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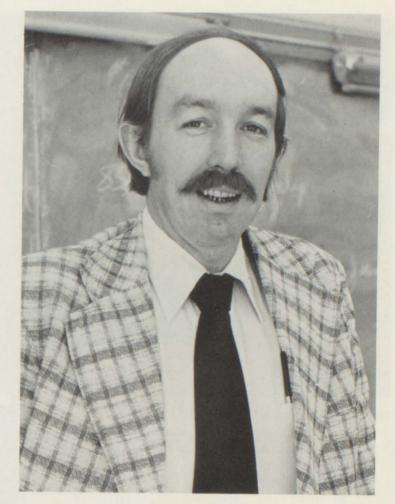
### WE MAY NEVER PASS THIS WAY AGAIN

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#### DEDICATION

We, the Senior Class of 1979, proudly dedicate the 34th edition of *The Echo* to two outstanding and faithful sponsors — Mr. Richard Havens and Miss Mary Greever. We honor them for their contributions to our years of educational training. We are sure that in future years we shall remember and appreciate their influence and take with us fondest thoughts of Mr. Havens and Miss Greever.



Mr. Richard C. Havens "I'm a man of principle, but my first principle is flexibility." Everett Dirkson



"For Yesterday is but a Dream, And To-Morrow is only a Vision; But To-Day, well lived, Makes every Yesterday A dream of Happiness, And every To-Morrow a Vision of Hope."

Miss Mary N. Greever

#### RETIREMENT



Mr. Ralph Reynolds retired in 1978 after 32 years of educational service. He served in the army and now is a retired lieutenant colonel in the army reserves. He received his masters degree from VPI & SU. Mr. Reynolds taught Vocational Agriculture beginning in 1946 at Bland. Later, in 1962, he became principal of Bland Combined School. He is married to Katherine Lucas, and has two children, Dale and Susan, and one grandchild. Many sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to this great man for his advice, friendship, and quidance.

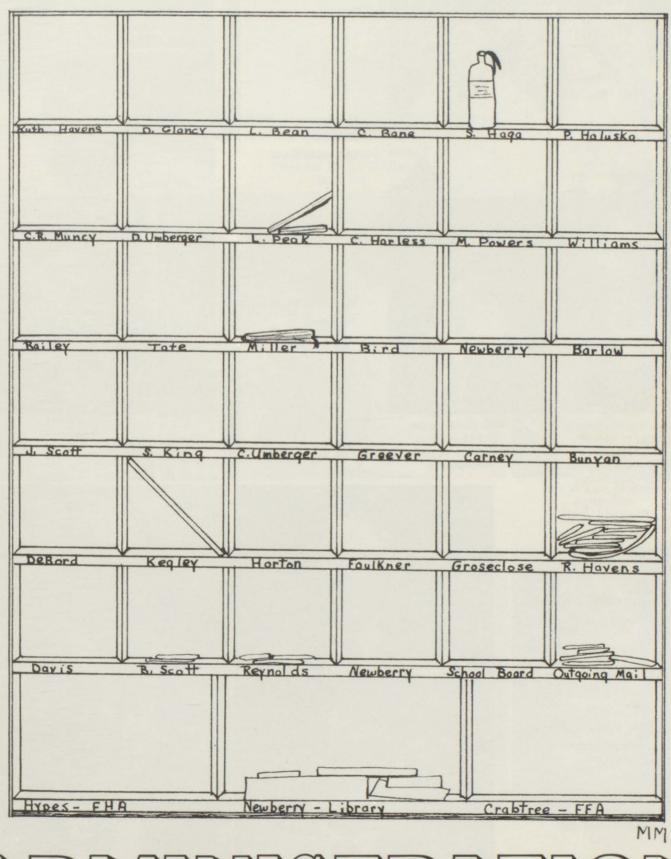
Mr. Ralph R. Reynolds

Mrs. Marie Groseclose also retired in 1978 after 38 years of teaching. She received her B.S. degree from Radford College. Mrs. Groseclose started her teaching career in a one-room school house in 1940, but has spent the bulk of her career at Bland teaching the seventh grade. She was married to the late Henry C. Groseclose. We extend to Mrs. Groseclose many wishes of happiness for a long and happy retirement.



Mrs. Marie C. Groseclose

## ADMINISTRATION



"Nobody

Does It Retter"

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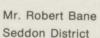


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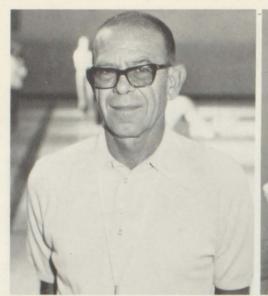
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Mr. Roby Crigger, Jr.



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Mrs. Regina Stowers, Mr. Curt Stowers, Mrs. Judy Simms, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mr. Tony Wright, Mr. James Lucas, Mr. Frank Warden, Mr. Doug Sarver (Not pictured — Mrs. Carmella Sarver).

