

Turner To Attend Boys' State

Roger Turner, a junior, will attend Boys State at Georgia Military Academy in College Park, Georgia, June 5-11. Boys State is a program sponsored by the American Legion which teaches instruction in, and practical application of, the fundamental principles and procedures of city, county, and state governments under the American system.

All boys elected for this program must be qualified as follows: (1) at least 14 years old; (2) finished the junior year of high school, having at least one semester still to be completed before graduation; (3) upper third of their scholastically; (4) possess above-average leadership ability; (5) capable of absorbing an intense and advanced course in government and citizenship, and of developing additional qualities of leadership; (6) of high moral character, honest and dependable; and be (7) physically fit to participate in athletic events which require normal stamina and endurance. Every boy must obtain a certificate of physical examination, signed by a physician.

The registration fee is \$40.00 per person, to be paid on May 5. This fee includes everything you will need while at Boys State, but does not include spending money. Transportation to Boys State and back will be provided by bus. Any organization that desires can sponsor a boy, so most high schools will sponsor an individual. You must be enrolled through a local American Legion post.

Upon arriving in College Park, the boys will be assigned to 16 cities and four states, to form the mythical 51st State-Boys' State. Early in the week each of the 16 cities will elect officers, who will operate the city governments for the rest of the week. Later, each county elects officers, who will serve until end of the week. Also all appointive officers for all cities

and counties will be designated.

A Boys' State primary will be conducted by the Nationalist and Federalist parties, and each party will select a full slate for the general election later in the week, in which a Boys State Governor and other State officers are to be selected.

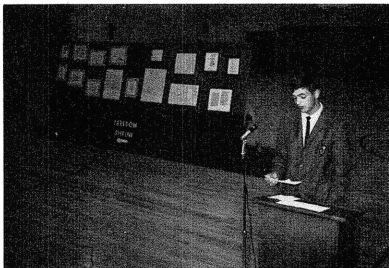
Members of the administrative, counseling, and recreational staffs will include approximately 30 men with outstanding backgrounds of training and experience in government and citizenship activities, administrative procedures, and athletic programs. Mr. W. M. Steis of Hamilton, Georgia, is Director of American Legion Georgia Boys State. Mr. Larry Coggins of Newnam, Georgia, is Assistant Director. Mr. Francis Trappell of Statesboro is Dean of Counselors. Lonnie Barrett of Albany is Assistant Dean of Counselors, and George Osborne, Department Adjutant, is Administrative Director.

Members of the Georgia General Assembly, several attorneys, leaders in city, county, and state government, and safety education representatives of the Georgia Department of Public Safety, will be at Boys State the entire week.

Well-planned and coordinated programs of athletics will be conducted, and each day all boys will be expected to participate for one or two hours in various athletic events, including swimming, softball, tennis, and basketball, under the supervision of the Boys State Athletic Director. A devotional will be held each day, with well-known Georgia ministers assisting. Plenty of wholesome entertainment will be provided.

Two outstanding citizens of American Legion Boys State will be selected by the staff to attend Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. All expenses of these two boys will be paid from the Boys State fund.

Freedom Shrine Presented To Mark Smith



Donnie Churchwell accepts Freedom Shrine for Mark Smith.

On Thursday, May 19, a special assembly of the Freedom Shrine to Mark Smith by the Bibb County Exchange Club.

Before the program began several of the representatives received an applause from the students. Then the program began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

led by Donnie Wayne Churchwell which was followed by "The Star Spangled Banner," played by the Mark Smith "Bulldog" Band. Next, the invocation was led by Mr. Carl Dohn, Chaplain of the Bibb County Exchange Club. The "Bulldog" Band then played the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Mr. Cagle then

introduced the guests at the assembly.

Next, the Bibb County Exchange Club presented their program with the theme: "The American Heritage." Mr. Harry Singleton, Chairman of the Freedom Shrine Committee, presented the Shrine to our school and it was unveiled by two of the Exchange Club members. Donnie Wayne Churchwell, President of the Student Council, accepted the Freedom Shrine for Mark Smith.

