



Señor Cooks Spanish Meal

To further the understanding of Spanish cuisine, Señor Ramiro Garcia, Spanish teacher, presently prepared a Spanish dish of arroz con pollo, chicken and rice, with the help of homemaking teacher Miss Susan Holbrook.

At the time the Senior Homemaking class, to whom Mr. Garcia was explaining, was studying

foreign cookery and preparing dinners from different countries, with some of the faculty joining in the meal during their prep periods.

While preparing the chicken and rice Mr. Garcia answered questions about the culture and cuisine of Spanish countries mainly his home country Cuba.

Every once-in-awhile Mr. Garcia would start talking in Spanish to Sonia Rincon, asking her about different dishes of her homeland, Colombia. Sonia and her brother Octavio just came to Blackford and the United States this year.

The success of the meal was proven by the long line of students and Mr. Romer, who came back for second servings.

Gradel, Wade Head F.H.A.

"Future Homemakers of America gives girls a better understanding and experience in the field of Home Economics," stated Chris Wade, president of the first lunch, as there is a president in each lunch. She shares the presidency with Nancy Gradel, who is president of the second lunch F.H.A.

F.H.A. is not a commission, but a club formed by girls interested in the field of home economics. New members are always welcome.

F.H.A. manages the concessions at the football and basketball games and serves at school banquets.

For their Christmas project they made stockings for the Ming Quong Home.

The girls are planning their annual Mother-Daughter banquet.

Brave Busy As Model

"I feel that modeling is a combination career and hobby; it keeps me awfully busy!"

This subject was viewed by DeAnna Duel who will represent Blackford as "Miss Blums" throughout 1965.

DeAnna acquired this position by registering with Blum's Department Store. She was interviewed by a woman, and as a finalist was chosen by Mr. Cyar, manager of Blum's.

As Miss Blum's DeAnna has made two radio recordings with KLIV.

DeAnna's personal ambition is to continue her career as a professional model, doing photography modeling.

Athletes Give Most Toys

Congratulations are due to Blackford's Block "B" Society for being the largest contributor of toys in the San Jose area.

The San Jose Teen Club Council sponsored the drive which collected and distributed 4,000 toys during the yule season. Thanks to the council and Blackford's Block "B" youngsters in the area are happier.



De Anna is pictured wearing a royal blue wool jumper by Frank Lee of California. The jumper is Empire waisted, and has a low belt in the back. A white crepe, long-sleeved blouse is shown with the outfit, also by Frank Lee.

Courtesy B.P.C.

Class of '65 Presents "Un Soirée Enchanté"

Blackford's Class of '65s Senior Ball will be held Friday, February 27 at La Rinconada Country Club. The formal affair beginning at 9 p.m. will conclude at 12:00. Senior Braves chose "Un Soirée Enchanté". French meaning Enchanted Evening, as the evenings theme.

The planning committee includes: Decorations-Lee Lupton and Mary Jane Busino; Music-Terry Gregory; Refreshments-Kathy O'Leary and Alicia Thomas; Photography-Steve Terry; and Bids-Karen McIver, Jean Salazar, and Pat Halseth.

More details will appear in the next edition of the Lance.

Laden Studies In Germany

Winging his way to Germany to study music is former Blackford graduate Jim Laden.

Jim came to Blackford for his junior and senior years after attending Del Mar where he played the trumpet. When he came to Blackford he switched from the trumpet to the French horn and has been playing it ever since. He graduated from Blackford in 1962 with a gold tassel.

Barry Laden, freshman at Blackford this year, commented that his brother was hoping for clear weather so he could see the valley and countryside on the way over.

Jim took off Friday, January 1. He will stay in Germany for about six months. Since his graduation from High school Jim has been studying at Stanford University.

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College News

Register For ACT Test

The American College Test (better known as ACT) is scheduled to be given February 20. Registration deadline for this specific test date is January 23. The test may be taken at either San Jose State or City College.

Due to the change in San Jose State requirements, two additional test dates have been established. The first will take place on January 16. The second is scheduled for January 30. Registration deadline for the latter is January 22. The testing center is San Jose State College.

Students planning to attend San Jose or any other state college are encouraged to take the ACT. The ACT will be accepted by West Valley Junior College from applying students.