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Mrs. Christine Havens

### WORK STUDY STUDENTS



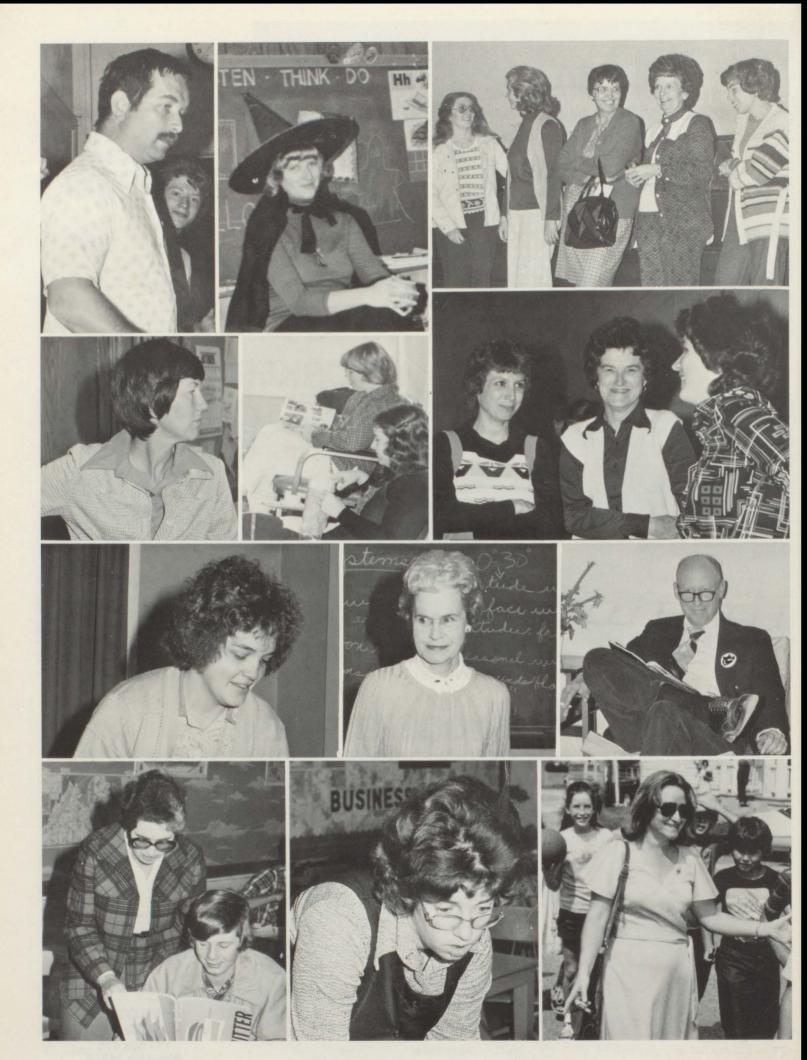
ICT - Timmy Dillow

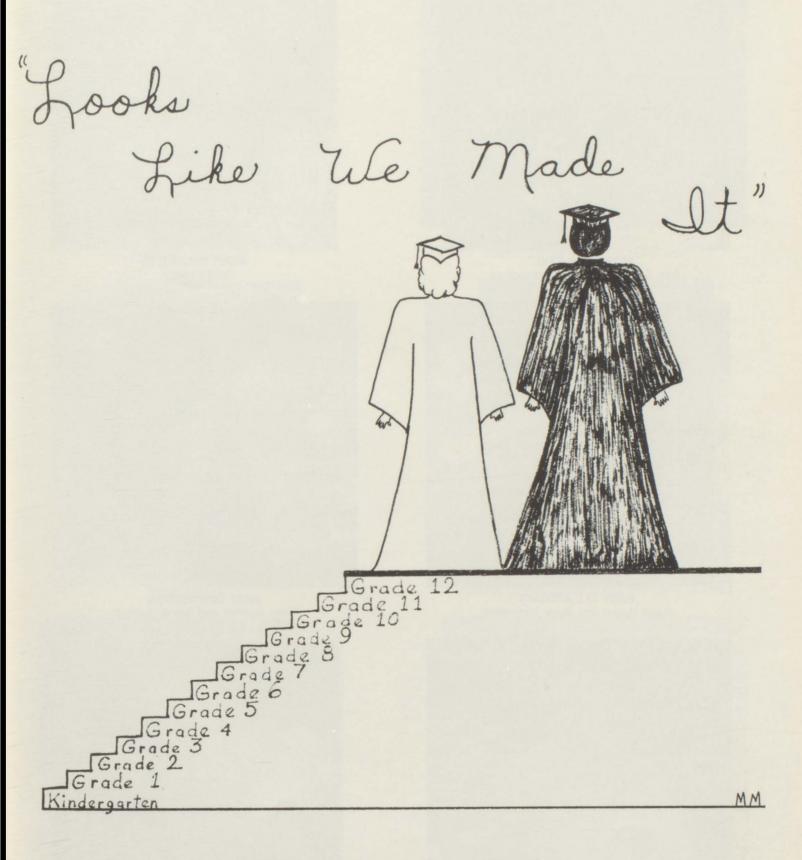


WCC - Jerry Miller

Through ICT and WCC, students are enabled to participate in a work study program. Jobs include assistant custodial services and office work. Students are allowed to work during the time that they are not attending class.

> BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PO Box 416 Bland VA 24315





## SENIORS

#### HALL OF FAME



MOST ATHLETIC Kim Smith and Victor Groseclose



MOST STUDIOUS Becky Harris



BEST ALL AROUND Susie Hylton and Buck Thompson



CUTEST Rhonda Winesett



BEST DISPOSITION Lesa Harden and Steve Harman



FRIENDLIEST Dede Turner and Meek Bowen



QUIETEST Laura Rose Meadows



BEST DRESSED Mary Havens



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED Vicie King and David Wilson



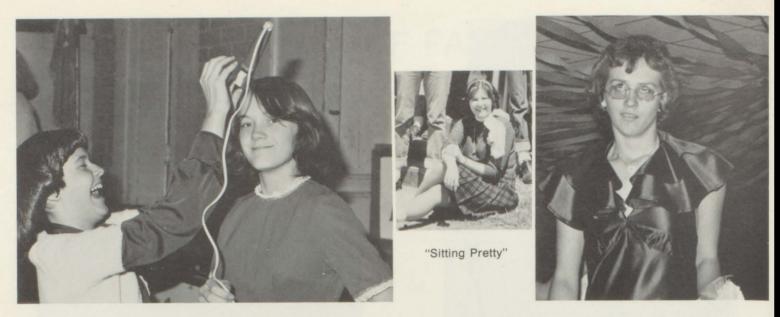
MOST TALENTED Debbie Burton and Mark Morehead



BEST CRAFTSMEN Bobby Carver, David Banes and Leon Lambert



CLASS CLOWNS Gary Foster, Timmy Dillow and John Hardin



"Do I get the prize?"

"This is a Prom?"



"Gone but not forgotten," Mr. Dow Davis



"Snow on April 26, 1978"



"He ate what?"



"1+1=2; 2+2=4 ...



"The Bad Bunch"

The Junior Class of Bland High School Quests the pleasure of your company at the

Junior-Senior Prom on Saturday, the twentieth of May Ninetzen hundred and seventy-zight at zight o' clock in the evening Holiday Inn

#### 1978 PROM





King Randy Faulkner





Queen Libby Brown





#### CLASS of '79



Class officers: (L to R)-Leon Lambert, Treasurer; Lesa Harden, President; Becky Harris, Secretary; David Wilson, Vice-President; Meek Bowen, Reporter.



Seniors working at the concession stand.



David Wayne Banes "David"

Meek Hoge Bowen, III "Meek"

Deborah Suzanne Burton "Debbie"

Robert Eugene Carver "Bob"

> Calvin Duane Conley "Calvin"

Timothy Keith Dillow "Eagle"



















Gary Wayne Foster "Junior"

George Victor Groseclose "Vic"

Lesa Louise Harden "Lesa"

John Wesley Harden "Smokem"

Steven Howe Harman "Steve"

Rebecca Lynne Harris "Becky" Mary Ruth Havens "Mary"

Karen Sue Hylton "Susie"

Vicie Ann King "Vicie"

Vance Leon Lambert "Leon"

Laura Rose Meadows "Rosie"

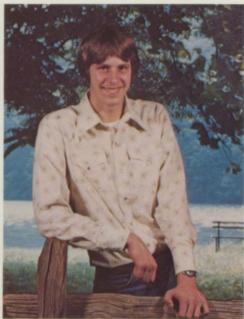
Mark Scott Morehead "Mark"



















Kimberly Ann Smith "Kim"

Robert Edward Thompson "Buck"

Joe Thomas Thompson "Tommy"

Clara Denise Turner "Dede"

David Aaron Wilson "Doody"

Rhonda Lynn Winesett "Rhonda"

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#### THOSE WERE THE DAYS ....



Let's party, party, party!!!



All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth!



Is this gonna hurt?



Where's the wedding?



Ms. America eat your heart out !!!



Love that Linus!!!



Could use a little salt!!!



Oh, what a thrill!



And they said I'd never make it!!!



It's a bird, it's a plane ...



I want my mommie!!!



And Jimmy Carter thought he could smile!!!



Hey sailor- new in town?



Opps-Goofed again!



Hit 'em in the knee!!!



The Devil made me do it!!!



Well, I'll be!!!



Does my hair look all right?



Boy, ain't he cute?



Is that my new car?



Look out Farrah!!!



Ain't I cute?



Was that supposed to be funny?



Hey baby— what's happening?





#### THE ECHO STAFF



Debbie Burton, Susie Hylton, Mrs. Newberry, Mark Morehead, Victor Groseclose, Becky Harris, Vicie King, Dede Turner, Lesa Harden, Rhonda Winesett, Kim Smith.



Mrs. Betsy Newberry Advisor





Vicie King Editor- in-chief









Lesa Harden and Kim Smith Business Manager





Rhonda Winesett Subscription Manager

Susie Hylton Activities Manager









Mark Morehead Art Editor Becky Harris Photo Editor Vic Groseclose Sports Editor

#### MISS ECHO DAY



On September 28, students joined their talents to make Miss Echo Day a success. Those performing were the Bland County Band; vocalists, Ila Conley and Debbie Burton; flute soloist,

Dreama McPeak; gymnasts, Tammy Smelser and Chrystal Hes dancers, Patty Hylton and Debbie Dillow; and the annual sta who were just clowning around.



Mary Havens escorted by Darrel Burton

Groseclose

Mary Pruett escorted by Timmy Richardson

Debbie Webb escorted by Buck Thompson

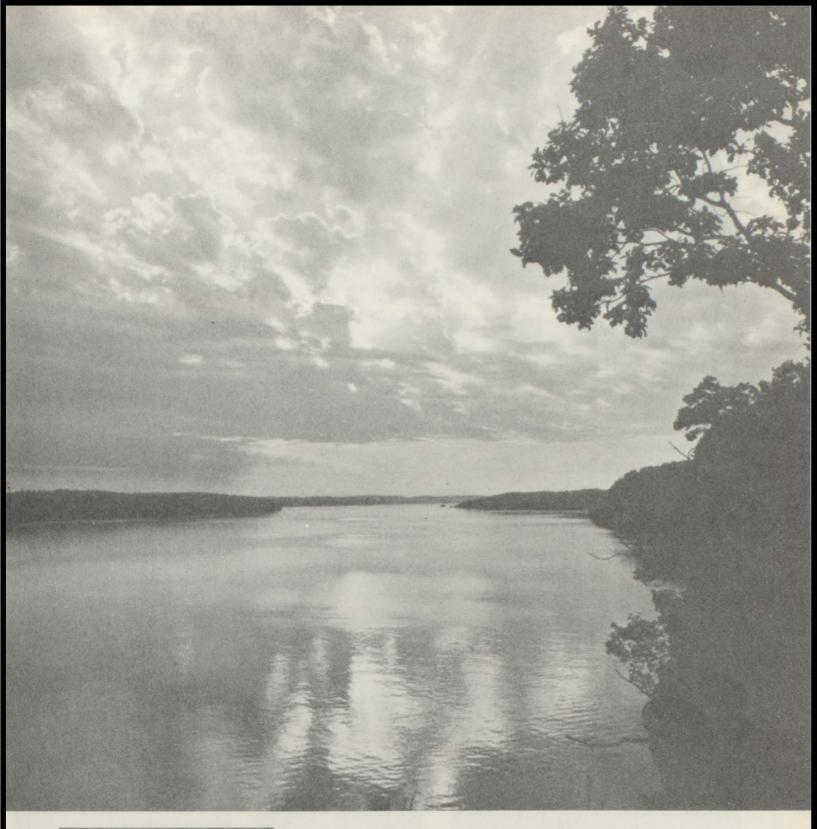
Jo Neel escorted by Vic

Wanda Bevil escorted by Phil Peery

Dede Turner, Mary Havens, Lesa Harden

Mr. Thompson, M. C.







