

Human Rights Meeting Set

At the Astromar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove the 8th Annual American Friends Service Committee High School Conference on Human Rights will be held on April 15-17.

The theme of the Conference is "The Generation of Hope". It will provide an opportunity to study, discuss, and begin seeking solutions to the social, economic, and political crisis of our times.

Fees for the Astromar Conference are \$20 per student including room and board. Scholarship help is available.

The conference will be attended by sophomore, junior, and senior high school students.

Further information and application blanks can be obtained by writing to: High School Conference on Human Rights, American Friends Service Committee, 2160 Lake St., San Francisco, 21, California.

State Scholars Commended

After taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test, eight Blackford students were chosen by the California State Scholarship Commission as semi-finalists for state scholarships. The students are Brent Thompson, Sue Clevenger, Dorothy Brown, Crystal Sany, Bruce Covell, Sue Graff, Kathy Cassidy, and Pat Fitzgerald.

The state scholarship is not simply a prize for academic aptitude and achievement. The scholarship is a grant of money used by students who have exceptional ability and achievement and in the need of financial assistance to the college of their choice. The scholarship is to be used for tuition and fees, not living expenses or books.

Independent colleges award scholarships from \$300 to \$1500 and the University of California and state colleges give scholarships in amount of the fees charged.

SELECTED FRESHMAN LIMERICKS

Todd Jackson

Skippy Dog Food is the best--
Kills more dogs than all the rest.

If you get some right away,
Your dog woe will raaa away.

Pat McLennan

There once was a boy who
chewed gum
And sat next to a girl who
did hum.

They never were learning
And the teacher was burning,
And therefore they ended up
dumb.

Bill Currie

There was a young man from
Malne
Who had a very great pain
He went to a physican

To tell his condition
And that ended his pain.
Author Unknown

There once was a surfer
named Dave,
Got wiped out by a 50-foot
wave.
All the ho-dads around,
Thought sure he would drown
But he fooled them and swam
in a cave.

Sam Margherita

There was a young man from
Hong Kong
Who dreamed he was eating
his thong.
He got up in fright
In the middle of night
and found he was perfectly
wrong.

Three Senior Braves Named Merit Finalists

It was recently announced that three Blackford seniors were selected as National Merit Scholarship Finalists. These three students are Dorothy Brown, Bruce Covell, and Brent Thompson.

Recently these Braves, along with 14,000 students from across the nation, qualified on the basis of their National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests to become Semifinalists. To confirm their high scores on the first test, the students then took the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Students receiving high scores became Finalists.

From this group of 14,000 qualifying students it is anticipated that 1600 Merit Scholarships will be given out this year. The actual selection is underway now, and the winners and their principles will be notified by March 20. Public announcements will be made April 28.

A Certificate of Merit, and a letter of notification are awarded to all finalists. Awards were presented to Dorothy, Bruce, and Brent by Mr. Romer, Blackford principal.

Beach Boys In San Jose

Mike, Dennis, Carl, Brian, and Al,---better known to most San Jose residents as the "Beachboys," performed at the Civic Auditorium Friday, February 26.

This concert marked the fourth time within a year that the group has appeared in the area.

Similar to the other times, the concert was a complete sell-out with "Standing Room Only" being sold to a few.

The group has said many times that they feel San Jose is a very good area to perform in, as they have always received a very warm reception.

Local groups which appeared on the show were the "Tikis", the "Four Preps," "Paul Revere and his Raiders," and San Francisco's "Beau Brummels."

Block "B": Busy & Successful Year

Under the guidance of Coach Dougherty and Coach Dempsey, the Block "B" thus far has had a busy and successful year.

During the year, the Block "B" held a Toys for Tots drive, (bringing in the largest number of toys throughout the county) sold football programs, organized the faculty-varsity basketball game, helped to promote school spirit by having a Block "B" rooting section, sold spirit ribbons, and helped to purchase athletic equipment.

Serving as officers for the Block "B" are: Mark Talntor, president; Terry Rager, vice-president; John Bellante, secretary-treasurer; Terry Gregory and Bud Chaveaux as sergeants-at-arms.

Future activities for the Block "B" include collecting the money still owed for spirit ribbons and football programs.

