



NEW STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT, CEIL BAKER, reads Student Council constitution with advisor, Mrs. Louise Maxwell, while other new officers look on. To her (left to right), Jeanne Williams, vice-president; Sheryl Douglas, treasurer; and Corliss Carr, secretary.

Baker Draws Top Student Vote; Council Induction Set For May

"Oh, I wish I was a Student Council president!" sang Lasseter junior Ceil Baker in her campaign speech. Her wish came true, as Ceil was elected the 1968-69 Student Council president on March 15.

Other juniors chosen to serve as Student Council officers next year are Jeanne Williams, vice president; Corliss Carr, secretary; and Sheryl Douglas, treasurer.

The election was the climax of a week of much hard work and campaigning by the two candidates nominated for each office. Nominations had been made the previous week by an executive committee consisting of club and class presidents and current Student Council officers.

Candidates for the top student government posts and their cam-

paign managers were Ceil Baker with manager Cheryl Chambers and Rhonda Koplin with Ellen Blum as manager. Vice-presidential candidates were Jeanne Williams and Grace Ann Klees, with Tomy Ann Porter and Nancy Boyce doing the managing, respectively. Corliss Carr, with manager Clare Eschmann, and Lynn Booker, with Jackie Buffington, were nominees for the office of secretary. Penny Wooten and Paul Taylor managed treasurer candidates Sheryl Douglas and Joy Beggood.

Monday, March 11, saw the beginning of the exciting election week. Creative publicity posters were put up all over Lasseter by the candidates.

On Wednesday, an assembly was held for the purpose of introducing the eight candidates to the stu-

dent body. Before the speeches of the nominees for each office, the corresponding present Student Council officer gave a brief summation of her duties.

On Friday, all students were given an opportunity to vote from first through fifth periods. Mrs. Francis Brubaker's fifth and sixth period government classes had constructed voting booths and handled the voting.

At the end of sixth period, Miss Ann Henry called all candidates to the office, and then announced the results on the intercom, as all heaved sighs of relief after a day of tense waiting.

The installation of these new officers will take place in May in order to have them ready for action next fall.

Frost, Grant Reach Peak In County Science Fair

Lasseter captured one first, one second, and two third place ribbons in the Middle Georgia Science Fair March 7-8. Sixty-one Lasseterites were represented at the second annual event sponsored by the Breakfast Exchange Club at Central City Park.

A ninth grader, Sandra Frost, received the first prize of ten dollars in the junior life sciences division for her project, "Insect Enemies of Georgia Pine Forests". She demonstrated the life cycle of the Southern pine beetle.

Winning second place in senior division botany was sophomore Fran Grant's project, "A Study of the Growth of Mold."

Eighth graders Barbara Swicord, Margaret Meeks, and Patricia Williams won third place in the junior life sciences field. Their entry, "What Are the Parts of the Blood?", included blood slides, posters of blood cells, and a container of plasma.

In a joint effort freshman Brenda Pyles and sophomore Jackie Holton placed third in senior division zoology with their work on "Affects of Hormones on Secondary Sex Characteristics".

All of the participating students were required to enter a log, a typewritten formal report, and a demonstration of their projects.

The night of March 7, six judges from Auburn University and four from Wesleyan inspected

the projects. Their checklist included originality, neatness, organization, accuracy of observation, and use of experiments. Ratings also depended on the answers given by each student to the judges' questions on her research and its related field.

Saturday morning the prizes were announced by Mr. Jim Pike, chairman of the fair. All who placed first, second, or third received applications for the Georgia State Science Fair which will be held during April in Athens.



Sandra Frost



SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANT Grant stands in front of her prize-winning project "A Study of the Growth of Mold."

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Koplin Gets Top Annual Job; Wood Named 'Lantern' Chief

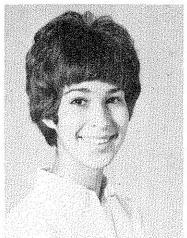
The tension of fumbling fingers and sealed envelopes was broken during today's publications assembly when Rhonda Koplin was named '68-69 'Marketers' editor and Diane Wood received the top 'Lantern' post.

Aiding Rhonda as associate editor of the Lasseter-Smith annual will be Anne Phillips. Classes editors will be Billie Gwen Haire and Gail Merritt. Sports Editor Jackie Waters and Organizations Editors Marjorie McNair and Brenda Stroman will assist in advancing the progress of the annual. Serving as copy editors will be Marcia Kaney and Cathy Williams.

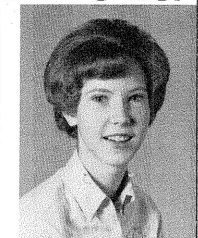
The business staff will be headed by Business Manager Rose Statham. The new subscriptions sales chairman will be Joan Cannon. Typists will be Susan Lawless, Karen Osborne, and Linda Jones. Mary Wright and Darla Darley will take care of the photography.

Nine of next year's juniors will carry the title and responsibilities of junior assistants. They are Tonya Baker, Patricia Crumbley, Donna Dumas, Linda Herndon, Lydia Mitchum, Cathy Rice, Wanda Simmons, Cathy Skinner and Susan Whitaker.

Helping Diane Wood with her 'Lantern' duties will be the new staff consisting of Ceil Baker, news editor, and her assistant editors Corliss Carr, Nancy Hammond, and Diane Morley. Feature editor will be Licia Drinnin, and aiding her will be assistants Connie Colvard and Dorenda Gilmore. Fran Grant and Beverly Murphy will be sports editor and assistant sports editor respectively.



Rhonda Koplin



Diane Wood

Merry Bolton will fill the position of art editor for the 1968-69 school year. She will be aided by Peggy Flowers. Head photographer is Sylvia Darley and her assistant, Sheila Souther. Cindy Willem will be head typist.

Beverly Lukemire, business manager, will supervise the 'Lantern' business staff and will be supported by Charlene Brown, assistant business manager. Lynn

Stevenson will handle circulation with the help of Sherrice King.

The job of exchange manager will go to Diane Smith. Elaine Harvey, who will be assisted by Mary Lib Willingham and Miki Fluker, will be advertising artist. Two junior assistants who will be training for future responsibilities are junior assistant circulation manager, Jeannie Cagle and junior assistant exchange manager JoAnne Kempa.

Quill And Scroll Induction Cites 22 Senior Journalists

Twenty-two seniors were inducted into the Quill and Scroll Society, a national honorary journalism organization, at the publications assembly this morning.

Mrs. Patty Howell, one of the Lasseter chapter's advisers, presented each of the following girls with a membership card and pin: Sandra Additon, Melinda Bedingfield, Mary Anne Berg, Janet Blackshear, Marcia Bowen, Nancy Boyce,

Key Butt, Debra Cook, Donna Darity, Margie Davis, and Wynelle Glendinning.

Other members of the 'Lantern', 'Marketers' and 'College' staffs inducted were Cheryl McDavid, Karen Ouzts, Kate Pendleton, Sharon Smith, Jackie Sparks, Paula Taylor, Penny Wooten, Clare Eschmann, Tomy Ann Porter, Dianne Stewart, and Sandra DeLoach.

