



Top row left to right Janice Thrash, Sandra Knibbe, Sharon Wren and Nancy Nash
Bottom row: Jane La France, Sharon West, Sharon Neff, Karl Burclay, Kitty Neve.
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Jill Reigns Over Game

Senior Jill Silva was crowned Home Coming Queen for 1964, at the annual Thanksgiving Day game with the Saratoga Falcons. Reigning as her princesses were Pat Halseth and Lee Lupton.

Two other candidates for queen, Bev Stevenson and Nancy Erickson were eliminated in the voting by the male student body on Monday the 23rd. The candidates all seniors were chosen by the varsity football team.



Backrow left to right: Mark Tolntor, Terry Gregory and Lonny England
Front row: princess Pat Halseth, queen Jill Silva, and princess Lee Lupton.
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Orchestra and Choir Perform

Blackford's Christmas Concert will be presented on Thursday, December 17th, in the cafeteria.

This year's program consists of several interesting and different works as well as some of the familiar Christmas melodies.

Of particular interest will be two selections from a 17th century French Mass performed by the choir and string orchestra. These pieces are actually Christmas carols of the time, set to dance rhythms of today, but using liturgical words. Solists for this part will be Sharon West, Sandra Knibbe, Cecilia Andro, Lonny England, Bob Campbell, Nancy Nash, Nancy Brown, and Sharon Neff.

A second piece from the same period of time, but from Italy is the "Christmas Concerto" of Corelli, played by the orchestra.

The ORCHESIS dance group will perform original dances to this music. Solists will be Barbara Hanson and Fran Litz on the violin, with Kris Wilkinson on the cello.

The major music of the evening for the choir will be the "Ceremony of Carols" by the contemporary English composer Benjamin Britten. Mrs. Nancy Gustafsen, professor of Harps at San Jose State College, will appear as guest artist and accompanist. This modern version of ancient carols will begin and end with a candle light procession.

Mr. Roundtree and the Art Honorary are providing the decorations.

Santa Claus Presents Gifts To 'Special Celebrities'

"Winter Wonderland", this year's Christmas Dance takes place tonight in the cafeteria from 8:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Attire for the dance will be semi-formal, with the girls wearing short formals and heels and the boys wearing suits.

The Art Commission and the

Social Affairs Commission have combined in planning and decorating the cafeteria in red, green, white, and silver. Hanging from the center of the room will be a holly covered ball. A Christmas tree will be at the foot of the stage, with Santa's sleigh and reindeer along the wall.

Attending the dance will be Santa Claus presenting gifts to "special celebrities" around the school.



Pictured are members of art commission, advised by Mr. Norris, preparing decorations for the Christmas dance.
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MODERN DANCE

ORCHESIS To Dance At Christmas Concert

Blackford High's ORCHESIS, under the direction of Miss Robin McMann, plans to perform for the annual Christmas concert on December 17, and at a school assembly on December 15.

The group will be dancing to the "Christmas Concerto" by Corelli, a selection from the era of Louis the 14th. The audience is asked to imagine themselves in a 16th century setting.

While the entire selection is 15 minutes in length, the group will only perform for 6 minutes. They will be split into two groups. One will dance at a swift tempo for 3 minutes while the other will dance at a milder tempo for 2 minutes. The first group will wear short, red net skirts over black leotards, while the 2nd group will wear long, white net skirts over black leotards. The two groups join for the finale.

The girls included in the program are Marie Nelson, Linda Curry, Pat Bush, Valora Younkin, Marlene Much, Jolein De la Cruz, Nancy Gradel, Sue Peterson, Connie McCarter, Pat Fenton, and Kathy Kyger. The two alternates are Nancy Fenton and Chris Tollefson.

Speech Meets Scheduled

Tuesday, November 24, the Speech and Debate Commission held a program on campus, to acquaint everyone with the activities and agenda of the commission.

At the program, Bob Pruitt did an original oratory, with Linda Saunders and Janet Ruud doing humorous interpretations also featured was Bob Campbell doing an impromptu speech.