Grade transcript sheets for the seventh semester may be obtained and filed in the main office. If there are any questions concerning the ACT, students are advised to see Mr. Horrigan.

Lance Joins Press Club

"Carry It proudly in your publication, for this badge of NSPA membership informs your readers that yours is an alert, progressive publication," stated the National Scholastic Press Association Director Fred L. Kildow, when talking about the insignia printed in the staff box.

Recently Blackford's newspaper joined the NSPA, competing against other papers like ours across the nation.

One of the purposes of the NSPA is to honor high school journalists and the papers they write for.



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Cook's Calendar

by Dee Cook

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS.

Congratulations! The Block "B" Society here at Blackford High School received special mention in the San Jose Mercury-News for being the largest contributor in the 1964 Toys for Tots drive before Christmas. In cooperation with the San Jose Teen Club Council, San Jose teens collected and distributed 4,000 toys this Christmas season.

SPIRITED BRAVES

Those students who attended the Sunnyvale Tournament should be commended for the fine spirit displayed by Blackford. Because of the fine leadership of the cheerleaders and spirit of the students, Blackford walked off with the first place spirit trophy. Let's keep up the good work. The spirit in basketball season has shown a noted improvement over the spirit displayed in football season.

PTA

The annual PTA membership drive is still on. The class which has the highest percentage of parent membership will receive \$200 for their class treasury. The Blackford PTA has been one of Blackford's greatest assets in the past years because of its contributions to the student body and to the school. Last year, the senior class won with 100% plus!

BRAVES MAKE GOOD

Congratulations to Dennis

Awtrey, sophomore, and Jim White, senior, of the Blackford High Varsity Basketball team. Both boys made all tournament at the Sunnyvale Basketball Tournament. At the Buchser Tournament, Awtrey was chosen most valuable player in the tournament, breaking all previous scoring records.

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Jan. 15

Blackford's wrestlers vs. Leigh's mat men here at 3:30 p.m. in the boys' gym.

The Varsity and "B" basketball teams battle against Leigh at 7 p.m. in their gym. Remember, there aren't too many night games.

Jan. 16

Blackford's grapplers are one of four teams in the Homestead tournament on Saturday. It will be held at Homestead in the boys' gym.

Jan. 19

Blackford's Varsity and "B" basketball teams play Campbell at 3:30 p.m., there.

Jan. 22

Blackford vs. Saratoga on the mats in the Blackford gym. The wrestling will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Wear white and come to the 3rd night basketball game. Blackford's Varsity and "B" teams play Saratoga in our gym at 7 p.m. Come and support your team.

Music for All At Pops Concert

Cool jazz and Broadway hits will highlight the 3rd Annual Pops Concert, to be held January 29-30, at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The varied program will guarantee everyone an enjoyable evening.

The Dance Band will play Count Basie arrangements of "Cute", "Teddy the Toad", "Why Not", and "Li'l Darlin'", plus "Medium Rare", by Bob Siebert.

Under the direction of Mr. Joe Davis, the Symphonic Band will play "Brass Aflame", "I Left My Heart in San Francisco", "Begin the Beguine", and "Bluebells of Scotland".

The Choir will sing "Hold My Mute White I Dance", "Red Wing", and "Elijah Rock".

The orchestra, directed by Mr. Alvin, will play "Russian Sailor's Dance", "Horse and Buggy", "Carousel", and "Perpetual Motion".

The combined orchestra, choir, and Glee Club, also under the direction of Mr. Alvin, will present the "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

Admission will be fifty cents for students and one dollar for adults. Refreshments will be served.

THIRTIES.

"We've had a real riot, even though no one comes to our games," this quote is from Blackford's head "B" cheerleader, Sheri Irons.

Sheri's buddies (also better known as the rest of the "B" cheerleaders) are Marilyn Mitzel and Jo Puccinelli. Marilyn, also known as Mitz, can be seen any where on campus---just look up. When asked if she was glad she was glad she was tall, Marilyn replied, "Yes, because when I'm called on in class to recite, I don't have to stand up.

"Our favorite personality on campus," they all agreed, "is Mr. Horrigan." Jo added, "He's the one we bug the most". They also agreed that the person who has contributed most to the "B" spirit is Miss Knowles, their advisor.

