

Win Money!
In English
Contests

Senior Class Gets \$150 Richer Via PTA membership Drive

Blackford's annual Parent Teacher Association, (P.T.A.) membership contest was won by the class of '68, which had 84% of the senior parents joining the P.T.A. The freshmen came in second with 44.7%, the sophomores followed with 40.9%, and the juniors trailed with 39% of the parents in the organization.

The senior class treasury is \$150 richer as a result of winning the P.T.A. membership drive. The other classes each received \$25 for their efforts in promoting the P.T.A.

The top three winning teach-

B.H.S. Alumna 'Soaring High'

Renee Clark, a graduate of Blackford High School in 1965, was chosen from United Air Lines' thousands of stewardesses to represent America at the unveiling of the world's first supersonic airliner.

Renee is one of 16 girls from around the world to be on the maiden flight of the 1,400 miles-per-hour Concorde airliner at Toulouse, in Southern France.

Twenty year old Miss Clark was a student body secretary, cheerleader, and senior play lead at Blackford. After graduating, she spent two years at the University of California at Davis where she was elected freshman class president.

During a brief visit with her parents who live at 3503 Yubane, Miss Clark said she's still not sure why they chose her to represent the airlines.

Broadway's 'Bye Bye Birdie' Selected for School Play

"Bye Bye Birdie" is the title of this year's all-school musical, scheduled to be presented March 21, 22, and 23.

"Bye Bye Birdie" was a highly successful Broadway musical and motion picture several years ago. The plot concerns itself with Conrad Birdie, a teenage rock'n'roll idol who is about to be inducted into the Army. Birdie travels to a small Midwest town to meet Rosie, a teenager who has won first prize in a contest sponsored by the Ed Sullivan program. The prize is being able to kiss Birdie goodbye on his last performance on the Sullivan show. Birdie's presence in the town creates many amusing predicaments.

The songs in "Bye Bye

ers were also dominated by the senior class. Coming in first was Mrs. Gladys Morales with 89 memberships. Second was Mr. Lee Glandon with 82 memberships and third was Mr. Bill Nelson with 81 memberships.

The seniors earned money for P.T.A. memberships by having a car wash which netted over \$70. Funds were also raised by asking students to donate money for the P.T.A.

New Student From Chile: Marcia Cruz

Blackford's foreign exchange students, Hanne Nielson, Joel Redalle, and Uli Weitz, have recently been joined by Marcia Cruz, Youth for Understanding student from Los Andes, Aconcagua province, Chile. This is the largest number of foreign exchange students in Blackford's history.

Sixteen-year-old Marcia is staying with the R. Lindsay family while in the United States.

Marcia is studying American literature (Sophomore English), French IV, A Capella Choir, United States History, and American and Comparative Government while at Blackford High.

Marcia's interests include horse-back riding, swimming, mountain climbing, and music

Wins by Easy Margin

Flood Elected Prexy; Plans Clean Campus

Blackford held its second semester A.S.B. elections Thursday, Jan. 11 for president and three student council seats. Elected were senior Tim Flood, president, and for council Chris Powers, Mike Flood, and Jane Makl.

Tim was asked what kind of ideas he had for his term coming up. He said that there should be more pride in the class representatives and the classes should take more care in the election of their representatives. He has plans to use the representatives for committees to help get better communication between the student and the council.

Tim feels that the past attempts to clean the campus

didn't get to the root of the problem in the past the school was divided up between classes and each was to clean up its own section. He feels that the student should go out on his own to clean up the campus. "Students here don't have enough pride in the school." Tim doesn't want to divide school and classes.

Tim also said that there was not enough communicating between teachers and the council. To try to remedy this, Tim wants to talk to all teacher during their prep period to get their opinions.

Tim Flood and Bob Kull won in the primary election held Jan. 9.



President-elect Tim Flood (L) receives gavel from President Duane Kubo.

Turn to 'Back Pages' For Toe-Tappin' Twirp Dance

Blackford's annual toe-tappin' and knee-slappin' Sadtie Hawkins Dance will be held in the cafeteria January 19 at 8 p.m., boys will arrive at the dance with their dates, decked in corsages made of gum, candy, radishes, celery, straw, ribbons, and the "kitchen sink."

On this night it is (girls) perfectly all right...we repeat ...perfectly all right...to ask that certain guy you've had your eye on, to go with you. Then, as the tradition goes, those boys will be picked up in her car and given a creative corsage.

