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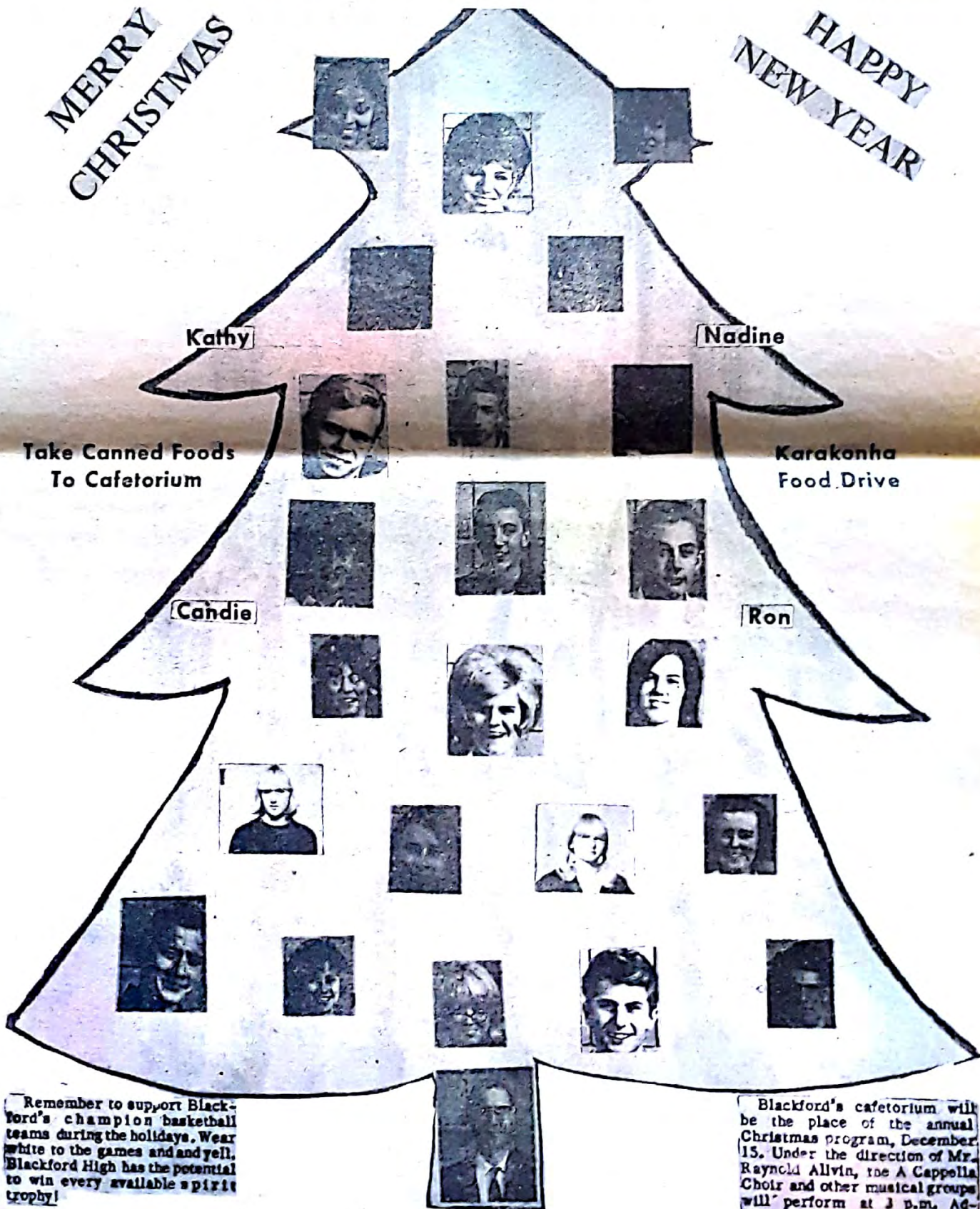
Blackford High School

San Jose, California

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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



Kathy

Nadine

Take Canned Foods  
To Cafetorium

Karakonha  
Food Drive

Candie

Ron

Remember to support Blackford's champion basketball teams during the holidays. Wear white to the games and yell. Blackford High has the potential to win every available spirit trophy!

