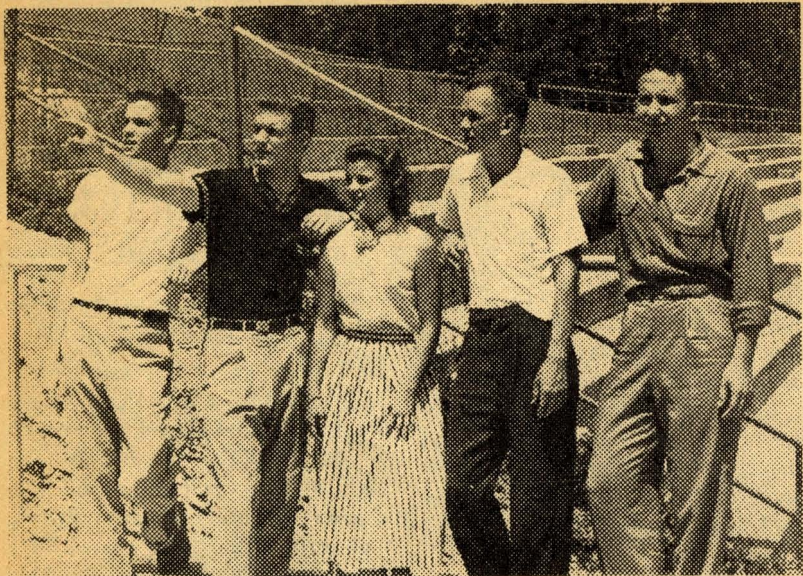
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# Lee Briggs, Ralph Lopez Take Council Leadership Next Year



Newly-elected school officers are (left to right) Bob Colvin, Lee Briggs, Phyllis Holt, Alan Smith, and Ralph Lopez.

"I am deeply honored that the students have placed their confidence in me," asserted Lee Briggs, newly elected Student Council president.

Lee's school activities include the Assembly Committee and Order Committee. In the tenth grade Lee served as vice president, having held several offices in Takoma.

The runner-up, Ralph Lopez, automatically became vice president. Ralph was also vice president of Montgomery Hills Junior High.

Other candidates for the office of president were Nick Rouse and Don Wheeler. Alan Smith, chief justice, defeated Bill Kogok and Bill Rast. For the office of secretary, Phyllis Holt defeated Judy Fine and Gretchen Loeser, while Bob Colvin, treasurer, defeated Dave Williams and Bill Culpepper.

Newly elected Student Council representatives for the senior class are Nick Rouse, Richard Brown, Bill Kogok, Shirley Iwata, and Bill Scheik. Junior class representatives are Dave Williams, Gretchen

## Club Initiates 24 Journalists

Aubrey Graves, columnist for the Washington Post and Times-Herald, told members and 24 initiates of Quill and Scroll of job opportunities in journalism and of the power of the press today at their annual banquet, May 25.

Mr. Graves stressed that he would never encourage anyone to follow a career in newspaper work unless he or she is determined to succeed.

### Beveridge Emcees

Sally Griffith, chairman of the banquet committee, gave the invocation while Norwood Beveridge acted as master of ceremonies. Rosemary Nisonger gave the president's report and presented Miss Marian Schwartz with an honorary membership for her encouragement of the publications.

Initiates from Silver Chips were Ann Chalupsky, Bill Garrett, Bob Mann, Ellen Ragan, Betty Reid, and Fred Sellers.

Silverlogue nominated Mary Abrahamsen, Marilyn Boote, Carol Cox, Ellen Green, Peggy Muntz, Jeanine Pair, Jean Rice, Joy Swett, Margy Weidman, and Jo Ann Wolman.

### Four Groups Give Candidates

Silver Quill initiates were Walt Kraemer and Phyllis Heflin.

Carolyn Decker and Sally Smith were initiates from the Radio Club.

From Praeco Argenteus, Elise Robinson, Allan Shine, Sally Snyder, and Terry Winner were admitted.

