



Pictured are students participating in competition for the Bank of America Awards. They are, left to right: Brent Thompson, Bruce Covell, Susan Graff, and Carrie Cook. Courtesy EPC.

Blackford Names Entrants In Bank of America Awards

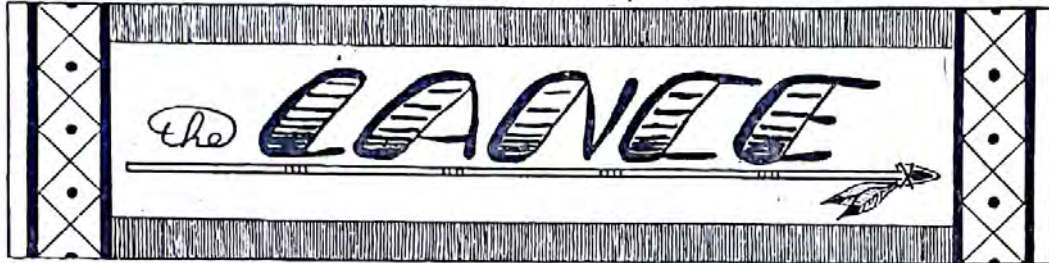
Blackford has chosen Brent Thompson, in the field of science and mathematics, Susie Graff, in the field of liberal arts, Carrie Cook, in the field of vocational arts and Bruce Covell in the field of fine arts to compete for the Bank of America Achievement Awards.

The four will compete with other students from the southwestern portion of Santa Clara and the northern portion of Santa Cruz in April. The winners from this competition will then go to San Francisco where they will compete for cash prizes. First place award is \$1,000; second place award is \$500; third place award is \$250; and \$150 will be awarded to all participating finalists.

Other students receiving the Bank of America Awards in more specific fields are Suezan Clevenger, mathematics; Kathy Evans, laboratory science, Chrystal Cass, English; Mark Wed-

eranders, social studies; Mark Cunningham, foreign languages;

Barbara Hanson, music; Diane Chiecki, art; Nancy Allen, home economics; Gay Campbell, business; and Mario Viaggi, trades and Industrial. These students will receive honorable mention.



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Braves Compete In Languages

The first Foreign Language Field Day took place Saturday March 20, at Los Altos High School. This unusual day was sponsored by the Foreign Language Association of Santa Clara County.

The program consisted of contests, mainly French, German, Italian, Latin and Spanish. One could also attend dialogue conversations and plays put on in French and Spanish by the various schools. Exhibits of native costumes were displayed

Actuaries Test Given Braves

On March 4, sixty Blackford mathematics students spent the first and second periods in the school's band room taking the 1965 Annual High School Mathematics Examination, which is jointly sponsored by the Society of Actuaries and the Mathematical Association of America. The majority of the group were seniors, while six select Juniors were also given the test.

BRENT THOMPSON, GRACE GRIFFIN, and RON HEDSTROM were named Blackford's top scorers and will have their papers sent to the local M.A.A. chairman at California State College, Hayward. Scores from all over this country and Canada will be compiled, and then various award will be given in each of 10 regions on the basis of team and individual scores.

in several rooms, while films with native speakers narrating, were shown in other rooms.

Lunch was in the form of an outdoor barbeque, including chouzos (sausages), costillas de vaca (spare ribs and anti-cuchos (shish kebab), asado do cordero (beef, roast lamb), ensalada (salad), and pan (bread).

Entertainment and the presentation of awards followed.

Students Participate In Math Field Day At SJS



Left to right first row: Craig Busack, Kathy Cuzner, Kathy Evans, Fran Litz, Carol Ferguson, and Vic Damone. Second row: Suzanne Clevenger, Kathy Morgan, Joyce Briggs, Rick Firth, Ralph Gettle, & Miki Powers. Courtesy BPC.