Donald Ray Cox December 29, 1958—June 28, 1975 Class of '79

"The loss of a friend is like that of a limb: time may heal the anguish of the wound, but the loss cannot be repaired." —Southey











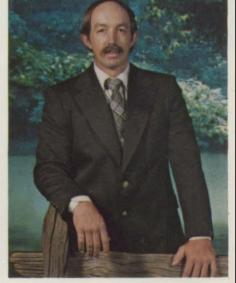


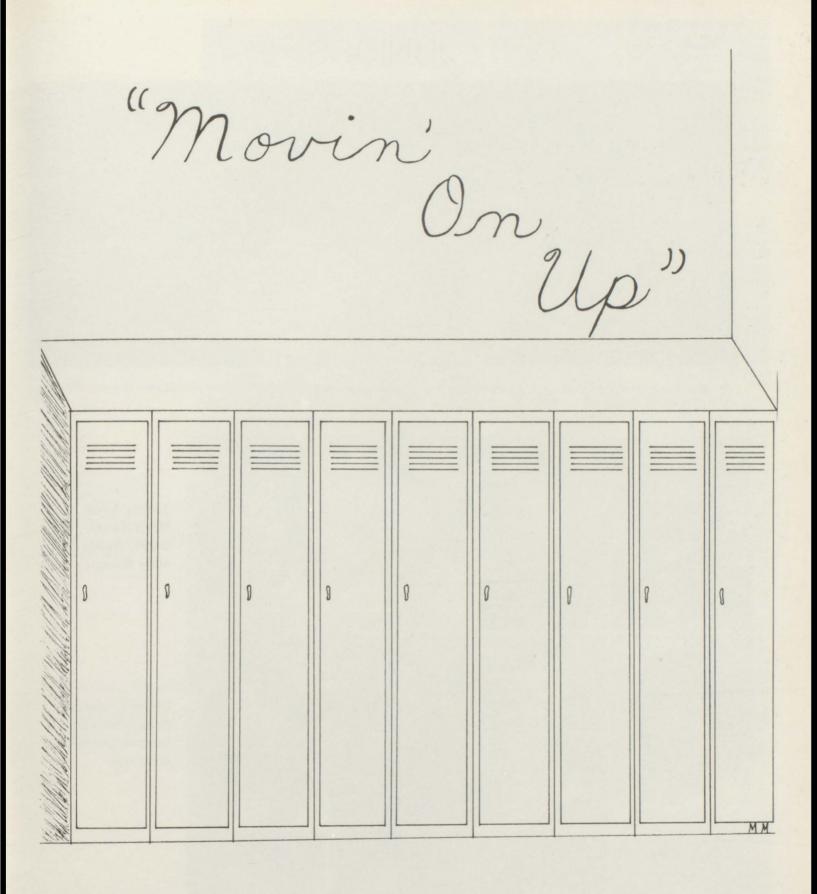












# UNDERCLASSMEN

### JUNIORS



Officers: Robin Umbarger, President; Kathryn Wiley, Vice-President; Monica Groseclose, Secretary; Michelle Gravley, Treasurer; Patty Chewning, Reporter.



Craig Hamilton Terri Harden Jimmy Harmon Eddie Hounshell

James Miller Kevin Neal Theron Newberry Joey Pauley

Anita Rankin Janet Thompson Cindy Umbarger Robin Umbarger









Tammy Umbarger Debbie Webb Donna Webb Kathryn Wiley









Carla Wolfe Kim Wright Terry Wright







#### SOPHOMORES



Officers: Teresa Tolbert, president; Patty Hylton, vice-president; Kim Townley, secretary; Rita Pruitt, treasurer.









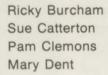








Jan Braithwaite Charlie Brown **Eleanor Bruce** Darlene Burcham



Angela Dillow **Debbie Dillow** Rhonda Ellison Jeanetta Gibson





Karen Harden Mark Harris Patricia Holt Patty Hylton

Susan Kegley Ginger Kent Bobby Lambert Mike Mallory

Dreama McPeak Roberta Morehead John Muncy Lucy Muncy

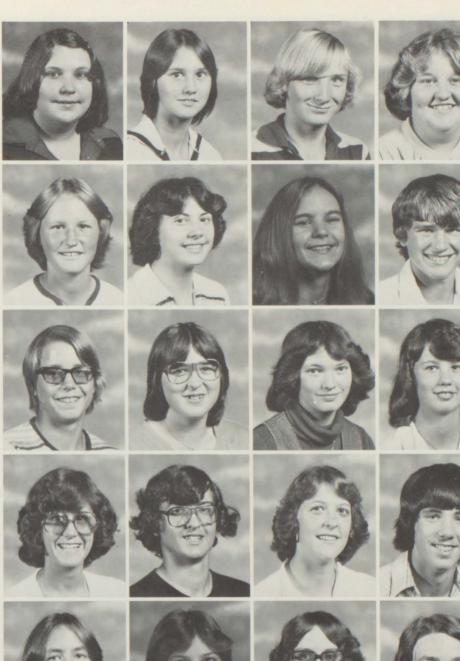
Colene Munsey Jerri Owens Betty Jo Parker Donald Pauley

Phil Peery Marilyn Penley Mary Lynn Pruett Lisa Pruitt

Rita Pruitt Tim Richardson Chris Riddle Mike Sarver

Margie Shepherd Nancy Strauss Randy Strock Tony Taylor

David Tibbs Teresa Tolbert Kim Townley Shirley Wolfe



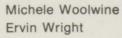








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#### FRESHMEN



Officers: Laura Gordon, president; Rusty Wright, vice-president, Sheri Tolbert, secretary; Karen Hounshell, treasurer; Joy Miller, reporter; Jimmy Harper, sergeant-at-arms.



Juanita Harris Kathy Havens Crystal Hess Jay Hoge

Todd Hoge Karen Hounshell Bobby King Lisa King

Mark King Becky Lambert Paul Lucas Pam Melvin

Joy Miller Connie Millirons Carla Morehead Jaimie Morehead

Teresa Morehead Allen Mustard Mark Mustard Jo Neel

Danny Newberry Dawn Newberry Larry Newberry Mark Newberry













Marq Newberry Jerry Pauley Terri Price Sylvia Ramsey

Wallace Rankin John Sarver Tammy Smelser Edwina Stowers









Thomas Stowers Vanessa Tabor Billy Talbert Dave Thomas









Eric Wright Rusty Wright Troy Wright

Jon, Crownin

Mary Etta Umbarger Mike Umbarger Howard Walker

Sheri Tolbert

Fred Williamson Rex Winesett Lisa Wood Chris Wright





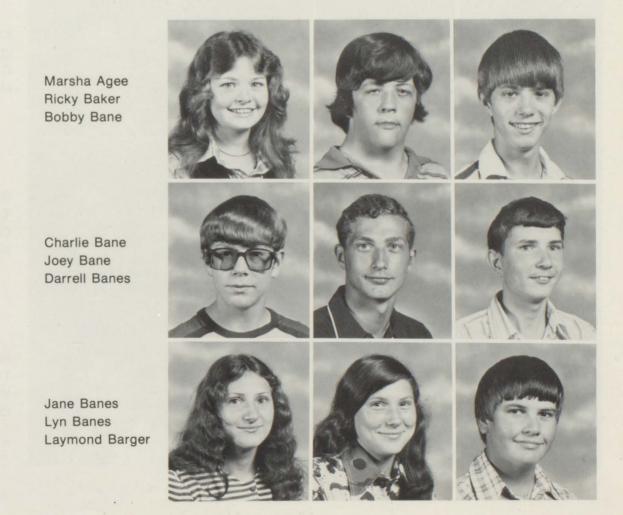


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#### EIGHTH GRADE



Officers: Front Row — Tommy Clark, treasurer; Todd Taylor, president; Kim Kidd, reporter; Back Row — Brian Pauley, vice-president; Kathy Hancock, secretary.

