Cheerleaders also have trying times---embarrassing moments! Sheri's most embarrassing moment was when she fell down during a Varsity game during a cheer she was doing. Marilyn's embarrassing moment was when someone finally came to one of their games and they actually had to cheer. Jo's trying moment came when they introduced "We are the Braves" and she did "With a B."

The girls are all striving for a goal, they think. Sheri's goal was to "find a goal in life". She also would also like to be able to attend a college for four years without fail.

JO.....MITZ.....SHERI

B.P.C. Photo



Homemaking Tea For Christmas

The Blackford High School Home Economics Department recently held a Christmas tea in rooms six and seven.

This tea was held from 9AM until 3 PM on Thursday, December 17. Invited to the tea were all Homemaking students, their parents, and all those employed by Blackford.

Most of the refreshments served at the tea were prepared by the various Homemaking classes during the previous week.

Commenting on the tea was Miss Holbrook, homemaking teacher. She said that "a lot of credit" should be given to the girls who worked "so hard preparing and freezing" the food served. She and the other Home Economics teachers agreed that the tea was a success.

Views On The News

by Sheri

This issue's question is:

What is your opinion on the free speech movement of University of California of Berkeley? Should they close the campus to speech organizations or leave it open?

Jeff Miller- I believe that the campus should be kept open. By the time people reach college I feel that they should have enough sense to know right from wrong and who to follow and who not to follow.

Dan Hendrix- They are exaggerating too much about it, but they should have it.

Jim White- Free speech is guaranteed in the Constitution. Anything that serves to defend that right is OK with me.

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New Year's Day Has History of Many Changes

Vacation has now been over for two weeks and the year, 1965, has started. The first day of the year hasn't always remained January 1. In ancient times this day varied widely.

Ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians, and Persians started the year on autumnal equinox, or September 21, while the Greeks new year began on winter solstice (December 21) until the 5th century B.C. Ancient Romans also celebrated on December 21, and later March 1, until 45 B.C. At this time Julius Caesar introduced the new year to start on the first day of January. Athens preferred the year to begin after the new moon on June 21.

December 25, was the start of the year in Anglo-Saxon England until William the Conqueror suggested January 1, by Norman request. Later England celebrated it with the rest of the Christendom on March 25.

During the Middle Ages, in general, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, marked the beginning of the new year.

By 1582, all of the Roman Catholic nations had adopted the Gregorian or New Style calendar. According to this calendar, January 1, was the start of a new year. At this time the Protestant countries still were using the Julian or Old Style Calendar with March 25, marking New Year's day.

Scotland adopted the Gre-

by Les Priest

There was a young lady from Quent.
She had in her head a large dent.
She thought not a thought.
Her I.Q. was naught.
And a nuthouse was where she was sent.

Have You Heard...?

1. Who was the "Lady of the Haystack"?

In 1776 a beautiful and graceful girl, who appeared to be familiar with the forms of good society, was found living in a haystack at Bourton, near Bristol, England. The Lady of The Haystack as she was called, made her home in the haystack for four years. Shortly thereafter she was placed in a mental asylum in 1801 without her identity ever having been learned.

2. Which floats easier, a fat or lean person?

A fat person floats more readily in water than a lean person, because fat is lighter than muscle or bone and in proportion to size a fat person is lighter than a lean one.

gorian calendar in 1600, and most of the other European countries, including Germany, Denmark, and Sweden, changed to the New Style in the 1700's.

England and the British colonies didn't use the New Style until 1752.

Some religious groups or nationalities begin the year on a number of days. The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashbaoh, falls on the first day of Tishri. This day varies from September 6, to October 5, except when an ecclesiastical year occurs. In this case spring equinox (March 21) is the first day. Chinese New Year can be anywhere between January 21, and February 19.

New Years Day is celebrated in a variety of ways though it isn't a festival of the Christian Church. The Feast of Circumcision just happens to be on January 1.

To Blackford Via Peanuts

HAPPINESS

1. a substitute who doesn't believe in homework.
2. being first in the lunch line.
3. doing your homework in five minutes.
4. a fire drill in the middle of a dull lecture.
5. an assembly during your toughest subject.
6. not having to take notes during a movie.
7. a teacher with laryngitis.
8. getting out of school early.
9. getting out of school anytime.
10. weekends
11. not having to turn in an assignment that you forgot about.
12. a teacher who forgets her keys to the room.
13. getting out of the parking lot in one piece.
14. a teacher who loves you.