Mr. James L. Garrett, President of the Bibb County Exchange Club, introduced the speaker, Mr. Carroll A. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong gave an address entitled: "The American Heritage" including a brief history of some of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Mr. Cagle expressed his appreciation to the Exchange Club for their gift and the Bulldog Band played "America."

The benediction was given by Reverend E. W. Seckinger, Pastor of the Cross Keys Methodist Church.

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Cast of Play Our Town

Play, "Our Town" Inaugurates Mark Smith-Lasseter Dramatics Club

The presentation of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* was magnificent. On May 19, over 600 people filled the Lasseter auditorium to hear the first play presented by the Mark Smith-Lasseter Dramatics Club.

The play which was a portrayal of small town life was set in an insignificant New Hampshire town called Grovers Corners during the early part of the twentieth century. The first act began with an introduction to Grovers Corners and its inhabitants by the stage manager Jack Kotler. This was followed by a scene showing typical daily life in Grovers Corners. This scene which was centered around the homes of Dr. Gibbs played by Douglas Smith and of the editor of the local paper Mr. Webb who was played by Jim Morgan, began at dawn with the delivery of the morning paper by Joe Crowfoot, played by Robert Boyce, and the delivery by the milk by Howie Newsome who was played by Daryl Daniels.

The scene progresses in each home where Mrs. Gibbs (Terrie Becker) and Mrs. Webb (Sherrice Pugh) are preparing for breakfast. After sending the Gibbs' children, George (Chuck Skalko) and Rebecca, (Joy Bedgood) and the Webbs' children,

Emily (Donna Reeves), and Sally (Gail Landy) off to school, the mothers engage in their usual morning conversation.

Then the stage manager interviews Professor Willard (Ernie Seckinger) to obtain scientific data about the town and its citizens, and Editor Webb to obtain social and political information. Mr. Webb also answered questions from Jane Lyre, Dorinda Gilmore, and Penny Jenkins.

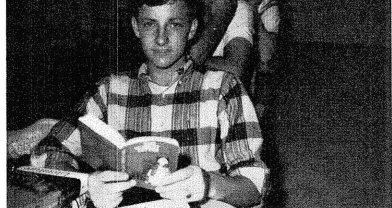
As the day progresses many typical occurrences are portrayed, including: Emily and George discussing school; Mrs. Webb helping Emily have self-confidence; choir practice, followed by gossiping about the town drunk; and Dr. Gibbs explaining to George about obedience to parents.

The second act dealt with the love and marriage of George and Emily, which took place three years after the first act. This act opens with the scene at the Gibbs' on the wedding day, with Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs reminiscing about their own wedding, and George seeking advice from Mr. Webb. The play then shifts to the time when George and Emily first discovered their love of each other. The setting then changes to the wedding day, just

before the wedding. Both George and Emily become very nervous and almost all of the wedding, but after comforting words from their parents, they lose their nervousness and fear. The wedding ceremony was then performed by Jack Kotler as the minister.

The third act took place nine years later. The third act opens in the cemetery as the undertaker, Joe Stoddard (Roger Turner) and Sam Craig (Monk Mayhew) are recounting the deaths and experiences of the past nine years. Emily has recently died in childbirth, and talks to several others who have died in the past nine years. After requesting and acquiring an opportunity to relive her twelfth birthday, Emily discovers that her family doesn't appreciate or understand life as she does, and therefore she decides to return to the cemetery.

The play was a well planned production. The acting, lighting, makeup, and every other phase of the play were of a professional caliber. The adult advisors were vitally essential to the success of the play.



Tommy Boren

Boren Competes In International Contest

Tommy Boren, and active member and reporter for the Mark Smith 4-H club, participated in the Georgia Land Judging Contest and outscored over eight hundred other contestants. On April 24, these four boys who had scored highest in the state contest, journeyed to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where they participated in the International Land Judging Contest.

Though this year's team didn't place as well as last year's team, which received a fourth place ra-

ting with one member a first place winner, they still considered the trip a big success.