The third annual Santa Clara Valley Mathematics Field Day took place Saturday, February 27, at the San Jose State College Campus. The field day was sponsored by the Joint Council on Science and Mathematics Education and the Mathematics Department of San Jose State College. The main aims of the program were to encourage and provoke interest in the ever-growing field of mathematics and also to recognize the skill and ability of the contestants.

Listed below are the Blackford entrants and the contests they participated in.

Joyce Briggs, the Chalk Talk Derby; Suezan Clevenger, the Discovery Quest; Brent Thompson and Kathy Evans, the Leap Frog Relay; Rick Firth, Carol Ferguson and Vic Anderson, the Open Mad Hatter; Ralph Gettle, Mike Powers, and Fran Litz (who was unable to attend due to a sprained ankle), the Algebra Mad Hatter; Craig Busack, Kathy Cuzner, and Karen Morgan, the Geometry Mad Hatter Marathon. Congratulations, Braves for a fine performance!

"My Fair Lady" Performs For Second Straight Nite

The story of Eliza Doolittle, is again unraveled tonight at 8 in the cafeterium as Blackford presents "My Fair Lady," the all-class play.

The play is currently in the middle of three performances. Opening night proved a success as they turned out to see Sharon West as Eliza; Glenn McGee, Colonel Pickering; Sheila

Smith, Mrs. Higgins; Bob Campbell, Freddy; Pat Fitzgerald, Mrs. Pearce; Roy Whitten, Professor Higgins; Selene Seltzer, Mrs. Enysford Hill; and Terry Fetterman as Alfi Doolittle.

Proceeds from the play will go toward the student body fund for various activities.

Committees Plan For Playday

On May 1, Blackford's annual Playday events will take place. The subject of what to wear is still being debated, as to whether the dress will be school clothes or sports clothes.

The committees are as follows: **Games:** Larry Kelly, Barbara Hanson, Mona Rose, Joyce Briggs, Ken Piasecki, Sue Blake, Pete Metrovich, Tim Briggs, Louise Casey, and Fran Litz.

Rules: L. England, P. Thompson, S. Rush, S. Helden, T. Rager, R. Sowa.

Spirit: J. Pickin, M.J. Busino, N. Vose, S. Brown, J. Forester, J. McDonald, L. Sherman, A. Pintacura, J. Bellame, and G. Gregory.

Refreshment: L. Fujino, B. Gapero, B. Tsubahara, C. Ferguson, M. Chuhaiuh, S. Harrington, and R. Clark.



WAR PAINT

BY RICH CLARK

Playday 1965 is just around the corner. In the past, behavior and conduct of the students has left much to be desired. For this reason, I am devoting this article to express some of the views of the student body on what they consider proper conduct on playday.

Lonnie England, student body president, says: "The trouble the student council is having with the staff is in convincing them that we, the students, can control ourselves for the first three periods until playday begins. Also, we owe a debt to the

staff for the poor conduct of 2% of the students last playday before we can ask for privileges this year."

Dennis Orwig, senior, says: "I think we should use common sense and a reasonable sense of humor in dealing with this year's playday. Last year some students carried the dress down too far in such things as unmatched shoes and soiled clothes. Other than this, I think playday is a great idea and can provide lots of fun for faculty and students alike."

Senior class secretary Pris-

cilla Dutton adds that there is a definite reason for the dressing down of participants only. "We must admit that cut-offs and tee-shirts are not conducive to the best behavior, especially in a large group of teenagers. It takes a great deal of confidence in the students on the part of the faculty for them to assume the responsibility for the behavior of 1800 spirited students."

Steve Terry has this to say: "I believe tact is the key to making playday a success. A happy medium between students

and faculty is desired by both. The students must realize the position of the teachers and conversely the teacher must understand the student's point of view. Using taste and discretion in dressing down is the student's obligation. Trying to adjust to the spirit of the celebration would be desired by the teacher. In the past we have had little trouble on this point.

There have been a few incidents but they are inevitable. However, the situation can be improved and I hope will be approached intelligently and discretely by both students and faculty."

