

# Mark Smith's Five Year Heritage To End Today

Mark Smith High School, named after the late Dr. Mark Smith, superintendent of the Bibb County School System, closes its doors on May 28, after five years as a high school. It will now become the senior high boys building in the new Northeast Complex.

Its original principal was Mr. Ed Cagle who worked here from 1965 up until 1969. Former coach Bill Meeks took his place this year and will become principal over this part of the complex next year.

Since the opening of its doors, Mark Smith has made its advent into history a rewarding, successful one. It has excelled not only in athletics but academics as well. In its short five year heritage, it has truly done its share in keeping Macon and itself in the headlines.

Some of the highlights of Smith's history have been in its compiling a very successful football record, not common among new schools, winning the Lem Clark Championship two years in a row,

being the State AAA Basketball Champions last year, and seeing its graduates going on to excel in college life as well as in adulthood.

It has been a school of distinctions since its beginning. This year's Class of 1970 will be the only graduating class to go from the eighth grade to the twelfth grade under its roof.

"Bulldog Country has indeed had its share of outstanding teachers along with its two principals, Miss Mary Ella Clements, Mr. G.

Lewis Wright, Mrs. Margaret Elkins, and Miss Zeph Pate are just a few that have been with it since its beginning and will be with it at its end.

In just five short years this high school has taken great strides in becoming the best in this city, the best in this state, perhaps the best anywhere. The school spirit, the school pride have always been tops.

It is a shame that now it must end its short tenure, but although it will physically come to an end, it will continue to live in the memories and hearts of all those that were fortunate to be a part of it.

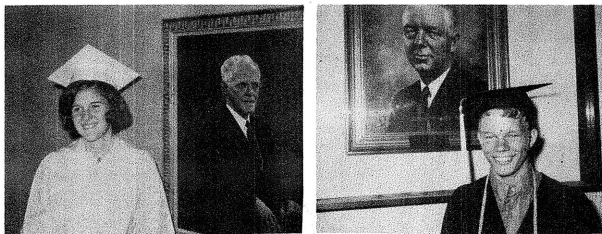
Mark Smith High has indeed made a great impression on all associated with it.

Northeast High will start on a new advent into history; they will also have the same fresh start that Mark Smith had five years ago. Those leaving Smith now wish that it will prosper as a Bibb County school.

Yet we know that our loyalty to our Alma Mater, the loyalty to our high school, can never be killed by a change in the schools, for we know that we are FIRST, LAST, AND ALWAYS - A BULLDOG!!!! GO DOGS!!!!!!



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Stephen Shimmel (r) Fran Grant (l) speak at the graduation exercise, June 6.

## Last Senior Class Prepares For Graduation On June 6th

On Saturday night, June the 6th, fantasy will become reality for approximately 225 students from Lasseter and Mark Smith, as they don caps and gowns, symbolizing graduation, and depart from their high schools forever.

The graduation will be held at the Macon Municipal Auditorium at 8:00 that night.

This graduation strikes a sentimental, but sorrowful note in the hearts of the teachers and students, for this will be the first and only graduating class that has gone all the way through Smith and Lasseter in their five year history.

Miss Girtle is in charge of the graduation proceedings, while Miss Emmett and Mr. Wright will provide their time and effort into reading the seniors for the ceremony.

Stephen Shimmel and Fran Grant have been chosen as the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the 1969-70 Senior Class.

Steve, a senior supertative, is also the star student from Mark Smith. His high score on the College Entrance Examination enabled him to compete for city-wide and state-wide honors.

Missing by one point, becoming a National Merit Semi-Finalist, Steve has attended the Scholar's Recognition Banquet for every year of its five year existence, while maintaining a straight "A" average. For this achievement, he was also tapped as a member of the Mark Smith Chapter of Beta Honorary in his junior year.

Steve is a member of the wrestling team, doing quite well in the Smith meets.

Fran has been president of her class in the junior and senior years at Lasseter and was chosen a senior supertative by her fellow classmates. She has also been the sports editor for the Lasseter Lantern, the past two years.

Participating in the 1969 Governor's Honors Program, Fran was also commended for the National Merit Test.