Commenting on his trip, Tommy said it was "... very interesting because I was able to meet people from Hawaii, Peru, Thailand, Ethiopia, and India." He also had opportunities to visit any places of interest in Oklahoma City. He was especially impressed by the Capitol building, which is unusual because of an oil well located directly beneath its center.

Senior Privileges- Their Obligations

This is the time of year when juniors get excited about the coming year. They order senior rings, and suddenly they feel they are seniors, fully grown adults who must be given certain rights just for having finished eleven years of public school. But they don't see that this immature idea of automatic rights is not an obligation which must be filled by school authorities. Life isn't that easy.

We must give something for everything we receive; nothing is "given" to us. This is so with senior privileges. Even the name denotes that both sides must give. These are not senior rights; they are privileges, which will be bestowed only when the students of Mark Smith realize they cannot run wild one day at mid-day break, and then go on as usual to Mr. Cagle's office demanding senior privileges.

Although the juniors of Mark Smith are not seniors, this year, they cannot, and must not, take petitions, or in any other way irritate the faculty into a complete suspension of further talk. They must calmly discuss this with faculty advisors, class officers, and student council members. They must learn how to decide what the senior privileges would include, and whether their past actions have shown an ability to wisely use them. Useless or totally impractical ideas should be eliminated at this time. Nothing will more quickly alienate faculty than to be irresponsible, organized, overstepped trivia thrown at them only to see how far juniors can pull their powers. Don't

abuse the liberties you have been granted; a sign of maturity is the ability to see the need for restriction, and then keep within their bounds. Perhaps the seniors could set up a means of enforcing these rules themselves, and taking care of those seniors who might break the rules, thereby endangering the liberties of all the students.

After these wanted privileges have been decided upon by the students and faculty, a representative group should visit Mr. Cagle and rationally discuss ways of working out senior privileges. The faculty will not agree with all the student's ideas, so the students should compromise minor points of view in order to receive the privileges inherent to a quality seniorship.

To sum up, the Student Council should set up committees to draw up a list of possible privileges and the ways of carrying them out. Affected by these privileges are the senior students, a small group should sit down with Mr. Cagle and calmly negotiate ways of bringing these ideas into being. Then, after these new rules have been put into effect, all the students should watch each other and themselves be loyal to the privileges and the limitations of these privileges lead to their ultimate withdrawal.

The year is gone. If anything is to be done about senior privileges, it must be carried out during the summer by the Student Council, and the juniors will be back from Christmas holidays without any semblance of senior privileges.

The End of the Beginning

Our first year at Mark Smith is now drawing to a close, as we look back through the months, we can certainly say that much progress has been made.

This progress, in athletics as well as in the classroom, has been because of school spirit to a great extent. Of course, there are those who will find something to gripe about no matter what, and those who will sit quietly and accept, or reject quietly, indiscriminately, anything that is told.

These are the people that damage school spirit and cause others to find fault by spreading some choice, but shallow, rumor or complaint. By doing this, these few cause dissatisfaction among others who might be more unpleasant for themselves.

Mark Smith could prove to be the "big break" for many, and a great addition to Macon, if all of us would take advantage of our good fortune. Being a new school, many opportunities can be realized, and we could do correctly what others have done wrong. However, this will never be accomplished if we

allow ourselves to give up when something doesn't go just right. Too many of us find it much easier to conform to complaining about things rather than to try and improve or make changes. I'm sure the faculty is completely willing to listen to any ideas that are presented in a civilized and coherent manner—not by some ridiculous petition or mere rebellion. When will people learn the meaning of tact and formalities? The trouble with many of us is that we are too impulsive and often fail to reason things out and form an opinion or idea that is worthy of consideration.

A school is what the students make it, nothing else. Instead of letting our attitude, accepting what we should lend a hand and help them improve our school—that's right, our school. Let's face it, we have to be here five days a week for nine months of the year. It seems that if we must spend so much of our time here, we would at least want to make things more pleasant.

Freedom Shrine Must Live!