Other activities of the Commission has included a Speech Meet at Overfelt High November 14. Reaching the semi-finals were: Kathy Cuzner, Janet Ruud, Bob Campbell, and Bob Pruitt.

The Commission also participated in a Student Congress at Camden, February 6.

The next speech meet is scheduled for December 12 at Westmont, and another meet January 30 at Saratoga.

Fall Sports At Banquet

The fourth annual fall sports banquet will be held in the Blackford High School cafeteria on December 9th at 6:30.

Dinner will be served and the guest speaker, Coach Walsh of Stanford will talk.

Those athletes who lettered in a fall sport will be presented with their blocks.

Presenting the awards will be Coach Pesut for varsity football, Coach Dempsey for E football, Coach Thygerson for cross country, and Coach Angus for C and D basketball.



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Cook's Calendar

by Dee Cook

Blackford's senior class play, Hobble-de-Hoy, held on Nov. 19 and 20 proved to be a huge success. The Thursday night crowd, which is usually small, turned out to be the largest in Blackford's history, while for Friday night, the people started arriving an hour and ten minutes before the play even began.

Before the play began on Friday night, I had a chance to interview some of the cast members backstage. Pat Fitzgerald, who did an excellent job with the part of Maude Plummer when asked of her most embarrassing moment in the play replied, "IN THE LAST ACT, INSTEAD OF SAYING A DEBT OF GRATITUDE, I SAID A GREAT OF DATTITUDE. IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO DAD IF I HADN'T STARTED LAUGHING."

Spud Baxter, portrayed by Mark Weideranders, HAD THIS TO SAY about the play, "THE CAST MEMBERS THOUGHT IT WAS A WEAK PLAY, BUT THEY WERE SURPRISED AT

THE AUDIENCE RESPONSE. I WAS SURPRISED AT THE PARTS IN THE SCRIPT THAT DIDN'T SEEM FUNNY IN THE DULL GRIND OF REHEARSAL BUT THAT WERE VERY WELL ENJOYED BY THE AUDIENCE.

"SOMETIMES IN REHEARSAL THE PLAY LACKED A CERTAIN VITALITY," commented Sheila Smith, or otherwise known as Dean Chisolm, "BUT WITH THE AUDIENCE SITTING OUT THERE, IT WAS EASIER AND A LOT MORE FUN TO SORT OF HAM UP THE PARTS AND THIS IS WHAT REALLY PICKED EVERYTHING UP"

Fran Hendrick, who was the assistant director under Mrs. Hardy, was asked a out her thoughts on the play. Her reply was, "WHEN OBSERVING REHEARSALS, THINGS WERE GOING OK BUT NOT NEAR AS WELL AS THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN. IT REALLY SCARED ME BEFORE OPENING NIGHT BUT WHEN I HEARD THE REACTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE AND

HOW MUCH BETTER EVERYTHING WAS DOING, I WAS SURE IT WOULD BE A SUCCESS. WE REALLY HAD A GOOD PLAY AND THE ACTORS AND ACTRESSES REALLY GAVE THEIR BEST."

Renee Clark who played the part of Carol Smith had this to say, "THE PARTS I REMEMBER MOST ABOUT THURSDAY NIGHT'S PLAY WAS THE FIGHT THAT I HAD WITH RONNY ROONEY, THE CUTTING DOWN OF SHEILA'S DRESS, AND THE ICE CREAM ALL OVER PAT FITZGERALD'S HEAD. I ALSO REMEMBERED WHEN I TOLD RONNY THAT I LOVED HIM AND HE DIDN'T HEAR ME. IT'S REALLY BEEN A LOT OF FUN IN THE END. I THINK I SPEAK FOR EVERYONE IN THE CAST IN THANKING MRS. HARDY FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB SHE DID WITH US."

Although I didn't get a chance to interview everybody I think that the rest of the cast should get special recognition for a job well done.

Dec. 4

The first Varsity and B basketball games are at Westmont's gym against Westmont. Starting time is 3:15 p.m. There is hope that there will be a better turnout for the basketball season then there was for the football season.