Loeser, Carolyn Cooley, Bill Dixon, and Connie Fry.

According to Jackie Dean, elections chairman, less than half the student body voted for Student Council representatives.

## Alumni News

### Graduates Receive Honors At College

Blair graduates at Dartmouth and Columbia Universities, and Montgomery Junior College have recently received honors at their respective schools.

Running against 10 other candidates, Newton Frohlich was recently elected president of the class of 1956 at Columbia College for the academic year of 1954-55, which will be his junior year.

#### Not First Office at Columbia

This is not the first office he has held at Columbia. In his freshman and sophomore years, he was one of the two representatives to the Board of Student Representatives and has been writing for the editorial staff of Columbia's daily newspaper, the Spectator.

In Newton's junior year at Blair, he was awarded the Ford Foundation Scholarship for two years. He has recently been advised that the grant of \$1,000 per year will be continued. He was editor-in-chief of Silver Chips and president of Quill and Scroll.

#### Graduates to Hold Positions

Montgomery Junior College recently elected four 1953 Blair graduates to hold positions in their Student Council for the coming year.

Saul Honigsberg will serve as president of the Student Government and Roberta Geehan as vice president. Paul Harris and Phillip Devore are regular members, representing next year's sophomore class.

James Barker, now a sophomore at Dartmouth College, has been named chief announcer of WDBS, student-operated radio station there. He graduated from Blair in 1952.

### Junior Student To Attend Annual Girls' State Meet

Barbara Frenz will attend the annual meeting of Girls' State in Annapolis, sponsored during summer vacation by the American Legion.

Representing Blair and the Cissel-Saxon Post of the Legion in Silver Spring, this junior girl will attend all the meetings, which are scheduled during the week of June 21. Barbara, as the winner of this award, will have all her expenses paid, including food, lodging, and transportation.

# Students Receive Awards, Honor For Achievements At Assembly

Over 250 deserving students were honored recently for high scholastic, extracurricular, and sports achievement at the June Awards Assembly.

As the junior girl outstanding in scholarship and extracurricular activities, Carol Megby received the Elmira College Key, while Barbara Roome received the Radcliff College Book Award. Both are presented annually on the same basis.

The Harvard University annual book award went to junior Paul Halesky.

#### Hicks, Persion Win

The Danforth Foundation annual book award to an outstanding senior boy and girl was presented to Terry Hicks and Marjorie Persion.

Ulrich Kurzweg received the D. C. Chapter of Renaissance Polytechnic Institute Alumni Association Medal for highest scholastic record in science and mathematics.

The Chevy Chase Chapter of the D.A.R. presented the Good Citizenship medals to seniors Natalie Warfield and Jack Anderson. The same organization also gave Lorraine LeRoy the U. S. History Medal for superior achievement in this subject.

Beverly Shetler was presented with the Sons of the American Revolution Citizenship Award.

The Bauschland Lomb Award to a senior boy outstanding in science went to Michael Geehan.

#### Kim Excels In Math

Douglas Kim received the Mathematics Certificate of merit as a reward for competitive examinations by the Mathematics Association of America.

Receiving the Citizen's Building and Loan Association Award for the most outstanding contribution to Banking activities was Joyce Carson.

B'nai B'rith gave to Jack Anderson a \$100 bond. He was chosen by the Senior Class for the most outstanding qualities of leadership.

## Faculty Facts . . . by Howard Persky

### Mrs. Duey, Busy Bee, Sews; Raises Flowers With Husband

After several vain attempts this reporter finally succeeded in cornering Mrs. Louise Duey, office secretary, and in between the clicking of typewriters and the request of teachers for detention hall slips she managed to give a few facts about herself.