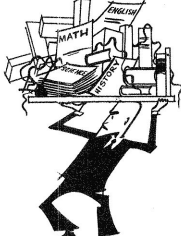
"Hey! Our school's been given the Freedom Shrine." "Really?" "Yeah!" "What's the Freedom Shrine?" "Well...uh...it's a bunch of papers you know." "What kind of papers you mean?" "Aw you know! Like the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and that sort of stuff." "Well, what good are these papers any more?" "I dunno—to cover the bare spots in the main hall, I guess."

The preceding conversation is purely fictitious. Or is it? Do we at Mark Smith really know what

the Freedom Shrine is? Are we really aware of the significance of this shrine?

Some claim that the Freedom Shrine is just a gift of 28 worthless pieces of paper by a group of chavivistic do-gooders. Others take a less belligerent attitude, accepting the honor of the gift, but question the value of the Freedom Shrine.

We of the Telstar agree in part with these persons. The twenty-eight pieces of paper are indeed almost worthless. Worthless, that is, until they are read, and these pieces of paper are printed some of the most revolutionary and important documents ever written,



Retrospect '66

On September 1, 1965, the doors of Mark Smith were open to students for the first time in history. Starting off new was a wonderful experience for both students and faculty.

A student council was formed with Coach Meeks as advisor and through school wide elections Don Wayne Churchwell was elected the first President.

Contests were held to name the annual and the newspaper. Many ideas were sent in by hundreds of students and the selection were made. The annual was christened the *Markster* and the newspaper the *Telstar*.

Our football team this first year was outstanding. They finished with a 7-1 record and will be breaking into AAA circuits next year. At the end of the season banquet Coach Vince Donley, head coach of the Georgia Bulldogs spoke on the athletic and educational programs of college.

After about eight weeks of school the library was opened. Because this was the school's first year the number of volumes was extremely limited. Although the shelves look empty now, our librarian, Mrs. Harwell and her assistants have done a great deal to remedy this situation and it will surely grow into one of the schools most valuable assets.

In the course of the first few months several clubs were formed—the Beta Club, the 4-H clubs, the Glee club, the Hi-Y, the Industrial Arts club, and the FFA. These clubs are important to the students as they are of great value in helping a student get into college.

On February 6, 1966, Mark Smith High School was dedicated. More than five hundred people attended the ceremony. The Bulldogs Band, Dr. Julius Gholson, Mark Smith, Jr. and Dr. Glen Reed Jr., President-elect of Kiwanis International had parts in the program.

Our basketball team won the school's first trophy with a surprising second place in the Mt. De Sales Christmas Tournament. Our baseball team, our strongest athletic team, a full AAA schedule and defeated much higher rated teams to win the Lem Clark Tournament.

In finishing up the year, the annual was dedicated to Mr. Cagle; the senior rings were ordered; and schedule for next year were selected.

All in all, this has been a great year in a situation that will never be duplicated—the first year of classes in Mark Smith High School.

P. S. The Mark Smith Telstar also won National honors in the twenty-fourth National Newspaper Critical Service of the University of Minnesota School of Journalism.

but unless they are read and comprehended then they will mean little more to our students than "something to cover the bare spots in the main hall."

It is with this in mind that we urge each and every student, teacher, and anyone else to take advantage of the opportunity by the Bibb County Exchange Club to study the greatest documents in American history.

Want A Place In The Sun? Of Teens

Let us be challenged by the heights to which men like ourselves can rise, says Paul Speicher as a reminder to those whose spirits are downcast by the trend of world affairs. Let us be proud, he admonishes, of the fact that we are human beings and that we contain within ourselves resources of strength and power great enough to enable us to climb far and high. We know that there is much disillusionment, much discouragement, much temptation, to take the easy way, the short cut, to do the expedient rather than the right. But we are human—and because we are human, we can rise above the dull level of yielding to what destiny does with us, but what we do with destiny that determines what we shall become. When one is determined, what can stop him?

Cripple him, and you have a Sir Walter Scott.

Put him in a prison cell, and you have a John Bunyan.

Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge, and you have a George Washington.

Have him born in abject poverty, you have a Lincoln.