There once was a dog from
Drake,
Who took a big jump in a lake,
He thought he would drown,
But in looking around,
He found that the lake was a
fake.

Two Senior Braves Enter Math Contest



Slide rule enthusiasts are Suzanne Clevenger and Brent Thompson contestants from Blackford in the math contest. Courtesy BPC

First entrants in the sixth annual Central Coast Mathematics Contest are Brent Thompson and Suezan Clevenger. The contest is sponsored in the Bay Area by the San Jose Mercury and News and the Santa Clara County Joint Council on Science and Mathematics Education.

The test is to be given March 17 at the Lockheed Missiles and Space Corporation in Sunnyvale. This contest will bring together outstanding seniors from high schools throughout the Central Coast area.

There will be three divisional winners, each receiving a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond and three runnerup awards of log-log-deciding slide rules.

Suezan Clevenger and Brent Thompson reportedly show similar interests and accomplishments. They are co-editors of the yearbook and are both headed for careers in chemistry, Suezan as a teacher and Brent as a chemical engineer.



WAR PAINT

BY BRUCE COVELL

Most Americans don't realize it, but in this country a revolution is starting which will be far greater in importance than any revolution the world has ever seen.

What is this revolution? Is it a solution of the race problem? Is it a plan to defeat Communism? Or is it a blueprint for uniting all the nations of the earth? It is all these and more. It is a step forward which will bring Man nearer to his earthly destiny.

But what exactly is it, this revolution which has been so ambiguously announced? This revolution, which is already gaining momentum, is a product of the youth of America and the hope of the youth of the world. Young America has seen the moral, religious, and cultural decline which has accompanied the growth of materialism, wealth, and technology in America. America, and Americans, are seen the world over as a country and a people suffering the gradual loss of their soul, the soul which once combined with the vigorous and wealthy American people to command the respect of the rest of the world. Today America is wealthier, Americans more industrious--and the rest of the world meekly accepts our generosity but can no longer respect us.

America is the strongest and wealthiest nation on earth, yet it is not fit to be the leader of the nations of the world. The youth of America is now bearing the responsibility it must surely carry when it becomes the ruling generation.

Underclassmen Give Support

Anxious to get America moving toward the goal of a better society based upon moral, religious, and political standards of love, truth, and integrity; the young generation, of which you and I are members, is embarking on a crusade to make America a nation fit to lead all the people of the world toward the attainment of the great society that is Man's destiny.

The world looks hopefully to America for leadership, and the youth of America seeks to fulfill that hope by making this country the truly great nation it can and must become. Young America is on the march to solve the greatness--and young America will succeed.

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Several Blackford Seniors joined in happy harmony to wish their counselor, Mr. Sidney Horrigan, best wishes on his birthday.

Mr. Horrigan's birthday was on Wednesday, February 17. He did not reveal his age.

Twenty to 25 seniors went to sing "Happy Birthday" to him during first lunch hour. The students used a sign made of paper towels with happy birthday inked on it.

Also during sixth period the secretaries in the main office joined in to wish him best wishes as they crowned him with a dollar sign crown. They also prepared a sign which said "Happy Birthday" and hung it on his door.

When asked how he felt about this show of feelings, he said, "It was wonderful, just wonderful. All those sweet little kids coming to wish me a happy birthday."

Mr. Horrigan is a newcomer to Blackford and has already earned the admiration and respect of many of the students.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



Courtesy BPC

Aid Given To Future Dentists

The University of California's School of Optometry at Berkeley is offering scholarships ranging from \$400 to \$500 that are available to students planning to take the two-year pre-optometry program and three years of professional study. It is planning to adopt a four year professional study commencing in 1966. The scholarships are being offered by the U.C. Optometry Alumni Association.

Optometry offers careers in research, teaching, industry and government as well as private practice.

After pre-optometry study in any college, students receive professional education at Berkeley in small classes and modern clinics from the nation's largest optometry faculty.

Students should write Student Relations Panel, School of Optometry, University of California, Berkeley 4.

Jr. Achievement Sells Stock

Out of 1,866 students at Blackford 55, are now part of a widely expanding program designed to influence youth toward business careers. This program called Junior Achievement is comprised of companies which run on a small scale.