Blackford's cafetorium will be the place of the annual Christmas program, December 15. Under the direction of Mr. Reynold Allvin, the A Cappella Choir and other musical groups will perform at 3 p.m. Admission is free.



BY TERRI BENNETT

# WAR PAINT



"I want a talking dolly," "I want a Stallion Bicycle," "I want a Lolly Pop factory." Thousands of parents everywhere will hear the cries of their children answering their questions of, "What do you want Santa to bring you?"

But, come to think of it, there seems to be no meaning anymore to Christmas. All the special wonders that were felt by many, years ago are now gone. The older generation felt the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ. It wasn't just the giving and receiving of gifts, in fact years ago when families weren't too prosperous, the children never received gifts. The families got together and gave what they could to their church as a gift to Christ, because it was His birthday and He should warrant the gifts.

Two weeks before Thanksgiving all of the reserved Christmas decorations were already strung up all over the city and shopping centers. Twenty years ago store keepers never thought of putting up the Christmas decorations until the week following Thanksgiving. This has all changed now. Christmas now means tremendous new found ways and profits for the merchants.

I believe people should try to show that this is a merry season. When someone says Merry Christmas I sure hope that they will say it with much more feeling than in previous years, and not leave out the Merry in Christmas.

When you say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year say it with real meaning.

## Former Thunderbird Joins



Arizona Mary Nelson BPC Photo

After attending Thunderbird Academy, a small high school in Scottsdale, Arizona, senior Mary Nelson, gives her first impressions of much larger Blackford.

"Everyone seems so friendly here and it's great. The facilities like the snack bar and cafeteria are fabulous, but that apple machine is something else."

"I notice, though, that the teachers here have little chance to give personal help during classes."

"The coaching staff for our school seems wonderful and my favorite is Coach Anglus. He's darling!"



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Merry Christmas From The Lance

## Faculty Wives Sell Recipes Famed Tutor, Friend Dies

"Thanks to all Blackford Braves from the faculty wives," according to Mrs. Sharon Hunt, president of the faculty wives club. The recent cupcake sale added \$53 to the Scholarship Fund, she said.

On December 15 at the PTA meeting, the faculty wives will be selling their recently written recipe books. Consisting of favorite recipes that the faculty wives especially enjoyed, the recipe books will sell for 50¢. They will make nice Christmas stocking presents, commented many of the wives. As in past years the money will again go to the Scholarship Fund. The fund grants one graduating student \$100 to use for college. The faculty wives work on various projects each year to give the \$100. Last year's recipient was Ken Plasecki, who is now attending the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Modesto Briseno, young musician who was active in the musical betterment of high school bandmen, died early Thursday morning, December 2, when his sports car crashed head-on into the Mathilda Avenue turnoff sign on the Bayshore Freeway.

Briseno, 27, played with such name bands as Stan Kenton, Si Zentner, Perez Prado, Red Norvo, Benny Goodman, and the Chamber Jazz Sextet.

In spite of an already heavy schedule, Briseno found time to give private lessons and conduct woodwind and brass clinics for instrumentalists in the Blackford High School music department and at other schools.

Many Blackford students were under the tutelage of Mr. Briseno.

## JUST GREEN By Ron Green

"Blondes have more fun." Says who? Theron Jones, who else? Since Sam had his hair bleached last month, he hasn't stayed home alone a single night. When asked which style he likes to wear the most, he replied, "Surfer style," but he also occasionally tries different styles, such as the donut, artichoke, pigtail, and glazed. Sam says he hates to be called a proxy and despises natural blondes, who play the role. "In fact I'm sick of blonde hair; it ain't no big thing. Brunettes are in, blondes out!"

With all the excitement around school lately, it's hard to study, but without studying how can the school be expected to pass all the students?