Qualifying for Quill and Scroll membership are girls in the upper third of the senior class who have done superior work in some area of school publications, such as editing, writing, business management, or production.

The Lasseter chapter was established last year when its charter members were inducted at a similar ceremony. Supervisors for the

group are Miss June Emmett, Mrs. Jeanette Gurley, Mrs. Mary Meeks and Mrs. Patty Howell, advisers for Lasseter publications.

The new members will hold their first meeting after school April 3 in Room 104.

The purpose of Quill and Scroll is to encourage and reward individual achievement in journalism and related fields.

CALLING ALL
EYES AND EARSWAKE UP! LOOK!
LISTEN!
BE AWARE!

It's 'Things Like This' That Make The World Go 'Round

"We don't really want to read things like this in our newspaper. We get enough of that in 'The Macon Telegraph and News' read a note scribbled at the bottom of a "Lantern" current events poll recently distributed to all Lasseterites. And yet every question on that copy of the questionnaire was followed by not one question mark, but two, indicating that the anonymous student obviously had not bothered to read "things like this" in "The Macon Telegraph and News."

Unfortunately, the poll results as a whole reflected the same general attitude. None of the very basic questions, with the exception of one concerning the third party Presidential candidate, was answered correctly by more than 33% of the student body.

Although this lack of awareness seems impossible in view of our constant exposure to "the stories that made Contemporary News," it definitely exists. Despite the enormous number of times per day Lasseterites hear that "news comes first" or "every hour on the hour" for various radio and TV stations it apparently comes way down the list and only on Friday current events classes for most of us.

While men are dying (supposedly to protect us) in Vietnam, most of us are more interested in how many tests we have tomorrow or what our dates this weekend than in finding out why they're fighting and what's happening now.

But these seemingly remote events will have a much more far-reaching effect on many of us than whether we pass biology or get to the dance in time to see the lead-out. For example (from the most practical feminine viewpoint), the Vietnam war is drastically reducing the number of available men in our dating and marriage age ranges. And yet only a scant 9% of Lasseter knows approximately how many troops the US now has in Vietnam.

Another case is that of the upcoming Presidential election. What happens there will affect the amount of money our fathers will spend on taxes instead of us and the size of the draft drain on our social lives.

Even the opinion foreigners hold of America is not an opinion of such abstract nature, but an opinion of us and our actions.

Since such events have so much effect on Lasseterites, "The Lantern" has published a brief survey of a few current happenings on pages 4 and 5 of this issue. Although the editors realize that this is by no means a comprehensive look at even the few subjects treated, we hope the pages will open up a few eyes and ears to the remarkably active world they inhabit.

So turn on, tune in, and tune in on this and other news media for what's happening. It's "things like this" that make the world (and you!) go 'round!

PRINCIPAL'S PRINCIPLES

Will Power Will Do It!

In the last issue of the "The Lantern" I indicated that a sincere interest in learning is fundamental to success as a student and attempted to point out steps by which such an interest could be stimulated.

However, scholastic achievement requires more than interest. The good student realizes that a healthy body enables one's mind to function at its best. This requires disciplined use of time, so that out-door exercise, recreation, and adequate sleep are included. To be alert and wide awake not only necessitates sufficient sleep but the practice of good nutritional habits. Skipping breakfast or lunch is out!

Not only good health habits but sound study practices contribute to a student's success. A regular time and a quiet place, equipped with the student's tools—pencils, paper, eraser, dictionary, etc., help tremendously in eliminating distractions. This enables one to concentrate on the subject at hand and use the time wisely. A review each day of the past day's work improves learning and helps the student understand the overall picture or the "big" ideas. It also eliminates the necessity of "cramming" when test time arrives.

Many students encounter difficulty because they procrastinate. Long-term projects, book reviews, and research papers tempt one to delay. A good rule is to begin work the day the assignment is made. Good health habits and sound study practices demand self-discipline, an essential characteristic of a good student.

Miss Ann Henry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sh. Students Scream For Silence

"... walk the halls in silence"

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a few words regarding the noise all over the school fourth period.

I was sitting in my fourth period class taking an important test, upon which my whole six weeks average depended. It was impossible to do well on it because three different times I heard someone clomping down the hall in what sounded like combat boots.

And then, several groups of girls followed, arguing over who could talk the loudest. I didn't do well on the test, because even with the door shut, the noise made with these inconsiderate girls sounded like a World War II mob.

Miss Henry has been good enough to grant us the privilege to walk freely to lunch and back. And yet the majority of us abuse this privilege at one time or the other.

It is not only for our privilege's sake that I am asking you to walk the halls in silence. It's for mine and other students nerves. We simply cannot learn; and that is the basic reason we are here to learn. So please, if during fourth period you are not busy studying, have consideration for those who are.

Sincerely,
Ellen McCullough

EDITOR: This is a very real problem, and I am sure many other students share your opinion. Cooperation by the entire student body could very simply and quickly relieve this situation.

When Gaining Is Losing And 'Lifting' Lowers...

What is the value of a stolen object? There cannot be any sentimental value; that belongs to the true owner. And any monetary value the object had was lost in the worthless act of stealing. What remains? A cheap, dirty, and valueless thing that once may have been priceless.

Recently, the clean slate of Lasseter has been blackened by a rash of thefts. Pocketbooks, sweaters, and even textbooks have been stolen at it the turn of a head. The felons are not as yet known. However, one can assume correctly by the nature of such people.

Why does a person steal? He may steal for the mere reason of gaining something of value. He may have a resentment toward his victim or his school. Or he may possess a deep hostility to the world in general and retaliate by stealing.

Such a person does not deserve to be punished. Instead, he needs to be helped, for he possesses an external or internal need which only care, not stealing, can fulfill.

Can stealing be prevented? The cause itself cannot be stamped out easily. However, students can aid in removing the temptations. Don't leave lockers unlocked or without a lock completely. Pocketbooks and other objects of personal value should not be left to the mercy of a thief. Most important, though, don't feel badly caused someone of stealing. Don't strike out in anger or resentment at your enemies. And remember the object may not have been stolen;

"appreciate these paintings, but..."

Dear Editor,

Admittedly Lasseter's hallways are more colorful than those of most schools, but with the paintings on loan from the Instructional Materials Center they are even more so. I think it is wonderful that we are exposed to these masterpieces because familiarity with them helps us appreciate them.

However, I wish that the explanatory cards which appeared with the first series had not been discontinued. These benefited those students who do not take art by pointing out techniques and effects that they would not otherwise recognize.

I appreciate these paintings, but would enjoy them more if the cards accompanied them.

Sincerely,

Clare Eschmann

"quite a lack of spirit"

Dear Editor,

It seems to me that there has been quite a lack of spirit in our school this year.

Recently during Spirit Week at Lasseter, although some classes showed much enthusiasm, several classes didn't. As a matter of fact, you wouldn't have known it was their day unless someone had told you.