Wanda Bevil Eddie Blankenship Tonnie Carver Tim Chewning

Tommy Clark Gerald Clemons Mary Clemons Thomas Dillow



























Ricky Gibson Bobby Gordon Tammy Gravley Lechia Hager

Kathy Hancock Joyce Harper C.W. Havens Melissa Havens

Gary Hubble Tracy Hylton Camilla Kent Kim Kidd

Alan King Tony Lambert Valerie Lambert Chuckie McKinney

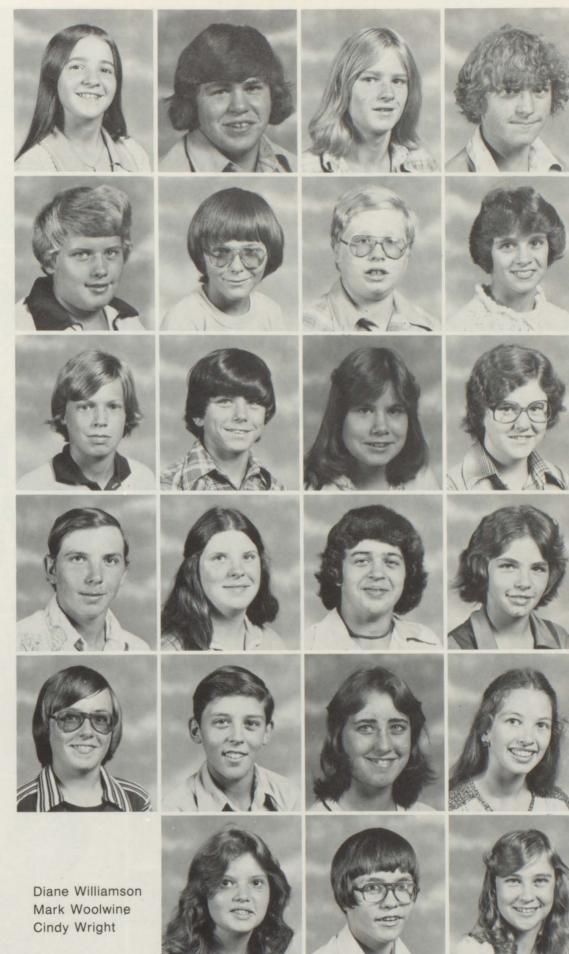
Becky McPeak Scott Mustard Jerry Mutter Larry Mutter

Joey Newberry Brian Pauley Cliff Pauley Wendi Price

Harvey Pruett Ricky Sampson Lisa Sarver Donna Shelton

David Simmons Sharon Simmons Ronnie Stansell Anna Tate

Todd Taylor Lonnie Thomas Sandy Tolbert Tracey Walker



























"Make Your Own Kind of Music" Make Your Own Kind of Music By: The Organizations 335rpm 1 Beta 2 SCA Council 3 Hilltop News 4 VICA XII French BHS 56 Art 7 Library 8 FHA 9 FFA MM 10 Chorus 11 Band ORGANIZATIONS

#### **BETA CLUB**

FRONT ROW: Robin Umbarger, Rhonda Winesett, Carla Wolfe, Patty Chewning. 2ND ROW: Rosie Meadows, Michelle Gravley, Andrea Gordon, Debbie Burton. 3RD ROW: Monica Groseclose, Dede Turner, Susie Hylton, Anita Rankin, Becky Harris. 4TH ROW: Ila Conley, Vicie King, Kathryn Wiley, Steve Harman. BACK ROW: Leon Lambert, Vic Groseclose, Mrs. Janet Faulkner, Kim Smith. (Not pictured — Mark Morehead)



In 1958, Bland High School formed an honor society called the Beta Club with 26 charter members. Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Bland Beta Club for the '78-'79 school year honors 20 members.

Students are selected for the Beta Club for their academic achievement, (88-above average) attitude, and character. Grades are averaged for juniors and seniors to determine eligibility by faculty advisor, Mrs. Janet Faulkner, and guidance counselor, Mrs. Nancy Newberry.

The Beta Club is one of two nationally known honor societies.



OFFICERS: Vicie King, Secretary-Treasurer; Kim Smith, President; Laura Meadows, Vice-President.



Initiation of new members!!

# HONOR STUDENTS

#### DOUBLE BAR STUDENT

LETTER STUDENT



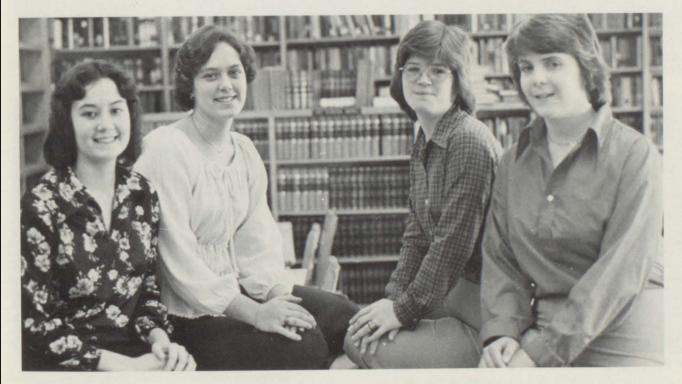


In 1964 the Student Council adopted an honor system which rewards those students who excel academically. Students maintaining an average of 95 or above are awarded an honor letter. If a student upholds a 95 average for more than one year, he is awarded an honor bar for each additional year. Eligibility begins the freshman year.

Kim Smith

Teresa Tolbert

#### SINGLE BAR STUDENTS



Debbie Burton, Vicie King, Robin Umbarger, Monica Groseclose

#### SCA COUNCIL



Officers: Vic Groseclose, President; Andrea Gordon, Vice-president; Rhonda Ellison, Secretary; Laura Gordon, Treasurer; Susan Kegley, Reporter; Todd Taylor, Wanda Bevil, Sergeants-at-arms; Ms. Mary Greever, Sponsor.

The SCA Council, elected each fall by the student body, serves as the student government and gives students a chance to experience the democratic process. The SCA sponsors the annual Christmas program, holds mock elections, and hosts live entertainment for the student body.



Front Row: Vic Groseclose, Andrea Gordon, Rhonda Ellison, Laura Gordon, Susan Kegley, Todd Taylor, Wanda Bevil, Ms. Greever. Back Row: Becky Harris, Debbie Burton, Susie Hylton, Wendi Price, Mary Purett, Rita Pruitt, Vicie King, Sherri Tolbert, Terri Harden, Patty Chewning.



SCA sponsored the annual Christmas program.

#### THOSE WHO REPRESENT US



Who's Who Among American High School Students: Front Row — Rhonda Winesett, Debbie Burton, Lesa Harden, Michelle Gravley, Patty Chewning. Back Row — Susie Hylton, Dede Turner, Vicie King, Vic Groseclose, Kim Smith, Becky Harris. (Not pictured — Mark Morehead).



DAR Award Recipients Debbie Burton and Vic Groseclose



Flag Girls Dede Turner and Lesa Harden

The Society of Distinguished American High School Students: Front Row — Carla Wolfe, Monica Groseclose, Michelle Gravley, Robin Umbarger. Back Row — Debbie Burton, Vicie King, Vic Groseclose, Kim Smith, Becky Harris.



FFA State Convention Delegates Mike Sarver, Johnny Atwell, Phil Peery

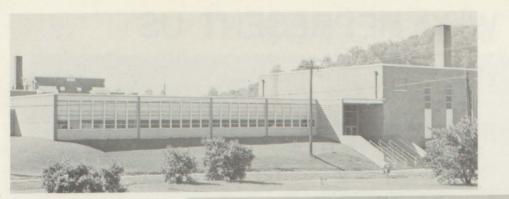
Who's Who Among American High School Students is an honorary award given to current juniors and seniors who have been active in school publications, and have achieved a cumulative grade point average of "B" or better.

The DAR recipients are selected through a vote by the high school teachers. It is awarded on merits of good citizenship, leadership, and participation in school activities.

The flag girls are given the responsibility of raising and lowering the flag each day.

Membership in The Society of Distinguished American High School Students is designed to be the highest honor a high school student can obtain. The purpose of the Society is to honor and reward top achievers from every high school in the nation.

The FFA State Convention Delegates are chosen on achievement and participation in FFA to represent Bland's chapter at the State convention.



#### THE HILLTOP NEWS STAFF



Mrs. Janet Faulkner, Advisor; Debbie Burton, Editor; Mrs. Jessie Kegley, Advisor.