The Daughter's of the American Revolution awarded Fran their Best Citizen Award this year for her outstanding leadership qualities. She also received the Quill and Scroll Award for excellence in the field of Journalism and is a member of the Campus Crusade for Christ.

In Fran's junior year she was inducted into the Lasseter Chapter of Beta Honorary and has remained as a member in good standing throughout her senior year.

the twelfth grade.

The program was concluded by the singing of The Mark Smith Alma Mater by everyone in attendance.

The Scholars Recognition Banquet has always been one of the highlights of the year for students at Mark Smith. It is an event that recognizes the achievement in academic work which is most important but which is often not duly appreciated. It will be a shame if this banquet should die with the ending of Mark Smith High School.

Mr. Wright and Mrs. Clark did an excellent job in organizing the program.

On May 28, when the doors of Mark Smith High School are locked and no one is around, the building will not actually change, but a change will be evident, for in that period of time Mark Smith will have become history and the future of Northeast will be fast approaching. A transformation of the fullest will be half way completed.

The seniors will leave never to return, but the underclassmen will miss only Friday and then return to school. For some the change may not seem so great, but for others who may be in a building three miles from their present institution and in a class of students that they hardly know the change may make all the difference in the world.

The present Peter G. Applying Jr. and Sr. buildings will hold the junior high school of the Northeast High School Complex. The senior high students will attend either the present Mark Smith or Lasseter building.

Miss Ann Henry will be principal

## Telstar Staff Attends GSPA

Members of the Telstar staff found themselves in Athens, Georgia on May 8th attending the 43rd annual Georgia Scholastic Press Association convention at the University of Georgia.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Warren K. Agee, dean of the School of Journalism and was on the theme of the convention, "Communications In The Age Of Aquarius."

Officers of the GSPA were elected also for the next school year. Those elected to serve in '70-'71 were LaQuetta Crews, Ware County High School, president; Jolene Hutto, Hardaway High School, first vice-president; Marty Reeves, Forest Park High School, second vice-president; and Zachary Millisp, Athens Academy, secretary.

In addition to the general session and elections, the convention included three periods of workshops for newspaper, yearbook, magazine, and radio staff members.

A high point of the convention was the awarding of the winners in the individual newspaper entries and in the overall paper grading. The Telstar received a Achievement Certificate in this presentation.

Also during the day, the high school advisors formally constituted the Georgia Association of Journalism Editors and elected officers to serve next year.

of the Northeast Complex and Mr. Bill Meeks will be the principal at this building, whatever it is named.

This system will be in full operation on June 1 as it is now planned. It is doubtful that text books will be given out but the time will be spent wisely. Many orientation programs are planned to help the new students adjust to their new school environment.

There are some moments of Mark Smith that will remain behind, such as the portrait of Dr. Mark Smith and the portrait of Mr. Ed Cagle which was recently made as this year's senior Class's gift to the school.

And of course, many other memories of Mark Smith will remain in the minds and hearts of the students have walked its halls, studied under its lights, and experienced its spirit during its five year existence.

Its days are numbered but, indeed, one will always be proud to be a Mark Smith Bulldog.



## Raider ring Committees Decide On N. E. Rings

The Northeast Interim Committee has come to its final decision concerning its 1970-71 class rings.

An artist's conception of the new ring is on display in the trophy case in the main hall. The new rings will come in a choice of yellow gold, white gold, or green gold. Stones for the rings will be one of the two best birthstones.

The design of the ring consists of the stone in the middle with Northeast High School inscribed around the stone. A picture of a raider is drawn down the side.

This year's junior class has been fitted for the new rings by new ring fitting kits to make the fitting less complicated.

Designed, jointly, by Mark Smith and Appaling to meet the ideas of both schools, the ring has met satisfactory approval.

The interim committee has solved many difficult and trying questions.

## The Fifth and Final Scholastic Honors Banquet Is Held May 14

The Fifth and final Mark Smith Scholars Recognition Banquet was held at the Mark Smith Cafeterium Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 P.M.