In conclusion, Charlie La Varnway seems to think that playday should be revised. "The students would like a playday, not a play hour."

Views On The News

by Mono Rose

As the year draws to a close, many seniors are looking forward to graduation. Along with the excitement there are also many memories. Here are what the following seniors remember the most:

Pat Phillips: "Rod Otto and 1965's basketball season."

Diane Collura: "3:05 and graduation day."

Pat Fitzgerald: "The long lines at the snack shack and the slow moving curtain on the stage."

Mary Jane Busino: "Sneaking in the chapel at Stanford during the 1964 PBT at 8 o'clock at night."

Karyl Bannert: "Annual struggle for Senior privileges and the annual reply 'DISTRICT POLICY'."

Linda Shelton: "Me & Ed's after the basket ball games."

Charlie Lavarnway: "Mrs. Bonsor"

Bev. Stevenson: "Senior lunch table and all the heart aches."

Kathy Mathas: "The same menu at the cafeteria, which hasn't changed in all the four years here."

Jerry Prather: "The day that I cut."

Students In Correspondence

"The course is good experience, learning without a teacher standing over you," stated Bruce Covell, one of Blackford's German IV students engaged in a correspondence course with the University of California at Berkeley.

Brent Thompson, the other German IV student, remarked "It's a lot of responsibility."

At the beginning of the course the two are sent all the work and experiments for the course (all on college level). When they finish an assignment they mail it back for grading. The course, however, doesn't count towards college units.

Bruce and Brent are the only German IV students in the school.

Armed Service Obligation Explained To Senior Boys

by John Pecorino

For many Blackford Senior boys, the words "Greetings, from the President of the United States" are becoming more and more of a reality, as they found out recently at a Special Services Assembly. The Seniors, who were "entertained" last week in the gymnasium by representatives from all branches of the Armed Forces were informed that they had but five days after their eighteenth birthday to register for the draft. This came as quite a shock to many who had been eligible for over a month without realizing that they could be fined up to 10,000 dollars and up to five years in the brig for failure to register, although in most cases they would have to dedicate their life to avoiding the draft in order to get such a stiff sentence.

A question and answer period followed the recitations during which some rather "unusual" questions were brought up, such as: "If you join the Coast Guard and get out of Boot Camp, can you possibly get stationed somewhere like Santa Cruz?" The answer which the scholarly Coast Guard Petty officer gave said much for the diplomacy and accuracy with which questions were answered: "We won't promise you nothin'! Such Tact."

There once was a man with a long nose
Whom everybody loved because he could pose
He came from Havana
So they called him Johnny Banana,
And when he posed he always wore a bright red rose.

by Mike Ucci

Sons of Italy Give Grants

The order of Sons of Italy in America, Grand Lodge of California, is offering college scholarships to high school graduates of Italian ancestry. The order is a national fraternal organization composed of persons of Italian ancestry and their spouses. Among its purposes is that of furthering the education and welfare of persons of Italian origin. The Grand Lodge of California has jurisdiction throughout California, Nevada, Klamath County in Oregon, and Denver County in Colorado. It has organized Sons of Italy Western Foundation to assist its education, historical and literary work and to receive and disburse donations for such purposes. Application blanks are available in Mr. Sid Hurrigan's office.

LBJ, 36 or 37?

History will record Lyndon B. Johnson as the thirty-sixth president of the United States, which sounds true enough. Actually he is the thirty-seventh president.

March 4, 1965, was the 116th anniversary of the one-day presidential term of one David Rice Atchison.

The explanation is simple. The inauguration day of president-elect Zachary Taylor fell on Sunday, March 4, 1849, the same day the President James K. Polk's term expired. Because Taylor didn't take his oath of office until Monday, March 5, Atchison--as president pro-tempore of the Senate--became the President of the United States on March 4, 1849.

This period came immediately after a very trying session in the Senate, and Senator Atchison always said that he slept all during his term as President of the United States.