Another place in which the spirit is lacking desperately, is at all Mark Smith games and sports activities. I feel that if we expect Mark Smith to put everything they've got into practicing and playing these sports, it is our responsibility to back them and

give them as much support as possible.

Can you imagine how the players feel when they are working themselves to death doing the best they can at a ball game, and trying to win to keep up the school's name and pride, and the opposite team is so loud that they don't even know if Mark Smith supporters are still around or not! I imagine it makes them feel like walking away right then saying, "Why should I bother? They don't really care whether we win or lose."

Think about it. Are you one of the supporters that lets people know he's for Mark Smith or are you one that nobody knows is around?

Sincerely,

Babs Dyche

"girls would like to compete..."

Dear Editor:

Many girls agree that Lasseter High School should have a basketball team. This was a statement made by several girls, and an overall agreement was evidenced by a total of 417 signatures on two petitions.

Here are just a few of the reasons we girls of Lasseter High want a girls' basketball team. We feel that the boys at Mark Smith are "hogging" all the sports. The girls would like to compete with other schools in certain activities, too. The girls who signed the petitions feel that other members of the student body would be just as interested in having a girls' basketball team.

I know there are many difficult problems we would have to face in trying to have a basketball team, but I know it would be worth it.

Sincerely,
Debbie Harmon

EDITOR'S NOTE: "The Lantern" welcomes these expressions of student opinion and encourages anyone else with constructive criticism, praise, or other worthy cause to write, also. Please turn such letters in to the newspaper office in Room 104 no later than April 15.

Diane Wood



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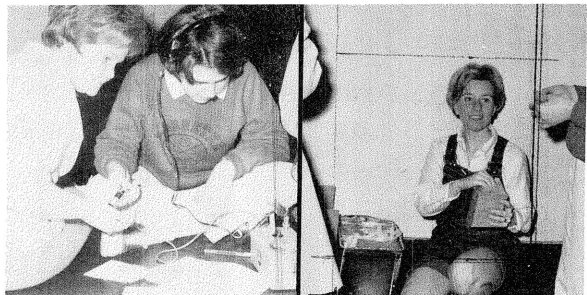
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CIVIL DEFENSE TEST participant Toy Ann Porter takes radiation reading of Sharon Smith while Donna Collins distributes the group's sole food for the six hours, fortified wheat crackers.

CIVIL DEFENSE

20 Seniors Learn To Survive Atomic War In Fallout Shelter

by Jackie Sparks

"We interrupt this program to bring you a special announcement from the North American Defense Command. Fifteen Russian missiles armed with nuclear warheads have been spotted heading towards the United States. Proceed to the nearest shelter immediately. I repeat. The U. S. is under enemy attack. Proceed to the nearest shelter immediately."

These few words could bring two unexpected and deadly results, confusion and an "it's all over" attitude. Defense against this lies in preparation and education.

Course in Survival

Who will survive and who will not? Twenty Lasseter seniors are prepared to face the crisis with a knowledge that there is definitely hope for existence, even after the horrors of a nuclear war.

These girls recently took part in a civil defense course on management of a public fall out shelter. The course consisted of four two-hour lectures by Civil Defense Director George Hardy and a six-hour day under realistic shelter conditions. Problems like those possible in an actual shelter were injected by outside monitors City Auditorium Manager George C. Chalker and Police Captain Paul Kozee.

Into the Darkness

On Saturday, March 16, the girls met in the basement of the Macon city auditorium to carry out the final stage of training. The group was blocked off in the shelter area allowing ten square feet per person. All lights were cut off.

The previously appointed shelter manager, Karen Ouzts, took the first steps and appointed her staff. The group began to function. Registration forms were filled out, geiger counter tests were conducted, and telephone communications were established with shelter headquarters. As eyes became accustomed to the dark, committees began to group off and discuss procedures for the day.

The morning passed. The darkness, the periodical broadcasts on a loud-speaker of outside conditions, the cold cramped space, muffled whispers and a blinking flashlight; it was too real. The situation became detestable. One corner of the shelter with a detectable amount of radiation was vacated, making the quarters more

uncomfortably confined. A girl sprained her ankle. She was treated by the best qualified person, improvising with materials at hand.

"This is no joke. This isn't any fun. I want to go home." The girls had expected a free day, a chance to catch up on that homework assignment or get in on the latest gossip. The test was in earnest, and they had to prove themselves.

6-Year-Old Lunch

Tension was eased somewhat at the announcement of lunch. Water which had been stored since 1962 was ciphoned into decontaminated cups and rationed out. Small crackers, tasting very much like stale salines without the salt, were distributed, one per person. A moment of joking and joviality accompanied the "lunch," then feelings lapsed into an atmosphere of strained monotony.

Problems From Outside

The decisive test came in the mid-afternoon. Unknown to the shelterees, the manager was instructed to feign radiation sickness and was removed from the shelter. She was the one who had made the decisions and had determined their execution. All operations ceased, and for a moment it was like a country without authority.

The phone rang: "We have a report of looters in your area. Take the necessary precautions at once." The deputy manager, Clare Eschmann, immediately assumed responsibility and met with the safety committee. Guards were stationed at the shelter entrance and activities resumed.

'best class I've had'

Despite the organized recreation, the afternoon passed slowly as each girl became more accustomed and adept in her duties. The session ended on time with a rousing chorus of "Dixie." Evaluating the girls' handling of the ordeal, Mr. Chalker commented that "they were the best class I've ever had as far as response and attention go".

The twenty girls who participated, aside from those already pictured or named were Anita Bailey, Janet Blackshear, Carol Brent, Nancy Boyce, Lynn Boland, Jackie Buffington, Kay Butt and Brenda Cater. Others participating were Jean Ford, Holly Lindstrom,

Cheryl McDavid, Jenny MacMillan, Jackie Sparks, Nancy Stephens, and Vicki Williams.

These girls visited the City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 19, at the invitation of Mayor Ronnie Thompson.

On March 29 three of the participants will describe their experiences in the fall out shelter for the TV viewers of the Del Ward Show on Channel 13 at 1:15 p. m.



BETA CLUB MEMBERS Jackie Sparks, Penny Wooten, Karen Ouzts, Margie Davis and Clare Eschmann practice for their performance at the state convention. Not pictured is Debra Cook.

6 Lasseter Beta's Conduct Songs At State Convention

Two thousand-eight hundred voices joined in song in the Atlanta auditorium March 8-9 as six Lasseter Beta's led the singing at the annual Georgia Beta Club Convention.

The songleaders were Debra Cook, Margie Davis, and Karen Ouzts. Lending both vocal and instrumental support were Clare Eschmann on the guitar, Jackie Sparks with her banjo, and Penny Wooten playing the piano. The remainder of the 11-member delegation distributed song sheets.

The group led the singing at the request of national Beta sponsor, Mrs. Hannah Leitner. The job included conducting folk singing for all the delegates in two song sessions and a musical interlude during a stage setting change.