Music will be provided by the "Back Pages," a local band. Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs couldn't make it because of a previous engagement.

The dress will be something on the order of a Western gingham check and or a sunny country tweed. The sponsors ask that everyone come dressed in good taste, and

"PLEASE," no cut offs. People wearing cut offs will be refused admittance and will miss out the fun events scheduled for the evening.

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(Sample--Warning card to be placed in R. R. Trains, Buses, Street Cars, etc.)



Beware! Young and Old—People in All Walks of Life!

This may be handed you

by the friendly stranger. It contains the Killer Drug "Marihuana"-- a powerful narcotic in which lurks **Murder! Insanity! Death!**



WARNING!

Dope peddlers are shrewd! They may put some of this drug in the  or in the  or in the tobacco cigarette.

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Beware! Murder! Insanity! Death! Anti-marijuana posters of the 1930's pictured the drug as a killer. Such misinformed campaigns have done much to create the confusion about marijuana.

Cancer Country

The scene is always one of cool, clean windswept health. The people have a look of supreme confidence; the lovely girls all smile.

But there is another land from which few return. In this sad region there are no strong men, no smiling, pretty girls. It is cancer country. Hugh J. Mooney, a Rochester, N.Y., insurance man who has been there, vividly describes it in a January magazine article, "What the Cigarette Commercials Don't Show."

When he had trouble swallowing, it was believed simply "a case of nerves." It proved to be cancer of the throat, and he joined three men with the same condition in ward "Seven East" of a hospital. He arrived at suppertime and the patients were eating.

This superb account of Hugh J. Mooney's will be continued in the next issue of the Lance. Are you brave enough to read "Part 2?"

Courtesy of Reader's Digest

Let's Play War

When you first meet Sue, she seems like a typical 18-year-old. However, her life is miserable. She was turned down by the colleges she applied for. Her friends, teachers and parents don't trust or respect her. She's having trouble finding a job.

Sue's problems began with one cigarette--filled with marijuana.

"It's a 'proven fact' that marijuana isn't any worse than alcohol," Sue had thought when she purchased that one 'joint'. "It can't possibly do any physical harm."

Sue hadn't planned on being arrested for possessing marijuana. In many ways her police record has hurt her more than the marijuana could ever have done.

According to the book Drug Abuse: The Facts, "Convictions on a drug offense has a serious lifelong effect. Those convicted can reasonable expect lifelong problems in getting jobs either with government agencies or with private industry. Other possible losses of rights and privileges include denial of admission by certain colleges, being refused a passport, possible disqualification for a public office, legal inability to enter into contracts, and even the danger of losing the right to vote."

Some teens use the alleged 'unfairness' of the drug laws as an excuse for using marijuana. Perhaps the laws are unfair. But unfair or not, the law remains the same. It makes no difference to a judge if the defendant believes the law is unfair.

Maybe one marijuana cigarette won't harm you--if you don't get caught. Do you really want to risk living your whole life with a police record?

By Matt Shaw

Have you ever stopped to think what a war does to the youth of America no matter how far away it's being fought or when it was fought? The "Lance" has had this brought to its attention and would like to bring it to yours. This is so you can see what creates a war hungry young boy playing with toys, into a dead soldier.

ADVERTISING

If you were to watch the cartoons on a Saturday morning you could see the toy companies in their full swing, selling not dolls nor games like monopoly, but "Johnny Seven" submachine guns or "Green Beret Weapon outfits" which allow you to wipe out your whole neighborhood in a single commando raid. You could make your own beach heads with G.I. Joe and then blow 'em up.

Sounds like real fun, doesn't it?

INSIDE THE TOY STORY


If you have been into a toy store lately, you know what I mean. But if you haven't, let me tell you what kind of super arsenal awaits you.

TOYS


You may catch a glimpse of a stuffed toy or tractor or maybe even a race car. But watch out for the tanks which come in any size from two inches to one foot, and USAF bombers decked with air-to-ground missiles and their bellies loaded with over sized napalm pods. For those of you who are seafaring, there is a selection of submarines and amphibious vehicles scaled down to your size. There is also such a wide assortment of guns from German Lugers to bazookas which fire.

Is this what we want for the kids? Isn't a real war bad enough to make you sick to your stomach!