This is an annual event where students who have maintained an exceptionally high scholastic average are honored. To be recognized, a student must have a 3.5 or better grade average for the year in all his academic courses. Many special awards are also presented at this banquet.

After a fine meal, Mr. Meeks opened the program with a welcome and introduction which was followed by the unveiling of a portrait of Mr. Ed Cagle who was principal of Mark Smith during its first four years of existence.

Seven scholars then spoke on the theme of "The Importance of Being A Wise Scholar". These speakers were Richard Allen Mathis, Stephen John Arnold, Robert Orlando Randall, Albert Eugene Pollard, William Wesley Clance, Jr., Claude Baxley, and Stephen Miller Shimmel.

The presentation of awards followed as the sixty-eight scholars were presented their certificates. Ten students who had maintained a 4.0 average were honored and Steve Shimmel and Ken Pyles received special recognition for maintaining an all A average from the ninth to

the twelfth grade.

# The Final Telstar Staff



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## On Mark Smith

### Editor's Comment

Today is the last day that Mark Smith High School will exist in the Bibb County School System.

Today the 3:15 bell will indeed signify the closing of the school, for when its shrill sound is heard again, it will be in a new high school - Northeast.

Today the five year heritage of "Bulldog Country" comes to an abrupt end. The school spirit and the school pride fade from reality to memory.

Today the last issue of the Mark Smith Telstar will be issued to the students after five years and thirty different issues.

Today is a day that we will never forget.

Ever since the school desegregation problem arose, I've written hundreds of words of copy concerning my personal feelings about Mark Smith. I wish going forced to change and also about how the majority of the students feel also.

Today, the day that all the court orders, legal disputes, and judicial decisions take our school away from us, I would like to for the final time reiterate my feeling that Freedom of Choice is the only method by which public schools can survive and thrive.

It is a crying shame that the decision of the Supreme Court against this plan should now rob us of Mark Smith High.

It seems that almost everything I say or write in this - my final editorial has been said many times before, but there are some things that deserve repeating now.

Mark Smith has meant alot to me - I sincerely feel that everyone associated with it has learned to love and respect it. We've always been the underdog it seems but no school in this city can claim such a glittering record as ours after but five years as a school.

We have been a competitive school since our doors first opened; we have proven to all that we had what it took to be a champion. Even though we had but five years to achieve our greatness - we made our mark, we met our challenge.

There have been many, many experiences and trials during this schools heritage - the senior class of 1970 knows this well because they are the first and the only class to start this school in the eighth grade and graduate from it five years later.

I am thankful that I was fortunate to be a member of this class of distinction. I am thankful that I was here at this school and was able to work beside such students and athletes as John David Mullins, Donnie Wayne Churchwell, Chip Ridley, Billy Kilgore, Pete Peterman, Stephen Shimmel, and many others who have left their mark on this school, this city.

I am thankful that I was lucky to study under such outstanding educators as Mr. Ed Gagle, Mr. Bill Meeks, Mr. G. Lewis Wright, Miss Mary Ella Clements, Miss Zeph Pate, and many others.

This school has been known for its outstanding leaders ever since it opened. It has always been the very best school in the system and it is hard for any school to match its excellence. We that have been a part of it know that we were truly Number One, both athletically and academically.

Yes, it was an honor to have been a Bulldog - to have been a part of such a great school. It makes leaving it at graduation that much harder and facing the fact that it will soon cease to exist almost unbearable.

But as the old saying goes, "Life must go on," and on June 1st the doors of Northeast High will open for the first time and will forever replace the former home of the "Dogs." But we will hold this school and what it has meant to us in our hearts forever. We will never forget the friendships, the experiences, and the pride we had when we were Bulldogs.

As this school, Mark Smith, fades into obscurity and in a certain sense dies, we know that part of us dies with it.

So although the seniors will be the only ones that will be able to say that finished like they began, as Bulldogs; we are sure that everyone who was ever involved with Mark Smith will echo our sentiments when we say - "IT WAS GREAT TO BE A BULLDOG!!!!!!"

Lin Wood  
Editor  
Mark Smith Telstar  
1969-70



Mr. Wright

## Wright Ends Five Years On Telstar

Mr. G. Lewis Wright has been the Telstar staff's advisor for every year of its existence.