Cook's Calendar

by Dee Cook

April 2

At 3:30 p.m. the Varsity swim team vs. Leigh here in Blackford's pool.

All track fans be at Leigh at 3:30 p.m. to watch the Blackford Braves run over the Leigh Longhorns.

This is the night of the second performance of "My Fair Lady." Tonight and tomorrow night are your last chances to see this terrific play. Students tickets cost a dollar; adults, \$1.50. Don't miss it!

April 6

Varsity Baseball at Los Gatos. The Braves play the Wildcats at 3:30 p.m.

April 8

Blackford's Varsity Baseball team vs. Saratoga at Saratoga. Starting time is 3:30 p.m.



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WHY



the easter bunny?

What comes first, the chicken or the egg? Well, if you smart enough to answer that, then maybe you know the answer to this one.

you and made you unsure exactly what I'm talking about then I'll tell you, WHY DO EASTER BUNNIES BRING EAS- TER EGGS?.....

Why do Easter Bunnies bring Easter eggs? Why don't they bring little Easter bunnies? At least, if a chicken leaves an egg for you, he (excuse me, she) also leaves a little chicken for you. Sometimes though, Easter Bunnies do bring little Easter Bunnies, but either they are chocolate or stuffed. And what can you do with a chocolate or stuffed Easter Bunny? Well, you can get fat (many calories) on a chocolate Easter Bunny and the stuffed one will end up behind someones' closet door.

I have always wanted to know what Easter Bunnies have to do with Easter eggs--why don't we have an Easter Chicken? Now there's another thing that puzzles me--How come it's an Easter Bunny, why not an elephant--couldn't you see an elephant hopping down a trail carrying a basket of eggs. Then again what does an elephant have to do with Easter Eggs? It seems now that I'm right back where I started from: **CONFUSED!**

Maybe sometime, somewhere, someone will give me the answer to this question. And now if I have completely confused.

Brave Wins Art Award...

Cindy Cabral, a sophomore at Blackford High School, has placed third in the nationwide 21st AAA Traffic Safety Poster Contest. Her slogan was Walk on the Left Facing Traffic.

March 9, a panel of six judges met in San Francisco and chose the winning posters from among some 500 posters submitted by 72 schools in Northern California and Nevada. These winning posters will now be sent to the AAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. to be judged, in April, against entries from schools throughout the nation.

A special certificate acknowledging this fine accomplishment is now being prepared and will be presented to Cindy in the near future, along with the cash award. Another certificate will be prepared for Mr. Thomas Harris, our art instructor, under whose supervision this poster was developed.

'My Fair Lady' Production Draws Favorable Review

by Minra Cattoor

Blackford High's successful production of "My Fair Lady" was met by great applause when presented for the first time last night. The fine performances given by the Blackford students contributed to the success of the play.

Much thanks should be given to the people behind the scenes who were responsible for carrying out many of the necessary tasks involved in the completion and quality of a play Blackford High students could be proud of.

Much credit should be given to drama director, Mrs. Mary

Hardy for her great effort and long hours of rehearsal, to Mr. Ray Alvin and his orchestra for the fine musical accompaniment; and to Miss Robin Mc Mann for organizing the dancers

Commendation should also be given to Mr. Dennis Rountree and the art Honorary for the scenery and posters; and to Mrs. Gabrielle Sabatelli who was in charge of the costumes.



Chuck Bell and his '59 Chevy Convertible

Senior Chuck Bell does it again, with his '59 Chevy convertible taking the title of the "Wheels" for this week.

Chuck's Chevy has a green metalflake paint job and a white top.

The engine is a 348 cubic inch Chevy with 3-2's coupled with progressive linkage. The trans is a Chevy four-speed floor box, driving a 4:11 rear end with post-tracton.

The interior shows black bucket seats with seat belts, and a center console which doubles as a middle seat. Standard gauges are found on the dash, with an R.C.A. record player beneath it.

