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FERRY CIRCULARS

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Press Interviews Song-girls



"You'll have a lot of fun if you've got spirit, a lot of energy, and a nice pair of legs," says Joyce Honda, song girl, when asked what she would say to a "song girl hopeful."

This week the Blackford song girls were interviewed by the Lance. This year's song girls are Mary Jane Busino (head), senior; Elyse Eng, junior; Janie Mirkovich, senior; and Vicki Burton, junior. Mary Jane and Vicki are in their second year. The girls do routines to music at halftime during football and basketball games and perform at rallies. Most of the girls were enthusiastic about the spirit this year but agreed that it could be better.

The girls were asked about their most embarrassing moments. Mary Jane's was last year when she threw her pom pom into the crowd and the rest of the girls were facing the opposite way. Carol said, "I've had many but I'm sure I'll have many more, so I really couldn't say."

When asked of her happiest moment as a song girl, Joyce Honda recalled, "When I duffed up in tryouts and then found out I made it." In general, the girls said that becoming a song girl was one of their happiest moments.

A word to future song girls from Head Song Girl Mary Jane Busino- "Be prepared to smile whether we win or not."



WAR PAINT BY RICH CLARK

Closed Campus? The door is still open

Many students have shown great discontent towards the closing of Blackford's campus at noontime. This condition is due to the problem posed by Blackford students who have disposed of their litter in a continuous trail from the campus to George Starbird Park.

These students have disregarded repeated warnings by faculty members who have received a storm of complaints from property owners in this vicinity.

In the daily bulletin on Dec. 10, it was announced that the park would open at lunchtime and if the litter situation improved, it would stay open. However, if the park is not kept clean, the campus will close again. This still holds true.

It also seems that there are several students who have been demonstrating their Smokey the Bear talents with the garbage cans at lunch. If these petty vandalisms don't stop, the students will again pay with a closed campus. Don't let a few students spoil it for many.

Talented Teach' Toots Trombone



Mr. Davis' accomplishments in the music world include playing trombone and piano professionally, off and on, for the

past eleven years. His most recent appearance was at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas last summer, where he cut an L.P. with Dick Congino and his band.

As a concert musician, Mr. Davis has played four seasons with the Santa Clara Philharmonic Orchestra, is currently in his third season as a member of the San Jose Symphony, and has played part time in the San Francisco Symphony.

Mr. Joe Davis Blackford band director, is a talented jazz and concert musician as well as a fine instructor.

A graduate of San Francisco State College, where he worked his way through (doing show work and playing in night clubs), Mr. Davis is currently completing work toward the master's degree.

Cook's Calendar

by Dee Cook

Dec. 21, 22, 23, 26

These four days you should set aside for the Los Altos "B" Tournament. It will be held in Los Altos' gym.

Dec. 26, 27, 28, 29

Remember these dates, they are important! They are important! These are the days for the Sunnysvale Tournament. It is in the Sunnysvale gym. So wear white and come support your team. These quotes were made by your head Varsity and "B" cheerleaders:

Varsity Head-Mona Rose, "You'll never know how much your support means to the team. It is needed and appreciated!"

"B" Head-Sheri Irons, "The 'B' team deserves just as much support as the Varsity."

Dec. 30

At 10:00 a.m. Blackford's wrestling team vs. Hill here at Blackford.