This busy lady had just related that she was born in Fowler, Ohio, and attended Ohio University at Athens, when she was interrupted by a request to find mimeograph sheets for a teacher. Having returned and seated herself, she continued. After three years at Ohio she received her teacher's certificate and began teaching the first grade in Ohio. Upon coming to Montgomery County, she taught commercial classes and managed the bank at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville. At this instant a student rushed to the desk and breathlessly asked for ditto sheets, and off she went for about five minutes, after which she returned and continued.

Mrs. Duey came to Blair in 1949 and was immediately swamped as the huge increase in student enrollment began. Just then another person came and asked if she could

Mr. D. W. Shaw presented school Monograms to the following seniors: Annabelle Acree, Betty Ann Ashmore, Anne Chalupsky, Margaret Clements, Nancy Denison, Marilyn Dennis, Eileen Engstrom, Adele Ervin, Cynthia Ferrell, Christene Freeburger, Glenn Gilbert, Sonny Harper, Jerome Kearns, Diane Kempfer, Donna Kinkle, Joan Norris, Faye Roberts, Allan Shine, and Mary Woster.

#### Fifteen Get Monograms

Juniors receiving their Monograms were: Mary Abrahamsen, Sandra Babcock, Beverly Bosworth, Jean Charuhas, Ann Diedrich, Shirley Iwata, Walter Kraemer, Sharon McKenzie, Kay Payne, Dorothy Rice, Bill Scheick, Joy Swett, Marjorie Weidman, Donald Wheeler, and Betty York.

Keith Wheeler and Anne Chalupsky were given the Radio Club Plaque, a new award this year, for outstanding achievement in the field of radio.

The Commercial Department presented awards for superior work in typing, shorthand, and office practice.

Eleven girls in Typing I received awards for at least two perfect timings of 50 words per minute or better for five minutes: Joan Bentz, Barbara Caparotti, Joyce Cohen, Dawna Belle Gooch, Sue Guberman, Mary Lowe, Robert Meroney, Karen Peterson, Doris Schuman, and Maria Eugenia Zamudio. These students typed at least three ten-minute timings with 60 or more net words per minute with not more than three errors: Mary Ann Clark, Vivian Reeden, Adele Ervin, and Ellen Heft.

#### Shetler Wins Gregg Pin

Shorthand I awards for 80 words for five minutes went to Mary Giddings, Loretta Hallman, and Diane Hornbeck. Five minutes at 80, plus at least one minute at 100 was accomplished by 13 girls: Alice Blankenship, Sonia Bursenos, Nancy Crawford, Aiyka Karklins, Barbara Martin, Carol Megby, Joan Norris, Bernice Ruth, Barbara Snyder, Sue Trevas, Margaret Whitt, Janis Carrico, and Betty Denny. The last two girls were tied for the best papers. In Shorthand II, the following girls passed the Official Gregg Test with 120 words for five minutes: Mady Brody, Adele Ervin, Vivian Reeden, and Beverly Shetler. Beverly was presented the Gregg pin for the best paper.

The Ediphone's International First Award in Office Practice went to Delores Williams. Ediphone's International Second Highest Award was

given to 10 girls: Sandra Stye, Barbara Thompson, Rosemary Martell, Beverly Shetler, Gayle Crawford, Pauline Fuchs, Carolyn Edwards, Joan Craver, Mady Brody, and Mary Ann Clark.

Remington-Rand, Inc., presented their International Proficiency Certificate for Indexing and Filing Systems to Hinda Zinnamon, Pauline Fuchs, and Carolyn Edwards. Department Awards for Secretarial Office Services went to Charlotte Higgs, Jane Spates, Jean Ferguson, Barbara Carmack, Rita Federline, and Betty Bell. The Proficiency Certificate for Clerical Skills in Essential Business Forms was given to Virginia Stachura.

The Outstanding Player Award to a senior girl in Physical Education was presented to Joan Buch. Five other girls received their athletic B's.

#### Trevas Cops Tennis Cup

Melvin Keller was given the award for the outstanding soccer player along with 26 other varsity and junior varsity members who received their letters.