Although the Lasseter group stayed at the Georgian Terrace Hotel, the convention centered

Mercer Student Teachers Aid In Lasseter Classes

Three Mercer seniors, Misses Betty Elliott, Judy McQuagge, and Ruthie Wilheit, entered Lasseter classrooms as student teachers on March 21.

Miss Betty Elliott

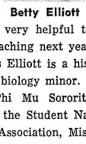
Miss Elliott is supervised by Mrs. Ann Williams. She came to

Mercer from a biology minor. She graduated from Druid Hills High School. She comments that her student teaching is "quite an interesting experience and will be very helpful to me when I am teaching next year in Atlanta." Miss Elliott is a history major and a biology minor.

Secretary of Phi Mu Sorority and a member of the Student National Education Association, Miss Elliott also works on the Mercer newspaper and annual.

Miss Judy McQuagge

Miss McQuagge, who is student teaching in Miss June Emmett's classes, hails from Vero Beach, Florida. An English major and biology minor, she expects her



Betty Elliott

weeks of student teaching to be "very challenging". Outside her classes at Mercer Miss McQuagge does welfare and social work, which includes helping with a speech class for mentally retarded children at the Timmy Turtle Nursery. She is also the president of Phi Mu Sorority and a member of the Judy McQuagge Cardinal Key, an honorary society for coeds whose averages are above the national norms for women. Miss McQuagge is also listed in Who's Who, which recognizes the most outstanding juniors and seniors in American colleges.

Miss Ruthie Wilheit

Miss Ruthie Wilheit, who is teaching with Mrs. Louis Maxwell, came to Mercer from Columbus, where she graduated from Columbus High School. Commenting on her stay at Lasseter, she says, "I hope to teach my students some 'g about biology and to learn from Mrs. Max."

Ruthie Wilheit will have to conduct myself in a classroom." After graduating, Miss Wilheit expects to go back to Columbus or possibly stay in Macon to teach. She majors in biology and minors in psychology.

Miss Wilheit is president of her sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta, secretary of the Cardinal Key, and a member of Who's Who and Beta Beta Beta, a national honorary fraternity for biology students. She also serves on the Mercer Honor Council.

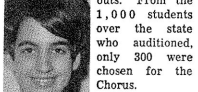
Lasseterites Sing In All-State Group

Choralists Cheryl Fullington and Mary Williams performed with the All-State Chorus before the Georgia Education Association on March 15, becoming the first Lasseterites ever to participate in an All-State musical event.

The two spent three days preceding the concert in Atlanta rehearsing with other All-State Chorus, Band, and Orchestra members.

Cheryl, Mary, and two other C. Fullington Lasseterites attended clinics in Carrollton and Athens in preparation for the January All-State tryouts. From the 1,000 students over the state who auditioned, only 300 were chosen for the Chorus.

"These students worked long and diligently on the music, and I am pleased that they were chosen. I'm sure they will represent Lasseter in the finest way," commented Mrs. Helen Wilson, Lasseter's chorus director.



Cheryl Fullington

Party Gears Begin To Grind For '68 Presidential Race

LBJ Heads Demo Hopefuls

Johnson

Surely the most familiar face of the 1968 Presidential campaign will be that of the man who has for the past four years been at the stern of the "ship of state", President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

In 1930 as a young Texas school-teacher, he was a long way from the highest of office in the land. But by 1953, he had become Senate majority leader and, in 1960, became Vice-President of the United States.

The war in Vietnam will certainly be the bone Presidential candidates will pick in the campaign. Already Johnson's policy is clear: the U. S. will remain in Vietnam, and the war will be conducted at a not much faster pace than is already being done.



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The U. S. election machine is once again being lubricated.

Current party primaries in 16 states are serving as a sounding board for this summer's national convention nominations.

The campaigns of the national nominees will climax in November when the nation goes to the polls. Surprisingly, it is not the President that the American public will elect, but state party slates of electors.

The winning ticket, though it may have edged by with only a narrow majority, will receive all the state electoral votes, in Georgia's case 12. These are to be cast in December and counted in the U. S. Senate in January, making the official Presidential choice.

Alabaman Throws Third Hat In Ring

George Wallace, a third party candidate in the '68 race, stands for stronger states rights and "the segregated way of life." His platform also strikes out at what Wallace calls the "intellectual elite cult that tries to run things like they do in Russia."

An Alabama farm boy, he attended the University of Alabama.

Working his way through as a professional fighter, he gained the title of bantam-weight champion of Alabama.

George Wallace The growing momentum of Wallace supporters promises a substantial drain of votes from both major parties in the '68 election.



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Nixon

According to many polls taken across the country, Richard Nixon is the top Republican candidate for President of the United States in 1968.

Nixon is what a politician would call a "middle-of-the-road Republican" whose viewpoints are neither completely liberal nor completely conservative. Although he is not running on a "peace" platform, he says, if elected, he will stop the war. He does not state

in what manner this will be done, but points to his term as Vice-President under Eisenhower and the halt of the Korean War during this time.

In the past two elections in which Richard Nixon has participated he has lost. In 1960 he lost his bid for the Presidency and in 1962 lost his bid for governor of California. Why then is he so highly favored today?

One significant reason for his present popularity is his experience in government. Another is his diligent service to his party. Nixon also has party image. In Republican politics he is an old pro and stands firm. His constant attacks on communism are also in his favor.

In 1946, Richard Nixon was elected as a United States Senator from California. From 1953 to 1961 Nixon was Vice President of the United States.

Rockefeller

Nelson Rockefeller is perhaps the strongest "dark-horse" in the GOP race; many feel that he is the only man who could beat Johnson. However, he seems to have un-Nixon-like doubts about trying for the Presidential nomination a third time.

A liberal Republican, Rockefeller severely damaged his popularity with the moderate Republicans by his handling of the February garbage strike in New York. Moderates feel that he, as Governor of New York, should not have gone over Mayor Lindsey's head by ordering garbage men back to work. Strong Rockefeller supporters point out that, nevertheless, he did put an end to a strike which could have caused a serious health hazard.

Rockefeller has not stated his exact views on the Vietnam war, but he is known to be a strong supporter of civil rights.

He was raised by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to carry on both a great American fortune and Puritan tradition.



Richard Nixon

Reagan

Former actor turned California Governor, Ronald Reagan has stepped into the spotlight on the political stage. His interests have changed from the Emmy award to a different kind of recognition, the Republican Presidential nomination.

Another doubtful runner, Reagan claims he will not participate in pre-convention campaigning, but also expressed a desire to be California "favorite son" candidate at the GOP pow-wow.

Reagan, a definite "hawk", believes the war in Vietnam can be more quickly ended by escalation of bombing.

A former Democrat, he switched parties and became a leading Republican in the conservative manner of Barry Goldwater. In keeping with this outlook, Governor Reagan stresses that colleges and universities must remain centers of study and research instead of becoming areas for riots and civil disobedience.

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Former Ally Denounces U.S. As World Threat

In the opinion of Charles DeGaulle, president of the French Republic, the U. S., not the Soviet Union, is the greatest threat to the independence of Western Europe. France's present strategy to undermine the United States' influence chiefly originated from this man's belief.

