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Mr. Clark speaks on different phases of Nasa Space program.

Nasa Official Speaks At Smith

Mr. Gene Clark, educational co-ordinator of NASA, explained the different phases of the NASA program to the Smith student body on November 21, 1968.

He told of many different satellites, launching vehicles, and spacecraft to come. The first of these was the Scout, a weather satellite. The Scout is seventy-two feet high and is capable of lifting two-hundred pounds.

The Nimbus, another weather satellite, is capable of going four-hundred and fifty miles into space. It can take photographs of the earth covering and area as large as two million, seven-hundred, and fifty thousand square miles.

Another, called Sen Com, is a communications satellite. It is capable of carrying two-hundred and seventy-seven pounds of equipment into space. Micro waves from earth are bounced off the satellite and back to another place on earth. Blue panels on the side of the craft are used to collect rays from the sun for power.

Three flying crafts, which are scheduled to come out in later

years are the SST, the VSTL, and the M2F2 lifting body.

If all goes well the most powerful launch vehicle known to man, the Saturn 5 will be launched on the third of December, which will send Apollo 8 to the moon. Saturn 5 is three-hundred and sixty feet tall and thirty-three feet across the base. It is capable of sending three men and twenty-one thousand pounds into lunar orbit.

As the first stage of the last Apollo flight drops off, the second ignites and sends it out of reach of the earth's pull. After the fuel of the second stage is exhausted it drops off and the third is ignited. This stage carries them to the moon.

On top of the third stage is the command, the service, and the lunar modules. These last three stages will be what is left of the craft when it arrives at the moon.

The craft will orbit the moon a few times before trying to descend. This is to make last minute checks of all the complex equipment, and also time for the command module to turn around and dock with the

service module.

After the rendezvous is completed two astronauts go from the command through the service and into the lunar module. The other astronaut stays in the command module to make radio contact with the lunar module when it lands on the moon.

When they are finished the lunar module will separate from the landing pad, which was connected to the bottom of the craft. It will rendezvous with the command module again and start out toward earth. When the craft reaches the earth's atmosphere it will turn around so the blunt end is facing earth. Chemicals on the blunt end will help to lower the high temperatures caused by radiation.

Mr. Clark is the educational co-ordinator for NASA. He is part of a program which tries to give an application of the aerospace industries.

Being born in Decatur, Alabama and living in Perry, Georgia; Mr. Clark has received a B.S. in biology, and M.A. in administration, and a T-6 in science from the University of Georgia.

Before the students of Mark Smith were set free for the Thanksgiving holidays, they enjoyed listening to an interesting speaker, Dr. W. A. Rittenhouse.

This was part of a program sponsored by the Macon Exchange Club, who were holding a Week of Thanks, October 26 through 31.

Introduced by Dr. Julius Ghoson, superintendent of Bibb County

schools, Dr. Rittenhouse told of his war experiences which had led him to become a preacher. He told of his narrow escape with death and how he was able to walk after doctors told him that he would never walk again. After knowing that God had saved him and his legs, he said that he knew then that he was to become a preacher.

In relating his war stories to the

student body, he maintained the interest to the end. Many students said he was one of the finest speakers to have appeared before the student body.

Dr. Rittenhouse also spoke at Lasseter and other locations throughout Bibb County, including a televised appearance at Mabel White Baptist Church.

'68 Superlatives Are Announced

Once again, the Mark Smith senior followed in the tradition of selective six students which are classed as superlatives. They were nominated and voted upon entirely by the senior class. The boys are chosen on their attitude toward the school, leadership and achievements.

The superlatives chosen this year are: Jeff Granade, Chuck Wells, William Simpson, Pete Peterman, Scott Judd, and Mike Jackson.

Jeff Granade, who was elected Secretary of Senior Class, is also serving as Treasurer of the Beta Club. Other positions he holds are Vice-President of Spanish Club and Projects Chairman of the Pep Club. He also excels physically as he will play varsity baseball this year. Finally, his grades are excellent as he has attended the Scholar Banquet for the last three years.

Chuck Wells, Vice-President of the Student Council, heads the Marketer annual as editor-in-chief. Chuck is also a member of the Beta Club and French Club. He also

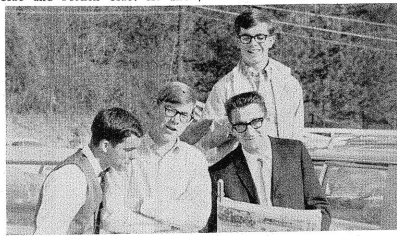
serves as captain of our football team.

William Simpson serves as an excellent President of the Student Council. He also holds membership in the Pep Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Bill is one of our new male cheerleaders and plays varsity baseball.

Pete Peterman represents Mark Smith this year as a National Merit Semi-Finalist. He holds the position of president in the Senior Class of the FCA. Pete also enlists his talents in the Telstar as its Sports Editor.

Scott Judd, our exceptional Captain of the basketball team, adds the quality and quantity of Mark Smith. He is a member of the Beta Club and French Club.

The last but not least of the Superlatives chosen this year is Mike Jackson. Mike has always done well in his grades with a four A and one B average. He also serves as Secretary of the Student Council and is one of our male cheerleaders.



Officers of the Born Loser's Club are: l. to r., William Simpson, Randy Gorman, Mr. Eller, Scott Wood.

Mr. Eller Initiates Born Loser's Club

One of the most recent and most unique organizations formed at Mark Smith is the Born Losers, INC.

It originated from Mr. Jerry Eilers economics class with members now including, Mrs. Harrison, our school secretary; Coach Meeks; Prince, Ed Cagel; Mr. Eller and his economics class.

To be a member a person must have purchased at least one share of stock of the Born Losers, INC. The price of each share of stock was one dollar. Quarter shares were also sold at 25 cents. Many members have purchased more than one share of stock. And for each share owned, a person has one vote in the organization's meetings.

After selling 45 shares of their

stock, the organization went on a field trip to Kohlmeier & Co., a leading stock brokers company. There, after learning many interesting facts about the stock market, the class then purchased two shares of stock from Brunswick, INC., a leading sporting equipment company.

Officers who have been elected to the organization are as follows: Pres. William Simpson; Secre, Scott Wood; Treasurers, Ramda Gorman; and Advisor Mr. Eller.