Jan 5, 1965

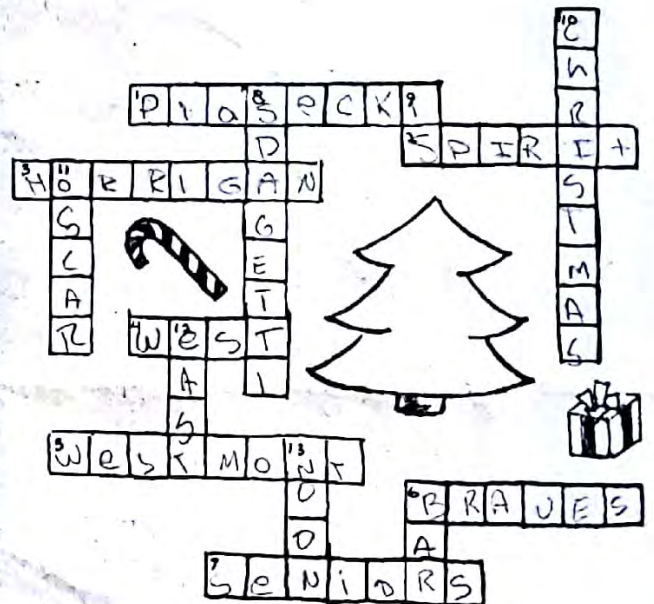
This is our first basketball game of the 1965 season. It's against Los Gatos at 3:30 p.m., here in the Blackford gym. Make sure you come and bring your spirit. Help Blackford start the year off right.

Check this column every issue for all the coming events for the rest of the school year.



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ACROSS

1. Senior President
2. Lacking in Blackford's student body
3. Wonderful person, and senior counselor.
4. Opposite of east
5. Where part of Blackford is
6. We are the _____
7. First four-year graduating class

DOWN

8. Served every Wednesday in the cafeteria
9. Two letter verb
10. We like _____ (jantlor)
11. Opposite of West
12. 12:00
13. The area that Braves spread most of their garbage in is the snack _____

HAVE A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS

MERRY CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

If you were told to express what Christmas brings to mind, (and it will bring something... eventually) what would you say? Let's help your brain along. Christmas is usually rather usual every year. (It's all coming back to you now, isn't it?) Certain symbols such as trees, mistletoe, Santa Claus, good food, mistletoe, carols and mistletoe are commonplace. The fact is that there are origins of these symbols that you may not have heard. (But then again you may have heard them, and if such is the case you can go back to your comic book.)

Who cut the first Christmas tree? An old Scandinavian? No, it was Martin Luther, over 400 years ago. He cut the tree put candles on it and gave it to his children on Christmas Eve.

Mistletoe has an interesting history. The Druids in Britain,

Ireland and Gaul considered the mistletoe sacred and used it in marriage rites. They weren't satisfied with its natural properties so they also crushed mistletoe and (ugh) drank it.

In 1659, a "blue law" was passed in Massachusetts, under Puritan pressure, imposing a 4 shilling fine on anyone celebrating Christmas. You might think this was an unbearable hardship (especially if you're a greedy...scrooge.) But believe it or not, the law was in effect for 22 years.

Other countries have unusual present-day customs. For Christmas...Chileans drink "Monkey's Tail," the Polish spread hay under the tablecloth, Armenians eat boiled spinach and in French Canada, cats are always fed well because it is bad luck if there is a meow on Christmas Eve. (French Canadians..good luck.)

Behind the Scenes with:

Blackford's D. of E.

Third in a series of articles about our advisors and staff of Blackford High

"I'm proud of the Blackford student body," says Mr. Don R. Armitstead, Director of Education. "I'm proud to see 'my class' the seniors of '65 graduate."

Mr. Armitstead has been in the Campbell School District for six and a half years. He has taught at Campbell, counseled at Blackford (remember, seniors?) and was Dean of Boys at Del Mar. He is now Director of Education at Blackford.

He has many duties as Director of Education. He is responsible for the coordination of the instructional and counseling programs. He is also concerned with all materials of instruction such as textbooks or library books. Supervising the teachers is another of his duties. He attends meetings with other Directors of Education to bring to Blackford adequate ways of instruction that will further education.

Mr. Armitstead has very little contact with the students at Blackford, as he is concerned with the directing of education for the students.

"Blackford is another fine school and I enjoy working here," states Mr. Armitstead.



St. Nick's History Told

Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of children, scholars, virgins, sailors, and merchants, and also regarded by thieves in the middle ages as their patron saint.

Legend tells of his surreptitious gifts to the three daughters of a poor man, who, unable to give them dowries, was about to abandon them to a life of sin.