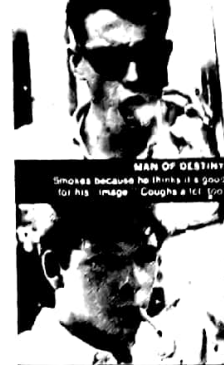
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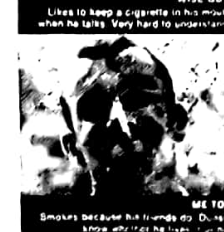
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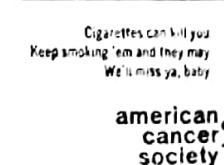
FEMME FATALE
Cigarettes are part of the costume. Next week she learns how to smoke.



MAN OF DESTINY
Smokes because he thinks it's good for his image. Goughs a lot, too.



WISE GUY
Likes to keep a cigarette in his mouth when he talks. Very hard to understand.



ME TOO.
Smokes because his friends do. Don't know why, but he likes it.

Cigarettes can kill you
Keep smoking 'em and they may
We'll miss ya, baby

american cancer society

Law, Youth: New Unit For Soph. Science

'Drug Abuse', and 'The Law and Youth' are two new units of study added to the Sophomore Science course of study which includes driver education, first aid, and health education.

The drug abuse unit is taught with the aid of films, lectures by Mr. Haskell Bowen of the County Health Department, and recordings made by drug users. A survey was taken to determine the effectiveness of the unit as taught this year. Although the results have not yet been made public, Mr. Robert Culp, head of the Sophomore Science Department, feels confident that the reaction will be favorable.

The law and youth unit is taught with the Vehicle code summary and booklets published by Campbell Union High School District as basic texts. The course of study includes special traffic laws affecting youth, narcotics laws and the rights of minors.

Broken Bone For 'Baron'

By Lynette Koehn

Did you hear about the boy from the Girls' P.E. department who broke his leg? Baron Von Olympus, two-time visitor to Blackford and owned by Miss Adrienne Ellis, had a rather unpleasant and undesirable accident during Christmas vacation. Many a puppy has had an accident which didn't go unnoticed, as in "Oly's" case. He accidentally "accidented" in the house, and before he knew it he was sailing through the air only to come to an uncomfortable and unforgettable landing. The result: a broken leg! Latest reports from his mommy (Miss Ellis) are that he is much better and will soon be on his feet (I mean paws) again.

Fan Mail Even!

Nina Andro in TV Debut

Sophomore Nina Andro made her television dancing debut on December 2 when she performed "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" from The Nutcracker Suite. Nina and nine other student groups from Campbell Union High School District were judged by approximately 12 people. Other talents consisted of instrument and singing groups. She was the only solo--and she was also the only person chosen to perform on KNTV's Lu Ryden Show. Because of a lack of space, Nina had to



Sitting (l. to r.): Linda Muraco, Neidin de la Cruz, Coco Robinson, Shirley Santti, Heidi Mactel
Standing (l. to r.): Marlene Mietzel, Jill Ford, Janet Sliger, Cathy Cates.

'Pretty Good Time'

Braves' Flag Girls Twirl With Largest Group Ever

Blackford's 10 flag girls and majorette, both members of the marching band, make up the largest flag girl group in the school's history. Judging from the enthusiastic response of the football spectators, it is also the most successful group in Blackford's history. The flag girls are: Cathi Cates, Neidin de la Cruz, Jill Ford, Leslie Litzinger, Heidi Mactel, Diane Mietzel, Linda Muraco, Shirley Santti, Janet Sliger, and Marlene Steiger. Except for the head flag girls, Neidin and Shirley, the rest were chosen last year after a week of learning routines at a workshop after school. When choosing the finalists, cooperation, and friendliness were stressed.

All of the girls practiced at least once a week during the summer. They held a car wash which netted \$40 with which to buy uniforms.

The girls have participated in Cal Band Day along with 50 other groups. They attended a competitive workshop where they worked all day with many of the twirlers from the Bay Area. They are going to participate in more parades toward the end of the year--including the annual Stevens Creek Parade where they will be in competition for a trophy.

Their season ended with the

homecoming game. "I think we all agree that we had a pretty good time," reflected Neidin. Another important member of the marching band is former State Champion majorette Coco Robinson, the owner of nearly 40 trophies and medals. This past summer, she captured two first place trophies at a Fourth of July Parade in Modesto and at a competitive twirling meet at Hayward. This is Coco's tenth year of twirling and her third year at Blackford.