The Hilltop News was first published in 1962 with Mrs. Ruth Kegley and Mr. Frank Williamson as sponsors. In later years, Mrs. Jessie Kegley and Mrs. Janet Faulkner were appointed as sponsors. This year a journalism class was added with Mrs. Faulkner, teacher, and Mrs. Kegley, aide. The Hilltop News is published nine times yearly and has received a first place rating for the past two years in the VHSL competition.



Getting it all together!!



Page Editors: Vicie King, Kathryn Wiley, Susan Kegley, Michelle Gravley, Mary Pruett, Patty Chewning, Teresa Tolbert.

Staff: Front — Sheri Tolbert, Rita Pruitt. Back — Joy Miller, Laura Gordon, Terri Harden, Jo Neel, Geneva Clark.



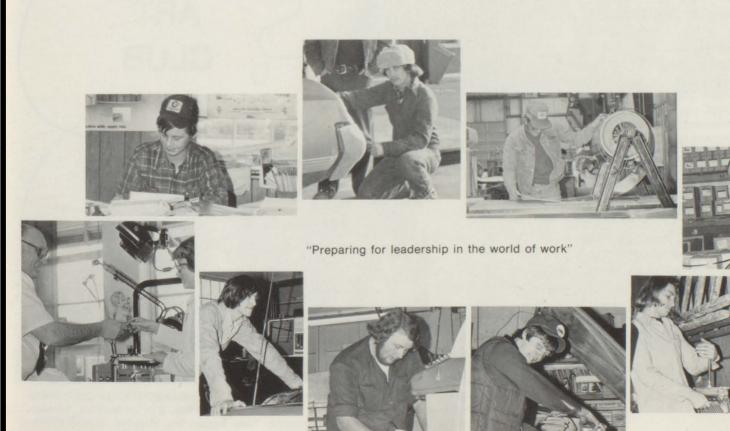
Officers: Susie Hylton, President; Theron Newberry, Vice President; Mike Woolwine, Secretary; David Wilson, Treasurer; Buck Thompson, Reporter; John Hardin, Parliamentarian.

#### VICA

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America is a national organization for youth enrolled in vocational industrial education programs. Some of the purposes of V.I.C.A. are to help students attain a purposeful life by assisting them to establish realistic vocational goals, to help students understand the democratic process and labor and management organizations, and to promote high standards in trade ethics, workmanship, scholarship, and safety.



Front Row: Steve Harman, Kim Wright, Mike Woolwine, David Wilson, Tommy Thompson, Susie Hylton, Buck Thompson, Chuck Chandler. Back Row: Jay Hoge, Terry Wright, Theron Newberry, Meek Bowen, Timmy Dillow, Gary Foster, Leon Lambert, David Banes, Timmy Baxley, John Hardin, Calvin Conley.





OFFICERS: David Bane, President; Vic Groseclose, Vice President; Ila Conley, Secretary; Susan Kegley, Treasurer; Mrs. Cheryl Umberger, Advisor.



The newly formed French Club is made up of students from French I, II, and III classes. Members are urged to speak only French during club meetings.



FRONT ROW: Wendi Price, Tammy Umbarger, Sue Catterton, Lonnie Thomas, Wanda Bevil, Joyce Harper, Becky McPeak, Mrs. Umberger. 2ND ROW: Mary Pruett, Pam Melvin, Jerri Owens, Carla Wolfe, Karen Harden, Mary Dent, Paul Lucas, James Harper. 3RD ROW: Rita Pruitt, Nancy Strauss, Susan Kegley, Sheri Tolbert, Lisa Pruitt, Dave Thomas, Jon Braithwaite. 4TH ROW: Ila Conley, Teresa Tolbert, Mary Bowen, Becky Harris, Larry Newberry. BACK ROW: John Sarver, Monica Groseclose, David Bane, Vic Groseclose, Jeff Cassell, Tony Taylor, Rosie Meadows.



OFFICERS: Kathy Hancock, Secretary; Chris Riddle, President; Lisa Sarver, Vice President; Shirley Wolfe, Treasurer; Leon Lambert and Tony Taylor, Sergeants-at-arms.



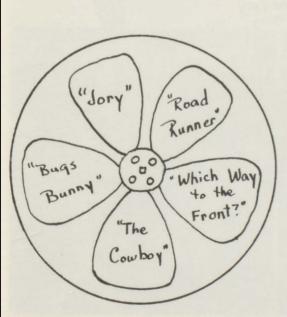
The Art Club is a new addition to Bland High School. Members are from the participating art classes. Under the supervision of Ms. Pat Haluska, students held a bake sale to raise money for needed art supplies.

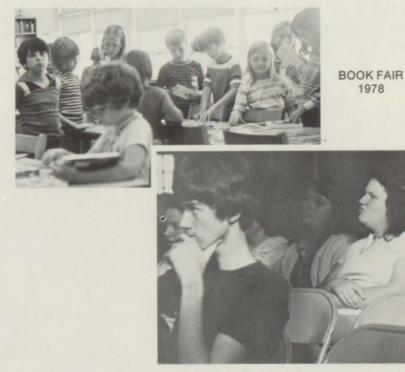


FRONT ROW: Troy Wright, Lisa Sarver, Jaimie Morehead, Kathy Hancock, Diane Williamson. 2nd ROW: Chris Riddle, Sylvia Ramsey, Bobby Gordon, Eleanor Bruce. BACK ROW: Mark Woolwine, Tony Taylor, Ms. Haluska, Shirley Wolfe, Leon Lambert.



FRONT ROW: Tommy Clark, Wendi Price, Wanda Bevil, Sharon Simmons, Sue Catterton, Sharon Conley, Rhonda Etter, Lisa King. 2ND ROW: Todd Taylor, Tammy Gravley, Carla Wolfe, Pam Clemons, Tammy Smelser, Jerri Owens, Dawn Newberry, Marsha Agee. 3RD ROW: Rhonda Winesett, Sandy Tolbert, Patty Chewning, Rhonda Ellison, Kim Townley, Mary Pruett, Debbie Atwell, Connie Millirons. 4TH ROW: Angela Dillow, Scott Mustard, Chris Wright, Debbie Dillow, Karen Harden, Lucy Muncy, Shelia Carroll. BACK ROW: Vicie King, Becky Harris, Tony Taylor, Johnny Sarver, Lisa Pruitt, Michele Woolwine, Tracey Walker.





RAPT ATTENTION AT THE MOVIES.

# FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



FRONT ROW: Betty Parker, Candy Kent, Lynn Banes, Jane Banes, Cindy Wright, Janet Thompson. 2ND ROW: Donna Webb, Sharon Simmons, Tracey Walker, Marsha Agee, Tammy Gravley, Donna Shelton, Jeanetta Gibson, Mary Etta Umbarger. 3RD ROW: Carla Wolfe, Carla Morehead, Lechia Hager, Teresa Morehead, Connie Millirons, Shirley Wolfe, Darlene Conley, Roberta Morehead, Dora Catterton, Anita Rankin. 4TH ROW: Melissa Havens, Geraldine Faulkner, Cindy Umbarger, Trish Holt, Becky Lambert, Darlene Burcham, Eleanor Bruce, Rhonda Winesett. BACK ROW: Patty Chewning, Shelia Carroll, Lisa King, Pam Clemons, Kim Smith, Mary Clemons.