From this tale has grown the custom of secret giving on the Eve of St. Nicholas (December 5). Due to the close dates, Christmas and St. Nicholas' Day are celebrated simultaneously. "Santa Claus" is an American corruption of the Dutch "San Nicolaas."

Guest Honor '64 Concert

A beautiful and happy concert highlighted Blackford's annual Christmas Concert held in the cafeteria last night.

Nancy Gustavson, harpist at San Jose State, accompanied the choir in a group of modern arrangements of old English carols.

Guest harpsichordist, Mr. John Germer, accompanied the choir and orchestra for the Midnight Mass.

Seemingly effective was the soprano solo of Sharon Wear, and the duet of Sharon and Sharon Neff with the harp.

The string orchestra played; Corelli's "Christmas Concerto," with soloists Barbara Hansen, Fran Litz, and Kris Wilkinson. Some selections from this group of pieces were danced by the ORCHESTRIS Dance Group.



Y is for the year just about to end,
U is for the umpteen dollars people have to spend,
I is for the letters brought from door to door,
E is for the evergreens which seeds have finally born,

S is for the snow on which the children ski,
E is for the elves which jump around with glee,
A is for the advertisements found in every magazine,
S is for the small child for whom this celebration's meant,
O is for the ornaments strung upon the tree, and
N is for the Noel carolers that we now do see.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Answers to Page 2 Crossword puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Ploaeckl
2. Spirit
3. Horrigan
4. West
5. Westmont
6. Brues
7. Seniors

DOWN

8. Spaghetti
9. Is
10. Oscar
11. East
12. noon
6. Bar
13. Christmas

Happy Holidays to All--Our next issue will be out the 15th of January. See you then!

WHEELS OF THE WEEK



"Blackford's Volkswagon racing team" is featured as the wheels for this week. From left to right, the cars and drivers are: (1) a red '63 VW speedster called Lady Bug, driven by Don (Tailspin) Thompson. (2) a red '60 VW rally car featuring Dunlop "inch walls" and a spotlight, driven by Gary (Washout) Wineroth. (3) a red '63 VW circuit racer

featuring four reversed wheels and a competition stripe, driven by Enrique (Leadfoot) Salazar. (4) a black '61 VW hearse with new cams, driven by Louie (Wheelie) Quiring. (5) a yellow '61 VW sprint car, with porta-walls, driven by Rich (Cannonball) Clark. (6) a green '60 VW dragster, featuring a 3-grand tach on the dash, driven by Bob (Speedshift) Schenbauer.

Brave Cagers Foil Los Altos Awtrey Hits 31

The Los Altos undefeated record and famed full court press failed to impress the Braves' Varsity hoopsters as they scalped the Los Altos five 69-53.

Blackford, with only one returning starter from last year appears to be a faster team than last season and got good support from two juniors, Dennis Awtrey and Ron Green.

Awtrey, a 6 foot - 8 inch center hit the mark for 31 points and 26 rebounds. Green, a forward tallied for 14 points and continually harassed the Los Altos team with fast breaks.

After a first period score of 11-11 the Braves cut loose and grabbed the lead at half time 31-25. From that point Blackfords quintet just kept pulling ahead and lead by a respectable 10 points at the end of the third period and a final spread of 16 points.

The Los Altos contest was Blackford's third of the season and was the first night game of the year.

Favored Los Altos was shooting cold in the early part of



Dennis Awtrey swishes two.

the game. When they finally began to hit, it wasn't enough as the Braves beat them by six points in the first half and ten in the second.

The Los Altos full court press never materialized as a big threat although Los Altos managed a few steals. This was probably due to the fact that Los Altos didn't use the press all the time and when they did it was only partly successful.

Starting for the Braves were Dennis Awtrey at center, Ron Green at forward and Bill Frickman at forward. Ron Otto and Ray Mialovich started as guards.

BLACKFORD- 11 20 17 21-69
LOS ALTOS - 11 14 13 15-53

Hockey On Tap for AGA

Girls Sports is currently engaged in competitive field hockey with the other schools comprising the league. The girls are divided into six different teams which compete every Thursday against rival opponents.