The Outstanding Senior Track Award went to John Nesbitt, who is also the team captain, and 14 letter awards went to the other team members.

Bob Trevas received a trophy for being selected as the outstanding tennis player. Six other members of the tennis team received letter awards.

#### Sterns Merits Waters Trophy

The Waters Trophy, given to the Rifle Team champion went to Ronald Sterne. Receiving letter awards were eight other members.

On the Girls' Rifle Team, Helen Barnard was given a medal for the team's highest scorer at the W. R. A. sectional meet. Ruth Ahl received a medal for being second highest scorer in all competition. Carol Megby was presented with an emblem for being high scorer in monthly N. R. A. competition. A varsity emblem and certificate went to Sally Lyons and Barbara Frenz. Six other girls received certificates.

Golf letters went to members of the regular golf team and two alternates.

## Future Docs, Nurses Announce Officers

Dorothy Rice, junior, succeeded to the presidency of the Future Doctors and Nurses Club at its recent installation tea for all the group's new officers.

Officers were installed by Mrs. Vestal Gardner, club adviser and school nurse; and Anabelle Acree, the club's past president. Carl Corey was elected vice president; Marjorie Denison became secretary; Shirley Iwata will head membership committee and Hoffman takes over the program committee chairmanship.

#### Iwata, Rice, Grubb Preside

Other officers presiding this year were Shirley Iwata, vice president; Dorothy Rice, secretary; and Joyce Grubb, program chairman.

The tea was attended by groups from Montgomery Hills, Eastern, Takoma, and Sherwood Junior high schools.

#### County Supervisor Attends

Also attending were Miss Denison, the school nursing supervisor of Montgomery County; Miss Sadie Gladwin, director of nursing of Montgomery County. Other guests were from the faculty including its principal, D. W. Shaw; its counselors, Mrs. Elizabeth MacDonald, Miss Lucile Appleby, and Mr. Robert Henley; Miss Marian Schwartz, vice principal; and Blair's librarians, Miss Elizabeth Stickley and Mrs. Julia Ardayne.

The Club's aim is to establish means for closer study of and contact with the medical and nursing professions.

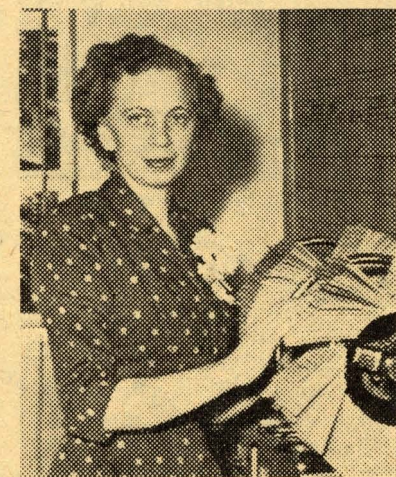


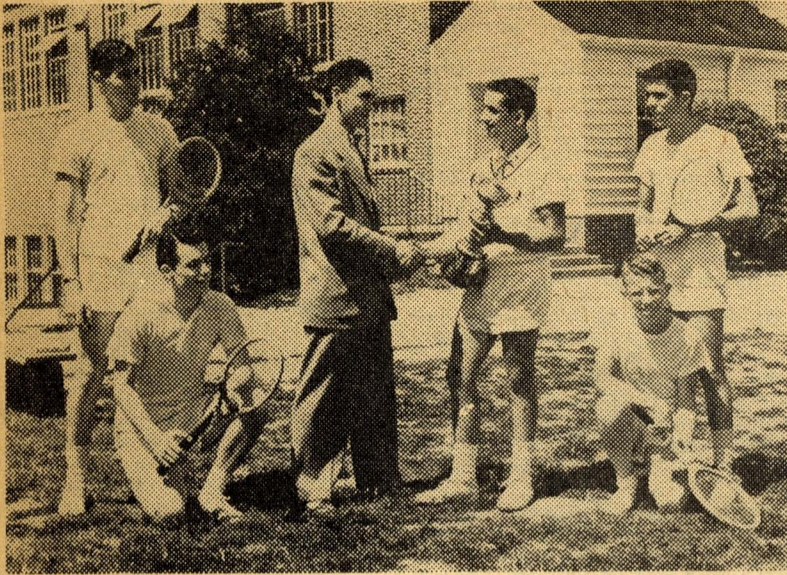
Photo by Charlie Peterson  
Mrs. Louise Duey

do a rush letter and again she was off.