The purpose of the Born Losers, INC. is to promote interest in the stock market. At the end of the year, the organization will meet and decide what to do with the stock purchased.

Week Of Thanks Program Held

Values: Misplaced?

"Have the young people of this generation misplaced their values?" To answer this question, a person must examine his ownself. There are many examples for the pro and con answers to this question.

A person who is willing to throw away something he has worked hard to achieve, for a few minutes or hours of foolishness, has exercised his gift of reason and choice poorly. Yet if he feels that this short time was worth the price paid; then he has not misplaced his values, he has simply chosen the wrong ones.

Many people tend to use the above mentioned example and the like to lack up their assumption that the youth of this country are suffering from moral decay. I cannot follow this line of thinking. Too often this side of the question is played up tremendously in relation to the other side.

Let us examine for a minute this other side just referred to. Consider the student who contributes his time and efforts to gaining knowledge that will aid him in future years or to learning a trade which will also prove invaluable later. Certainly this individual is not symbolic of moral decay or lack of true values in those of his generation.

I believe if more of the critics of our generation examined the true facts instead of the more obvious their opinion would be greatly swayed from the minus to the plus side.

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Favoritism

A basic sideline in education is a grading system by which the extent of a student's knowledge can be determined. Everyone will agree that, except in the most abstract courses, it is essential to know, given a uniform standard, what the student has learned. Grades serve no other purpose than this; they are not a popularity list given out by the teacher.

It is man's nature to come in conflict at times with his fellow man, and therefore it is understandable that a teacher can dislike a pupil. However, even though he may feel animosity towards this person, the gradebook is no place for an exhibition of hate or vengeance. No matter who anyone is, or thinks he is, he should have to prove his own ability, not prove in how good a standing he can stay with his teacher.

Everyone likes to be flattered. But, teachers, this is your fault for listening to it. Of course, you can like or dislike anyone you please, and you can even display your attitude, but don't let your emotions get the better of you. Remember that grades are photographs of what a student has accomplished. If you color your gradebook with A's and F's, when in reality you must admit that you "just don't like the guy," you are not only cheating yourself, but making it more difficult for the student himself to see what he really is doing.

What Is The Reason For School?

All normal people would rather see, hear, or do something beautiful and glamorous, but usually like cannot be complete unless someone does the ugly work. In many cases, the dull, tedious tasks are essential, even to the extent that "bright light" deeds cannot be successful without them. These facts are evident at school in our academic and athletic administrations.

To explain my point, look at a young, talented actress who wants to make it to the top. After her film has become a big success, she is acclaimed as a star. But, look behind the scenes for a moment at the excellent production, skillful direction, and well-made sets, and it becomes clear that without these stepping stones, our girl probably would not have been singled out at all.

It can't be helped that people are much more interested in watching a good football game than in seeing how many boys pass in one year. Because, as I said in the opening paragraph, exciting things are much more appealing. But what seems to have been forgotten is that academics are the most important reasons for going to school, and that athletics are just fringe benefits for the sports-minded students.

As it stands now, Mark Smith is running a well-organized athletic program, from varsity sports to "P. E." classes every day, but there are several glaring situations that need to be remedied. Our school is supposed to have one of the best basketball floors in the city, all the modern equipment needed, and in addition, fine teams to use these advantages. On the other hand, our library's shelves are over half empty, there aren't enough literature books for the 11th grade, and there isn't even a room for the school's two publication's staffs. Isn't it logical that instead of the exorbitant sum alleged to have been spent for the basketball uniforms, at least half could have been used for improving our so-called library? The whole situation is just as absurd as having a beautiful modern Doctor's office with no medical equipment to furnish it. The pretty part is there for everyone to see, but the necessities are woefully lacking.

I think it is wonderful to have as good an athletic program as we have, but indeed the academic situation should be on an even keel, if not higher standard, than that portion of school life. Let us not lower our athletic standard by hedging on its budget to strengthen the academic side of school life, but, rather, let us bring up the interest, both financially and in spirit, so that correct relationships can be maintained. In the future I hope that scholastic achievement and academic facilities will be recognized as the most important facets of our school.

Mark Smith Speaks

Dear Editor,

This is a double protest against the student's loss of interest in the suggestion box and lack of action on the part of the Student Council and faculty.

When the Student Council first put out the suggestion box in the main hall there wasn't a great deal of student interest in it. Many of the suggestions were corny and unreasonable, stuck there for a joke. Many of the suggestions were good, however. After the first few weeks the "newness" of the suggestion box has worn off and students no longer put suggestions in it. One possible reason for this is the fact that after the suggestions are read, little of anything at all is done about them.

Why don't the students and the faculty realize that good use of the suggestion box is a must if there are to be any improvements here at Mark Smith?

A student at Mark Smith

Dear Editor,

Recently, the entire student body at Mark Smith High School had the great privilege of attending a speech by W. H. Riddenshouse, who was here to help in Bibb County's Week of Thanks Program.

I myself enjoyed the program very much and I am sure the other students enjoyed it as much as I did. Almost all the boys I have talked to liked the speaker tremendously.

If we have the Week of Thanks again next year I hope he will come and speak to us again.

Privileged Student

Dear Editor,

"Finish High School" could be some of the best advice ever given to a student. Today's society has no place for the uneducated person. In almost all business one of the first questions posed upon an applicant for a job is "Do you have a high-school diploma?"

Unless a person wishes to become a common laborer, he has very little opportunity in store for his future if he does not at least have a high school education.

Statistics show that the majority of the prison inmates and juveniles are high-school dropouts. Georgia leads all other states in the number of school dropouts. This is not a very impressive record to boast of.

If a person graduates from high-school all sorts of opportunities open up to him. If he graduates or even attends college or some form of higher education, the opportunities enlarge and expand to even greater areas.

If students here at Mark Smith would strive to get better grades and made the work involved more interesting or tolerable it would help to enable Georgia to rise in the number of students who finish school.

I sincerely urge all students to make their utmost efforts to finish school.

College-bound

Fallacy Of The Grading System

At the end of every nine weeks there is a lot of fuss about the grading system, but soon everyone calms down until the end of the next grading period when the process starts again. But in between the times when the cards are being signed is when conscientious students are working hard to be sure their marks are high.