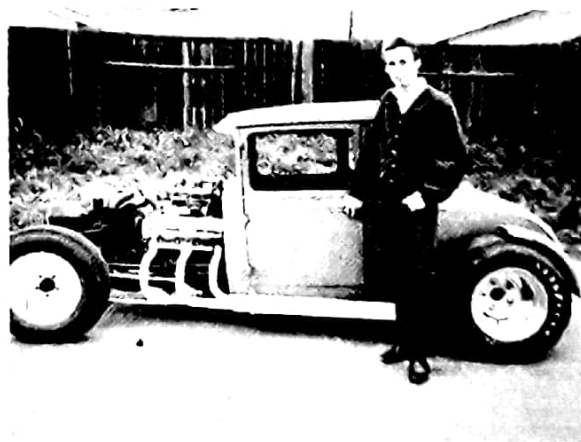
Noise and Tremblings Heard on Reservation

If you have noticed tremendous noises and gentle earth tremblings before and after school, rest assured that Cape Kennedy has not moved to Blackford's parking lot.

They result from Senior Rick McRoberts' 1930 Model-A. Powered by a 394 cubic inch Oldsmobile engine, with full race cam, solid lifters, Jan's racing pistons, headers and collectors, and fed by six-two barrel carbs, it produces 425 horsepower. Transferring this power to the ground, Rick has a three-speed transmission directed to an olds rear end, not to mention his Goodyear stock car special tires mounted on custom hand-made chrome dumps.

Engulfing the "cockpit" is a 1930 Model-A body, gray in color with a black tuck and roll top. Inside are two black tuck and roll bucket seats, set on black carpets. With a black and chrome steering wheel against a wood instrument panel, the interior is quite good looking.

Future plans for Rick's car are a paint job (color undecided as yet), a new steering mechanism, and air shocks to smooth out the ride.



Rick McRoberts shows off his 1930 Model - A

SMOKE SIGNALS

Alumnites: Tom Stewart (66) is a helmsman on the U.S. Coastguard cutter "Dexter"... John Olsen (64) is a student at the University of Uppsala in Sweden... Jim Rock (66) is a soph. at West Valley and works at John's Paint Center in Low Gatos... Karen Benton (67) is engaged to Larry Blinson (65) ...Diane Omori (66) is a soph. at San Jose State.

Definition of West Valley College: U.S.C. (University of Southern Campbell)

The Lance proudly announces that John Faulkner has received the 'Cordo-O' award for the way he closes the windows in Mrs. Bonsor's sixth period English class.

Seen on campus: Denise Henderson disguised as Shirley Temple... A blue Frisbee on Mr. Armitstead's desk... John Smith pretending to be a freshman in order to vote twice in the election.

Mr. Loewus doesn't claim to be the most popular teacher, but what other teacher has a cheer written about him? Okay, gang, lets hear it: 2-4-6-8 Who do we appreciate? Locust! Locust! Duh!



Rick Wright scores again, this time over Branham.

Hustle Too Braves Show Desire Keeping 4-0 Record

Lance Sports Staff Review

Starting league play in excellent style, the Blackford basketball Varsity is now 4-0. In defeating Leigh, Branham, Westmont, and Los Gatos, the Braves have shown hustle, and most of all, desire.

The result has been an excellent defensive. Their 35.5 defensive average is by far the league's best, considering the careful, set-up type ball they play.

The Branham game was the most rewarding win. The game plan was to hold Gary Radanich to 20 points and the rest of the team to a total of 20 points. But Blackford did two points better, the final score being 41-38.

Last Friday the team streaked past the Los Gatos Wildcats 59-38. The team felt that the first three quarters were one of the poorest showings they've made all season, but in the fourth quarter, the Braves came to life, seeming to score at will. Blackford built a 20 point lead before Coach Anguis decided to pull the starting five. The second string also overpowered Los

Gatos, as they maintained the lead.

About the only category the Wildcats managed to lead in was height, and even then the efforts of Skip Adams and Jeff Madsen were rewarded by obtaining 24 rebounds between themselves. Rick Wright again showed strong shooting ability.