A typical company employs 15-20 achievers including officers elected within the group. At each meeting several advisors attend as representatives of the professional corporation sponsoring that J.A. company. Products are selected and manufactured by the achievers themselves and wages, salaries and commissions are voted on. Money used to set up the company is acquired through stock sales. Business hours are 7-9 P.M., once a week.

Business experience is not J.A.'s only asset, as there is opportunity to advance in stature by qualifying for pins of graduated prominence, and scholarships totaling up to \$2,000.

Four of the Blackford executives are: Alan Pintacura, president of the J.A. Bank; Judi Olson, treasurer of Pro Ed Co.; Jerry Hermanson, president and former treasurer of Quality Enterprises; and Ellie Sigerus, vice president of sales in Joico.

Students interested in joining J.A. or buying products, may contact the San Jose center located at 32 Race Street. Visitors are always welcome.

"I think this year's pep band is the best we've ever had," stated Mike Watkins, helmet-clad director of the band.

Assisting Mike in providing music and entertainment for rallies and basketball games are some of the regular players. Gary Cloud, Bob Neff, Jim Van Flet, Larry Measel, Vic Whiteside, Bob Foster, Brain Kimura, Mike Francis, Mark Boltinhouse and others.

The members noted that most of the support given them was from the underclassmen.

Since the pep band is not a commission nor a school club, the boys organized themselves and provided their own transportation to and from the games.

On behalf of the student body the Lance Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the Pep-band for all their support throughout the year.



Cook's Calendar

by Dee Cook

- March 5
The first varsity baseball game is against Homestead here at 3:30 p.m.
Frosh-Soph baseball is at Homestead at 3:30 p.m. Attend the first baseball games of the season.
Splash! Splash! The first Varsity swim meet is at Los Gatos. Come and see the Braves drown the 'Cats.
- March 9
Blackford's Varsity Baseball team vs. Awalt there at 3:30 p.m.
Frosh-Soph Baseball here, against Awalt at 3:30 p.m.
- March 10
Parents! There will be a PTA meeting held in the cafeteria tonight. It will begin at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
- March 12
Varsity Baseball at Los Altos. Starting time is 3:30 p.m.
Frosh-Soph Baseball vs. Los Altos on Blackford's diamond at 3:30 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick was born in the year 387, at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, Scotland, according to Roman Catholic authorities. Calphurnius, his father was a member of a Roman family of high rank.

When Patrick was 16 years old he was captured by Irish marauders and sold as a slave to a chieftain, who was high priest in the territory of the present country of Antrim. He remained a slave for six years, learning meanwhile to speak Celtic. When he escaped from his master he went to the west coast of Ireland where he found a ship ready to sail for Britain. He went aboard and a few days later landed in Britain.

He decided to devote himself to religious work and made his way to the monastery of St. Martin at Tours. Here he studied for a while, then travel-

ed over the continent for more than 18 years preparing himself for his work. He was commended to Pope Celestine and visited Rome. The Pope commissioned him to work in Ireland and in the summer of 433 he landed there. The Druids, who made their home near where he landed, resented him and he moved onto a more friendly territory. Before doing this, he went to his old master and paid the price of his freedom. He then converted the man and his family to Christianity. He preached and taught in Ireland for many years. He and his companions were taken captive 12 times by the Druids, and once he was condemned to death. He died March 17, 493, and was buried by St. Brigid, near which in later years the Cathedral of Down was built.

Monsters Leave Telltale Signs

In 1953, the people of Canary Island found a strange creature in a shallow tidepool along the beach. They dragged it out of water and sent for the authorities.

The authorities were baffled and they too sent for aid. Competent biologists were summoned and allowed to examine the thing at length, photograph it and determine what it was.

It appeared to have marine characteristics—but with feet and legs capable of carrying the body erect. The creature was 2 1/2 feet tall, with brownish-red scales and 2 protruding eyes.

The scientists gave up.... its origin was never known and it was cremated.

The case did not end there. On August 11, 1954, a man strolling along the same beach near the scene of the earlier monster, came upon another grotesque carcass. This was larger, weighing 25 pounds. It had large eyes, nostrils, and a gaping fang-filled mouth. This creature also had short legs ending in perfect tiny feet.

The identities of these monstrosities were never disclosed—but their presence brought memories of the incredible visitor on that February night in 1855.