Ten minutes passed, and she returned a third time. Her hobbies, she observed, are sewing and growing flowers. The latter she shares with her husband, who has won several prizes for flower arrangements.

To the question, "What are some of your duties in the office?" she replied, "Just about everything." Events in connection with securing this interview more than proved her statement.

# Netmen Finish Season; Trevas Cops Trophy



Receiving the Leif Beck Tennis Trophy from net squad coach, Ernest Rhodes, is senior captain Bob Trevas. Other players (from left to right) are Tom Patterson, Phil Melvin, Jim Pfieler, and Joel Goldstein. Missing from the picture is junior regular Howard Persky.

Capping a better than average season of 5-3-2, Coach Ernest Rhodes, of the tennis team, awarded the Leif Beck Trophy to Bob Trevas, the netmen's most outstanding senior member, at the Awards Assembly.

Bob has played varsity tennis for all of his three years at Blair and Coach Rhodes considers him one of his more outstanding players. Bob, he declares, plays a savagely offensive game with a hard, smooth forehand and a smashing first service, which, although erratic at times, can come through and ace even the best of players as evidenced against Donald Dell, the number one boys' player in the country. In the D. C. Junior Tennis Tournament, Bob took the first three games before Dell recovered and went on to win. His main fault, he stated, was a weak backhand, which with time and practice can be ironed out.

The Blazer netmen concentrated more on Bi-County teams this year

## Cheerleaders Elect Burkhalter, Head

That junior, Sandra Burkhalter, a short blond commercial student, will be captain of the cheerleaders in 1954-55, was announced at the Ed and Marjorette Banquet recently.

Previous to the announcement, juniors and three sophomores had been elected as new additions to the cheerleading squad.

Sophomores chosen were Marjorie Dennison, Bobby Keegan, and Pat Narey.

Juniors Sandra Lovre, Ruth Peterson, Barbara Ryan, and Charlene Sanger will also be on the squad next year.

These girls were chosen after try-outs lasting a full week. The veteran cheerleaders voted on the performances of those trying out. Each contestant had to learn three cheers under the coaching of the squad. It is hoped that the cheerleaders will perform well in promoting school spirit next past year's has.

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# 'Future Bright In All Sports,' State Coaches

by Fred Dorsey

Future sports at Blair will be strengthened next year by the return of juniors, as seniors, who were the real strength in the Varsity sports this year and promising groups coming from the junior high schools.

Competition from rival schools will not be as strong as it was last year because many of them will be weakened by the loss of outgoing seniors. The opening of the two new high schools, Wheaton High in Montgomery and Hi Point in Prince Georges County, will give competition to only the Junior Varsity.

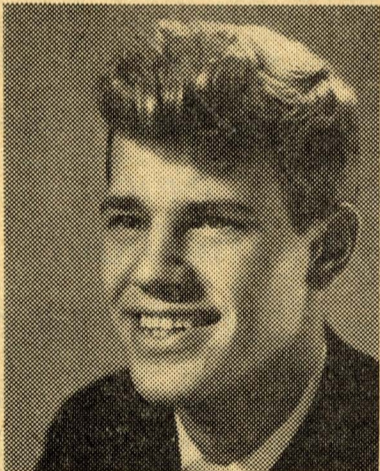
Blair was runner-up in all sports in the newly-organized Bi-County League. Next year it is believed that the League will be better organized and be recognized throughout the state for its strength.