"Winter Wonderland", is the theme for this years Christmas dance. The doors to the cafetorium will open at 8:30 p.m. and no one will be permitted in after 9:00 pm. The dance will end at 11:30 p.m. Dress is semi-formal.

Dec. 8

Varsity and B basketball vs. Live Oak at 3:30 p.m. in Blackford's gym. Come and support your teams.

Dec. 9

Awards and blocks will be presented at the 1964 Sports Banquet. Held here at 7:00 pm. in the cafetorium. Parents are welcomed.

Dec. 11

Blackford's Varsity and B basketball teams play Los Altos in the Blackford gym at 7:00 pm. This is the first night game so don't forget to come.

Dec. 12

Hollister Tournament will be held this year at Hollister.

Dec. 15, 16, 17, 18

The Buchser Tournament is at Buchser. Come and support your team and wear white. Remember the cheerleaders need your support to win the spirit trophy.

Dec. 17

At 8:00 p.m. this evening the Christmas concert will be held. The A Cappella choir, Glee Club, and or will provide a full evening. of entertainment in the full mood of Christmas splitt.

Senior Boy Of The Month



Senior Terry Gregory is featured as this month's "Boy of the Month" BPC Photo

"I believe the school spirit is very poor. There are many good ideas for improving it, however, the school is full of many who wish to suggest and few who wish to work," stated Terry Gregory, this issues Senior of the month.

Among Terry's interests are food (anything edible) and clothes. He plays basketball, baseball and track.

Beside participating in extra-curricular activities such as Block B, Karakonha Hi Y, Student Council, he was also in the cast of this years Senior Play, Hobble-de-Hoy.

Terry plans to attend the Un. of California at Davis to study Biological science.

In addition to Terry's interests are Andy Williams, Al Hirt and Jim Feldman.

What would you do if someone came up and asked you "WHY?" no question, just why? Well, this was asked of some of the students on Blackford's campus, below is their responses

"WHY?"

by Mona Rose

John Burr: Because I wanted to Gloria Riddell: Because we don't have enough rallies!

Barbara Patterson: Because they are dirty.

Rick Leininger: For the heck of it--nothing else to do.

Jan Kaskey: Why for, how come?

Karen McIver: Because you have to bellar for your things.

Steve Terry: Because he's ornery.

Dennis Awtry: That's a stupid question, but why what?

John Bellante: What have I done now?

John Hennig: Because I want to do it.

Pat Fitzgerald: Diana Collura: Cause it's nice.

Bobby Kelly: Because that's life.

Brave's Babble

by Fran Wohl

Many of our readers may have criticisms of the Lance. However we never seem to hear them. The Lance staff welcomes and appreciates any letters it may receive criticizing or praising the Lance. If you have a letter you may take it to Room 5 or give it to Rich Clark.

Football season is gone. I think our football team deserves a congratulations for a not-too-bad season.

Senior Girl Of The Month



This Month's "Girl of the Month" is Senior, Jean Salazar. BPC Photo

This issues Girl of the Month is Senior Vice President Jean Salazar.

Jean has participated in many activities this year, one of which was playing the role of Sheila Courtney Deberoux in the Senior class Play, "Hobble-de-Hoy."

Jean's comment about school spirit is, "School spirit is terrible and if students want to make their school better they should have better school spirit. Over all, school spirit has improved this year, it is the best out of the four years."

Among Jean's likes are clothes and jazz. Her favorite jazz artist is Jimmy Smith. She also likes the Beatles.

Jean's ambition is, "To get married and raise a family, maybe first I'll go to beauty College at En Raeso."



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FRAZZLED LOOK FADING FAST



The shaggy look in clothes and hair is leaving the scene (which is a shame because these blustery autumn winds make us all look like hairy beasts.) Girls are eventually leaving the layer-upon-layer look behind (In the hair....hair...get it?). wool is out in full force and hi-style and discotheque are pass-words. Italian-knit sweaters are very popular and for you unfortunates who can't afford another one this year, we're sure that you can collect enough wool to knit a dozen sweaters if you just follow those girls around who are wearing them. Casually brush past, and as the sweaters are disturbed they will

spew forth half of all the wool that went into their making (we all know the experience when we wear black, don't we?)