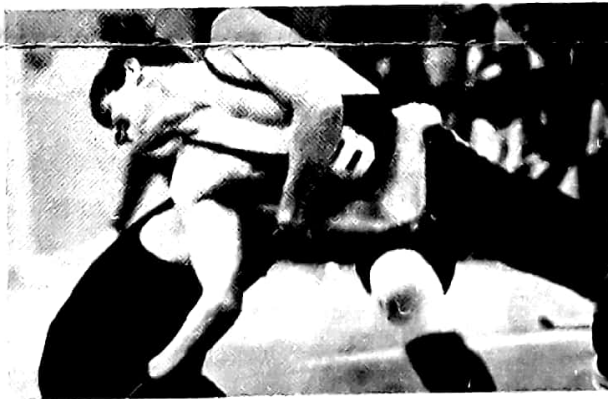
It is evident that Coach Anguis is doing a terrific job in getting Blackford up for each game. Under his direction the team appears to have developed momentum necessary for a league championship.

Reply to "S.J. Mercury" Bias: "Who needs you?"

So far, Blackford teams are showing that this could be the winningest year in Braves history. Except for two games, the football Varsity proved itself number one. Cross-country finished third, closely behind the league's best. Most of our Spring Sports teams are predicting victory.

However, throughout our winning year the "San Jose Mercury" has failed to give Blackford deserved attention. A prime example has been with varsity basketball. Not once has the "Mercury" mentioned West Valley's league leader, Blackford. Last Saturday was no exception. The "Mercury" devoted its W.V.L. space to Camden and Branham, two teams with mediocre records. Blackford, in defeating Los Gatos, did not even receive listing in the "Prep Sports" column.

Because of the shabby lack of due attention the "Mercury" has given Blackford, our Sports Staff will attempt more than ever to keep those interested, well informed. To the "San Jose Mercury" Sports Staff we say "Who needs you?" Sincerely, R.J.S.



Senior Chuck Wiggins strains to keep an advantage over his Los Gatos opponent last Friday. BPC Photo.

Winless Skid by Frosh-soph Almost Ends

Blackford's frosh-soph hoopsters continued their winless skid in WVAL competition last Friday. A last quarter rally sparked by Carl White fell short of its mark as they fell to Los Gatos 52-47. White's six last quarter points gave him 13 for the night, and high point honors for the Braves.

So far this season the Braves have been living testimony to the saying that sports is a matter of inches and seconds that mean the difference between victory and defeat. Each of the Braves' four losses have been close games, decided by no more than five points. In a game against Branham, a lay-up by Jay Collura in the closing seconds gave Blackford a one point lead, and an apparent victory, but a disputed shot at the buzzer by Branham stole the game away from Blackford. Against Westmont, Blackford managed to tie the score, but numerous violations in the closing minutes cost Blackford the game.

Blackford plays Del Mar next Tuesday at the Braves gym after school.

Spring Swim Team Readies

"We have a green team this year," commented Coach Al Worrell of Blackford's swimming team.

Three of this year's outstanding prospects are Senior Bob Kull, Junior Brent Youngblood, and Junior Mike Krebsbach. Others with excellent possibilities are Paul Zennah, Dan Zebel, Stan Gestla, and Bob Alan.

"Even though we are a young team, we will be hard to beat and I expect the varsity to come in first place," said Coach Worrell.

Starting "dry-land" at the first of the year, the swimmers are working hard in preparation for their first meet in March with Willow Glen.

The swimmers will hit the water January 29 for a month's practice. One of Coach Worrell's well known sayings is, "If it's too tough for anyone else, it's just right for swimmers."

Questionable Violations in 35 to 14 Wrestling Setback

Los Gatos overpowered the Braves 35-14 Friday, January 12 on Blackford's mat.

In a previous bout, Blackford pinned Branham 46-3 and thus expected to give Los Gatos a tougher fight. However, even with the big defeat, better moments were present when Chuck Golden, Mike Lombardo, and Bob Rose won decisions. With these wins, the three boys are still undefeated. Junior, Ray Rius was the only Blackfordite to win by a pin. Rius's pin came in the third round.

Clyde Baker received what most fans and he himself thought was a bad call. As Baker lost positioning, he rolled across his shoulder blades and was declared pinned. However, it appeared to most spectators that Clyde was not on his back for the necessary time limit.

Another decision which was not thought to be fair or even close was when 147 pound Rex Moseley lost his match by one point. That point was awarded to Los Gatos because it appeared to the referee that Rex violated the "clasping of hands while on top" rule.



BLACKFORD	4-0
Del Mar	3-0
Camden	2-2
Branham	2-2
Campbell	1-2
Saratoga	1-2
Leigh	1-2
Los Gatos	1-3
Westmont	1-3