Recently Blackford celebrated homecoming and about the only good thing that happened was the SENIOR CLASS elected Tuna for bashful Brave and Pat Rotollo for Homecoming Queen. COACH ANGLUS, JIM EDISON, MIKE UCCEI, and JACK BRISCOE: special mention.

## Addie Advocates

Dear Addie,  
You see, my boy friend lives in Oregon and he is going to college. I like him very much but lately I've been seeing another guy and we have been going out. Well, Dick is supposed to come down to see me, and Gary says we are going out every Saturday. Should I tell Gary about Dick, or play sick?

---Desperate  
Dear Desperate,  
I believe you should explain the situation to both. Don't play sick.

Dear Addie,  
I have a really big problem. My boy friend is to tall. When I go to kiss him good night I have to stand on something or have him bend over (which looks dumb, besides it's very unromantic). I can't go around carrying a step ladder all the

time. What can I do?  
---To Short

Dear Short,  
First of all, learn to spell; then have your steady build his muscles romantically by lifting you up to him.

Dear Addie,  
My boy friend always drives too fast and is much too reckless when I am in the car with him. It scares me so much that I am almost tempted to break up with him.

---Scared Stiff  
Dear Stiff,  
Tell your honey to cool it. If he respects you, he will.

Dear Addie,  
A problem arises that I'm very hairy and shy about it. This season our team got new uniforms which expose much of my hairiness. I can't stand strangers see me in this condition should I quit?  
Human Rug



# IN VOGUE

One of the most popular accessories at school can be seen swinging, dangling, hanging or just sitting on girls' ears. Most of them are permanently attached via a needle through the ear lobes. Although most girls say they felt no pain during their "operation," there were a few "chickens" afraid to put a needle through an ear, and for them there are fakes which closely resemble pierced ear rings. The styles vary from plain gold or silver to pearls and make-believe animals. Some are exotic and look more like wind chimes than ear rings. They vary in size from one inch wide to three or four inches long.

The fancier ear rings are usually worn on dates and at dressier affairs. The simple ones are now considered to be in good taste at school, at work, or for daytime wear. Ear rings can be purchased as cheaply as 59 cents or they can be priced as high as any other good jewelry.



Bob Campbell, Dianne King, and John Hitchcock have been chosen to present the Annual Christmas program on December 5 at 8:00, the Blackford High School Acapello Choir will also sing.

Among many favorite Christmas songs the choir will sing: Mary's Lullaby; Winter Passes Over; Touches; Nowell Sings We Now; Carol of the Drum; and Christ Is Born Today.

## Leg Watchers Anonymous Do You Notice Hairy Legs?

by Ana and Tomy  
How many of you guessed that the pair of bulging biceps appearing in the last issue of the Lance belonged to two Braves who have requested that we don't print their names? However they said nothing about initials---such initials being Ken Schwab and Mark Wormley.

This week we are featuring a pair of shapely legs commonly seen around campus, though usually not as exposed as in this picture. So, many of you of the opposite sex may not be able to recognize them. Even so, why not try your luck with these gorgeous gams!

## Song Girls For '65-66' All Seniors

Those six girls seen doing routines during halftime at football and basketball games are the Blackford Song Girls.

Head Song Girl, Joyce Honda, said their job as Song Girls was "to liven up the kids". The other girls added "to provide entertainment", and "to represent Blackford as best we can".

Joyce Honda, Carol Luccheal, Darleen Koontz, Ellie Sigerus, Elyse Eng and Helene Zlmalcki are the Song Girls. They are under the direction of Mrs. Vicki Drexhage, Mrs. Linda Young and Mrs. Judy Gelwitz.

The girls practice every Wednesday--and any other necessary times. They practiced once or twice a week all summer.

All the girls advised, "don't give up" to future Song Girl candidates. They agreed that a prospective Song Girl has to have a lot of time and be prepared to work hard. During the fourth quarter tryouts will be held for new Song Girls. There will be six openings.



Guess whose legs these are.

## A Lavalier.. Give It Back?

What would you do if someone gave you a lavalier?