The English countryside near Devonshire was blanketed in snow on that night, but at some time between 11 p.m. and dawn a mysterious guest had pranced, or scampered, or slithered over fences, fields, walls and rooftops...leaving an unbroken line of thousands of footprints to mark its passing.

The thing that made the tiny hoof-shaped prints exactly 8 inches apart was never seen. But its 100-mile trail was

written in the snow—a strange epitaph to an unknown creature who travelled on rooftops while people slept and ended its journey at the sea's edge.

Perplexed experts advanced many theories—all unacceptable. These three creatures have remained unidentified—and similar creatures discovered as recently as 1961 have also remained mysteries..... grotesque riddles into an undetermined future.

WHEELS of the WEEK



Another Chevy takes the title with Senior Johnny Demaree's '53 silver-blue hardtop named "wheels" for this week.

Johnny's custom has a 235" '59 Chevy mill coupled to a beefed clutch, a Fenton floorshift, and a 4:11 rear end.

The interior reveals blue and white upholstery and carpeting with white headrests. A metal-flake steering wheel, chrome window moulding, and a record player with a stereo speaker system added to the inside

District Superintendent Hill Compliments the CUHSD

One of the many important men who is connected with Blackford High is Mr. Laurance J. Hill. He is the District Superintendent of the Campbell Union High School District which includes Blackford and five other high schools; Del Mar, Leigh, Camden, Campbell, and Westmont, which just opened this year.

This is Mr. Hill's nineteenth year as superintendent of this district. He previously served as the superintendent of the San Jose Unified District for 14 years.

"As superintendent I receive continuous training which goes on and on," he said. He received most of his education from San Jose State College, the University of California, and Stanford University.

As Superintendent one performs a variety of tasks which can't possibly all be listed. Among them are the following: 1) discussing personnel problems, 2) talking to parents concerning the students, not as individuals, but as a whole for the improvement of their educational program, 3) having luncheons with different people connected with school education, 4) attending board meetings to discuss problems and bring about ideas, and 5) making speeches when new taxes, bonds, and other issues, such as the development of a new school, arise which would either harm or improve the district.

When asked how he would rate the Campbell Union High School District as opposed to other high school districts in the United States on the scholastic average, Mr. Hill said, "It is as good as you will find anywhere else."

Real Cool Cat

Sue: Hey Lou. Did you hear about what happened to the cat next door?

Lou: No. Tell me.

Sue: Well, they just got a new chest freezer...

Lou: Oh, No!

Sue: Yes, the two kids put the cat inside. And when they took the cat out it was frozen solid.

Lou: What did they do?

Sue: Well they heard if you rub gasoline on it, it'll thaw it out. So their mother rubbed it all over. And do you know that cat jumped right up and started running around the room? Then all of a sudden it dropped in its tracks.

Lou: Did it drop dead?

Sue: No...it ran out of gas!

SJS Prof Visits IVJ

James Dunne, TV consultant for Westinghouse and assistant professor at San Jose State, recently spoke to Blackford High's sixth period journalism class on everything from how reporters persuade President Johnson into a talk to collegiate obligations in the armed forces.

Mr. Dunne told the group that aspiring journalists should have a background of science, government, and the ability to write before going to work for a paper. "If you are going into it to make money, forget it," said Dunne. He stated that unless a person went into advertising there wasn't much money in writing for a paper except syndicated columns.

It's good to have "a way with words" and to be "downright snooty." Dunne retold a story of how some reporters persuaded President Johnson into an interview. Several reporters sat down at a table with sweet rolls and when the President walked by he saw the rolls and couldn't resist them, even against Lady Byrd's wishes. Mr. Johnson not only finished the four rolls on the plate but all the reporter's rolls too. By the end of the interview he had eaten 23 sweet rolls.

Dunne remarked that girls mature much faster than boys and that they make excellent reporters.

So if you know some one who's friendly, deceitful, a girl, and has sweet rolls on hand, and a college degree besides, she might make a good reporter."

Braves Varsity Nine Face Homestead

Blackford Rules! Braves Close Season Undefeated

Ladine Grabs Scoring Crown; Braves Unbeaten in League

By J. Pecorino

Two-thousand spectators were turned away Friday, February 19, in the most highly publicized varsity basketball contest of the 1965 season.