In World War I, the U. S. significantly aided the Allied powers, including France, in their defeat of Germany, freeing France from German invasion. Following the liberation of France from the Nazis in 1944, American G. I.'s entered Paris. More than twenty years later, DeGaulle ordered all American troops out of the land whose soil was rich with American blood.

In the past two years, France has further struck out at the United States through several surprising incidents, among which are: (1) A campaign to weaken the value of the American dollar; (2) Withdrawal from the integrated command structure NATO; (3) Constant lashings at the United States' involvement in Vietnam.

What is the reasoning behind DeGaulle's policy? Certainly the U. S.'s involvement in Vietnam is no different than the involvement

France had in that Asian country from the mid-1800's until 1954. The French would probably still own a controlling interest in Vietnam if they had not been completely defeated by the Viet Minh.

Of course, French pride is a very "touchy" thing. Maybe DeGaulle has not forgotten how they had not been allowed to join Russia, England, and the U. S. at the Yalta Conference during World War II. Perhaps that bitter resentment has arisen, as in other countries, because the U. S. may be termed the "have's" while the French are, relatively speaking, the "have-not's." Perhaps, and justly so, that old hatred for the American tourist with his rude and snobbish ways has reached a peak in France.

Whatever the reason may be, recent riots and demonstrations against anything American prove that to the French people, the United States' name is "mud".

Recently DeGaulle said, "I know the press likes strong news cocktails and I can assure you that I won't be serving milk in 1968." Certainly he has already served up some real Molotov cocktails for the United States.

A Tale Of Sam And Charlie

In a single recent week, American deaths in the undeclared Vietnam war totaled 543, or about 88% of Lassetter's entire enrollment. The U. S. now has approximately 525,000 men stationed in South Vietnam. Such large and costly commitment in a foreign land prompts several questions.

First, how did we get there? After the French were routed out of Vietnam in 1954 by the Communist faction led by Ho Chi Minh, Ho retained control of the North, while Ngo Dinh Diem proclaimed himself head of the new South Vietnam.

Increasing raids by the powerful Third North led Diem to ask the U. S. for military advisers, and we complied according to a Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) agreement.

Secondly, exactly whom are we supporting? Despite the fact that the U. S. increased its support to

the point of actual fighting in 1965, the government it supports has changed many times.

Civil rebellion against Diem's dictatorship eventually led to his assassination in 1963. In the 18 months that followed South Vietnam had no less than eight dictators, with the takeover by Nguyen Cao Ky in June 1965 making the ninth.

Only last fall did the democratic election promised since 1954 take place, naming Nguyen Van Thieu president and Ky prime

minister.

A third query is "just what are we doing there?" While the official U. S. position is that we are defending the South Vietnamese and ourselves against Communist aggression, several foreign powers have accused us of trying to make Vietnam a U. S. colony.

Whatever our true purpose there, rising losses and increasing commitment raise a fourth question, one which must be answered by every individual: is it worth it?

19-Year-Old U.S. Olympian Taps French Gold Reserve

Led by graceful Peggy Fleming, U. S. skaters took home an array of gold and silver from the Winter Olympics at Grenoble, France.

With a combination of grace and virtuosity all her own, figure skater Peggy Fleming was the only U. S. contestant to win a gold medal in '68.

France had to send for more silver after the 500 meter women's speed skating race. Three astonished American girls, Mary Meyers, Diane Holm, and Jenny Fish, all tied for second place. Russia's mystery girl, Ludmila Titova, placed first.

Cutting melting ice, retiring Terry McDermott paced a fast clock in the men's speed race. Schwarz of Austria barely edged Tim Wood of the U. S. in men's free skating.

Plagued by flu bugs, love bugs, missed gates, 60 mph winds, and "spinouts", the U. S. "Alpiners"

ski team bowed to French speed demon, Jean-Claude Killy.


In all, Norway pulled in the largest number of medals, 19, to sustain their winning margin for the total number of medals won since the Winter Olympic's origin. The Soviet Union placed second, with the U. S. ranking a respectable ninth.

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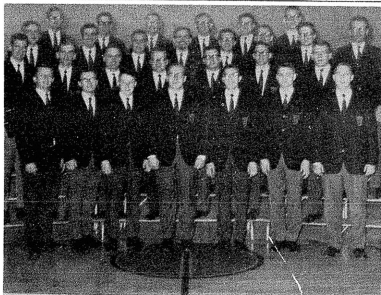
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Choral Group Selected For Coming Year

Squeals and tears accompanied the announcement of seven new Chorallers by Mrs. Helen Wilson, the ensemble's director, during assembly March 13.

From the ninth grade are Virginia Cloer, Rachael Edwards, and Sandra Johnson. Tenth and eleventh graders are Janie Judd, Karen Sanders, Joy Beggood and Virginia Jackson. These girls will join juniors Cheryl Fullington, Mary Williams, Sheryl Douglas, Linda McMichael, Vickie Hardie, and Donna Reeves, who are current Chorallers.



THE SEMINARY SINGERS from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky performed in the Lassetter gymnasium March 11.

Asbury Seminary Group Highlights Music Month

The Seminary Singers from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, presented a versatile performance March 11 in the Lassetter gym as a part of the school's March Music Month program.

The 32-voice men's choir was directed by Mr. John S. Tremaine and accompanied by his wife at the piano. The concert included

both religious and secular numbers and featured a male quartet and a brass ensemble.

Occupying an earlier spot on Lassetter's music calendar was the Middle Georgia College Ensemble, who received a standing ovation in the auditorium March 4. A men's quartet, a mixed ensemble, and guitar and accordion solos varied the program.

Among the songs presented were "How Old Are You?", "The Way You Look Tonight", "Roll, Jordan, Roll", "A Man's Best Friend Is His Horse", and "Ain't That Good News."

Concluding the Music Month agenda was an appearance by the Continental Air Command Band from Robins Air Force Base. Performing on March 20, they were directed by Captain Edward Bridges. A special feature of their program was The Pipers, a bagpipe and drum corps dressed in the traditional Scotch kilts.

Hopak, Troika Invade Gym; Stomp Clomped LHS Style

Cshebogor, Hopak, Troika, and Kalvelis invaded the gym last six weeks. These are a few of the international folk dances performed by all Lassetter physical education students.

Climaxing the six weeks, each gym class was assigned a dance to polish. After practicing and assembling makeshift costumes, the classes performed their dances

just as they were done many years ago.

Some American dances taught were "The Grand March," "Ten Pretty Girls," "Teton Mountain Stomp," "Red River Valley,"

Barbara Dreizin "Fireman's Dance," and "Waltz of the Bells."

European steps were introduced with the Danish "Seven Jumps" and "Crested Hen," Austria's "Seven Steps," and "The Chimes of Dunkirk" from Belgium. Adding even more international flavor were Mexico's "La Rapa," the English "Caracasian Circle," the Scottish "Road to the Isles," and Germany's "Come, Let Us Be Joyful." Cossack music accompanied the Ukrainian "Hopak," Hungary's "Cshebogor," and the Russian "Troika."