The student who is putting up the biggest fuss about grades and teachers is usually the student who has relaxed his study habits and let his grades drop lower than they should. But sometimes students point out definite bad points in the grading system and in the way some teachers teach.

For example, the daily grades count two-thirds of the term average no matter what the ratio is compared to test grades. Also, some teachers expect you to know parts of a subject before covering the material as if you were reviewing the book instead of taking up something new. Don't say it doesn't happen, faculty, it does!

The coaches have changed their system of grading tremendously in recent years. Students now worry as much about their P.E. grade as they do other grades. This is because of the more accurate grading system in P.E. Now students must exert to their greatest extent to make a good grade. This is fine if the coaches keep in mind that some people can't do as well as others no matter how hard they try and if they judge every period the same way, especially in sixth period.

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Our School's Upkeep: Whose Responsibility?

Soon a new high school will open in the Bibb County area. This school, new only in the physical state, is Lanier Senior High. Two years ago a student of this school took out his hatred of it in the worst possible way - by setting it ablaze and virtually destroying it.

Now would be a good time to reassess our position in regard to the school we attend. Are we, as members of the student body, responsible for the upkeep of our school as well as for supporting its various functions? Certainly we should be able to answer in the affirmative to this question; if we cannot then we need to re-examine ourselves in our feelings toward our school.

Senseless, destructive scribbling in the restrooms of our school is certainly nothing to be proud of. This is detracting from the upkeep of the school and is also costly to cover it up. Perhaps more thought should be put into such acts before they are committed.

Another item worthy of note is support of our athletic teams. Realizing "spirit" has been harped on quite a bit; let enough be said by simply saying that if we get behind our basketball team and put forth the effort in supporting it that the players put into playing the game, Mark Smith could well bring home its first region championship.

Let's have a little more pride in our school and make it a better number one than it already is!

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Miss Jackie Shepard

Second Homecoming Is Held Hofstetter Is Crowned Queen

After many anxious moments, Miss Julie Hofstetter was named Mark Smith-Laseter Homecoming Queen 1968. Runners-up were Miss Barry Paine and Miss Jackie Shepard.

Julie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Hofstetter, resides at 1679 Twin Pines Drive. At Laseter, she is Vice President of the Dramatics Club, Vice President of her supervision and a member of the Art Club. Outside of school, Julie enjoys modeling and modern jazz dancing. She is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Recently, she competed for honors in the Miss Macon beauty contest and was selected as one of the twelve

semi-finalists.

Barrie Paine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Paine who live at 985 Boulevard. She is a varsity cheerleader and Vice President of the Senior Class. She is a member of Vineville Baptist Church, where she serves as treasurer of her Sunday school class and a member of the Athletic Club at Laseter.

Jackie Shepard lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin E. Shepard at 3419 Millerfield Road. She is a varsity cheerleader, a member of the Athletic Club, Spanish chairman of the language Club, and a member of the Tumbling team. Jackie attends Trinity Presbyterian Church. This summer Jackie re-

presented Laseter at Girl's State where she was elected Recorder.

The other girls nominated for the Homecoming Queen title were Miss Rhonda Koplin, Miss Jackie Waters, Miss Joy Bedgood, Miss Majorie McNair, Miss Babs Dyche, Miss Marcia Kaney, and Miss Marion Wornum.

Prior to the November 8th Crowning, the candidates had campaigned at Smith and Laseter for votes. The festivities, sponsored by the Student Council, was held during the Halftime of the Mark Smith-Hardaway game, which the Bulldogs won 10-6.



John Skalko



Jeff Hill

Spotlight Students At Mark Smith

Chosen as Spotlight Students for this, the second issue of the Telstar, are John Skalko and Jeff Hill.

Enjoying all sports, John has lettered in three varsity sports at Smith: football, basketball, and baseball. A standout performer he plays defensive end in football, forward in basketball, and he pitches in baseball.

While participating year round in athletics, John still manages to maintain in a three "A", one "B"

average. Last year, his scholastic achievements were recognized as he was invited to attend the Scholastic Honor's Banquet.

This year John is a member of the French Club and has been a Student Council Room Representative for the past two years. His favorite academic subject this year at Smith is geometry.

Outside of school, John enjoys skiing, hunting, and playing cards. Before coming to Mark Smith, he attended Florence Bernd Grammar School.

A member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, John resides at 4334 North Franklin Road with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Skalko. His two brothers, Steve and Tom, also attend Smith.

Upon his graduation in another

year, he hopes to attend the University of Georgia.

A freshman, this year, Jeff resides at 2395 Tredway Drive with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hill.

He attended Ellsworth Hall and Walter Jones grammar schools, graduating from the latter. While attending these schools he maintained an all "G" average. He has continued his fine work here at Mark Smith by making all "A's". He also attended the Honors Banquet last year.

A popular boy at Smith, Jeff was the 8th grade class president last year. He also was elected to the Student Council Executive Branch last year. He will serve on this throughout his Senior year. Jeff is an editorial assistant on the Telstar this year.

His favorite sports are basketball and baseball; he enjoys building models as a hobby.

Rays From The Lantern

With the home football season ending on an optimistic note, Smith-Laseter students look forward to a successful cage season. Spirit sparked by the exciting 'Dog 10-6 Homecoming game rally should be rechanneled to support the predicted stronger Bulldogs quintet this season.

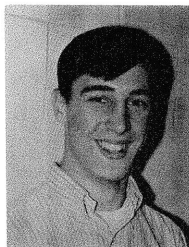
Gay posters decked the halls of Laseter during the pre-Homecoming week. Clever ceiling, wall, and mobile decorations gave the corridors a carnival-like air. Julie Hofstetter, 1968 Homecoming Queen, has another gem to add to her collection. She was one of the 12 finalists in the recent Miss Macon pageant.

The Laseter senior Class has elected six superlatives on basis of their scholastic ability, character, school spirit, and leadership. They are Joy Bedgood, Lynn Booker,

Cortis Carr, Rhonda Koplin, Beverly Lukemire, and Diane Wood.