The fans turned out in droves to witness the predicted rade for the individual scoring, crown in the W.V.A.L. between Del Mar's guard-center-forward, Kirk Ladine, and Blackfords 6'7" center, Dennis Awtry on the Braves' court.

As the game progressed it was evident that the 2,000 spectators were more interested in the individual scoring than the team score as a deluge of cheers went up from either side

as the two big guns found the mark time and again.

In the end it was the (anywhere on the court) shooting of Ladine which outpaced the muscle tactics of Awtry as the Del Mar ace meshed through 31 counters as opposed to Awtry's respectable 24.

Even though Awtry lost the scoring title, it was a great night for the Braves as a team. Four of the starting five were in double figures at the final gun and the fifth had eight. It was this well-balanced attack which led the Blackford quintet to a 71-58 victory and an undefeated season in the W.V.A.L. cage circuit.

The winners capped their triumph by gathering at the Blackford pool, into which was bodily delivered the Braves' head basketball coach, Pat Dougherty. He was followed by the whole team. It was questionable from anyone's viewpoint as to whether the team was attempting to rescue or succeed to drown Coach Dougherty in their enthusiasm.

The Blackford five will next proceed to the Peninsula Basketball Tournament at Stanford on March 11, 12, 13 where they will lock horns with the best teams in the entire area up to San Francisco.

Second P.B.T. For Braves

Spirit ran high as the crowd began gathering at 5:30 for the Braves final game. The contest against arch-rival Del Mar also proved an individual battle for the W.V.A.L. point title between Awtry and Ladine. With only Del Mar to challenge its supremacy, the Braves easily crossed any doubt as they romped past the Dons.

Blackford moves now to the post-season Peninsula Basketball Tournament. The Braves must be considered a threat as they play in their second P.B.T. In addition to a well-balanced team, Blackford's sports Nor-Cal point leader, Dennis Awtry. Awtry racked up 570 points over a 20-game season, grabbing off the title by seven points.

Win or lose, the Braves should have little problem getting to the P.B.T. again next year. Blackford is almost a



Jim White (22) gets the jump on Kirk Ladine (5) for a swisher late in the third quarter. Braves center Dennis Awtry (52) awaits the shot as Del Mars Martin (11) gets in the play.

Tennis Team Take to Courts

With spring sports upon us, Head Varsity Tennis Coach Hunt is looking over his prospective net men for the 1965 season, in anticipation of a strong team.

Top spot on the team this year will probably belong to last year's number one man, Doug Lipton. Doug, who won the W.V.A.L. doubles title last year with team mate Ken Bertrand, is now a senior and is looking forward to a bright season.

Other returning lettermen are Dick Miller, Lonnie England, Kirk Dolmyre, and Rich Clark. Another letterman from last year who might still turn out is "pounding" Paul Webster, as he is known to the tennis set.

Any boy desiring to come out is encouraged to do so and should see Coach Hunt for any details.



Awtry gets past his man for two point conversion.

Spring Sports Teams Prepare To Open League Competition

Spring sports prepare to take over the spotlight with upcoming meets in two weeks or less.

The golf team isn't at a lack for talent, as they sport League best, Charlie LaVarnway.

Track, one of the first to open, begins its season on March nineteenth. The spikesters take to the track as they vie against the Saratoga Falcons.

March marks the opening of baseball season with Blackford engaging in pre-season opponents before plunging into league competition.

Blackford's champion swimming teams also answers interschool challenges in the upcoming weeks. The Brave swimmers prepare to ward off these challenges as they seek their fifth league title.

Hoping to improve on a second place finish last year, the Brave netters open competition with hopes of being number one.

A.G.A. Moves To Volleyball

certainty to repeat as league champs for the fourth time. Seniors Jim White and Rod Otto will be lost for next year, but the rest of the team is returning.

Although the basketball team closed out its regular season two weeks ago and spring sports hasn't begun, Blackford continues in its winning way. The contest came in the form of two victories by the AGA volleyball team.

Blackford's "B" team dropped its final contest to Del Mar, closing out the season in fourth place. The Braves figure to improve next year, regaining their entire team except Ron Brouillette and Dave Fujikawa.

The girls had little problem as they easily defeated Los Gatos and Del Mar. The fems have yet to lose a game and have hopes of gaining their third victory at the first home contest on Thursday.