Being one of the few five-year teachers at Smith, Mr. Wright has also been the advisor for the Markster, the founder and organizer of the Scholar's Banquet, advisor to the Senior Class, head of the English Department, and the first Star Teacher from Mark Smith.

Mr. Wright was an excellent athlete in high school, playing football and baseball and winning berths on the all-star teams in both sports. He was offered a professional baseball contract but turned it down in favor of a college education.

Mr. Wright attended Mercer University where he earned his A.B. degree in Liberal Arts with a double major in English and Church history. He later received his Master's in Education degree from this same institution in 1969.

Before his arrival at Smith, Mr. Wright coached basketball at Lanier for two years and led his teams to two championships.

This year's Telstar staff and others in the past will always appreciate Mr. Wright's inspiration on the Telstar to make it as great as it is and always will be in the hearts and minds of its readers.



## On Mark Smith

### Asst. Editor Speaks

A bunch of little kids not even knowing what high school was, imagining a huge, strange building within which would be beady-eyed old men and women teachers and bull bullies who would constantly pick on you and laugh at you, met at Baconfield Park a few summers ago to start a Bulldog Band.

A group of rough-tough football players met with the football coaches—Williams, Meeks, Brown, Snipes, and Brooks—to try to learn a little about the art of football and to field a decent team at about the same time.

Several boys who the faculty had known from Lanier were busy working at the new school assembling lockers and arranging them along the wall so there would be a place for the students to store their books.

The office workers and counselors were busy in the office trying to get schedules arranged for all the new students.

The many teachers; some experienced, some not, but all new at this place; were studying new textbooks and many taking inventory on their equipment to get ready for the opening of the school.

Many people down at the Board office were diligently working trying to get the proper funds allotted and to pay the many bills of the new MARK SMITH HIGH SCHOOL.

Yes, everyone was working hard to start the school out on the right foot and to make it a good school where achievement in all fields would abound.

As in every case, preparation paid off. One will never fully know the success Mark Smith has had, because its students will continue to do and to achieve for many, many years to come.

But there are many particular achievements that one can point out.

Those young bandmen developed in to the Mark Smith Bulldog Marching Band which has often displayed the spirit and talent of Mark Smith High in various festivals and parades. The band has even ventured to the far-off city of New Orleans to perform in the Mardi Gras parade, one of the largest and most prestigious parades in the world. Also, the band has won numerous awards for individual and combined excellence in concert play.

The football team that developed from the group of rough youngsters lost only one game their first season, then, in the school's second year of existence went AAA, and turned back all-powerful Albany 7-6 and then, to the amazement of everyone, slaughtered Lanier 35-14. Success has remained with the "Dogs" as they are a perennial power in Region 2-AAA.

In basketball, what more could one ask for in five years than a State AAA Basketball Championship, numerous region and tournament championships and five or six college grant-in-aids in this sport.

The baseball teams under Coach Brown, tough every season, never have had a losing season, and the standouts and ALL-Stars, as well as the scholarships in baseball from this school have been numerous.

Track has been outstanding with many region and state titles coming from this school.

All the other sports have met with great success as well.

In academic achievement, Mark Smith has also excelled. Students have won State Spelling Bees, received invitations to attend the Governor's Honors Program, won certificates from the National Merit Association, and it would take a week to compile the numerous academic scholarships that have been awarded Mark Smith students.

In the field of journalism, the Mark Smith Telstar has won an award for excellence each year and has been nationally recognized. Two of its present staff members have been awarded the Macon Telegraph and News Journalism Award for excellence in journalism.

The Markster has the reputation of being one of the best yearbooks in the state.

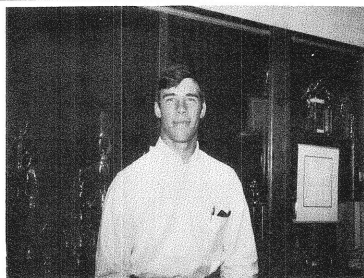
Yes, everything about Mark Smith has met with success. The early preparation has paid off well. Mark Smith has met with more success than even the most optimistic people felt was possible. These achievements have been due to the students pride in their school and to their own dedication to achieve.