Eight girls have been screened at the academic county level to take the Ohio State Achievement Test for selection of 1969 Governor's Honors Program participants. They include Tanya Baker, Gay Beasley, Licia Drinnon, Dorinda Gilmore, Fran Grant, Susan Hamrick, Becky Harrell, and Susan McMahon.

Suspense marked the Beta Club tapping on November 22. The 12 new Betas received long-stemmed yellow roses. Tanya Baker, Gay Beasley, Connie Colhard, Patricia Crumley, Licia Drinnon, Peggy Flowers, Dorinda Gilmore, Fran Grant, and Lydia Mitchem are the new junior members. Seniors tapped were Joy Bedgood, Grace Anne Klees, Beverly Lukemire, Mildred Sanders, Sheila Souther, and Diane Wood.



Chuck Wells, Editor of the Marketer, this issue's "A Boy Named ..."

A Boy Named Chuck

One of the most active and best-liked students at Mark Smith is Chuck Wells.

During Chuck's career Mark Smith he has set a fine example for his underclassmen. He has maintained a highly-envied all-A average because of which he has been invited to every Honor's Banquet and has been a candidate for the Governor's Honors Program twice.

Chuck excels in sports as well as his studies. In his junior year he quarterbacked the B-team. Since that time he has excelled in track and proved to be one of the finest backs on the "mad-dog" defensive squad.

Chuck has always been a leader and this is shown in the fact that he has been elected to a class office every year and is currently Vice-President of the Student Council.

As well as being on the rolls of the French Club, Beta Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Chuck finds time to fill his capacity as Editor-in-Chief of the Marketer Staff at Mark Smith.

Outside of school, Chuck is Vice-President of Sedarmore Fraternity and is a active member at Shurlington Methodist Church.

Chuck resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Wells, and his brothers, Larry and David, at 2407 Mafiel Drive.

In the future, Chuck plans to attend the University of Georgia and has hopes of going to Medical School.

The Telstar staff congratulates Chuck on his fine achievements and wishes him the best of luck in the future.

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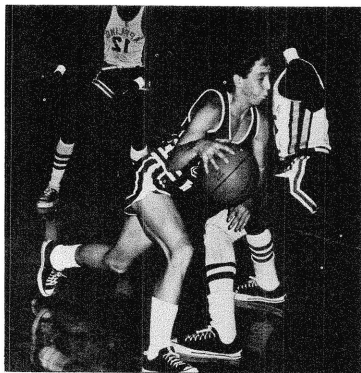
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Judd drives against Appling as Smith wins.



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Forward



Thomas
Forward



Churchwell
Guard



Moore
Center



Peek
Guard



Nelson
Forward

Dogs Defeat Appling In Opener 74-58

A hot shooting band of Mark Smith Bulldogs connected on almost 44 per cent of their field goal attempts and raced to a 74-58 2-AAA East basketball victory over the Appling Wildcats before a crowd of nearly 4,000 in the new Macon Coliseum.

Although it was the first game in the Coliseum, it didn't seem to bother the Dogs as Scott Judd sank a free throw for the first points scored in the new area.

Appling raced to a 7-3 advantage behind Hall and Wright but Smith caught up at 7-7 and the Wildcats never regained the lead. Charlie Anderson and Frank Prince carried the fight to the Wildcats on the backboards and came down with 17 and 10 rebounds respectively.

With 4:13 remaining in the quarter, Anderson connected on a

jump, igniting a drive of nine straight Bulldog points and a 19-10 margin with 2:33 left. They held a 21-14 lead at the quarter with David Lee scoring only 15 seconds before the period ended.

Guard Scott Judd, who dazzled Appling with his ball-handling, and Bonifay were equal to the task, scoring the last six points, sending the Bulldogs out with a 36-30 half-time margin.

Mark Smith broke the game wide open in the third quarter with Anderson and Prince hitting from the baseline after being set up with passes from Judd. Judd made it 49-33 with 3:24 left, but their biggest margin was 57-37 at the break.

Appling went stone cold in the period going almost four and one-half minutes without a point before James Anderson broke the drought

with 2:11 left in the quarter. Charlie Anderson, Prince and David Lee controlled both the offensive and defensive boards, limiting Appling to only one shot.

Smith had three men in double figures led by Anderson with 23, while Prince and Judd chipped in 15 apiece. Judd also had 10 assists. The Bulldogs played a strong defensive game, constantly keeping the Wildcats off balance with a 1-3-1 zone and forcing them to shoot from outside. The Dogs hit 16-26 free throws.

Smith coach Butch Clifton commented, "I was very pleased with the play of the whole team. Judd's ball handling was superb, and I thought Anderson played tremendously."

The 1968 Mark Smith Bulldogs



Judd
Captain
Guard



Clifton
Coach



"B" Team And 9th Grade Look Forward To Successful Year

The 1968 Basketball Season is fast approaching and the Mark Smith "B" team and 9th grade teams have been preparing for it for several weeks.

The Bullpups, coached by Minton Williams, are made up of twelve sophomores and one junior. These boys have been working to develop winning attitudes, to learn good basketball fundamentals, and to prepare themselves to earn a place on next year's varsity. Since there are only three seniors on this year's varsity, the competition will be great next year.

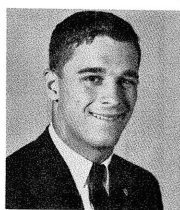
Some of the key men in Coach Williams hopes for a winning season are Tommy Weber, a 6' 2" sophomore guard, Alfred Johnson, a 5' 7" sophomore guard, and Craig Hertwig, a 6' 7" junior center. Others counted on are Benard Kitchens, Bob Windham, Ritchie Hilton, and Kenneth Jordan.

The tougher teams on the Pups schedule will be Lanier, Ballard-Hudson, and Peter G. Appling.

Coach Bud Weston will direct the Mark Smith 9th grade this year. On this year's squad will be Chris

Medley, Buck Blum, Bean Judd, Wayne Young, Jimmy Potter, Paul Cater, Lee McDavid, Jeff Hamilton, Brent Pyles, Tony Clark, Chuck White, Bob Peacock, Robert Ogletre, Mike Harrison, and Champ Ethridge. Potter will be the squad's tallest man.

Coach Weston Hopes for a winning season because most of the team got experience on last year's 8th grade team. He says to succeed though, the boys will have to work hard and give a lot of time to practicing.