These dances descended from village dances which were passed on to the young people by the older generation. Gradually, a symbolic dance within each country became associated with the culture of the people.

In the process of learning these dances, students were taught many steps and positions, some of which were already familiar. They included the banjo posi-

tion, the hop, the step-hop, polka step, waltz step, Hopak step, Varsoviense step, and the Scotch step.

Gym students were graded by gym teachers, Mrs. Beth Brooks, Mrs. Lin

J. McCullough da Gresham, and Mrs. Janice Nordon on appearance and skill with which the dances were performed.

So much interest was aroused by these unusual sights and sounds in the gym that students were allowed to watch the classes during their study halls.

Band, Chorus Win Music Meet Honors

Lassetter's senior high chorus and High Hatter Band brought home a total of three superior ratings and one excellent rank from the Central Georgia Music Festival hosted by Willingham Junior and McEvoy Senior High Schools on March 8.

The chorus received verdicts of "superior" on both their prepared presentation of "Summer Breeze" and "Salvation Is Created" and their performance in an impromptu sight reading.

Mrs. Helen Wilson, Lassetter choral director, reported that "although the junior high did not sing for rating, they received many fine comments from the judges."

The four choral judges, most of whom were college music instructors, graded participating groups on such things as intonation, diction, rhythm, balance, and stage presence.

The High Hatter Band under the direction of Mr. Bill Wilson was awarded a rating of "excellent" for its performance of "Storm King March," "Impressions on an Irish Air," and "Water Music." The judges handed down a "superior" rating for the group's sight reading.

Mrs. Wilson reflected that "our students learned much from observing other groups as well as performing themselves."

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O, I Could Pen A Sonnet About '68 Easter Bonnets

by Clare Eschmann

Time was when the most flattening thing a girl could wear on her head was her hair. However, the spring hats styled for '68 rival the most ravishing culture.

The traditional Easter bonnet is back this year in every form from frivolous nylon veil whimsies to this flowery confection modeled by Audy Garrett. With it's striking combination of pastel posies, it frames the face with a delectable flower crown.

Scarlet O'Hara left a decided impression on the female populous of America and the world, which is nowhere more emphatically pronounced as in this hat named "Gone With the Wind" modeled by Carolyn Kirk.

In soft blues, greens, and pinks

its broad flexible brim gracefully outlines and accentuates delicate facial features. The large fabric flowers and flowing satin ribbon which falls to the waist underscore femininity.

Reminiscent of Polyanna is this flyaway roller displayed by Carolyn Kirk. Made of perky straw, it comes in a variety of colors with accenting grosgrain ribbon streamers in back for the little girl look.

Of course no hat collection for '68 is complete without a "Bonnie and Clyde" be-ret. One of the most popular hats of the season, it can look bewitchingly innocent or as sophisticated as the wearer wishes. This particular design is in red, white, and blue and is shown by Donna Collins.

A more tailored look is also modish for spring as in this straw fedora worn by Carolyn Kirk. The hot pink straw is emphasized by the silk band of graduating shades of pink.

Be heady this spring, and top yours with a fashionable hat!

All the hats shown can be purchased at Davison's 3rd floor hat department.



LASSETERITES STRIVE to be prepared, but prepared for what? Cheryl McDavid's pocketbook proves her ready for a fast game of football.

Purse Poll Yields Survival Supplies

by Corliss Carr

"I wouldn't be surprised if you took the kitchen sink with you!" Keep your cool, kids — you might find just that tucked away in a discreet corner of some unpretentious little bag. A recent owner-approved pocketbook snoop revealed just about anything a girl could ask for if she were marooned on a desert island. They range from personal items, to food, to clothing, to recreation.

Half-empty packages of Carnation Slender provide a passable meal with a main course of dried beans (left over from a science project, no doubt).

Toothbrushes and can openers fit nicely into most any size pocketbook. Their many versatile uses (other than brushing teeth and opening cans) are especially helpful to any shipwrecked gal. For island entertainment, paperback books, Silly Putty, and Thingmaker things are quite easily transported. And if you stretch your John Romaine the tiniest bit, you can keep a football handy for those spur-of-the-moment games!

You know if you get right down to it, maybe a girl can get the kitchen sink in her pocketbook!

Understanding, Fairness Describe Ideal Teacher

"There was an old woman who lived in a shoe; She had so many children she didn't know what to do."

Put yourself in a teacher's shoes for a moment. Surely at times a teacher feels that this jingle was written about him or her exclusively and wonders what the students would have her do.

What with moans and groans after each assignment, and protests over every check-up, it is hard to sort out the meaningful suggestions for improvement from mere complaints. However, a student often has an important point to make which is ignored because, like the boy who cried wolf, students have complained too often of trivial things.

In order to gather qualifications of an ideal teacher, a limited survey was taken in which ten members of each class were asked their opinions.

Almost without exception, the students interviewed felt that the most vital quality in a teacher was understanding. A good instructor must realize the pupil's limitations and take into consideration that each is taking at least three other subjects.

Another frequently mentioned ingredient of an ideal teacher was

preparation. Cindy Willem, a junior, summarized this point with "A teacher should be as well prepared as she expects her students to be."

Surprisingly, the third most important faculty to the students is the ability to keep the class in order. However, the teacher must exact discipline gracefully and not be dictatorial.

Reasonable test and homework assignments also were discussed along with sense of humor and curbed temper.

The general consensus on the two adjectives which best describe an ideal teacher revealed understanding and fairness as the most important factors in meeting this image.

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LHS Boasts Everything — Even Boys?

by Licia Drinnon

Who says there are no boys at Lasseter? Lasseter does have Boyce; she has Johnsons, a Harrison, a Wilson, and an Eschmann.

There are many varied occupations at Lasseter. Some people are Bakers, others are Smiths. Still others are Butlers, Barbers, Millers, or Taylors.

Colorful names include Brown, Greene, White, Redd, and Blackshear. Firey names are Sparks, Ash and Burns.

People come from Miles around to Lasseter. They come from Souther, Weston, and Estes.

Culinary names are Cook, Kit-chens, and Rice. Wet names include Waters, Wells, and Brooks.

When someone at Lasseter drops something, she says, "Ouzts!"

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Increase In Teenage Smokers; Senior Panel Expresses Views

Nearly 70 million Americans smoke. In 1963, they bought and smoked more than 529 billion cigarettes at a cost of about \$7,200,000,000. The figures have risen in the past decade due largely to the substantial increase in smoking among teenagers and the gradual acceptance of women smokers.

Five Lasseter seniors, Ellen Blum, Debra Cook, Cindy Harrison, Ellen McCullough, and Paula Taylor, expressed their ideas on smoking during a panel discussion with a "Lantern" reporter as moderator.

Moderator: "Do you think smoking decreases the femininity of a girl? How do you think most boys feel about girls smoking?"

