

## Five Seniors Earn Semi-Finalist Honors

Five Blackford seniors--more than any in the CUHS District--ranked high in scholarship this year as they were named National Merit Semi-finalists. Four of the students are Dan Andrews, June Fields, John Rhodes, and Michalla Tierney. Another student, Brian Bullock, also received the honor, but he has moved to Australia.

These semifinalists scored highest in California on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last February, and constitute less than one percent of the graduating seniors.

Almost every semi-finalist advances to finalist standing,

and these students will be considered for one of about 2,400 four-year Merit Scholarships valued up to \$1,500 a year for four college years, depending upon their individual need. In addition, about 500 one-time National Merit \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded for the first time in 1968.

Names of the Merit Scholars will be announced in early May.

Six other Blackford seniors scored in the upper two percent of those who will graduate from high school in 1968, and received a letter of commendation. These students are Kathy Bayerl, Gene Gilluly, Jim Jacob, Russel Rudden, Elizabeth Schade, and Allen Van Etten.



(L to R) "Miki" Tierney Dan Andrews, John Rhodes, and June Fields.

## Senior Play Readies for November Showing

"I didn't murder him!" This will be the cry heard from Karen Andre, the defendant in the murder trial of this year's senior play, "The Night of January 16th."

Construction of the seting and rehearsals have begun for the production which is scheduled for November 16th and 17th.

Miss Carol Long, directing the play, has named Robin Gilligan, the leading feminine role as Karen Andre. Jerry Heath will be playing the principal male role of prosecuting attorney.

Others in the cast include John Souza, Judge Heath; Diana Leatham, Flint's secretary; Dennis Conroy, Stevens; Elaine Young, Steven's secretary; April Daste, Prison Matron; Jim Mathias, Bailiff; Jim Wilson, Clerk of the court; Randy Mangum, Dr. Kirkland; Martha

Griffin, Mrs. John Hutchins; Mark Marcotte, Homer Van Fleet; Bill Fritz, Elmer Sweeney; Bonnie Simmons, Nancy Lee Faulkner; Michelle Chateau, Magda Svenson, Phil Duncan, John Whittleld; Connie Frye, Jane Chandler; George Wallace, Jungquist; John Carney, Larry Regan; Sherrrie Yarchaver; Van Rensselaer; Linda Faulkner, stenographer; Mike Belgh, policeman; and Steve Mavrakis, court attendant.

Twelve important members of the cast remain to be chosen, but they, fortunately, need no rehearsing, and will not be selected until the night of the performance. They are the jury, who will listen to the evidence and render the verdict on which will depend which of the two endings written for the play will be used.

## PTA Has First Meeting Oct. 11

Mr. Haskel "Hack" Bowen was the scheduled guest speaker for Blackford's first P.T.A. meeting, October 11. The main topic Mr. Bowen spoke on, was drugs along with a movie. At the present time "Hack" is on the faculty of Westmont High School working as a part time Freshman - Sophomore counselor.

About a year ago Mr. Bowen was relieved of his teaching and for the past six months has been gathering information for the Campbell Union High School District on drug use and addiction.

## Blackford High Starts Another P.T.A. Membership Drive

Another school year means another PTA membership drive. Mrs. Al Worell, chairman of the membership drive, has set this year's goal at 1400. If this goal is reached, it will break last year's district record of 1100 plus, set by Blackford.

Now you may ask, "What does this membership drive have to do with Me?" The answer is this: It earns money for your class. The more PTA memberships you bring in, the more money your class makes.

Mrs. Worell stated that the push for PTA memberships

## '69 to Beat Dist. Record

Ending with a tremendous week-end of sales, the junior class of '69 achieved their goal of surpassing the class of '68 in their magazine sales.

The sale's ram-rod, Mr. Peter Papworth, revealed a total of \$7600 and still counting Monday afternoon. With a one day extension, the results were easy to predict.

Last year's class set a district record of \$8000. This year's class set an appropriate goal of \$6900 but really wanted to beat '68. If predictions turn into reality, the total should reach \$8300 or \$4400.