From that past fad, cult and era...ie. Beatles (it is over, isn't it?), a majority of girls received beagle haircuts (in the dark or blindfolded?) These are now being uncultured into their natural hairy styles. Guys who surfed this summer and had the "cut" to prove it are also re-training their golden (Clair-oided?) locks (sorry boys!)

We all look forward to the day when normalcy returns to Blackford's hallowed halls..(if the Rolling Stones are any example at all!)

Behind The Scenes With

Blackford's Principal

2nd in a series Featuring the Staff and Advisors of Blackford High.



Mr. Verdun P. Romer, Principal of Blackford.

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"I am extremely pleased when our students get the best education possible for advanced education or employment, as I know they are able to compete with a high degree of competence," states Mr. Verdun P. Romer, principal.

Mr. Romer began his career as a teacher; then furthered his career as a counselor; vice principal; and then appointed by the Board of Trustees as Blackford's principal.

Being principal has an unpleasant side as well as a pleasant one. One of the unpleasant duties is having to discipline a few of the students who do not respond to warnings or instruction. "I enjoy our students and I much prefer to enjoy them, than discipline them," says Mr. Romer. Some disagreeable moments occur when he receives calls from local residents saying that Blackford students are "hot rodding" or leaving debris on peoples' lawns.

One of the biggest problems he has is getting students to keep Blackford's campus clean, he feel it isn't complimentary to Blackford to have a dirty campus.

Mr. Romer has many duties as principal. Among them are evaluating instruction, attending various meetings, administering the school budget, and arranging for athletic events. He also attends the regular meeting of the P. T. A. Executive Board, athletic events, and all-class functions. Outside school activities include an extension course in the Army Reserve, acting as an advisor to the California Cadets Corps, working with youths as a member and next years presidents of the Kiwanis club of Saratoga. Next Spring he will be a visiting member of an accreditation committee.

Y-Teens Plan Entertainment

"This year's Y-teens have decided to do something a little different than they have done in the past," states Vicki Bennett, this year's president. In addition to their annual Christmas caroling at the Campbell Convalescent Hospital, they are going to give a party for the children at the Ming Quong Adoption Home.

Entertainment for the children has been planned by the girls, and toys and clothes will be given.

Officers assisting Vicki include Pat Scanlan, vice-president; Donna Putnam, secretary; and Nancy Webb, treasurer.

Meetings are held on Tuesdays after school. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Drexhage after school.

WHEELS of the WEEK



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Bob Jones, a Blackford Junior, is the owner of the "Wheels" for this week.

Bob's white '62 Olds "Starfire" convertible was owned by Bing Crosby as transportation to golf tournaments and in parades.

In the 3 part photo above, the luxurious white interior is shown. Extras in this department include; 4 bucketseats; electric windows; antenna and air conditioning; a 6-grand tach mounted on the console; and a radio with a station selector on the floor.

The engine, a 394 C.I. Olds Starfire, with a 10.5:1 compression ratio and a 4 barrel carb, puts out 345 H.P. at 4,800 RPM.

The trans is a 3-speed hydromatic with the shift on the floor console.

Exterior features are power steering and brakes with General Duel 90's around.

HARRY IS SCARY

For Harry, taking an easy undisturbed jaunt in Pinnacles National Park, it was Halloween and nothing more. That is, until the Krivanek's automobile stopped to regard Harry amusingly....before spirited him away. This happened a little more than a month ago....Harry still isn't complaining.

The job of seeing he's comfortable in his new surroundings belongs to Sue Krivanek, a Junior at Blackford. Harry's diet consists of insects. His home is a plastic box.....Before this treatment be questioned, (Harry) Harry is a 6" tarantula (but tame).

Sue's parents say they love him. And Sue?...