Pete's Dog Bone

Though not as well known by most Mark Smith students as the passing of the buffalo or the fate of the American Indian, November 15, 1968, marked not only the end of a season but the end of an era in the history of Bulldog athletics. On this date the last of the original Bulldogs to still be playing, Benjie Edwards, hung up his gridiron equipment for the last time.

Probably no other student at Mark Smith will ever be given the opportunity of sharing in so many fond recollections, both of fantastically successful and humiliatingly disastrous gridiron seasons, as this young man. Benjie can say, as can none other who has passed through the halls of Mark Smith, that he started in the very first ballgame of his alma mater and followed suit for the next thirty-nine consecutive contests. This outstanding athlete was playing first string in varsity ballgames while some of his teammates of this last season were representing their grammar schools in competition.

Benjie has seen the first day of football at Mark Smith ever since there was a first day. In 1963 he saw his team compile a seven and one record against their first year schools, many of whom have gone on to become top flight contenders in their various regions throughout the state of Georgia.

The year of 1966 saw Benjie on a team, which though was predicted to lose every ballgame as a shut-out, astound sportswriters throughout the entire South by winning five games, tying one, and losing only four contests in its first year in the toughest region in the state, the old 1-AA. It was in this year that Ben helped to defeat the then number one Georgia team, Albany, 7-6, before a frenzied crowd of students and supporters. Just five weeks

later this boy was slated to watch his brother gain an unbelievable two-hundred and thirty-four yards by himself on the ground against cross-town rival Lanier, who had been picked before the season to take the state championship, undefeated.

Following this same season the younger of the Edwards brothers witnessed his head coach, Minton Williams, receive the Coach of the Year award in his first season in Region 1-AAA, while the other brother was selected as the Bi-City Back of the Year after being the second leading rusher in the state.

Off last season's squad Benjie bade farewell to such standout performers as Bob McDavid, J. W. McKennie, and Julius Mullis, all of whom received athletic scholarships or grants-in-aid to major universities in the Southeast.

Four years have passed since football was begun in Bulldog territory, and many students are still walking the halls who were out on the opening day of that monumental campaign. Some of those students quit athletics for various reasons, some graduated and some are now playing elsewhere, some merely faded into the mists of oblivion after diplomas were handed. Despite what any of them have done, and despite what peaks others who will follow may attain, Benjie is and in this writer's opinion will remain the only recipient of four varsity letters in football.

Though there are many who are unaware of it, a few do not care, and even less who realize what it means, with Benjie goes the last traces of the Bulldog spirit which saw seventeen games won and one tied against the stiffest competition in the state of Georgia. With the end of this season went the last of the original Bulldogs.

Wrestling: An Exciting Sport

Wrestling, one of the least publicized and most poorly attended sports here at Mark Smith, is also one of the most demanding and exciting of all high school athletics. As any boy who has participated in wrestling in his physical education program can verify, for the length of time one is on the mat there is no harder work to be found anywhere than in this form of competition.

Described as the oldest sport in the world, wrestling came naturally as a means of combat and self-defense between our Neanderthal predecessors. The sport itself can be traced far back before Christ, with the earliest known beginnings believed to be found among the ancient Egyptians or the Japanese. Wrestling, as it appears today, was known fully to the Greeks and Romans of over two thousand years ago. Indeed, this sport figured heavily in the earliest olympics games and numerous references to the form of combat are found in the old Greek and Roman myths.

Through practiced mainly as an athletic contest in the Western world, in the Orient the act of grappling evolved along more sophisticated lines. More than anyone else the mystical Japanese perfected their skills to an uncanny degree, and when they combined them with their knowledge of human anatomy developed one of the most effective systems of unarmed combat in the world. Kept secret for countless generations by the Japanese aristocracy, these methods of combat were not made known to the general public until the "opening up" of Japan in the early 1800's by the U.S. Navy. Today, anyone interested in studying this type of combat for sport or self-defense purposes may do so in the form of judo, jujitsu, karate, or other lesser known variations of the ancient Oriental art.

High school wrestling matches are divided into three consecutive rounds of two minutes apiece. In the first round both wrestlers open the conflict from the upright position, with each trying to score a "take-down" on his opponent. The second round and third round find the participants alternating between the top and bottom of a pre-designated referee's position.

A match may be won by either a pin (orfall) or by decision (based on Points). A pin is defined as a hold which places the shoulders of a wrestler's opponent on the mat for two consecutive seconds. Whenever a pin is scored the match is immediately over with the winning team receiving five points. If neither man scores a pin then the referee bases his decision on which of the two obtained the most match points. These are awarded for "take-downs" (one wrestler brings his opponent to the mat from the upright position), "escapes" (one of the competitors breaking completely away from a hold secured by the other), "reversals" (a maneuver where one wrestler is held securely under control by his opponent and in one uninterrupted movement gains control of the other), or on penalties called by the referee. These penalty points are awarded for rule violations, illegal (i.e. dangerous or potentially dangerous) holds, or unsportsmanlike conduct. When a wrestler wins his match in this manner his team receives three points on its score. After all the eligible wrestlers for the competing teams have wrestled their opponents the total number of points scored by each squad is tallied with victory going to the group with the greatest number.

To provide more evenly matched opponents and make skill the deciding factor between any two competitors, thirteen weight divisions have been established. Each boy

weighs in directly before a match and is placed in a certain weight classification, with only one boy being allowed to represent his school in that weight division. This means there can be a weight difference of no more than eight pounds between any two competing wrestlers.

The wrestling team here at Mark Smith, under the direction of coaches Bonwell Royal and Mel Schoychild, will be boasting its most experienced team yet. Returning will be lettermen Danny Sloan, Steve Shimmel, Robert Watson, Steve Skalko and Tom from at least one year's competition. Sloan is the squad's only member to have achieved the distinction of earning two previous monograms and is also by himself in having earned a high placing (third) in his weight class in the annual state competition last year. Others who accompanied Danny to the Atlanta competition last season and return this year are Robert Watson, Steve Shimmel, and Steve "No-Neck" Skalko.