The magazine sale will be climaxed by the traditional pizza party to be held at a as-of-yet unannounced local pizza parlor sometime in the near future. All students who have participated in the magazine sale are eligible to go to the party. The pizza party will feature dancing, free pizza, and drinks. Top salesmen of the sale will be announced at the party.

comes from the students and they play a very important part in the drive. For this reason, the PTA membership committee has set up prizes for all classes passing certain percentages. As of this writing the percentages have not been decided.

According to the latest percentage count, the Class of '71, is far in the lead with 23.1%, following the Freshman are the Sophomores with 16.4%. Seniors are close behind with 13.8%, and close behind them are the Juniors with 12.4%.

## Three BHS Girls Picked as KLIV Cheerleaders

Brandy Wade, Dayla Reagan, and Elaine Flavetta, three Blackford seniors, recently learned that they have been selected as 1967 radio station

KLIV official cheerleaders. Two Westmont girls, Robin Atkins and Gina DeLeonardo, also were chosen as cheerleaders.

"Our uniforms", announced Dayla, "will be royal blue and white miniskirts and V neck sweaters." Dayla designed the cheerleader uniforms.

The season has just begun and already the KLIV Prunes have lost their first game, nine to nothing against Lew Gatos. KLIV plays Leland High at 3:30 today.

As KLIV cheerleaders, the girls will receive uniforms backstage passes to all KLIV sponsored events, and free records.

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Above, Dayla Reagan and Brandy Wade. Not pictured: Elaine Flavetta



GUEST EDITORIAL

# 'What the Heck! I Symbolize Something They All Distrust. Teens Just Don't Listen to Me!

Have you ever sat down and gave some thought as to why teenage loitering and the drug problem has been publicized in our generation?

Today's teenagers have been degraded because of the fact that problems existed years before have finally come out in the open.

### FROM THE EYES OF THE LAW

Officer Ben Scherck took a few minutes to discuss his views on these matters. His opinion is that the owners of property have brought this on themselves. "If he wishes to sabotage his business with the loitering of teens it is his choice. He is giving up the business of other patrons to cater to teenage loiterers.

## Alumnnotes

What will you be doing after you graduate from Blackford? You'd be surprised what the alumni are doing!

Alumnus Mark Wormley P.F. C. sent a letter to the Staff Adviser, checking on his old job as editor of "Wheels of the Week."

Former sports page editor Kirk Rashall paid our staff a visit last week to say good-bye before the Air Force sends him to Saigon.

Others have chosen a different occupation. Some of them quite interesting, others, quite out of the ordinary. Such as the occupation of former Lance reporter Candace Yergin. Candie owns and operates Bealak Schnerd's cheese Blintze factory in San Jose on First St.

### WHAT ABOUT DOPE?

Officer Scherck also has strong feelings when it comes to drugs. He stated, "When I was a kid, a drug addict was considered an outcast. Now, he's looked upon as a hero because he's daring enough to do it. In the early time of a person's life he is very susceptible to corruption. If sucked in now during his later years he can easily be turned toward a crime." Officer Scherck added, "Personally, I consider dope users weak people, but what the heck! If you, my kids, and I don't take it why worry about the rest?"

### TIMES HAVE CHANGED

"In earlier years taking 'dope' was whispered. Now it seems to be looked up to. It can be compared to skirt lengths. Years ago if a woman wore her skirts above her knee she was considered unrespectable, nowadays it's 'in'. Everything depends upon societies acceptance. Take newspapers for example. A couple of weeks ago a San Jose State Student was convicted on a dope charge and made headlines. On the same day a woman who was beaten and raped, only made page 11, in the same newspaper. "Public interest, that's all it is, public interest!"

"Kids nowadays are being brainwashed into thinking that drugs, of any kind, aren't harmful. Who is going to set them straight? It can't be me, because I symbolize something they distrust!"

Is this really true?



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# TEEN-AGERS HEROES IN BLAZE

175,000 Flee Floods In Mexico



Many Saved At Nursing Home

Several May Bost Memo Ad

DO YOU JUDGE PEOPLE BY THEIR APPEARANCE ALONE?