Load him with bitter racial prejudice, and you have a Dietrich Stab him with rheumatic pains until for years he cannot sleep without an opiate, and you have a Steinmetz.

Put him in the grease pit of a locomotive roundhouse, and you have a Charles Dickens.

Make him a second fiddler in an obscure South American orchestra, and you have a Toscanini.

Let life challenge you, and be confident in your reply. For you are a human being, and the hardships of life are sent you not by an unkind destiny to crush you, but to challenge you. Our humanity is not our weakness, but our strength.

Despite much of the artificiality of life around us, the two greatest words in the English language still are: "I can."

Why has so much written recently about the teenage-group?

Radio, TV, national magazines, even the dailies, provide parents and children alike with the failings and successes of American youth.

What's the score?

What is the teenager really like?

Well, about 30 years ago, Anna Freud summed up her findings in a volume titled, "The Ego and Mechanisms of Defense."

She pointed out that they are "...excessively egotistic, regarding themselves as the center of the universe and the sole object of interest, and yet at no time in later life are they capable of so much self-sacrifice and devotion. They form the most passionate love relations, only to break them off as abruptly as they began them. On the one hand they throw themselves enthusiastically into the life of the community and, on the other, they have an overpowering longing for solitude. They have a strong inclination to strong self-chosen leader, and defiant rebellion against any and every authority. They are selfish and materially-minded, and at the same time full of lofty idealism. They are aesthetic, but will suddenly plunge into instinctual indulgence of the most primitive character. At times their behavior to other people is rough and inconsiderate, yet they themselves are extremely touchy. Their moods veer between light-hearted optimism and the blackest pessimism. Sometimes they will work with indefatigable enthusiasm and, at other times, they are sluggish and apathetic."

Quite a summation, that.

But it does explain to both parents and their teenage offspring that the adolescent swing from the human condition less than human is rather normal.

And, with a little more maturity, they will take their place in society as responsible members of the community.

Can one ask for more?



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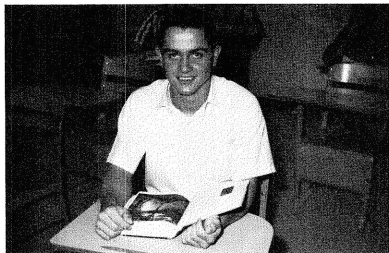
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A Boy Named Thomas



Thomas Edwards

A well known name of one of Mark Smith's most active students is that of Thomas Edwards. With a strong, determined attitude, he participates in many of the activities of the school. Thomas contributes much of his time to athletics, being a fullback on the varsity football team, outfielder of the baseball team, a basketball manager, and a member of the track team.

He also acquires a high scholastic record, being a member of the

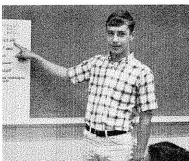
Beta Honorary Club, and maintaining an A and B average in his subjects.

Thomas lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards of 3207 Jeffersonville Road. He also has a brother, Benjie, who attends Mark Smith and plays varsity football also.

During the summer, Thomas plans to play baseball and to work with a surveyor.



Dirk Thomas



Chuck Wells

L'étudiant Dans Le Projecteur Orientable

SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS

Dirk is a forward looking boy with big aims. He resides at 2256 Melton Avenue with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thomas.

Dirk is the President of his 8th grade class and on the Mark Smith Student Council.

He has played football for the Bull "Pups," and run track on the varsity squad. He plays basketball on the Smith team in between the other two.

Dirk has maintained a three A and B average for the whole year. For his strenuous efforts at his grades, he has been asked to attend the Scholastic Banquet for Mark Smith.

During the summer months he has planned plenty of activity, much of which will be dedicated to swimming and umpiring Little League ball games.

Chuck is one of the very active students around Smith. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wells, who live at 2047 Mayfield Drive.

Chuck is the resident of his 9th grade class, and an interested member of the Mark Smith Student Council.

He plays football for the B team and runs B team track. He hopes to play basketball next year for Smith.

Chuck has kept a straight A average all the year, and has been invited to the Mark Smith Scholastic Banquet.

During the summer he will occupy his time by water sports and golf.