Ellen M.: "No, I don't think that it decreases the femininity of a



E. McCullough Ellen B.: "The boy goes by your morals. Your character is what counts, not so much material things."

Paula: "A lot of times your first impression of somebody is your lasting impression. If you see a girl with a cigarette in her hand, you get a bad impression of her the first time you see her."

Cindy: "I think it looks bad if a girl's downtown smoking or if she's with her boyfriend's parents or in his home."

Moderator: "What do you think about cigarette smoking as a moral issue?"

Ellen M.: "Unless it comes to the point of definite breaking of

girl because if a girl is truly feminine she'll stay that way and smoking is not going to detract from her femininity."



Debra Cook that smoking is a moral issue because you aren't supposed to partake of anything that does harm to your body. It says this in the Bible.

Moderator: "Why do you think so many more teenage girls smoke today than in the past? Why has it become more acceptable?"

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Moderator: "The rule at Lasseter is no smoking on campus. What do you think of this rule?"

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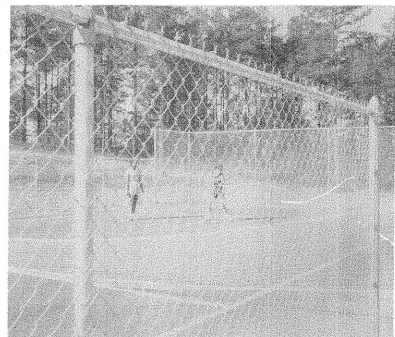
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LINDA NIXON watches her partner Charlotte Ingram during a doubles match on Lasseter's new tennis courts.

Parents' Group Project Donates Shrubs, Courts

During recent weeks a full-fledged project, initiated by the Parent's Club, has been underway to beautify the Lasseter campus and construct school tennis courts. Shrubs have been planted along the west boundary of the schoolyard in order to provide a screen. A hedge will function as the front of the screen, with cherry laurel in the background. Connecting this screen with the greenery around the parking lot will be a line of red-top rhodias. Flowering quince and Palauka holly have been planted in front of the building, and "little" Helleri will make the rest of the area around the building attractive.

In the rear of the building, juniper lines the walk. Ivy has been planted along the wall in this area for the future.

Bermuda and Rye grass has also been planted on the west hill, the surrounding area of the parking lot, and the grounds in front of Lasseter.

In addition to the verdure which will make Lasseter beautiful externally, other improvements have been added. Mr. Fred Greene, president of the Parent's Club, donated a large screen he made for the purpose of enclosing the garbage cans.

A significant goal of the project is the construction of tennis courts next to the athletic fields. The courts have been completed and are now available for gym class and after school use. They will also be open to the community for summer play.

In charge of the campus beautification is Mr. Sidney Pyles, chairman of the grounds committee for the Parent's Club. Working with him has been Mrs. Flew Murphy. Last year, Mrs. Murphy

set up a long-range plan for the grounds committee and will continue to supervise the planting of shrubbery this year.

Miss Henry commented on the work, "I'm sure the hard work of the grounds committee will result in making Lasseter not only a beautiful school inside, but outside as well. I urge the students to aid in the project by remembering not to walk on our newly-planted grass."

Did You Know...

... two Choralers (Sheryl Douglas and Cheryl Fullington) painted their eyelids red?

... Miss Henry was doing the Teon Mountain Stomp in the gym fourth period?

... Prince Charming (Cathy Stephens) kissed Snow White (Majorie McNair) in a French class skit?

... A speech student (Diane Wood) taught a class how to grow hair on a doorknob?

... Mrs. Brubaker and Mrs. Mixon came to life in the senior skit?

... the Art Club was swallowed by a blob of plaster?

... a certain French teacher locked the key to her "little room" in the "little room"?

... the clock was set ahead one hour in Miss McCrary's room?

... one of the tenth grade advisors sang a song about a centipede at the class meeting?

... a fifth period world history class convinced the teacher they were an American history class?

... a junior and senior (Jackie Waters and Ellen Blum) sang "We Welcome You to the Lollipop Guild" while holding their noses? ... a certain algebraic class discussed The Naked Ape instead of sines and cosines?

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In the last issue Mouserella was left deserted by her stepmother and stepisters, who were attending a ball at the Prince's palace.

While Mouserella was sitting by the hearth, trying not to cry, a wonderful thing happened. A blue light suddenly appeared in the room, and in the midst of it was a beautiful lady mouse.

"Who are you?" gasped Mouserella.

"I am your Mouse Godmother," replied the lady mouse. "Why are you so sad?"

"Oh, Mouse Godmother," said Mouserella. "The prince is having a ball tonight, and I can't go because I haven't any pretty clothes."

"That's no problem," said the Mouse Godmother. She waved her wand three times over Mouserella's head. And, lo and behold, Mouserella's rags turned into a lovely satin evening gown with matching slippers! Then Mouserella's godmother waved her wand again and Mouserella's chair became a beautiful coach. Several people who were passing by outside became tiny horses and nice footmen.

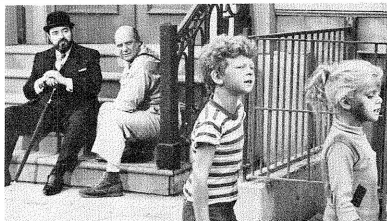
"Thank you, Mouse Godmother!" cried Mouserella.

"Have a nice time at the ball," said her Mouse Godmother.

"Do I have to be back by a certain time?" asked Mouserella.

"Oh, no," replied her Godmother. "I'm on the Extended Enchantment Plan. Stay as late as you want."

Mouserella went quickly to the ball. Of course, she and the handsome prince immediately fell in love. They later married and lived happily ever after.



JOHNNIE WHITAKER and ANISSA JONES play follow the leader, under the watchful care of Sebastian Cabot and guest star Jackie Coogan on **FAMILY AFFAIR**, Lasseter's second favorite TV program in a recent poll.

TV TIPS

Season Of New Love Flowers TV Viewing

by Diane Wood

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary, what does your garden grow?" "Pretty flowers of television hours that's what my garden grows!"

Yes, spring has arrived with all of her verdure and beauty, but most of all, with her wonderful trademark of love. Spring is the season of new love, and you'll certainly fall in love with your television set when the screen plants these "kisses" on you.

—On March 29, let a little laughter come your way! Tune in to CBS for a special with the world famous Harlem Globetrotters basketball team. Comedian Pat Hingle will host this special.

—Spring is also the season of song. Beautiful notes are "on the air" March 31, as talented young soloists take their bows on this season's third New York Philharmonic **Young People's Concert**.

The "Young Performers' Concert" will be broadcast by CBS.

—Movie fans will certainly turn from the cinema to the television set on the night of April 8, as ABC

will bring the annual Academy Awards show.

—An enjoyable evening will come your way April 9, as "The Comedy of Ernie Kovacs" presents best selections from the great comedian's specials. ABC brings this memorable show into your living room.

—One of the greatest stories of all time will captivate television fans on April 14, as ABC presents a wonderful Easter special "The Robe".

—That same night, ABC again drops daisies along your viewing path with "Rompi", a tuneful, japed projection of the trends of the next modern generation.