One of last year's grapplers who will be sorely missed by the coaches and wrestlers of this season's team is 165 pound standout Johnny Lowe. Like Sloan, Lowe is a two year letterman and also made the trip to Atlanta's competition as well. In his first year of grappling Johnny went undefeated in regular competition and barely missed a repeat performance last season. Unfortunately he received a severely broken leg during football this year and will be sidelined throughout the entire wrestling season.

In the United States a less deadly type of competition developed, known commonly as "catch-as-catch-can" wrestling. In this form of grappling only the strangle or "choke" holds were originally prohibited, but today one

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The Geers I. to r. are: Lynn Kitchens, Hal Register, Dan Peterson, Steve Heath, and Charles Goguen.

The Fabulous Geer Band Cuts Record

The members of one of the most talented and best-liked bands in Middle Georgia has recently released a record which has made the "Fabulous Fifty" chart after only three weeks.

The record was cut in Nashville, Tennessee, the recording capital of the world, in late July after the Geers had practiced every night for the three weeks prior to the recording to perfect the song.

Once the Geers were at the recording studios the process of the actual recording began. First, the rhythm section which consisted of the drums, bass, guitar, and organ was recorded. Over this was re-

corded the brass section which included the trumpet and saxophone parts. Then the vocal section was recorded into the record completing the process and producing the finishing product after hours of work.

Both of the songs were written by Dan Peterson, a graduate of Mark Smith, who now attends Georgia Institute of Technology. "I Need You" has been the big hit and is supplemented by "Please Don't Break My Heart" on the flip side.

The Geers have been playing together for nearly three years now. Lynn Kitchens and Dan Peterson started the band and soon asked

Charles Goguen to play the drums for them. Soon they decided another guitar was needed so Steve Heath was invited to join. Hal Register was the last member to join the band. Since Hal plays the guitar, Steve, who is very talented in music, switched to the organ. This is the way the Geers usually perform except when Charles and Steve switch to playing the brass.

All the members of the Geers, except Dan, attend Mark Smith and are active members on campus.

The Telstar wishes the Geers the best of luck on their first record and hope more will be recorded in the near future.

Feature College: Georgia Tech

This issue is featuring the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. The institute was initiated in 1882 by Major J. F. Hanson and Nathaniel E. Harris. Harris became a member of the State Legislator and in 1885 the Legislature passed a bill starting a technological institute in Georgia. The school has grown from only two buildings in 1888 to an anticipated student body of 10,000 and 220 acres by 1975. The school now consists of 6,475 students, 434 faculty members, and a library of 423,000 books.

The Georgia Institute of Technology operates on the quarter plan with the fall, winter, and spring quarters normally constituting the academic year. A summer quarter is also offered and degrees may be completed at the end of any quarter.

Courses are offered in Aerospace, Ceramic, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Industrial, Mechanical, and Textile Engineering, Engineering Mechanics, Applied Biology, Applied Mathematics, Applied Psychology, Architecture, Building Construction, Industrial Design, Chemistry, Physics, Industrial Man-

agement, Textile Chemistry, and Textiles.

The Georgia Institute is accredited by and is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. All of the four-year engineering curricula leading to bachelor's degrees in engineering and the five year program leading to a master's degree in Sanitary Engineering are accredited by the Engineer's Council for Professional Development, which is the national engineering accrediting agency.

If you are interested in applying for admission to Georgia Tech you should write to the Director of Admissions, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Georgia, and request application forms. Freshman students are accepted at Tech for the quarters beginning in September, March, and June, and the application form must be returned to the Director of Admissions at least 35 days before the registration date.

Freshman applicants are advised to make their applications not earlier than one year or later than six months prior to the date of the beginning of the quarter in which he is applying.



Smith-Lasseter D. J.'s are Daryl Daniels, Dorinda Gilmore, and Scott Wood.

Smith Students Turn Into Disc - Jockeys

This year WNEC is sponsoring the "Teen Topics" each Monday at about 8:30 p.m. All the schools from around the Macon area that wish to be represented, can tell news of the school and any other information which could be of interest. Between the news of the schools, dedications are played for each school.

The representatives from Mark Smith are Daryl Daniela and Scott Wood. Daryl says this about the show, "I look forward to it each

Monday night. We wish everyone would listen to the Bulldog Bulletin." "I think its a good program and it is good of NEX to let us and other schools have this free time on the air." "Everyone likes to hear their name on the radio. Our dedications have been coming in every week." Scott says, "We sincerely appreciate the co-operation of everyone at WNEC and especially Max and Miss "X". We get a big kick out of this show and really enjoy doing it."

Students Govern School

NOVA is an experimental school system intended "to develop a mature adult who willingly accepts his civic and social responsibilities in a democratic society, possesses occupational competence, thinks critically and creatively, communicates effectively, and regards education as a lifelong process." The high school is the project of the Broward County Board of Public Instruction in cooperation with several educational institutions and foundations.

Because it is a public school NOVA is open to all students of Broward County, the only stipulation's are a willingness to work and regular attendance. Note that this is a cross section of the student population not an accelerated minority.

Students at this school "learn how to learn." They reach an advanced plain of maturity by assuming a great responsibility for their own education. The curriculum emphasizes "progress goals" inquiry, self-instruction, and self-evaluation. Classes are usually organized as to progress achievement of the individual (not necessarily by grade). In this way each person is in a group in which he may excel, he may reach the full height of his potential with maximum effort. For the student who has to work for the grade, the element of pressure has been relaxed, and the un-

necessary retardation of the gifted has also diminished. "The basic differences, therefore, between the NOVA student and the 'average' student are that he goes to school longer, meets a more rigorous set of requirements and assumes more responsibility for his own education."

10 BASIC NOVA SCHOOL OBJECTIVES

1. TO develop and demonstrate a quality of education which will be a prototype of Broward County, the state, and the nation.
2. TO use new concepts of time studies as they relate to programming, length of a school day and calendar term.
3. TO provide an environment which will allow maximum development of mental and physical health.
4. TO provide a curriculum which will allow each student to assume the major responsibility for his own learning.
5. TO develop the students understanding of the rights and responsibilities of democratic government by according them the privilege of sharing with the faculty in planning of the school program and policy.
6. TO implement a schedule sufficiently flexible for students to pursue the greatest number of academic interests.
7. TO provide a curriculum which

will allow each student to progress at a rate and to a depth consistent with his abilities.