We are happy to have these boys with us at Smith.

Dogtags

1. It has been rumored that SAM MERRITT has been seen sneaking into the empty storage room to change into his Batman uniform.

2. MR. SMALL has decided to take his asbestos suit and gas mask off during fourth period since there has been no explosions in the chemistry lab for two weeks.

3. SCROOGE ELLER has made the decision to quit teaching and live off Blue Horse coupons and selling ice cream for the rest of his life.

4. It has been discovered that the "Surf was Up" in second period French class one day.

5. A whole new family of lizards was discovered in Miss Roberts' fourth period class one day.

6. We have heard that FIREBALL BARFIELD has just entered his Mustang (pony) in the Lizella 2½.

7. DOUGLAS SMITH was found standing on top of his desk during supervision when a frog was discovered near his desk in MR. GREENE'S room.

HIT SONGS THIS WEEK

1. When A Man Loves A Woman —Coach Snipes
2. Good Lovin'—Miss Clements
3. Peter Rabbit—Roy (janitor)
4. Secret Agent—Orion Joiner
5. Double Shot of My Baby's Love —Raymond Doster
6. Drag City—Dickie Hux
7. Nowhere Man—Glen Robinson
8. It's the Singer Not the Song —Daniel Borders
9. From Me to You—Coach Meeks
10. Out of Sight — Charles Guggen
11. Mr. Bass Man—Dan Peterson
12. Tears on My Pillow—Douglas Smith
13. Get off My Cloud — Phineas Mills
14. These Boots Are Made For Walking — Miss Pate
15. Mr. Pitiful — Dale Caloway
16. Hello Viet Nam—Falling Juniors
17. I'm Free — Steve Cramer
18. Let There Be Drums — Clifford Rushin
19. I Fought the Law — Denny Noogin
20. It's My Party — Mr. Cagle

Dear Abby:

When you spoke in Macon, Ga. recently you defined "maturity." Will you please repeat it in your column? I was present but could not write it down at the time. I am a high school teacher. THANK YOU. MACON TEACHER

Dear Teacher:

With pleasure. Maturity is the ability to do a job whether you're supervised or not; finish a job once it's started; carry money without spending it. And last, but not least, the ability to bear an injustice without wanting to get even.



Mr. G. Lewis Wright

SPOTLIGHT TEACHER

Le Professeur Dans Le Projecteur Orientable

Mr. Lewis Wright, advisor to the Telstar and Marketer has been chosen as the spotlight teacher for our final issue of this paper. Mr. Wright is a native of Atlanta, Georgia, where he attended Hapeville High School. During high school he played all sports and was on the Atlanta All-Star baseball team.

At Mercer University where he attended college, he played basketball and baseball and received his Bachelor of Arts degree.

Upon graduation from Mercer he went to Lanier Junior as a coach. During his two years of coaching he had two outstanding football teams, one undefeated and one championship basketball team. After coaching he taught English, one of his two majors in college, the other being in Church History. He spent eight

years at Lanier Junior before coming to Mark Smith.

Mr. Wright is married to the former Miss Jean Warner of Atlanta. Mrs. Wright is a teacher of the fifth grade at Ellsworth Hall Elementary School. They reside at 1665 Twins Pine Drive.

Here at Mark Smith, Mr. Wright is head of the English Department, teaches four periods of 11th grade English and is advisor to the school publications. Next year he will be teaching Senior English to anyone lucky enough to pass his course in Junior English.

Through the conscientious efforts of people like Mr. Wright, Mark Smith has gotten off to a smooth start this first year.

(This selection was made by the newspaper staff and Mr. Wright has no knowledge of it until the paper was issued.)



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VARSITY

Coach Brown's Bulldogs have enjoyed a very successful baseball season in their first year.

After losing their first encounter to Dudley Hughes, the Bulldogs came on strong to win the Lem Clark tournament by knocking off Macon's top teams.

Donnie Wayne Churchwell pitched a no hitter against Hughes in the opening game of the tournament to give the 'Dogs a big start toward their first baseball trophy.