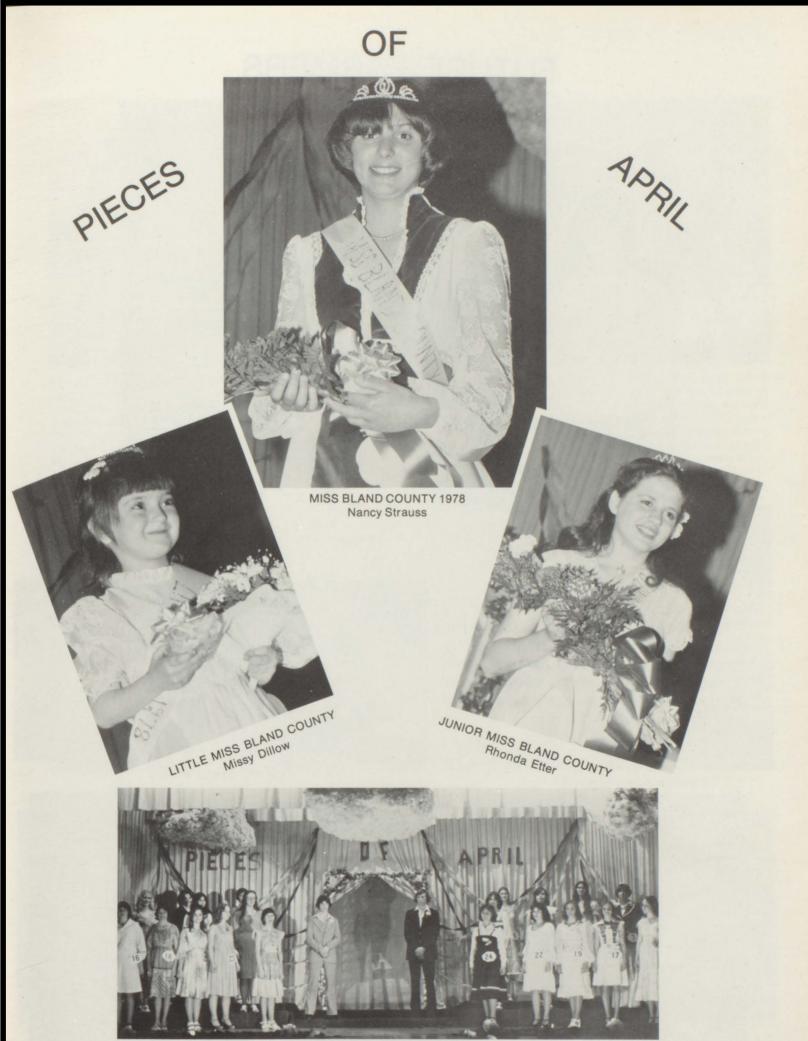
During the year, FHA members are kept busy with field trips and service activities. Two main events sponsored by the FHA are the Bland County beauty pageants and the Christmas party for the underprivileged children.



1978 Christmas Party



SEATED: Cindy Umbarger, 2nd Vice President; Rhonda Winesett, President; Patty Chewning, 1st Vice President. STANDING: Donna Webb, Secretary; Trish Holt, Treasurer; Kim Smith, Reporter; Betty Parker, Historian; Shirley Wolfe, Chaplain; Geraldine Faulkner and Carla Wolfe, Recreation Leaders.



# FUTURE FARMERS



FRONT ROW: Johnny Atwell, Treasurer; Danny Newberry, Reporter; John Muncy, Sentinel. 2ND ROW: Mike Sarver, Vice President; Jerry Pauley, President; Mr. Bill Crabtree, Advisor; Randy Strock, Secretary.

The FFA participates in such school and community activities as cattle judging, cleaning up the fairgrounds, selling popcorn at ballgames, and holding a steak picnic at the end of each year for faculty, parents, and members.



1978 FFA STEAK PICNIC



#### OF AMERICA



FRONT ROW: Mr. Crabtree, Ricky Gibson, Ricky Burcham, Scott Mustard, Jerry Pauley, Mike-Sarver, Randy Strock, John Atwell, Danny Newberry, John Muncy, Fred Williamson, Chuck McKinney, Tommy Thompson. 2ND ROW: Rex Winesett, Tim Chewning, Tony Lambert, Harvey Pruett, Marq Newberry, Charlie Brown, Darrell Banes, Larry Mutter, Phil Peery, Kevin Neal, James Harman, Joey Pauley, James Miller, David Banes. 3RD ROW: Jerry Mutter, Gerald Clemons, Laymond Barger, Charlie Bane, Clif Pauley, Rusty Wright, Bobby Fulford, Joey Newberry, Thomas Dillow, Ricky Sampson, Michael Mallory, Timmy Dillow, Gary Foster, Bobby Carver. 4TH ROW: Gary Hubble, Joey Bane, Bobby Lambert, Ronnie Stansell, Paul Dillow, Tracy Hylton, Alan King, Wallace Rankin, Mark Mustard, David Simmons, Howard Walker, Jay Hoge. 5TH ROW: Bobby Bane, C. W. Havens, Brian Pauley, Tonnie Carver, Mark King, Joey Crockett, Billy Tolbert, Ervin Wright, Chris Wright, Bobby King, Eric Wright, David Tibbs, Allen Mustard, Mark Newberry, Ricky Baker, Mark Harris.



Joey Newberry and Thomas Dillow at the popcorn stand.

FFA Christmas preparation !?



**1978 FAIRGROUNDS CLEANUP** 



OFFICERS: Karen Hounshell, President; Debbie Dillow, Vice-President; Todd Taylor, Secretary; Dreama McPeak, Treasurer; Edwina Stowers, Librarian



Saxaphone - Allen Mustard, Karen Hounshell



Clarinets - Edwina Stowers, Karen Hounshell, Lucy Muncy, Valerie Lambert, Paula Mustard, Sandy Bane

#### BAND

The Bland High School Band is composed of high school and elementary students. The band provided entertainment for Miss Echo Day, presented a Christmas concert, and a Spring concert. Students may be a member of the band starting in the fifth grade.



Elementary Band - Marcy Newberry, Lisa Waddle, Helen Hamblin, John Dillow



Drums - Ronnie Dillow, Todd Taylor, Tommy Clark, Mike Smelser



Trumpets - Cathy Irby, Gary Miller, Norman Dillow, Larry Newberry



Flutes - Kim Kidd, Dreama McPeak, Debbie Dillow, Dawn Newberry, Tammy Smelser

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# CHORUS

Bland High School's Chorus presented "Christmas in Song," on December 17, 1978, under the direction of Linda Peak. Four students were chosen as honor choir members: Sharon Conley, Rhonda Etter, Patty Chewning, and Dreama McPeak.





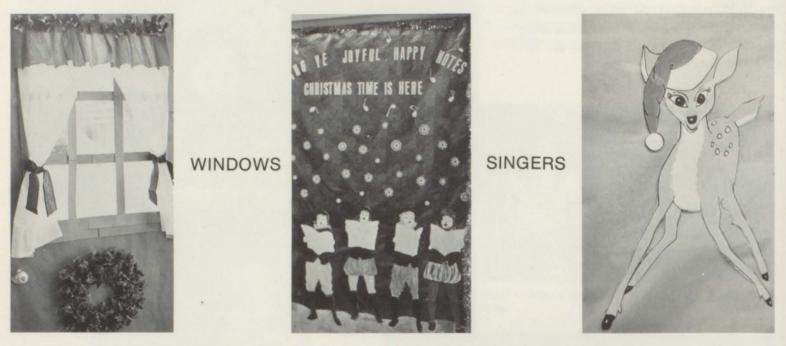
OFFICERS: Colene Munsey, President; Tammy Smelser, Vice President; Rhonda Etter, Secretary; Angela Dillow, Treasurer; (standing) — Sharon Conley, Librarian



FRONT ROW: Sharon Conley, Rhonda Etter, Sue Catterton, Tammy Umbarger, Karen Harden, Patty Chewning, Pam Melvin. 2ND ROW: Janet Thompson, Tammy Smelser, Lisa King, Colene Munsey, Dreama McPeak, Angela Dillow, Shelia Carroll. BACK ROW: Donald Pauley, Paul Dillow.

# CHRISTMAS AT BLAND

IT WAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL AROUND SCHOOL; THE STUDENTS WERE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE YULE. DECORATED DOORS STARTED TO APPEAR