- Rai Clark: I'd slap him!
- Hal Markie: A what???
- Dave Naumann: I'd say, "thanks a lot, and what are you doing tonight?"
- Gloria VanPatten: I'd paint it purple.
- Paul Eldsmore: I'd kick him right in the shins.
- Steve Harrington: I'd ask him if I could eat it.
- Gary Wright: I'd throw it away.
- Walt Hagen: I'd stick it in their ear.
- Jeri Mata: I'd wamp on them.
- Dee Padden: I'd give them a kiss!
- Sue Sinclair: I'd put it in my pipe and smoke it.
- Mark Chiaravalle: I'd smack 'em one! What would you do if someone leveled your ear?
- Ernie Freitas: I'd hide it!
- Melody Barr: I'd give it back.

For those of you not "in the know", a lavalier is an ornament hanging from a small chain, worn around the neck of women.



I am told that a regularly featured column, such as Braves Buggy should be well-rounded. Now that you (the reading public) have seen (and no doubt heard) some domestic dragsters, and a little green sports car, in this column, I will now proceed to round out this feature with Senior Jerry Russo's 389 (with one quad) powered, chrome, dumped, whitewalled, lowered, naugahide interioered, "vibra-soniced", "hydramaticed" '59 Pontiac Bonneville sport coupe (phew!)

For what it's worth--this year the California State Legislature has passed a law which makes it legal in the state of California to get a driver's license at the age of 18--unless some one has satisfactorily passed a driver education course in high school, or a similar course at a driving school. This law does not, however, go into effect until 1967.

By the way, how about some ideas on what cars (or comments) you students would like to see in this column. Please submit them to any of the editors or take them to Room 47.



Jerry Russo's '59 Pontiac Bonneville

## Seniors of '66' Compute Along

A new form of studying is being taken up in Mr. Nelson and Mr. Hall's government classes in the science of Economics.

The research that was preformed on the new method of instruction concluded that it is a superior method. The information is divided up into more digestible and designed parts and the student can work at his or her own rate.

Each student works in the test on economics and computes the knowledge of the material. Students then request to take the examination on the material when he feels he knows it.

This new method of studying is the bi-product of a program on the study of computers. The object of the new method is to divide the information into pieces understandable by the computers.

In several weeks Mr. Glandon and Miss Dravecky's government classes will start this new method too.

**Support Your Team  
During Vacation  
Come to the Tourneys**



# Gapero, Aguilera, Pottier Make Honorable Mention

## Braves Finish Out Season With Wildcats Loss 33-7



Muddy Thanksgiving Day Action on Braves' Field  
by Chris Frelting

Cheers and yells will be heard no more on the football field, this year as the Blackford Braves have closed the season by losing to Saratoga, and to Los Gatos.

On Thanksgiving day, the Braves were out to avenge the tromping they got last year, but fell short as Saratoga's brilliant quarterback, Steve Hanson guided the Falcons to a 20-13 victory over a crushed Blackford team.

Hansen led all rushers as he made all of Saratoga's touchdowns and piled up 193 yards.

However, Budd Gapero, Braves' hard running fullback, robbed Hansen of taking all honors as he scored all of Blackford's points and came in second with 91 yards rushing.

Saratoga started things off by jumping to a 14-7 lead at the half.

Blackford came back to within one point, but could not hold Hansen who scored another tally

with seconds remaining. Los Gatos, behind the throwing of quarterback Perry Headly, never looked back as they picked apart the Braves' defense from the start to finish for 33 points, to score a decisive 33-7 victory.

Blackford's score came on a 12 yard run by fullback Budd Gapero early in the second half.

## Bells Squeak by Frosh Soph

Losing by a slim 6 points, Blackford's Soph-Frosh gave Bellarmine's J.V. squad a bit of a scare.