The exterior sports inch wheels on all four, with baby moons to match.

Mystery Moon Sightings: Evidence of A Civilization?

In these eventful times we read daily of the occurrences that take place in outer space. Astronauts and Cosmonauts are orbiting our planet. Man-made satellites circle the Earth continuously probing and sending us information of the activities in space. We, the inhabitants of Earth, are about to embark from this orb. We are on the threshold of space travel and our target is the moon.

The moon is a barren, desolate sphere--incapable of supporting life. It has no atmosphere. It is alternately burned by the furnace of the sun and frozen in the void of darkness---so reads the book.

In 1869, scores of astronomers were assigned to observe the moon and record a strange phenomena. Bright lights in geometric patterns were seen forming over 100 light patterns--in straight lines, rectangles, triangles, etc. Over a two-year period many lights were observed near Mare Crisium. In 1871 the lights disappeared.

In the early 1900's, an American astronomer reported seeing a tremendous black object, with an estimated diameter of 50 miles, moving across the moon---close enough to cast a shadow.

In 1950, two famed astronomers, on separate occasions, viewed an oval-shaped glow hovering near the floor of the crater Aristarchus.

On the night of July 29, 1953, the shadow of a bridge-like structure was seen stretching across the edge of a great expanse, the Mare Crisium. The gigantic structure was 12 miles long and under telescopic magnification, its outline was very sharp. Several of the world's outstanding authorities on the moon saw the bridge--It was not there five weeks before.

These are but a few accounts of a long list of strange occurrences. Hundreds of white domed objects have been watched on the moon in recent years. There is something there....perhaps a reminder that we aren't alone in the universe.....

A Matter Of Record

Dave,

I received your letter today. I was so TIRED OF WAITING to hear from you that I thought you might have forgotten about me.

I UNDERSTAND how busy you must be since you work "EIGHT DAYS A WEEK." IT'S NOT UNUSUAL that you take your time to answer my letters.

I spend LONG AND LONELY NIGHTS just thinking about you. PLEASE LET ME WONDER how things are since I've got these SUBTERRANEAN HOMESICK BLUES. I know I'VE GOTTA GET YOU OFF OF MY MIND but I just can't seem to do it.

IT'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT if you just stay with your job to earn the money you need to finish college. For THE LAST TIME you can COUNT ME IN to send you all the extra money I save up.

I'M TELLING YOU NOW that I HAVE NO WHERE TO RUN, NO WHERE TO HIDE, BABY PLEASE DON'T GO on hurting me this way. DON'T LET ME BE MISUNDERSTOOD by these few WORDS OF LOVE, but CAN'T YOU HEAR MY HEART BEAT, I'LL BE DOGGONED if I won't always be here TO HAVE AND TO HOLD so STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE, waiting to COME STAY WITH ME. Always remember that I'LL NEVER FALL IN LOVE AGAIN.

WHAT A SHAME but I've got to GO NOW. GOODBYE MY LOVE.

Love you always,
Jo

Braves Seek Tenth Straight Dual Meet Victory at Leigh

Spikesters Gain Last Minute Victories over Falcons, Dons

Blackford Varsity Cindersmen have emerged victorious in their first two encounters of the W.V.A.L. track season by downing Saratoga 68-63 and then following it up with a 70-61 decision over the Del Mar Dons.

In both meets the balance could have swung either way by virtue of a victory in the last event of the day, the 880 yard relay.

The Braves, who have lost only one dual meet in the past two years decided not two have a second one as Rich (Flip)

Guentner, Larry Cobb, Glenn Fisher, and John Morgan teamed up to tilt the meet in the Braves favor with an 80 yard gap over the Dons Sprint Team. Despite this fact the Braves were almost disqualified on a technicality. After two hours it was the Del Mar Relay Team who made the decision as the officials were confused as to a definite ruling. The Del Mar squad unselfishly decided that Blackford would have won the race anyway so the deciding five points were given to Blackford. It was essentially the same thing in the Braves first meet of the year over Saratoga. The score was tied with only the relay to be run. In their usual fashion the relay team decided the meet with a crushing victory.