Blackford's girls were over-matched against a powerful Camden team and consequently went down to defeat in their first league encounter, Dec. 3. Although Camden's experience proved to be the winning factor, BHS girls waged a strong battle in defeat. In their second contest the A.G.A. field hockeyists bullied their way past Del-Mar to even their record at 1-1. The girls' next game is a home encounter against Los Gatos on Dec. 17.

Fall Sports Roundup 1964

Now that the fall sports season is over, we of Blackford High can look back and feel proud at having such a commendable year.

A last place prediction didn't seem to affect the Brave footballers as half-way through the season they were tied for the top spot with a 3-1 record. Although Blackford met defeat twice more, they ended the season tied for fourth place in the W.V.A.L. When the time came for all league selection the Braves placed two men on the first team, Bill Dunham and Bob Nash. Bud Chauvaux received honorable mention.

Blackford's C & D hoopsters closed the year as champions in the W.V.A.L. The team which is primarily freshman and sophomore, compiled an 8-3 record over the long season.

In a repeat performance of last year the varsity cross country finished second behind Leigh High. Enroute to second place Blackford placed two men in the top ten and all seven men in the top half. For the second straight year, the V.V. runners captured the league championship. Piecing together the victory the Braves grabbed first, third, fourth, fifth, and seventh for a total of twenty points. Rounding out the cross country season, Blackford's freshman and sophomores both earned fourth place in W.V.A.L. competition.

BRAVE SPORTS

1964 Banquet

Blackford's fourth annual fall sports banquet marked the close of the 1964 fall sports season. Highlights of the evening included guest speaker, Bill Walsh. Mr. Walsh, who is assistant football coach at Stanford, stressed the need of obtaining a good education in order to succeed in later life.

Following the guest speaker each of the fall sports coaches

introduced their respective team and gave a brief rundown of the season. Coach Pesut varsity football coach, led the way presenting his team, which compiled a 4-4-1 record. After Coach Pesut's marathon speech B football coach, Bill Dempsey, expounded on the B's and was followed by Coach Angius, C & D basketball; and cross country head, Alton Thygerson.

The banquet was climaxed with the presentation of special awards. Trophies were presented to Bill Dunham for back of the year; Bud Chauvaux, line-man of the year; and Bob Nash, most inspirational player. Bill Taylor also received a trophy as senior cross country man of the year.

Cagers Collapse Against Los Altos by Eight Points

"We were a little scared of them in the first half, but I'd like to play them again and see what happens," commented Head B Coach Gene Angius on Blackford's loss to Los Altos last Friday.

It was the Braves first loss as they went down 37-29 before a near capacity home crowd.

Forward, Ken Smith hit five out six free throws and one for one in baskets to lead the Brave hoopsters with seven points.

Guard Dave Fujikawa swished through two baskets and two shots from the line for a second point high of six.

Senior Forward Ron Broullette Scored on two occasions for a total of four points from the floor. He also dropped in one for two, at the foul line.

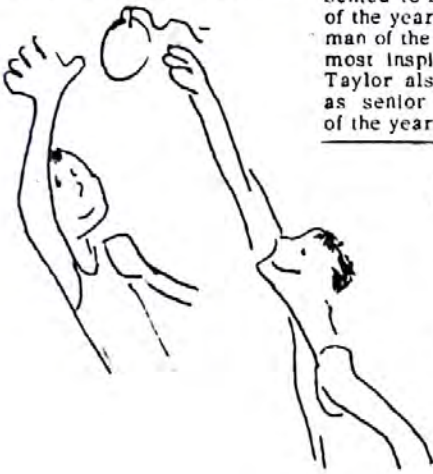
Junior center Ron Hanson led in rebounds and also connected with two out of four shots and

one out of two foul shots. The Braves now post a 2-1 win loss record and Coach Angius is looking forward to a very successful season.



Rick Hanson scores in B's contest.

The Brave hoopsters will compete in the Westmont B tournament today at Westmont.



APRIL FOOLS