Everyone that has ever been concerned with Mark Smith has wanted the best for it and wanted it to be a great and outstanding high school. Congratulations to all these people. Their goal has been met!

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Cam Bonifay, best athlete of 1969-70 year.

## Bonifay "Best Athlete" At Sports' Banquet

Cam Bonifay, a three sport letterman, was named "Best Athlete" at Mark Smith this past season at the final Bulldog Spring Sports Banquet held in the Smith cafeteria on May 21st.

The program also featured the awarding of letters and special awards to players in basketball, baseball, track, wrestling, tennis, and golf.

In basketball, All-American Charlie Anderson was selected as the Most Valuable Player, David Lee as the Best Defensive Player, and Bonifay as the Best Playmaker. Eleven letters were given out in this sport.

Bonifay was chosen as the Most Valuable Player in baseball as well as winning an award for leading the team with a .500 batting average. Shortstop Ricky Churchwell was

named the Best Defensive Player on the squad. Twenty letters were awarded in baseball.

Alfred Johnson was named the Most Outstanding member of the 'Dog tracksters while Roger White was the Most Valuable. A total of ten letters were given to members of the track team.

In wrestling, the Most Outstanding Wrestler was Robert Watson while Eddie Peacock was named the Most Valuable. There were ten letter awards given out.

Five letters were awarded to the golfers and two letters in tennis.

Charlie Anderson was also awarded the American Legion Athletic Achievement Award for his outstanding basketball career.

Thus this banquet brought to an end the Mark Smith Bulldogs' heritage in athletic competition—one of the finest in the state.

## The Lantern's Final Rays

When the bell rings to go home for the last time, Lasseterites will pass out of those familiar doors with mixed emotions.

All can look back with satisfaction on a busy, most eventful, and yes, surprising, year. Despite the uncertainty of changing court decisions, Lasseter can boast a year that has surpassed all others in many ways.

Many students were honored for academic, athletic, business, and other achievements on Recognition Day May 26. Seniors enjoyed the Baccalaureate service on May 27. Larry Fraley, director of the South Georgia division of Campus Crusade for Christ, International, was the speaker.

Plans are being made for varied and interesting assemblies and group activities for the last week of school after the student merger. One such program will be a performance by the Continental Air Command Band from Warner Robins Air Force Base.

Seniors will leave with perhaps a vastly different feeling than feeling which for five years they, as the first class of "pure Bulldogs," have helped to create. Graduation brings mixed emotions to the seniors, who say "Goodbye" knowing that they are last—at the end of an "era." They can look back on two young schools that have made names for themselves; they can know that they were a part of that special kind of feeling—that special kind of spirit—Bulldog spirit. They can be proud of the name "River Rats."

Northeast High School is another beginning. The underclassmen who leave the halls of Mark Smith and Lasseter on June 5 leave with a great and exciting challenge—a challenge to make Northeast even greater with the same spirit, dedication, and loyalty that have made Mark Smith and Lasseter Great!

—Fran Grant  
The Lasseter Lantern



## Mark Smith Speaks

In the last Mark Smith Speaks, we asked the students to briefly express what Mark Smith had meant to them.

David Suttles - "I was glad to be a Bulldog."

Joe Horne - "There's no better school anywhere; I've enjoyed attending it thoroughly."

Mike Kitchens - "I considered it an honor to be a part of Mark Smith and to be a Bulldog."

Dickie Young - "A great school should have been left as it was."

Jim Lewis - "Smith was the best school in Macon and should have been left as it was."

Dale Hamilton - "I don't think Northeast can ever compare to the greatness of Mark Smith."

Steve Floyd - "I enjoyed it while it lasted."

Henry Edwards - "I enjoyed it alot and it's been alot of fun."

He-ry Koplin - "It was so nice while it lasted."

Lee McDavid - "Mark Smith contributed a lot to me."

Tony Henderson - "It was great and I'm sorry it has to end."

Jim Davis - "Mark Smith was a lot of fun and a great school."