## Can You Judge a Man?

What significance does appearance have on your first impression of someone?

Do you form an immediate opinion? Do you label people and put them into categories before even meeting them?

Suppose people like Donovan or even Ernest Hemingway were shunned by society and never given a chance to express their talents.

If people had judged them on appearance alone without looking beyond the surface, perhaps this day and age would never have known such fine literature and unique music.

More people should try to remember that looks don't mean everything. Some people aren't well dressed, because they can't afford it.

Foreigners who wear the clothes of their native country, aren't frowned upon, so why should a fellow American be?

Variety is the spice of life, and without variety in dress, a lot of fun and interest would probably be taken out of everyone's life.

Some people dress in a certain way to express their individualism. Any fashion designer will tell you that self-expression in clothing is one of the most important facets of the fashion field. Next in line comes practicality and comfort. Although the order of these three clothing necessities may differ from person to person, they do apply to almost everyone.

The most important thing to remember is that beauty is only skin deep.

## Don't Take Chances; Be Safe, Wear Helmet.

If every person who drives a motorcycle realized the danger they could easily get into, I'm sure they'd think twice and wear a helmet.

Very few people know the statistics and it's about time they did. 70% percent of motorcycle deaths are caused by head injuries, although only 26 states require helmets, they are mandatory for safety. The main reason all the don't comply with this law, is because they're afraid that making helmets compulsory will cut sales.

Experts agree that lack of experience is the single most important cause of cycling accidents. A Minnesota study showed that one in every five accident victims was riding for the first or second time. And in that North Carolina U. survey, 30 percent of the victims had been riding for less than a month.

While there are many courses enabling people to learn how to drive a car, not even high schools have an adequate, if any, motor-cycle training course.

A motorcyclist's chances of being killed are roughly five times greater than those of an automobile driver, and with more than two million cycles registered, accident deaths last year reached 2,160.

Motor Vehicles Director of Washington, D.C. George England, urges that all cycles with rear seats be equipped with grab bars for the passenger because "it would keep the girl's arms from around her guy's middle. And that might help keep her guy's mind more completely on his driving."

If you have a secret death wish, the back of a motorcycle seems a good place to get it fulfilled.



WEAR A HELMET AND SAVE YOUR HEAD

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# SMOKE SIGNALS

BY KATE ASHOURY

This second month of school has brought many new revelations to Blackford students. Jim Wilson found out what he looks like in a blonde handlebar mustache; Sherrie Yarchever found out how hard it is to (ahem) "dress" after swimming; and Danny Mars discovered a quick and easy way to take triple-exposed photographs.

**QUESTION of the week:** Was it Mr. Bender or Mr. Browning who put the Interact decal on the Key Club megaphone?????

**Definition of junior college:** Blackford High with ashtrays.

**SEEN on campus:** Jan Thorsteinson swimming with her gym clothes on...new teacher of the English department getting more admiring whistles than most of the girls...Blackford students beating a path to Branham to visit Mr. Fisher.

## Jr. R.O.T.C. Enlists 100

Amen...Hup. Forward...March! Military drill, map reading tactics, and weapons instruction will be topics in this year's Military Science class conducted by Sergeant Major Charles G. Mills. Objectives of the Marine Corps Junior ROTC are orderliness, neatness, patriotism, personal honor, self-discipline, and self-reliance. Large emphasis is placed on the maintenance of physical fitness.

THERE is an enrollment of approximately 100 students at both Blackford and Campbell high schools combined. Among the various extracurricular activities of ROTC will be a drill team and rifle team. Sergeant Major Mills will be aided later this year by an officer who will also teach at Blackford and Campbell.

## Blackford Speech and Debate To Host League Tournament

Blackford Speech and Debate, hoping to increase its membership in the National Forensic League and to obtain a charter, will hold a December 2, debate tournament.