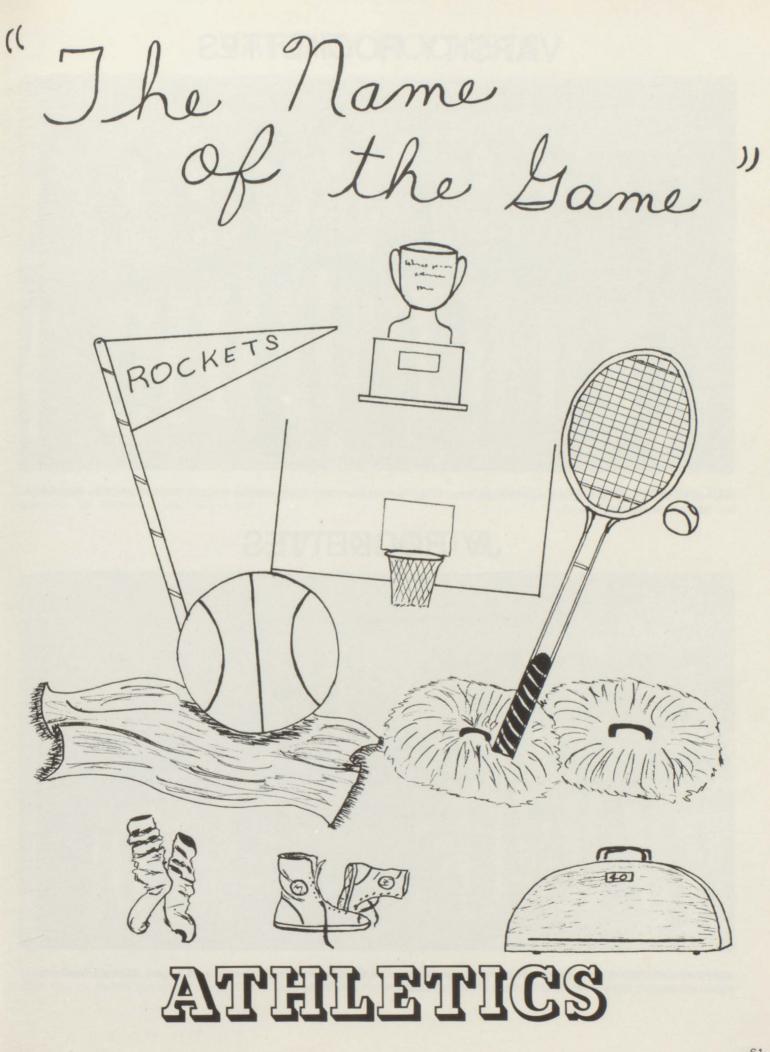


EVEN SANTA AND HIS REINDEER. THE ANNUAL TREE WAS DECORATED WITH CARE. IT SPARKLED WITH THE GLOW OF THE PAST EXCITING YEAR. HERE AND THERE WE SAW



AND OTHER CHRISTMAS CHEERS,

BUT MOST OF ALL, BLAND HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



# VARSITY ROCKETTES



Rhonda Ellison, Lesa Harden, Michelle Gravley, Vicie King, Terri Harden, Kim Smith, Andrea Gordon, Mary Pruett, Kim Townley, Mr. Samuel Groseclose, Coach.

JV ROCKETTES



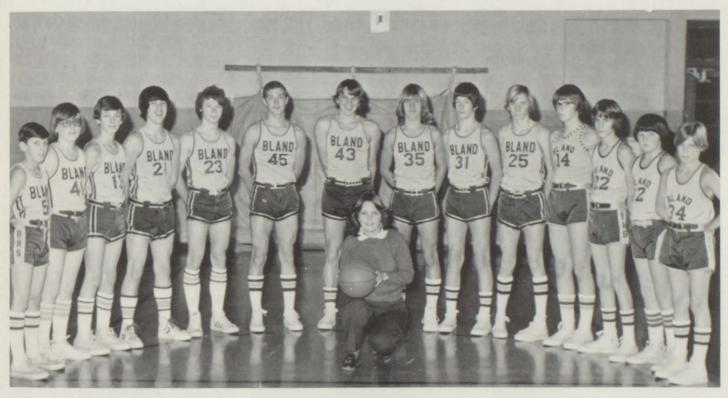
Karen Harden, Patty Hylton, Dawn Newberry, Ginger Kent, Laura Gordon, Valerie Lambert, Susan Kegley, Michele Woolwine, Karen Hounshell, Mary Dent, Miss Patricia Williams, Coach.

# VARSITY ROCKETS



John Hardin, Timmy Richardson, David Bane, Gary Foster, Theron Newberry, Jeff Cassell, Victor Groseclose, Todd Hoge, Mark Compton, Mr. Samuel Groseclose, Coach.

#### JV ROCKETS



Lonnie Thomas, Todd Taylor, Paul Dillow, Mike Sarver, Charlie Brown, Joey Bane, Donald Pauley, Tracy Hylton, Mark Newberry, John Muncy, Bobby Gordon, Tommy Clark, Thomas Dillow, Harvey Pruett, Miss Patricia Williams — Coach.

## SCOREKEEPERS



Teresa Tolbert and Kim Smith

# BASKETBALL HONORS



1978 Varsity Rockettes



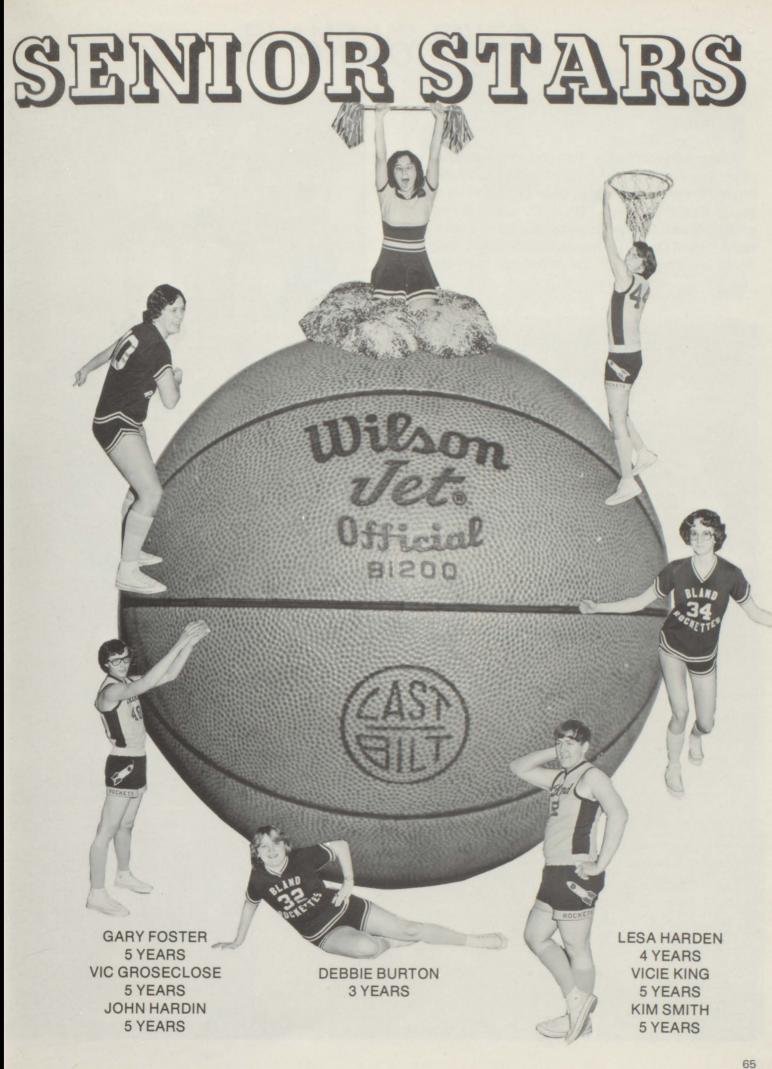


Mr. Groseclose and Kim Smith

Kim Smith, Andrea Gordon, and Kim Townley

1978 Junior Varsity Rockettes

The Varsity Rockettes ended the 1978 season with a record of 20 wins and 2 losses. They were regular season & tournament champions, and Region C runners-up champions. The JV Rockettes ended their season with a 13 and 2 record and were the 1978 regular season champs. Kim Smith was awarded the game ball and a plaque for breaking the 1000 point mark in her career. Bland was honored by having three members of the 1978 All District Team. Kim Smith, Andrea Gordon, and Kim Townley were the honorees. Andrea was selected as Most Valuable Player in the District.



# HOMECOMING '79

A new addition to the Homecoming festivities this year was "Spirit Daze". Students participated for three days prior to the Homecoming game by dressing in Sadie Hawkins, "Grease", and maroon and gold fashions. Classes also competed in poster contests. "Spirit Daze" ended with a pep rally giving students a chance to "get on down" for their school.















# **BLAND VS FRIES**

BLAND		FRIES
Vic Groseclose	29	Chuck Hodges
Theron Newberry	20	Joey Pearman
Gary Foster	8	Ronald Hall
Todd Hoge	6	Barry Shupe
Mark Compton	4	David Williams
		Donald Hill
	67	Nelson Dowell

















# HOMECOMING DANCE





Homecoming Court and Escorts: 12th grade — Susie Hylton, Meek Bowen; 8th grade (tie) — Candy Kent, C. W. Havens; Becky McPeak, Todd Parker; Queen Vicie King, Will Pauley; 9th grade — Karen Hounshell, Larry Newberry; 10th grade — Rhonda Ellison, Vic Groseclose; 11th grade — Cindy Umbarger, Joey Tickle

Mr. Roger Thompson crowns Homecoming Queen Vicie King



"BOOGIE NIGHTS!"



Sinus Problem?



Amid twirling colors and flashing strobe lights, BHS students got down to "bump and boogie" as the 1979 Homecoming Dance began.

Selected by popular vote, Queen Vicie, and her attendants led the royal waltz.

The dance was sponsored by the senior class, and music was provided by disc jockey, Reggie Neel, and the 7Q crew.