In an interview with this reporter, Coach David Carrasco said, "Next year whether we be on home or opponents' fields, athletes will respond and perform as players have never before performed in the history of Blair's Varsity program." The completion of the new Gym and the extension of the track around the whole stadium should be great factors in turning out better crowds for each of the Varsity sports, he pointed out.

The Junior Varsity will have a more attractive schedule than last year. More home games for the basketball team will also be scheduled for next year.

## Ex-Sports Editor's Death Saddens School, Friends

News of the tragic death recently of Ralph E. Dewhirst, Jr., former



Ralph E. Dewhirst, Jr.

Chips sports editor, saddened many faculty, students, and alumni of this school.

One of Blair's first two boy cheerleaders, Buddy, as his friends and family affectionately called him, was known for his cheery smile and friendly manner.

Because of his strong interest in printing, Ralph enrolled during his junior year in the journalism class. There he contributed reference material and reports on journalistic typography, in which he already possessed a mature back-

ground. Throughout much of his high school years he attended special classes in printing and lithographing since there was no printing department here as yet.

Buddy edited boys' sports and served as typography editor of Chips during his senior year.

Following his graduation in 1950, Ralph continued his study of printing and lithographing at Rochester Institute of Technology, from which he was later graduated.

After his enlistment in the Navy, Buddy again found himself engaged in his favorite occupation, printing. He was a Navy lithographer, stationed at the Marine Corps Clothing Depot in Philadelphia, at the time of his death.

His future plans included joining the business of his father, who is co-owner of the American Printing Company.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister and two brothers, all younger. Kenneth, 19, who graduated from Blair last year is now studying at the Rochester Institute.

## Sterns Wins Rifle Trophy; Marksmen Fifth In Nation

Highlighting the end of the rifle team's season was the presentation of the "Waters Trophy" to Ronald Sterns. This trophy was introduced by the coaches who first started the rifle team here at Blair.

Ronald finished out the year with a 272 average points per match. Next year he will preside as captain of the team along with the returning Gregg Lewis, Nels Morgan, Charles Douglas, and Courtney Schlosser.

Blair finished fifth out of 400 non-military schools in the United States.

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# Blazers Close Bi-County Circuit; 10-6 Record Wins Second Place

The time arrived May 27 around the Bi-County circuit for the respective teams to hang up their baseball gear.

The Blazer squad, who placed second only to Bladensburg in the Bi-County League, closed their season against Northwestern with a decisive score of 15-9. Bladensburg High, however, spoiled Blair's chances of tying for the League's lead May 24 as a last-inning Blade rally secured them the top position.

With the creditable record they held of 10-6, the Blazer squad should be quite satisfied with their performances and, looking to the future, should have a team equally as adept.

Many unexpected sensational players were developed this year, among them many undergraduates. However, the experience and leadership of the senior members will be a great loss to the team next spring. The team will miss their

## Blazers' Statistics

	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	SB	RBI	A
Webster	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	.600
Morris	31	6	13	1	1	1	1	6	.419
Schoen	21	4	7	0	0	0	0	4	.333
Brown	49	10	16	0	0	0	5	6	.327
Culpeper	47	10	14	2	0	0	6	11	.298
Solomon	43	9	12	2	0	0	5	2	.279
Overm'n	53	10	14	3	1	0	3	8	.264
Barbot	47	5	12	3	1	0	3	11	.255
Theofield	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Everett	49	9	11	0	1	0	3	6	.225
J'hnst'n	15	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Power	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Ward	12	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	.167
Morris,B.	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	.167
Lyle	22	3	2	0	0	0	4	1	.090

## Pitching

	IP	R	H	B	B	S	ERA	W	L
Morris	66	30	10	29	45		2.76	7	4
Power	24	14	15	19	27		3.48	3	2
Webster	9	7	7	10	5		1.38	0	0
Gardella	5	5	6	3	5		6.19	0	0
Disque	2	6	4	2	2		17.14	0	0

five outgoing seniors, Captain Bill Overman, Jay Soloman, Sonny Barbot, George Everett, and Ed Ward. However, Coach Stanley Kulakowski is looking forward to having a number of regulars back in '55.