Mt. DeSales also fell to Mark Smith 7-2, as Churchwell hurled a two hitter for this victory.

The Bulldogs handily defeated Stratford twice, 18-2 and 17-5. Mountie defeated the Bulldogs 6-4 in a twelve inning ordeal at Luther Williams.

This proved quite a disappointment for Smith, but the 'Dogs took the next extra inning game, against Valdosta, 2-1 in the twelfth. Northside also fell to Mark Smith twice, 18 to 1 and 11 to 4.

Dougherty was another of the Bulldogs' victims, as the Trojans fell 3-2. This was one of several games in which Coach Brown's boys used the squeeze play quite successfully.

There are those days when nothing goes your way. This was the case when Mark Smith met Willingham for the second time at Ram Field. Despite a fast start by the 'Dogs, Willingham collected 12 runs while giving up just three.

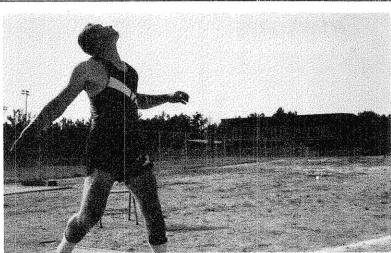
Lanier figured on better luck playing at Poet Park, but the Poets only deceived themselves as Churchwell pitched up a win against his old teammates, 6-3.

Jordan's Red Jackets had to fight the Bulldogs right down to the wire, but finally managed to pull off a victory at Luther Williams.

Baker collected two homers against Donnie Churchwell to blank Mark Smith 4-0 in Columbus.

Warner Robins was greeted twice by the sound of many bats, as the rampaging trampled the Demons.

The mighty Albany Indians had to depend on nature for a come-from-behind victory over the Bull-



Bridges sets for discus throw

dogs. With score 1-0 in the last inning, heavy rain caused the 'Dogs much difficulty, while giving Albany a 2-1 victory.

This has certainly been a season to remember. Next year, Coach Brown will have his entire team back again. The Mark Smith Bulldogs pose a great threat to the title hopes of many teams, while being among the top teams in the region. 1-AAA look out. Here Come the Bulldogs!!!

B-Team Baseball

The Mark Smith B-team began their season with a 13-2 loss to the Lanier B-team. Ronnie Jordan picked up the win and Steve Strange took the loss. The game was plagued by errors as the Bulldogs committed 10. Byrnes and Jordan led Lanier with 2-4. Benjie Edwards slammed a double and triple for the losers.

In the next game Northside defeated the Bulldogs 6-4. Mathis took the win, and Cliff Rushin was the loser. The only highlight of the game was a three run homer by William Simpson.

The 'Dogs got their first taste of victory by defeating the Lanier B-team, 13-6. Steve Strange was the winning pitcher. Bell, Rodney Byrd and Donald Willis had 2-3. Lawrence led Lanier with 2-2.

The Lanier 9th grade outscored Mark Smith 9-8. Chambliss got credit for the win, and Cliff Rushin was the loser. Defore had 1-1 for Lanier, and Johnny Lowe collected 2-3 for the Dogs.

In their next encounter, the Willingham B-team downed the Bulldogs by the same score, 9-8. Horne was the winner, and Strange the loser. Cotton led the Rams with 1-1. For the Bulldogs it was Jeff Granade, who drove in four runs with two hits, and Franklin Brown collected three hits.

The Willingham 9th grade dealt the Mark Smith B-team a 9-4 loss. Peacock took the win and David the loss. Thomas collected 1-2 for Willingham. Galyean and Schmitt had 2-3 for Mark Smith.

The Bulldogs broke their losing habits with a 7-2 win over Northside. Steve Strange was the winner and Harrell the loser. Benjie Edwards drove in three runs with three hits in four trips. Billy Kilgore collected two hits in four trips. Edianfield went 2-3 for Northside.

Mark Smith ended their season in a winning fashion with a 5-4 victory over the Lanier 9th grade. Cliff Rushin was the winning pitcher and leading hitter as he drove in two runs with two hits in three trips to the plate. Gordy was charged with the loss. Wynn led the Poets at the plate with 2-4.