8. TO structure units of learning so that students may progress with minimum assistance.
9. TO make the best possible use of each teachers unique talents and interests.
10. TO provide ample resources and opportunity for individual teacher growth and professional development.

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Profiles In Literature

William Cullen Bryant.

Bryant was an American poet and journalist born November 3, 1794 at Cummington, Massachusetts. Early in life he learned to imitate rhymes of Alexander Pope. At the age of fourteen his Federalist satire on Thomas Jefferson, *The Embargo*, and *Sketches of the Times*. Then later at the age of seventeen he wrote the first draft of *Thanatopsis*, which rejects his mother's Calvinism for a faith similar to Unitarianism.

Bryant studied law and then practiced for one year then went to Great Barrington, Massachusetts where he earned a small salary in the civil courts. Here he married Frances Fairchild. During this time he won recognition as a poet for his *Thanatopsis*.

Bryant left law and moved to New York to edit the *New York Review*. He then soon joined the *New York Evening Post* as assistant editor, where he became editor and part owner until his death. In the *Post* he presented defense to free-

doms among people. Poetry was never a vocation to Bryant but he ranked with the chief American authors. He died on June 12, 1878.

Washington Irving

Washington Irving; essayist, historian, biographer, and humorist was born on April 3, 1783.

After a brief formal education Irving became an indifferent scholar but was an assiduous reader of the English classics. He didn't go to college but read law books and practiced it until 1803. His first writings appeared in a newspaper under the name of Jonathan Oldstyle. In 1809 he wrote *A History of New York* under the name of Diedrich Knickerbocker, which brought him immediate fame.

Depressed from the death of his fiancée, he said to England where he stayed for seventeen years. It was here that Irving wrote his best book *The Sketch of Geoffrey Crayon Gent*. From this book of writings came *Rip Van Winkle* and the *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.

With German and French translations spreading his name to the public he became the first American writer to achieve international fame. Afterwards he published two unsuccessful books, *The Bracbridge Hill* and *Tales of a Traveller*.

Under invitations of Alexander Hill Everett, he went to Spain. After writing four books: *History of the Life and Voyages of Columbus*; *A Chronical of the Conquest of Granada*; *The Companions of Columbus*; *The legends of the Alhambra*, he became minister to Spain for four years. Astoria became his next published article but it achieved little respect.

After completing his stay in Spain, he returned to Sunnyside, his home in Tarrytown, New York. Here he wrote *Life of Oliver Goldsmith* and a year later *Mahomet and His Successors*. He spent the last years of his life finishing the life of George Washington, for whom he had been named. Washington Irving died November 28, 1859.

Counselor Visits Ga. Kraft

On Tuesday, November 26, 1968 Mr. Eargle, one of the counselors for Mark Smith took five boys to Georgia Kraft. The field trip was sponsored by the Pulp and Paper Science and Technology School at North Carolina State University and was a scholarship program to help students work their way through college.

The five students, Buck Bohae, Mike Jackson, Tommy Middlebrooks, Pete Peterman, and Ronald Swicord left the school at about ten thirty with Mr. Eargle. When they arrived they went into a conference room. There were students from Mark Smith, Lanier, Willingham, Appling, Ballard-Hudson, Warner Robins, and Northside represented at the program. Some of the employees of the Georgia Kraft Industry talked to the group about Georgia Kraft and the Pulp and Paper Industry.

The men showed how the wood went from the forest to paper. Logs are placed through machines to debark them and then they are cut into pulpwood.

After the talks in the conference room they divided up into smaller groups and were taken on a tour of the factory and actually saw the paper being made. After the tour they were served in the company cafeteria. Finally the entire group returned to the conference room and a representative from the Pulp and Paper Science and Technology Department at North Carolina State University. He showed them films of the University and told them about a \$2,400 to \$4,400 scholarship program for college bound students. He told how a student could apply to the college in the Pulp and Paper Science and Technology field at the University and gain this scholarship.

Finally after the interesting and fulfilling trip the students returned to the school at three fifteen.



Volleyball team competes in tournament.

Supervision Volleyball Tournament Being Held

This was the second year that Mark Smith has had supervision volleyball. Each supervision played a regular season schedule with the top two teams of each grade level participating in the playoffs. The senior high will have a playoff and the junior high teams will have a playoff. The final standings at the end of the regular season were as follows:

8th grade: first place 406 with a three and one record and 63 points, second place 202 with a three and one record and 61 points, third, fourth and fifth places went to 305, 205, 503.
9th grade: first place 308 with a four and 0 record second place 306 with a 2 and 2 record, 401

came in third and 501 came fourth and 103 came in last.

10th grade: 404 came in first with a four and 0 record, second place went to 301, and 207 came in third and P.E. classroom came in fourth and 402 came in last.

11th grade: 101 came in first with a record of five and one, 105 came in second with a 2 and 4 record, 203 came in third with 403 coming in last.

12th grade: In the last game of the season 302 walked off the court against 303 giving 303 first place with a 5 and 1 record and 121 points, 201 came in second with a 4 and 2 record and 123 points, 302 came in third, and 304 came in last.



Mayor Speaks To Gov't. Class

All of the government classes of Mrs. Seabrooke were honored in having as their guest speaker the mayor of Macon and a well known singer, Mayor Ronnie Thompson, on Wednesday, October 30.

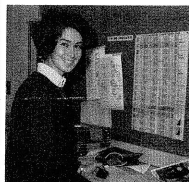
After Mrs. Seabrooke made arrangements, Mayor Thompson spoke in the library before 65 Mark Smith students.

Mayor Thompson is well known as a good speaker and on this occasion he did not disappoint the students. Everyone enjoyed his style of speaking because he didn't use notes as he gave his speech, which lasted for 35 minutes.

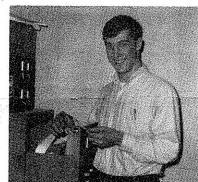
Some of the interesting subjects he spoke on was the new industries that are coming to Macon, James Brown, the famous soul singer who claims Macon as his home town, is going to invest \$5 million into this area with motels and "fish to go" establishments. Mayor Thompson also noted that Sinclair is bringing its business into this area.