Receiving red letter B's for the '54 season were seniors Jay Soloman, George Everett, Bill Overman,

and Sonny Barbot; juniors Dick Brown and Gregg Morris; and sophomores Bill Culpepper and Ronnie Lyle.

## Athletes Fare Well Throughout 1953-54

by Bob Balentine

Athletics as well as classes come to a close on June 17 for Blairites. Looking back over the 1953-54 year, all Red and White teams have fought hard and played well enough to post creditable records.

Opening the football season with a new head coach, Conrad Brown, and a first-year line coach, Pete Pazahanick, the Blair eleven started off slowly, and gained momentum to find themselves possessing a 4-3-1 record, a vast improvement over 1952's 3-5 log.

### Hoopsters Post 11 Wins

Coach Dave Carrasco's basketball squad was hot and cold throughout the season but still managed to gain eleven wins against nine defeats.

Blair's soccermen won their second Metropolitan Interscholastic Championship in as many tries. Under the guidance of Coach Ed Reider, the booters won four and lost four.

### Thinclads Tie In State

Blair's golfers went into the B.-C.C. match with a 9-0 record and a chance to gain the Metropolitan title, but their efforts fell short as the Barons eked out a 5-4 victory. Aided by lots of sophomore talent, Coach Stan Kulakowski's baseball nine posted a 10-6 record and captured second place in the newly-adopted Bi-County League.

Sparked by John Nesbitt, Coach Rieder's cross-country and track teams have fared well. Blair's thinclads tied for the Maryland State Title with Fort Hill of Cumberland.

Blair will lose many fine athletes because of graduation, but it is hoped that the incoming sophs and upperclassmen will maintain Blair's athletic traditions.

## Mason, Devlin To Enter Model Cars In Nation-Wide Fisher Body Contest

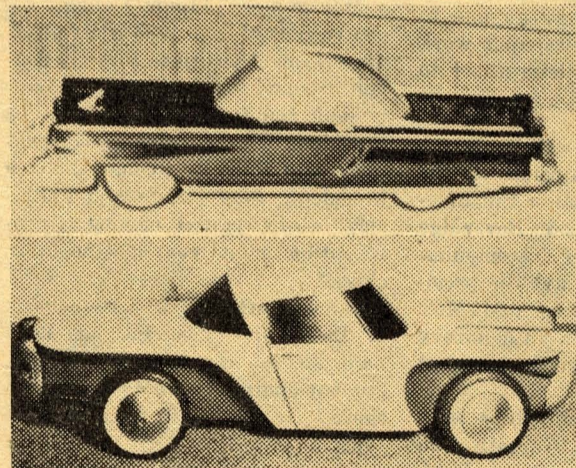


Photo by Charlie Peterson

Judging by the enthusiasm displayed in room D-110, the entries of Charlie Mason and Tommy Devlin seem to have a good chance in the Fisher Body (division of General Motors) body design contest.

The two contestants started their projects soon after the second semester began and worked until deadline time, June 1. First they drew plans in accordance with contest specifications. Next they built model cars of wood and covered them with modeling clay, after which they applied seven coats of lacquer to each of the models. Unassisted, Tom Devlin and Char-

lie Mason completed the entire project, securing only suggestions from their instructor, Mr. Ernest Rhodes.

The models were carefully crated for mailing to the statewide Maryland finals. Winners of this contest receive a trophy, \$150, and complete in the regional division, contesting with Pennsylvania.

The victor of this final travels to Detroit, Michigan, all expenses paid, to vie with 19 other regional winners. Out of the 20, eight winners will be picked, four seniors and four juniors, with scholarships awaiting them upon graduation.