Stalwarts for the Varsity were Bill Taylor and John Burr by virtue of their victories in the mile and High Jump respectively, John Morgan in the 440 and 100 yard dashes, Glenn Fisher in the Hop-Step-Jump, and Rich Guentner in the 220.

The "B" division was amply represented by Wayne Provenza who walked away with the 660 yard run against Saratoga and set a new school mark of 1:28, and staged a come-from-behind finish to beat the Saratoga Relay team at the wire.



-Riding School- Longhorns Host Braves Today

Blackford bids for its third victory this year as they do battle at Leigh today. The win combined with seven victories last year would give the Braves 10 dual meet victories in as many starts. Should the Braves win they could easily run through the rest of their schedule in hopes of accomplishing their second undefeated season.



No Mom...
Just my KNEES!

Tennis Team Victorious At Willow Glen

Doug Lipton extended his record to 3-0 as Blackford defeated Willow Glen in tennis. Lipton, the Braves' first man, easily decisioned his opponent both 6-2, and 6-3. Whereas Tom Sutton lost his game, Curt Dommeyer and Dick Millet, third and fourth men respectively, outplayed their foes as they gained victories against Willow Glen. Lonny England playing fifth man singles, collected his first win of the year, stroking out victory to the tune of 6-2 and 6-2. Bruce Lipton and Whitten combined to whip their doubles opponents 6-4 and 6-3. Lipton and Whitten playing for the first time together, coordinated perfectly in gaining Blackford's first doubles victory of the year.

The Braves netters prepare to do battle against their first league opponent April 1. The match pits the Braves against the Campbell Bucs on the Blackford courts.

Tankers Lose To Bellarmine

By Jim Feldman

In the recent tank event Blackford's finmen did not take to the water with their usual finesse when they were defeated by an exceptionally strong Bellarmine team, with the overall score of 123-117. The individual breakdown of the division scores were Bellarmine Varsity, 51--Blackford Varsity, 44; Blackford B's 43, Bellarmine B's 43, Blackford C's 30; Bellarmine C's 29. Even Blackford's springboard daredevil, Terry Rager, was defeated by an outstanding Bellarmine performer.

The main weakness in Blackford's team this meet seemed to be the sprinters and backstrokers.

Blackford came back after the Varsity defeat to down Del Mar's Varsity by the score of 65-30. The Del Mar B's seemed to be after Blackford's throat for all the other defeats over the years. The B score was Del Mar 60, Blackford 26. The C's also looked waterlogged as they were defeated by the Del Mar fish by 46 clams to the unlucky number of 13 clams. The rain appeared to bother our fish in and out of the water this meet which seems strange, since the swimmers do spend half their time in the water.



Golf Team Opens Season; Drop Two to Soquel High

Blackford's Varsity Golf Team got off to a bad start this year as they were beaten by Soquel in two matches.

The first match against Soquel at Spring Valley Country Club on March 19 was taken by Soquel 7-3. Blackford's low shooter for the 18-holer was John Gilliland with an 80.

The return match held at Pasatiempo on the twenty-third turned out to be a better try for Blackford, but they still went down 5-4. Gilliland was medalist with a 39 for the nine hole match.

Girls' Sports Close Season

Girls' sports finished up a successful third quarter Tuesday, March 30. Both basketball and volleyball teams competed in a league tournament with all eight schools participating in a meet at Saratoga High School.

Entering the contest, the Braves Volleyball team boasted an enviable record, having won over 90% of their games. The two top teams entered the finals undefeated.

The basketball team ended the season with the wins and losses columns identical, compiling a .500 record. Under agreement of the players, the girls voted to take the top players and form two all-star teams, both of them to compete in the finals tournament at Saratoga.