HIT SONGS THIS WEEK

1. Too Weak To Fight.... Durwood Ware
2. Promises, Promises.... Coach Meeks
3. Chewy, Chewy.... Lunchroom
4. Love Child.... Minton Williams
5. Sweet Blindness.... Charles Goguen
6. Do You Want To Dance.... Mr. Gordon
7. Fire.... Dennis Howell
8. Pickin' Wild Mountain Berries.... Cam Bonifay
9. I Need You.... Lynn Kitchens
10. Harper Valley P.T.A.... Pete Peterman
11. Let's Go All The Way.... Ronnie Swicord
12. I Found A True Love.... James Barlow
13. I'm In A Different World.... Gary Hutcheon
14. Do Something To Me.... Jeff Grenade
15. Say It Loud.... Jack Henderson



Rhonda Koplin



Chuck Wells

Annual Staff Makes Progress

The annual staff has been meeting over at Lasseter every other Thursday for several months to work on this years annual. They have decided on an end sheet and discussed a cover but as yet no detailed design for the cover has been drawn up. Pictures of the football players and cheerleaders have been taken and decisions are being made about which ones will go in the book. The class officers and most of the faculty have had their pictures made and most of the sports and organizations will have theirs taken soon.

Away from school the staff members have been working on ad sales and one group of ads have already gone to the publisher. Also several members of the staff went to seminars which were held at the University of Georgia and at Mercer University earlier this year.

Students are able to purchase annuals for \$3.00 down and \$3.00 on delivery as well as paying \$6.00 in a lump sum. Also this year, seniors can have their names printed on their individual annuals for fifty cents extra.

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Mark Smith Club News

Safety Club

One of the future aims of this club is to have the school traffic better organized. Also planned is the requirement of having permits to drive a car onto the school grounds.

Relieving the traffic congestion is a problem. Signs are hoped to be put up. Rules and Regulations about driving are to be distributed. Also a point system is believed going to be set up. Drivers with permits will start with a certain number and with each violation some points are subtracted.

The Safety Club members try to take on a project a month. Recently at the Smith and Lasseter Open House, they directed the traffic on campus.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

This club is currently engaged raising money to send members to the F.C.A. Camp. After Christmas

they plan a donut sale to obtain money for this project.

A membership drive is now in progress to try to make members of all school sports eighth through the twelfth grade join the F.C.A.

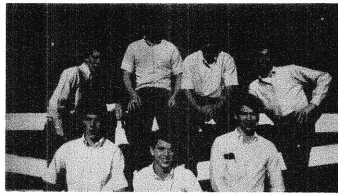
Beta Club

The Beta Club recently elected officers for the '68-'69 school year. These are: Pres. Roy Griffis; Vice Pres. Mike Jackson; Treas. Jeff Grenade; Sec. Wayne Bishop.

In the near future the induction of new Juniors into the club is planned. Also the members just drafted into use a new Beta constitution.

Math Club

The Math Club plans different types of programs for fun and enrichment in the field of mathematics. One proposal brought up was to help needy math students with their classwork and homework.



Pep club officers l. to r. are: Roy Griffis, Mike Edwards, Andy Laverder, Glenn Asbell, Daryl Daniels, Joe Hamilton, and Jeff Grenade.

Pep Club

Now with more than 150 members, the Pep Club is the fastest growing club in Mark Smith. Two-thirds of these members are eighth and ninth graders. There are fewer eleventh graders than any grade represented.

One incident of the Pep Club supporting athletic events was the bus to the Albany basketball game. One or two other trips are planned for this season.

The Pep Club works in conjunction with the Lasseter Athletic Club. They are at present making posters for the games. Also a big chart of all basketball players and

their corresponding numbers. This will be for easier identification of players.

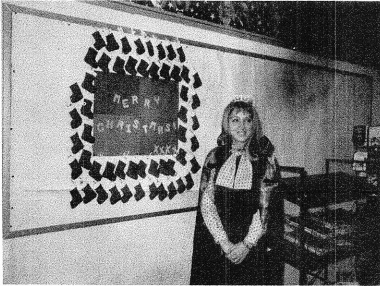
Spanish Club

The Spanish Club has planned many projects for the year. One of the many projects is to sell taffy in their neighborhoods. They are also going to have Christmas Party where a kinyata filled with candy and presents will hang from the ceiling. Each one of the members gets one swing at it. They also are going to send gifts, such as a bar of soap, a toothbrush, and a tube of toothpaste to the poor people of Mexico. At the end of the year the club is planning to have a banquet.



Campus Quotes

1. I'll never wallow in a pool of ignorance—I'll probably drown in it.
Higgins
2. Stand up for your rights, but when you're wrong shut up!
"Tos" Phillips
3. To be black is beautiful, but to be human is even more beautiful.
Newby Reynolds
4. There are those who do not make the same mistake twice. They just make new ones.
Dale Calloway
5. Any car can be made fool-proof. Just keep the fool out of the car.
David Redd
6. Better to pat him on the back, than strike him in the eye.
David Frame
7. Stop.....Look.....Now act.
Wayne Bishop
8. One chicken in the hand is worth two in a tree.
James Barlow
9. When the going gets tough, the tough get going.
Coach Weston
10. Some shouted, "Flower Power"—but the result was simply stinkweed.
Fred Brauneck

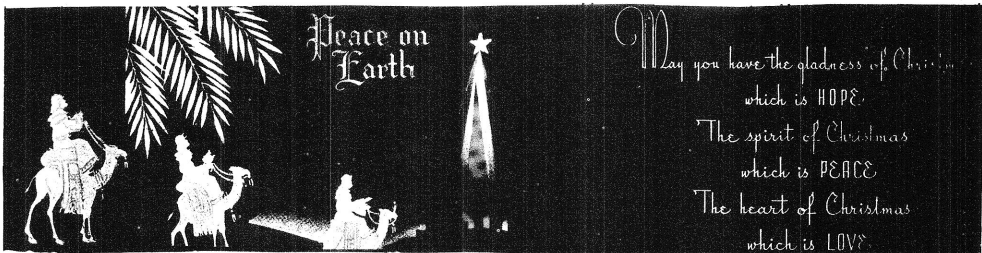


Miss Donna Brigman, student teacher at Smith, spends last day as queen.

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