"They played quite a game for just three days practice." This was the only comment head Coach Eugene Angius had to relate. After starting off slowly the Braves fought back in the second half. At several times during the fourth quarter the Braves were down by as little as 2 points. Both teams showed early season shooting percentages but Blackford's could be justified, seeing as this was their first game, and Bellarmine's third. Rich Taketa led all scorers with 12 points while Jeff Momsen hit for 6 and Jim Whiteside pulled down many rebounds.

Blackford's next encounter will be with Willow Glen, there. Tip off time is scheduled for 7 p.m.

## '65-66 Matmen Begin Season

Winter sports have gone into action with the first wrestling match of the season. Mt. Pleasant is the first opponent of the Braves' Varsity and Jr. Varsity wrestling teams.

There are about 75 to 80 young men out for the team this year. Coach Mike Brkljacich said that this aggregation has a potential of becoming one of the best teams Blackford has had in recent years.

The Braves intend to enter the Fourth Annual Mare Island Invitational Wrestling Tournament. This tourney will be held on Dec. 10 and 11, and Blackford is expected to be among the winners.

Coach Brkljacich is still looking for more talent to add to his already numerous skilled athletes. Anyone wishing to become a member of this organization should contact Coach Brkljacich.

## Braves' Chiefs

If Blackford had an award for the best dressed coach, Mr. Lanny Dragon, this week's Braves Chief, would probably grab all honors.

Most track and cross-country men know what we mean, but to those who are still puzzled, Coach Dragon is generally seen coaching cross country and track in a suit and tie. But wait! Coach Dragon has a very good reason for this. Unlike most coaches, who teach physical education, Mr. Dragon's chief job is teaching a full load of history classes.

Coach Dragon was born in Powtucket, R. I. His college career began at Menlo College and shifted to San Jose State, where he is currently studying for a master's degree in history. He's taught at Blackford for two years.



Braves' Cross Country Coach, Mr. Dragon.  
BPC

# SPORTS

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## Awtrey, Green, High Scorers In Big Win Over Bellarmine

Blackford's mighty basketball team, under Head Coach Pat Daugerty, started a new season by swamping previously undefeated Bellarmine 60-39, last Saturday.

With a 26-game league winning streak, the Braves showed why they are number one in the league as they dominated the whole game with dazzling fast breaks under tense pressure.

Dennis Awtrey, who was the second highest scorer in Northern California last year, turned in another tremendous performance as he led all scorers with 23 points.

Ron Green, all-tourney selection in the Peninsula Basketball Tournament last year, backed Awtrey with 14 points.

Bellarmino didn't have a chance as their balanced attack couldn't stop the fast breaking Braves. Time after time the Bells would put on a full court press only to allow junior forward, Mike Aguilera, wide open, to make an easy layup.

## Gridders Win Four Straight

Blackford's first frosh-soph football team can truly be commended for a fine showing in league competition. The Braves' gridders ended the season, probably the hottest team in the newly formed frosh-soph league, with its fourth straight win, skinning Los Gatos 19-14.

This win over the Wildcats came in the last two minutes of play with Braves' quarterback Tim Flodd tossing to Jeff Momsen for 27 yards and the winning T.D. Blackford's other points were scored by John Boomfield, who carried 100 yards for a total of 66 yards, and Skip Adams. Probably the most contributing factor that led to the Braves' victory was that quarterback Tim Flood connected on 15 out of 18 passes. Three gridders became Blackford's first all-league frosh-soph players - Jim Whiteside, John Bloomfield and Jeff Momsen.

### VARSITY BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent
12/10	Willow Glen
12/11	Los Altos
12/14	Buchser Tournament
12/15	" "
12/16	" "
12/17	" "
12/27	Sunnyvale Tournament
12/28	" "
12/29	" "
12/30	" "
1/7	* Los Gatos
1/11	Westmont
1/14	* Leigh
1/18	* Del Mar
1/21	Saratoga
1/25	* Campbell
1/28	* Camden
2/1	Los Gatos
2/4	* Westmont
2/8	Leigh
2/11	Del Mar
2/15	* Saratoga
2/18	Campbell
2/25	Camden

\* Home Games