WHEELS of the WEEK



B.P.C. Photo

From Volkswagons to a Thunderbird, that's the way the "wheels" roll, with Steve Harrington's 57 T-Bird taking the honors as the "wheels" for this week.

Harrington, a Blackford junior, recently acquired his T-Bird which features a removable hardtop.

The engine is a 312 cubic inch with a Holly four barrel. The trans. is a three speed automatic with a floorshift.

Interior goodies include Black and red upholstery on semi-bucket seats, black headrests, seatbelts, and a padded dash with a five-grand tach mounted on it.

The exterior features chrome wheels on all four with knockoffs. Tires are oversize Atlas inch-walls.

Coming attractions for this Bird are three twos, mag wheels, and a four speed stick.

Suggestions for future "Wheels of the Week" will be appreciated and should be delivered to Room five.

Behind the Scenes With:

BLACFORD'S DEANS

Fourth in a series of articles featuring the staff and advisors of Blackford High School.



Mrs. Ora Gillette and Mr. Warren Glaze, Blackford's Deans.

B.P.C. Photo

"This is the best student body I have ever worked with," says Mr. Warren Glaze, Dean of Boys. Mr. Glaze has taught in three countries, Canada, Ethiopia, and the United States.

The deans, Mrs. Ora Gillette and Mr. Warren Glaze, are here to help students who are having difficulty in adjusting to school or need personal counseling. "I feel we do a great deal of personal counseling as deans," states Mrs. Gillette, Dean of Girls.

Their jobs include the responsibility of taking attendance, they are also involved in giving support to student activities by being present and available for any kind of problems that may arise. The deans are also responsible for student behavior during school hours.

Mr. Glaze is advisor to the Student Council, giving directions when problems arise; and Mrs. Gillette is advisor to the foreign exchange students, giving them advice and help when they need it.

"We are fortunate at Blackford that attendance and discipline problems are not as frequent as other high schools."

"A deans' position is a very difficult one, due to the fact that he may have to, on occasion, act as disciplinarian and on another occasion act as counselor in solving personal problems, assisting them in pursuit of employment or higher education," states Verdun P. Romer, principal.

Shock Troops Forever....?

"Shock Troops Forever!" This cry is increasing in volume week by week at Blackford. But what are Shock Troops? The best explanation is a look at their qualifications.

The loyal trooper must:

1. Either be a player or the girlfriend of a player on the Blackford Varsity Basketball team.

2. Be a warmer of the bench.
3. Be loyal to the bench warmers even if he is sent into the game.

Some of the leading troopers who meet these qualifications are Jerry Hermanson, Steve Hammond, and Bill Erychman.

At each game a rooting section comes just to show their allegiance to the Shock Troops. They bring cheer cards, a huge flag and well selected cheers. A few of the cheerleaders are Jim Feldman, Enrique Salazar, Bob Green, and Mona Rose.

Braves Quintet 2-0; Leigh and Del Mar Keep Pace

Balanced Effort Leads Braves over Camden

Blackford's Varsity cagers dumped Camden at the losers' court last Friday by 15 points in posting their second win in two starts against W.V.A.L. competition.

The Braves jumped out to a quick 18-6 first quarter lead and breezed through the rest of

the game behind the shooting of Dennis Awtrey and Jim White. Awtrey, Blackford's 6'7" center, dropped in 17 points to lead the Braves in scoring. Guard Jim White, helped Awtrey from the outside by swishing 14 counters. Forwards Ron Green and Doug Bowser were responsible for the bulk of the remaining points with seven and five, respectively.

The first quarter appeared to be the decisive one as Blackford outscored the Cougars by only one point a quarter for the rest of the game.

In losing, Larry Smith of Camden grabbed top scoring honors with 23 points on eight



baskets and seven from the foul line.
BLACKFORD 18..13..8..12...51
CAMDEN 6..12..7..11...36

The Braves next encounter will be against the Leigh Warriors on Longhorn's court January 15 at 7 P.M.