SPEECH and Debate, now boasting 40 members, will participate in the first Forensic activity of the year when it attends a Student Congress, held at Saratoga High School, October 28. Four resolutions under consideration at the Student Congress, which resembles Congress in Washington, will be the legalization of addictive drugs, the provision of an anti-ballistic missile system, the



Elizabeth Wirecka, of Poland and Jay Shakeri and Edward Dilamant of Iran.

## 'Better Education' Brings 3 Foreigners to B.H.S.

"All Iranian students want to come to America to get a better education," remarked Jay Shakeri, one of two Blackford students from Tehran, Iran. Jay has a brother living in New York, but he decided to come to San Jose and live with a cousin because the weather is nicer. Jay plans eventually to become an airplane mechanic. His reply to one question was that "American girls are not bad," but Persian girls are better.

"I CAME to America to study and not to do the other things," explained Edward Dilamant, second Blackford foreign student from Iran, "and San Jose is a study city." He says his most difficult subject is government and among his future plans is to become an architect. He is staying in an apartment with Jay and Jay's cousin. Both Ed and Jay, who came to America only shortly before school began, claim their biggest problem in the United States has been speech. Before Edward came to America, he was an analyst in the Arab-Israeli War, representing an Iranian magazine.

Elizabeth Wirecka, Blackford foreign student from Po-

land, has been in the country for 16 months, and in San Jose 1 1/2 months. "I didn't want to live in Poland because it is Communistic," she said. Her parents tried for eight years to leave Poland. She had a choice of coming to either Australia, New Zealand, America, Canada, or Brazil. Her future plans are to become proficient in languages.

At the present time, Elizabeth does have a minor problem with English but feels this will be easy to overcome.

## Faculty Plane-Celebrity

This week's "wheels" has taken to the air, as Sergeant Major Charles G. Mills, Jr. R.O.T.C. instructor at Blackford reveals "Bluebird." "Bluebird" is a 1941 Stearman Navy Trainer N255, of the type now used in crop-dusting, that Sergeant Major Mills purchased two years ago from a man who builds antique aircraft.

SERGEANT Major Mills now flies at least once a week and has flown off and on since 1932. His plane is presently docked at Torrence airport. He plans to keep "Bluebird" at San Jose Airport as soon as there is an available hanger.

In addition to being a beautiful airplane, "Bluebird" is also a celebrity. If you would like to see "Bluebird," keep your eyes and ears open for a Robert Burns Cigar commercial with two planes and a crazy stuntman dangling between them.



Sergeant Major Charles G. Mills and "Bluebird."



# Braves Sock it to 'em Camden Goes Down To Defeat



Blackford begins scoring drive. Jim Sitter photo.

The Blackford Braves after a bye last week, came back to their third game against Camden with a lopsided score of 40 to 0.

The Braves met the Cougars at Camden on October 13 which proved to be Camden's unlucky day.

The Braves started out with their first score coming in the first period with a three yard run by Senior fullback Mike Sharpe. Tom Abraham kicked for the extra point. Blackford again scored in the second period with a pass play as quarterback Tim Flood connected with Buane Kuhn for 13-0 lead going into the half. The Braves again scored in the third period on a quarterback keeper with Flood carrying the ball over the goal line. The point after, failed. Blackford really came alive in the last period scoring 20 points on three runs with Dunham carrying for eight yards and Abraham kicking. Yoshura scored on a keeper with a one yard run and Abraham again kicking and finally, Clark on three yard run with Clark also carrying the fourteenth point

over. The game was accentuated by a 71 yard kick from the scrimmage by Tom Abraham. The defensive team also played a very heads-up ballgame as the Braves have not been scored upon.