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CHAPTER 5: THE CONCLUSION

The Smell Of Grass

by Licia Drinnon

Within the next year or so Bill and I began to grow apart. It happened very slowly, we scarcely realized what was happening until it was too late. We were both sad and thankful it came about that way; sad that separation had to come and thankful that it came so painlessly.

Bill stopped letting me come along when he went with the other boys to play ball in the vacant lot. I was a crackerjack shortstop, and the boys knew it, too. However, I had committed the unpardonable sin of being a girl, and so I had to stay home.

Since I couldn't play with the boys, I became closer friends with some of the little girls in my neighborhood. Soon I was more interested in paper dolls and jumping rope than baseball.

When Bill turned twelve, he was sent away to military school in Virginia, the same school Father had attended. After that we never felt close together again.

Bill and I had been two young trees, growing up side by side with our limbs touching. Then as we became older, we began to bend away from each other, and branch out in opposite directions. We hardly recognized our separation. It was like the smell of grass: you wouldn't know it was there unless someone pointed it out to you.

Before I close I must tell you what became of each member of my family.

Mother died when I was thirteen. She passed away while bringing our brother James into the world. James died himself when he was three weeks old. Father was never quite the same after Mother's death.

Anne married at nineteen and became a missionary to India. Bill joined the Army after he finished school and was killed in action.

Henry became a fine lawyer and a member of the state legislature. Amy married a very wealthy man and now lives in luxury.

I am married too now, and I have my own Bill and Virginia. Shall I let them grow up together, only to be separated later? Well, I don't know if I should, but I can't stop them, can I?

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First Lady Of The Harp To Perform At Mercer

by Connie Colhard

Mildred Dilling, "First Lady of the Harp" and America's most distinguished harpist, will give a full program on the modern concert harp April 3 in the Williamson Chapel at Mercer University.

She will also give a short history of the harp, demonstrating on 25 harps from her collection of 125. Among the instruments she will use are those once owned by Marie Antoinette and Thomas Moore. General admission will be \$2.00, and tickets may be purchased at the College Store in the Student Center at Mercer.

On April 7, a Palm Sunday Concert will be held in Porter Auditorium at Wesleyan.



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GYM MONITORS were chosen recently by Student Council for the remainder of the year. They are as follows: front row: Harriet King, Cathy O'Dillon, Debra Booth; middle row: Diane Mullis, Donna Collins; back row: Cookie McKinnie and Sylvia Darley.

Denmark Champ Captures International Tennis Title

by Fran Grant

A bounding leap over the net, by the blond Dane, Jan Leschly, ended Macon's first International Tennis Tournament, which was played in the Wesleyan gymnasium. The little soutipaw trounced: Britisher Mike Sangster in 4 sets 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Only Leschly's quickness enabled him to break Sangster's serve, regarded as one of the best three in amateur tennis. Demonstrating a match with no apparent weakness, Leschly racked up eight aces, served nine love games, and surrendered only 25 points on his serve. Macon onlookers were held spellbound by amazingly fine rallies kept up with delicate finesse.

"Aw-nu-we-eh!" What's this? Foreign aces delighted local audiences with verbal outbursts in their own tongue. While most American players battled with deadpan seriousness, the foreign contenders proved most popular with their antics on the court.

Leschly and Jan Kukal, a big Czech, were most amusing. The new champ entertained in more ways than one, acknowledging his mistakes with an accented, "Yesh, yesh!" or leaping into the air shouting, "Awwdoggone!"

At age 27, Leschly has competed all over the world, including the Russian bout in Moscow where he lost in the finals to Soviet Lytes.

Seeded first among foreign contenders in the Macon tourney, Leschly is 7th in the world in amateur tennis.

When asked "What advice would you give to high school tennis players," Jan stressed three important tips. "First, you have to enjoy it; second, watch the ball; third, keep a fast grip. Also bend your knees."

Clark Graebner, third seeded American, was Leschly's toughest opponent. "Graebner and I are the same. He wins one and I win the next." Last year, Graebner edged Leschly in the Forest Hills classic.

When did Leschly feel most confident? Ironically, he joked, "When I had the match point."

On receiving the trophy, Jan exclaimed, "... I hope this won't be the last time I visit the South, er... the deep South. Everyone has done a magnificent job. I have never seen a tournament conducted so well for the first time."

"Macon is now on the way to being the tennis capital of the Southeast," predicted George Peake, general manager of the MITT.

On February 20th, the Lasseter Athletic Club witnessed an exciting match between the tiny Czech, Jan Kodas, and Briton Bobby Wilson. They also watched the upset artist, Jan Kukal, warm up.

Spring Tilt Yields 13-9 Red Win

For the second straight year, the Mark Smith Red team trounced the Blacks in the annual intra-school game, this time with a 13-9 tally.

The Blacks jumped to an early lead in the March 8 game with a field goal by Cam Bonifay. Bonifay, who kicked off, quarter-backed, and booted PAT's and field goals for the Blacks, was kept busy all night.

The Reds got their first break at the end of the first quarter when they recovered a Black fumble on the 37 yard line. Carries by Mike Jackson and Jimmy Mitchell brought the ball to the 19, where Quarterback Chuck Wells hit Randy Sloan with a perfect pass, making the score 5-3.

After a 14-yard run in the second quarter by Dirk Thomas, the Blacks were halted and the Reds went for their second tally. Mike Jackson raised the score to 13-3 with a touchdown from the 2 yard line and a successful PAT.

In the middle of the third quarter, the Blacks returned a punt to the 45, followed by a Bonifay pass and a Thomas rush which pegged the score at 13-9.

The Blacks did not have another chance to score until the last 37 seconds of the game. The Red

defense held them, though, and the buzzer sounded with the ball on the 31.

Dirk Thomas led the yards gained with 123 in 20 attempts. Mike Jackson for 36 in 12, and Jimmy Mitchell added 29 yards in 12 carries.

The highest number of tickets sales in the class competition gained for eighth grade the privilege of naming Sis Meeks and Wayne Young queen and king of the 1968 Red and Black Game.

Bulldog Corner

by Pete Peterman

As basketball and wrestling tournaments marked the ends of these respective seasons, football once again took over as spring training drills began. The Mark Smith Bulldogs, 1968 edition, began practice on March 19, with the annual Red and Black tilt coming on March 8. The 'Dogs should prove an able foe in the new Region AAA next year.

One unusual facet of this season's spring drills was the absence of Coach Leo Brooks. Coach Brooks, who served as head defensive mentor for three years here in Bulldog country, left the Smith faculty to accept an offer with a Douglasville mobile home firm. As yet, no one has been named to take Brooks' place on the coaching staff for the coming season.

This year's school play, "Twelve Angry Jurors," was a great success and was very popular with all who saw it. All the students who participated or contributed in any way to this production are to be highly commended.

Another student production, the Mark Smith-Lasseter Talent Show, was held on March 21 in the Lasseter auditorium. The money raised by this project will be used for this year's Junior-Senior Dance, to be held in May.

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