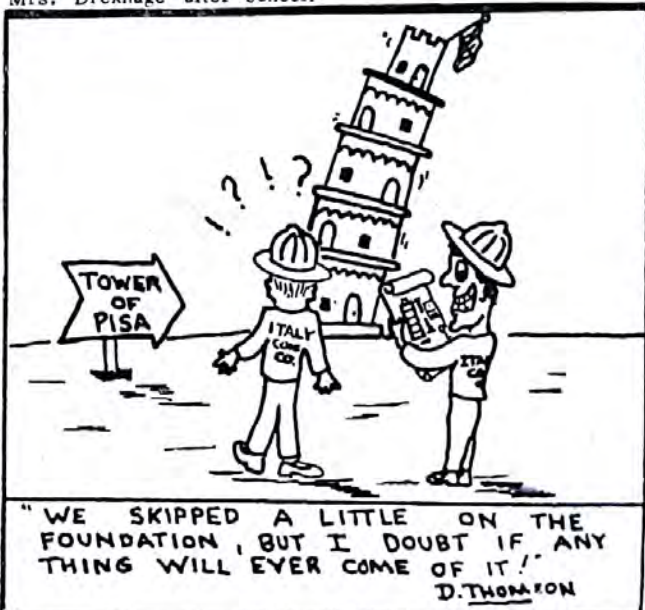
Spanish Club Gives Fiesta

Starting the year off with a bang, Blackford's Spanish club will present its annual Christmas party December 16, 6:30 to 9:30 in the cafeteria. The theme will be "La fiesta de la Navidad."

The party will begin with "posadas" (songs) and be followed by a Spanish dinner consisting of "arroz con pollo" (chicken and rice) and flan (a pudding made with honey).

After the dinner a play in Spanish will be performed. A candy filled pinata will be at hand and the evening will be set off by dancing.

Tickets may be obtained for a dollar from students taking Spanish or from Mr. Cesar Padilla, club advisor, in room 33.



D. THOMSON

Rain Dampens Annual Homecoming Activities

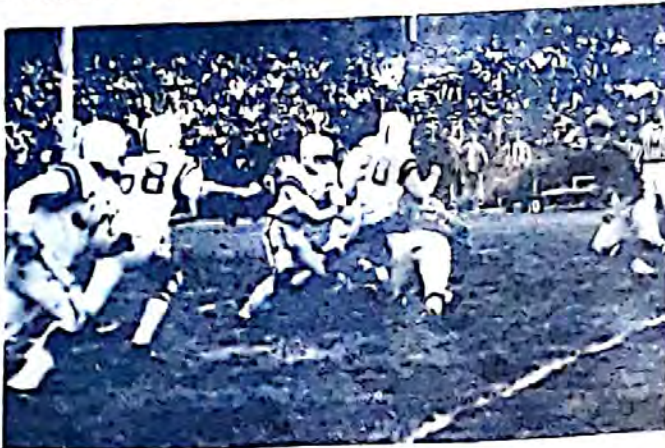
Braves Tie Del Mar; Score in Last Quarter Falcons Axe Blackford in Traditional Tilt

Del Mar capitalized on five intercepted passes and three fumbles recoveries to fight to a 14-14 deadlock with the more powerful Braves.

Scoring for the Dons was Wayne Howard who scored both touch downs on short runs.

Blackford scoring came on a pass to Braves halfback Jeff Miller from quarterback Steve Terry. The second touchdown came on a 45 yard pass to split end Jim Feldman who carried the ball to the eight yard line. Bill Dunham moved the ball over the extra yards for a touch down, and the game tying score.

A traditional Thanks giving game against the Saratoga Falcons proved to be the Braves worst defeat this year. The lopsided 46-7 score indicated that Saratoga was not about to drop into second place behind the Leigh Longhorns. The win



John Bellante goes for yardage.

Ued Saratoga with Leigh for top honors in the West Valley and placed Blackford in fourth place behind Camden.

The Braves score came when Jeff Miller plunged over from the two yard line. Blackfords

longest gain came on a Steve Terry pass to end Jim Feldman for 18 yards.