BLACKFORD (3-0) 7 7 6 20-40  
 CAMEDEM (0-4) 0 0 0 0 - 0  
 B--Sharpe, 3 run (Abraham kick)  
 B-- Kuhn, 13 pass from Flood (kick failed)  
 B-- Flood, 3 run (kick failed)  
 B-- Dunham, 8 run (Abraham kick)  
 B-- Yoshihara, 1 run (Abraham kick)  
 B-- Clark, 3 run (Clark run)

### PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

- OFFENSE
- 81 ADAMS E
  - 76 H. ROBINSON T
  - 64 K. BURG G
  - 66 J. BLOOMFIELD C
  - 84 M. LOMBARDO G
  - B. ROSE T
  - 82 J. MOMSEN E
  - 13 T. FLOOD QB
  - 23 D. KUBO HB
  - 30 M. SHARPE FB
  - 33 J. WHITESIDE HB
- DEFENSE
- 82 J. MOMSEN E
  - 76 H. ROBINSON T
  - 64 K. BURG LB
  - 66 J. BLOOMFIELD T
  - 84 M. LOMBARDO LB
  - B. ROSE LB
  - 60 C. WIGGINS LB
  - 33 J. WHITESIDE E
  - 22 R. WRIGHT HB
  - 21 G. OJEDA HB
  - 10 T. ABRAHAM E

# SPORTS

## F-S Squeak Past Camden

Plagued by fumbles and penalties, Blackford's Frosh-Soph. football team slipped past Camden 13-12.

Camden scored in the first quarter after recovering a fumble on Blackford's 33 yard line. Later in the same quarter the Braves fumbled again but fortunately recovered it themselves. Late in the second quarter the Braves recovered a Camden fumble and scored on a short pass to Jeff Bargoueld who ran it in from the 8 yard-line, and with the extra point, took the lead. Camden scored

again early in the third quarter to regain their lead, and then held the Braves scoreless until the last 27 seconds when Mark Demonja caught a pass for the winning touchdown.

Although Blackford's Frosh-Soph has had many injuries such as broken bones and pulled muscles, the Braves managed to win their first game, to give them a record of one win and two defeats thus far.

Next Friday, the Braves play at Los Gatos under the lights.



Blackford journalists pose with Bob Richards.

## Students Hear Olympic Champ

A standing ovation greeted former Olympic champion Bob Richards as he spoke to a near capacity crowd at West Valley College Auditorium October 5. Bob Richards, who gained fame through the Olympics and Wheaties commercials, is now an ordained minister. Blackford Journalists who attended Rev. Richards' speech were particularly impressed by his statement, "In order to survive you must sweat for health, you must not dodge your weaknesses, and most important, you must include all races in whatever you may do."

Rev. Richards emphasized the point that it is the 1% extra effort, which determines the difference between the great athlete and the mediocre athlete. The 1% extra effort has won many races and various contests for the determined athlete.



Gun starts Sophomore race

## D's take second straight, C's lose

Blackford D's, winning their second straight league game, tallied 34 points against Camden's 19. Lee Ellingson and Gordon Kanagaki were the high points men, scoring 15 and 9 points, respectively.

The C's, getting off to a somewhat slower start, have not, as yet, been victorious. Regardless of their loss, Mark Kato scored 16 points while the team was defeated by the score of 37-19.



Above, Coaches hand clock J.V.'s

## Lance Advisor Dislocates Knee

Mr. Frank Loewus, faculty advisor for the Lance, was injured last Sunday while attempting to break an International high jump record. Mr. Loewus, who was chasing his cat, leaped over a fence in his backyard, thereby dislocating his knee. However, Mr. Loewus is now back on the job.

## Friday 13 Proves to Be Lucky for C-C Harriers

Friday the 13 wasn't so unlucky for the Braves Cross-Country team. The Freshmen team beat Westmont and Branham in their first victory of the season. In the next race, the Braves Larry Andrews and Denny Yoder finished first and second respectively in the Sophomore division as both Westmont and Branham were downed by Blackford. The Junior Varsity was dealt its first defeat of the season as Branham squeaked by Blackford and Westmont. The members of the J.V. team are: Ken Dike, John Rhodes, Howard Brauner, Jack Mantel, Jim Morgan, Greg Cuzner, Norm Chase, and Ivan Rhoades. In the Varsity division things were a bit tougher as Swift from Branham streaked to first place with no trouble from Blackford. Swift is rated by some sports writers as the fastest two-miler in Northern Cal. Swift was the only one from Branham to make such a showing and Blackford finished beating Branham but dropping to the speedsters of Westmont.