EIGHTH GRADE

Ricky Churchwell went 3-3 and Mike Kitchens blasted a 3 run double to lead the Mark Smith 8th grade to a 8-4 victory over Tabar in their first game. John Skalko was the winning pitcher while Wilson was the loser. Sosby went 2-1 for the losers.

In their second game the Bulldogs soundly defeated Willingham 7-1. Lin Wood was the winner and Arnold the loser. Ricky Churchwell went 3-3 while driving in three runs. For the Rams, Thompson had 1-1.

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Track Men End Season With Fine Showing

The Mark Smith thinclads made a fine showing in their last track meet of the year against Willingham and Lanier. Although they came in third, they managed to capture four first places.

Bob McDavid, Thomas Edwards, Mike Harrelson, and Thomas Harvey combined their efforts to take the 440 relay in 45.9 seconds.

Bob McDavid took first place in the 440 yard dash with a time of 52.4 seconds.

The 100 yard dash was taken by Mike Harrelson in 10.4 seconds. The Bulldogs' fourth win came

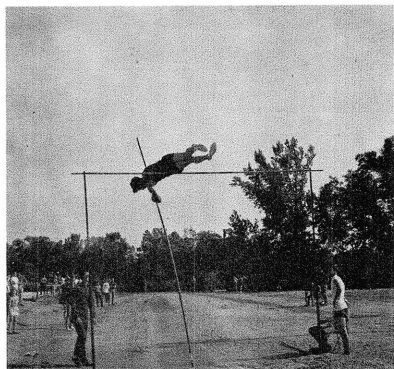
when John David Mullins took the pole vault with a jump of 10 feet, nine inches.

In the Regional Track Meet in Columbus, the Mark Smith track team placed in four events.

The 440 relay team of Bob McDavid, Thomas Edwards, Mike Harrelson, and Thomas Harvey placed fourth.

Mike Harrelson came in fifth in the 100 yard dash.

Bob McDavid placed fourth in the 440 yard dash, and John David Mullins took fifth place in the pole vault.



Mullins goes over bar in Willingham meet

The Dogs first loss came when the hands of Lanier 6-1. Defore pitched a 1-hitter and was the leading hitter with 2-3. Churchwell as the loser. Joe Ryle got the only hit and ran for Mark Smith.

The Bulldogs came back after their loss and blasted Rumble 18-3 while collecting 16 hits. Ricky Churchwell went 4-4 while Steve Bailey had 2-2. Mike Clark was the winning pitcher an Slisbel was the loser.

Mark Smith continued to win with another victory over Rumble 7-4. Lin Wood was the winner and Arnold was the loser. Ricky Churchwell went 2-4 for the Dogs. Johnson went 2-3 for Rumble.

Lanier proved to be tough as they outscored the Bulldogs 8-4. Willis took the win and Mike Clark the loss. Mills went 2-4 for Lanier while Churchwell, Skalko and Peek all had 2-3 for Mark Smith.

In the next game the Dogs came back to a 3-1 win over Mt. DeSales.

Lin Wood was the winner and Anderson the loser. Crosby had 1-2 for the Dogs and May went 1-2 for the losers.

Mark Smith got back at Lanier with an 8-6 victory. Mike Clark had honors by defeating Hutcherson. Joe Ryle led the Bulldogs at the plate with 2-3. For Lanier it was Buford with 3-4.

John Skalko outdueled Defore in a close one at Mark Smith slid by Lanier for the second straight time 4-3. Ricky Churchwell had 2-2 and Crosby 1-1. Willis and Defore both went 1-3 for Lanier.

Mike Clark tamed the bats of Tabar after a leadoff singled by Poole and retired the last 21 men in order as the Bulldogs won 3-0. In the process Clark struck out 12 took the win and Mike Clark the batter. Wilson was the losing pitcher. Clark, Kitchens, Crosby and Rowe all collected 1-3.

The final win gave the eighth grade baseballers an 8-2 record in their first year. Go Bulldogs!

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