Standouts for the Falcons were Jim Mayfield, Steve Hanoon, Bob Peterson, and Jim Mallinarie.

Jill Silva Is New Queen, Crowned at Homecoming

Jill Silva was crowned as this year's Football Queen by Student Body President Ken Piasecki at Blackford's homecoming game against the Saratoga Falcons.

Jill was elected by those at Blackford who qualify best as Judges, the entire male student body. Her Princesses are Lee Lupton and Pat Halseth.



Left-Right: Pat Halseth, Jill Silva-Queen, Lee Lupton. Escorts: Mark Taintor, Terry Gregory, Lonnie England.

Varsity Cagers Win Three Season Starts at Westmoor

The Braves Varsity Basketball season has unofficially opened although most fans are unaware of the fact.

Blackford played three practice games last week against non-league competition and won all three by no less than fifteen points.

The first of the fifteen minute games was played at 7:45 against Pioneer High on San Jose High's court. The hoopsters then went on to down Sunnyvale with the first string playing no more than half of the game. The next team the Braves faced was Andrew Hill. This win made it three in a row for the Braves and possibly indicates another championship year for the Varsity cagers.

Blackfords first regulation game will be a non league encounter against Westmoor on December 4th at 3:15 on Westmoors cort.

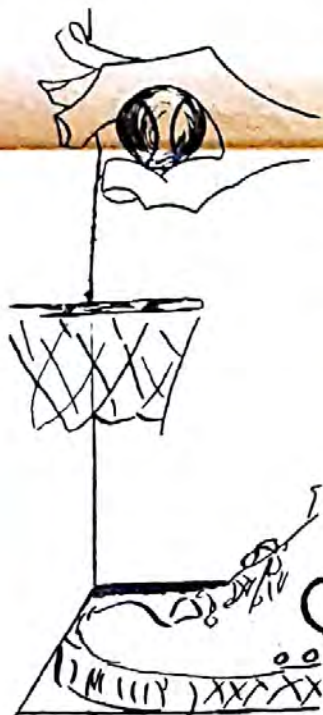
Runners Vie at San Mateo

Ten of Blackfords cross country men participated in the North Coast Sectionals at San Mateo College last week and were eliminated in the Trials.

The Braves had the toughest heat of the day as they ran against Wilcox, the number 1 crosscountry team in the nation.

Injuries hampered the harriers performance as two of the top Varsity men, Tom Kane and Bill Quinn were unable to run. Dave Olson was first man for the Braves, followed by John (the jumper) Burr, Bill (motor scooter) Taylor, Bob Yoskovitz Harry Taylor, Carl McDonald and John Pecorino.

Head Coach Thygerson commented, "Two of the top runners were too sick to run and two more were just well enough to run. You can't expect to do well with half the Varsity out."



SPORTS CALENDAR FOR 64-65

- Dec. 4 3:15 p.m. A & B Basketball @ Westmoor High
- 6:00 p.m. Wrestling @ Wilcox High
- Dec. 8 3:30 p.m. A & B Basketball vs. Live Oak-Here
- Dec. 9 7:00 p.m. Sports Banquet - Cafetorium
- Dec. 11 7:00 p.m. A & B Basketball vs Los Altos - here
- Dec. 12 Hollister Tournament - there - TBA
- 15, 16, 17, 18 Buchser Tournament - there - TBA
- 17, 18, 19 Campbell "B" Tournament - there - TBA
- Dec. 18 3:30 p.m. Wrestling vs Westmont - here
- 21, 22, 23, 26 Los Altos "H" Tournament - there - TBA
- 26, 27, 28, 29, Sunnyvale Tournament - There - TBA



Blackford Band at Halftime

- Dec. 30 10:00 a.m. Wrestling vs Andrew Hill - here
- Jan. 5, 1965 3:30 p.m. A & B Basketball vs Los Gatos - here
- Jan. 5 3:30 p.m. Wrestling vs Camden - here
- A & B Basketball @ Camden
- Jan. 12 3:30 A & B Basketball Vs Westmont - here



Brave Cheerleaders



Song Girls In Action.