Ricky Coleman - "I will never forget it; it was the greatest."

David Wilson - "There will never be a school as great as Mark Smith."

Daniel Bailey - "I hate to see Mark Smith go but happiness can only be a short time."

## Bonifay Signs With Ga Tech

"Best Athlete At Mark Smith" this year, Cam Bonifay, recently signed a four-year baseball grant-in-aid with the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

Bonifay, who participated in all three major sports at Smith, will also be kicking specialist for the Jacket gridders. Head baseball coach Jim Luck rated Cam as one of the finest baseball players in the state and gave him a good chance to start for next year's Tech varsity "9."

This past season as a Bulldog, Bonifay led the team in hitting with a .500 mark, a new team record. He also led in runs-batted-in and was selected by his teammates as the Most Valuable Player on the squad.

Cam has two older brothers, Ken, who graduated from Tech last year after going there on a football-baseball grant, and Brannon, who is currently there on a baseball scholarship.

Residing at 1775 Waverland Circle with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bonifay, Cam is a member of Alpha Kappa Omega fraternity.

The signing of Cam is another fine example of the excellence in Smith athletics this, its final year in sports. John Skalko, Mike Kitchens, Charlie Anderson, David Lee, and Craig Hertzog are other senior athletes that have already signed athletic scholarships to four year colleges.

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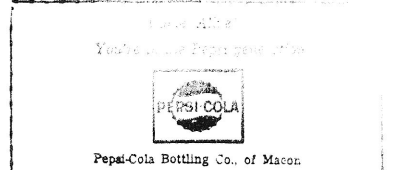
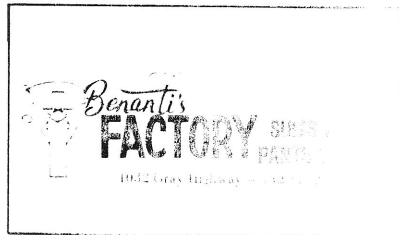
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## Dogs' Final Hit Songs

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2. We Gotta Get Out Of This Place ..... Seniors '70
3. Like A Rolling Stone ..... Henry "Poochie" Koplin
4. I Fought The Law ..... David Frame
5. Beauty's Only Skin Deep ..... Mr. Wright
6. Nowhere Man ..... Ken Pyles
7. Wild Thing ..... Jag Gholston
8. Going To The Chapel ..... Mr. Gordon
9. Chug-A-Lug, Chug-A-Lug ..... Cam Bonifay
10. Midnight Confessions ..... Minton Williams, Jr
11. Magic Bus ..... Jim Higgins
12. I Get The Sweetest Feeling ..... David Lee
13. The Fool On The Hill ..... "Wild" Bill McLendon
14. Who Is Gonna Love Me ..... Chip Dunn
15. Born To Be Wild ..... 4th Period Journalism
16. Light My Fire ..... Charlie "All-American" Anderson
17. Girl Watcher ..... Mike "Crusher" Kitchens
18. Little Green Apples ..... Jerry Lyles
19. Love Heals ..... Ricky Churchwell
20. Down On Me ..... John Crisp



Senior Class President, Mike Kitchens, views portrait of Mr. Cagle.

## Class of '70 Gives Portrait To School

On May 14 at the fifth Annual Scholars Banquet the Senior Class made its last contribution to Mark Smith High School—a portrait of Smith's first and former principal, Mr. Ed Cagle.

Mr. Cagle led Mark Smith for its first four years before he was asked to help serve his community further as a member of the Board of Education.

Before coming to Mark Smith, Mr. Cagle had already made his mark in the field of education. After graduating from Lanier High School, he entered Georgia Military College at Milledgeville.

From here he went to Mercer University where he received his A. B. and Masters degree. He also re-

ceived his administrative certification from the University of Georgia.

After completing this phase of his education he began his teaching career at Lanier Jr. in 1953. He then moved on to become principal of Alexander IV in 1962. He was there for three years.

In 1965, he became principal of one of the finest schools in the State—Mark Smith High. In appreciation for all the hard work and sincere dedication, the senior class of '70 thought it only appropriate to present this portrait in remembrance of a man who has done so much.

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