W.V.A.L. Race Down to Three

The race for the W.V.A.L. Basketball crown is beginning to shape up as three teams remain undefeated after two league encounters. The teams, Blackford, Leigh, and Del Mar, all accumulated sizable margins in winning their latest victories.

Blackford, led by Dennis Awtrey and Jim White rolled to an easy Friday night victory over Camden on the losers' court. Awtrey accounted for 17, White for 14 in the 51-36 rout.

Leigh High Longhorns branded Westmont 64-46 behind the scoring of Dan Willis with 18, and Bob Bowen, 14.

Kirk Ladine only hit 11 for the Del Mar Dons but got plenty of help in the scoring department from Barry Sheridan and Bill Droziak who dropped 13 points each through the mesh as the Dons blasted Campbell 60-31.

Blackford A.G.A. Resumes

Slowed by a continuous downpour, Blackford's A.G.A. has been forced to postpone several of their scheduled meets. The girls took to the field Tuesday in hopes of furthering their league competition by meeting Westmont. Blackford's girls reign as favorites by virtue of their brilliant play in the mud.

Brave Kegler Ranks Third in National Comp.

Blackford High Junior, Gary Park, is currently one of the finest bowlers in America. Park, who is very adept at knocking over the 10 pins was ranked 3rd in the nation last year.

Gary began bowling in 1960 and after five short years now boasts a hefty 205 average. He keeps his game sharp by practicing about twice a week.

Competition usually brings out an athlete's best performance and Gary isn't lacking for competition as he now competes in three leagues.

In addition to bowling, Parks takes time out in the fall to compete in cross country and again in the spring when he adds his talent to the 'B' track team.

You can usually find Gary with Bob Yoskowitz, Harry Taylor, and John Crow.

Braves Place Second in Sunnyvale and Buchser Tourneys, Walk off with Trophy

By Rich Clark

The Blackford Braves, also known as Awtrey and Co., placed second in the Buchser Tournament held Dec. 26-28.

Awtrey and Green were high scorers for Blackford with Awtrey shooting 25, 29, and 23 for a 3-game, 28-point average. Green tallied 29 points for a 10 point average.

Coach Dougherty, head basketball coach, said that some of the things which hurt us in the tournament were the zone de-

fense and the fact that we only totaled three for 11 free throws.

In the Sunnyvale Tournament, in which Blackford also placed second, Awtrey shot 23, 21, 23, and 21 for a 22 point average. White and Green averaged 12 and 10 points, respectively.

In the Sunnyvale game, the Jets outrebounded the Braves 38 to 28 rebounds. Coach Dougherty commented that we were beginning to look more like a team. At one point in the game

we were at a 15 point disadvantage. We rallied to tie them but still lost by four points.

In the Buchser Tournament, Awtrey and White made all four, and in the Sunnyvale tournament Awtrey was selected most valuable player, breaking all existing scoring records.

The Braves also walked off with the first place spirit trophy for having the most spirit in the Sunnyvale Tournament.

Grapplers Compete

After getting off to a slow start, Blackford's grapplers made a fine showing in the recent Hollister Tournament. The Braves placed fifth from among the sixteen teams entered. Outstanding performances were turned in by Chuck Fusco, Ron Camara, and Wayne Harrington capturing first, second, and third, respectively.

Many former Blackford High wrestlers displayed fine performances for Westmont as the Warriors defeated the Brave grapplers.

Camden's powerful team proved too tough to overcome as the Cougars promptly pinned Blackford to the mat and walked away, victors. The Braves gained a split in their only other meet.

Future meets include the 16-school Homeshead Tourney, where Blackford hopes to make an outstanding showing.



Blackford over Camden 31-24; Cagers Unbeaten in two Starts

Blackford's B Basketball team led by Coach Gene Anglus kept their unblemished league record with their 31-24 victory over the Camden Cougars two weeks ago Friday night at the losers' gym.

The win, Blackford's second, shows that the Braves are quite possibly going for the W.V.A.L. title and will be in contention all the way.

Leading the Blackford five in scoring was Rick Hanson with 11 points on three baskets and five foul shots. Ron Brouillette, forward, and Dave Fujikawa, guard, completed the majority of the scoring with eight and seven counters, respectively.

Coach Anglus expects to be in contention for the honors all the way and feels that we have the team to do it.