# JV CHEERLEADERS



Karen Harden — 1 year, Rhonda Etter — 1 year, Debbie Dillow — captain — 2 years, Mary Pruett — 2 years, Geneva Clark — 1 year.



Alternate - Rita Pruitt



Alternate - Sharon Conley



Alternate - Jo Neel





# VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



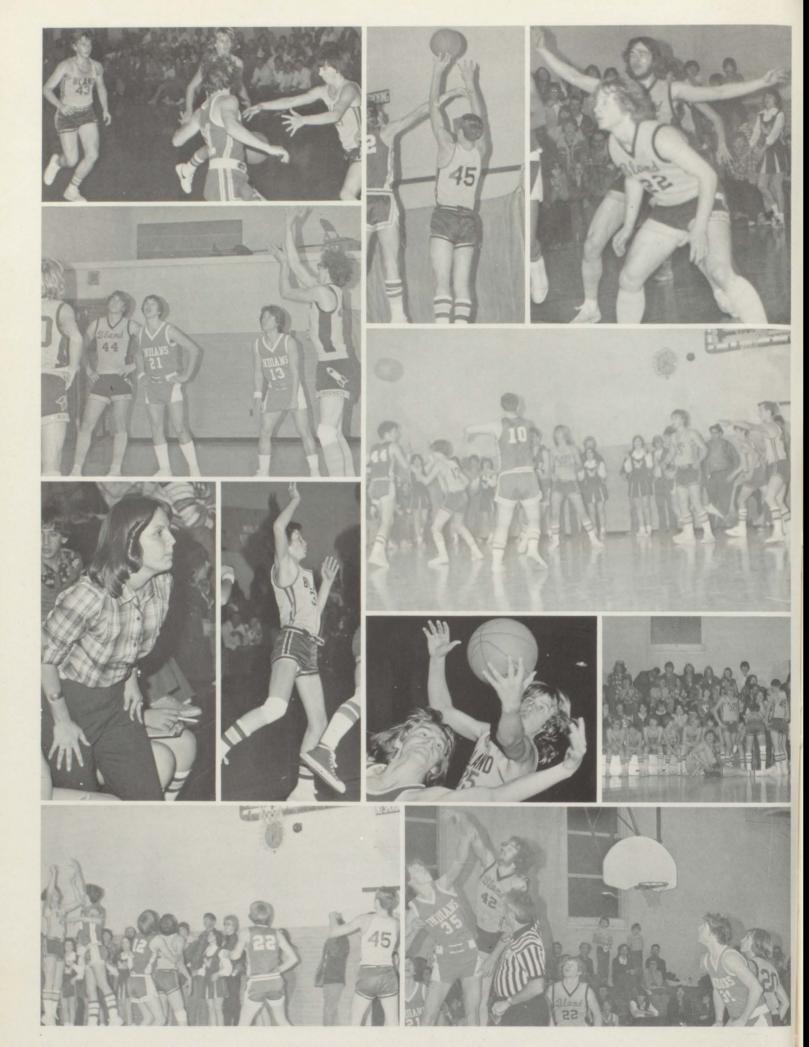
Front: Patty Chewning — 2 years. Middle: Debbie Burton — captain — 3 years, Mary Bowen — 2 years, Ila Conley — 2 years. Top: Patty Hylton — 2 years.







Tryouts were held in the spring of '78 for cheerleaders. A panel of teachers made the selections after viewing all aspirants. Five girls were chosen for JV, five for Varsity and three are serving as alternates whenever they are needed.



# **TENNIS** '78







Coach Sandy Tarter



Michelle Blankenship

Vicie King



Debbie Burton



Libby Brown

Kim Smith



Mary Bowen



Susie Hylton

















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#### SEVENTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS



Kay Cox, president; Sarah Pruitt, vice-president; Debbie Belcher, secretary; Donna Dalton, treasurer; Donna Lambert, Andrea Cassell, song leaders; Sean Wood, chaplain; Ricky Pruitt, sergeant-at-arms.



SIXTH-SEVENTH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS

Gary Miller, president; Terry Umbarger, vice-president; Sandy Bane, secretary; Cecil Compton, treasurer; Paula Mustard, reporter; Sammy King, chaplain.





Front Row: Debbie Belcher, Renee Thompson, Donna Lambert, Steve Cox, Matt Harman, Chuck Turner. 2nd Row: Paula Mustard, Anita Stowers, Eric Ellison, Patty Smith, Tim Neal, Eddie Baxley, 3rd Row: Sonja Asbury, Donna Strock, Lisa Waddle, Kelly Davis, Doug Farlow. Back Row: Cathy Irby, Donna Dalton, Kay Cox, Geoffrey Fanning, Sean Wood.

Joyce Alexander Sonya Asbury Eddie Baxley Debbie Belcher Andrea Cassell Melanie Cassell Dee Clemons

Sherry Conley Kay Cox Mrs. Jan Scott Stephen Cox Donna Dalton

Alex Davis Eric Ellison David Etter John Robert Farlow

Winifred Foglesong Cathy Irby Donna Lambert Jeanetta Mallory

Dawn Morehead Kathy Morehead Tim Neal Ricky Pruitt Sarah Pruitt Barbara Ramsey Anita Stowers

Patricia Thompson Jeff Vineyard Sean Wood Bridget Wright

















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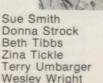


Melba Clemons Mary Anne Cochran Cecil Compton Elizabeth Dent Ronnie Dillow Linda Ellison Geoffrey Fanning

Doug Farlow Sammy Groseclose Miss Trish Williams Sammy King Rita Lambert

Gary Miller Brian Mustard Paula Mustard James Nunley

Todd Parker Meg Profitt Debbie Simmons Michael Todd Smelser



Sandy Bane





# SIXTH GRADE

























David Blankenship David Braithwaite Tania Burcham Crystal Clemons Jeff Cox Kelly Davis John Dillow

Rita Gibson Helen Hamblin Mrs. Jacqueline Barlow Norma Harden Matt Harman

Marty Hutchins Annette King Joanne Matz Vanessa McKinney

Mitch Munsey Lori Neel Marcy Newberry Michael Perkins

Bill Perry Kitten Richardson Teresa Richardson Bruce Shelton, Jr. Patty Smith Dennis Taylor Chuck Turner

Becky Umbarger Lisa Waddle Debbie Warden Arnie Wimmer Artie Wolfe Tammy Wolfe

# FIFTH GRADE





















Ernest Shelton Jimmy Shrader Angela Strock Lucy Taylor Ryland Wade Tracy Wolfe

Everett Baxley Ronnie Clemons Laura Cochran Timmy Davis Joe DeWilde Barry Dillow Ben Dillow

James Harden Tracy Kegley Mrs. Norma Newberry Billy King Marty McPeak

Michael Meador Michael Melvin Teresa Miller Gary Mustard

LeAnna Mustard Terry Mustard Billy Mutter **Brian Perkins** 





















# FOURTH-FIFTH GRADES

Darnell Davis Pam Davis Stephen Fanning Scott Fernandez Kenny Froy Tammy Haga Bob Hylton

Rebecca Melvin LaMoore Muncy Mrs. Ruby King Lyle Muncy Jeri Lynne Mustard

Shaunn Neel Carla Pauley Eddie Price Thomas Rittweger

Lynn Tate Eric Taylor Timothy Thompson Lisa Talbert

















Hope Townley Todd Turner Sherri Wimmer





# FOURTH GRADE

Phillip Bogle Jamie Chening Shawn Compton Steven Curry Onie Davis Amy Drummond Lisa Gravley

Bobby Hale Samantha Hylton Mrs. Louise Bird Ricky Kent Denise King

Idette King Rusty King Stephen Meador Janet Millirons

Tammy Mustard Lori Nelson Wendell Parker Dawn Pruitt

Carrie Shelton Leon Sink Ervin Sparks Regina Stansell Eric Strock Mike Townley Elizabeth Umbarger













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# THIRD GRADE













Wayne Davis Brad Dillow Randy Dillow Kevin Fore Randy Franklin Mark Hamblin Elizabeth Hancock Mrs. June Miller

Ritchie Havens Ronny King Shannon King

Freda Davis Tamara Davis

Deana Lakey Terry Lang Jon Melvin

Lori Ann Perkins Donna Richardson Sammy Simmons Jennifer Stafford

Stanley Steffey Curtis Taylor Brian Townley Bryan Townley Mark Vineyard Martin Vineyard Donna Warden

# SECOND-THIRD GRADES



Angela Atwell Jamie Barnett Scott Belcher Chip Bird Billy Burton Sonya Chewning

Pam Dillow Dawn Dillow Mrs. Margie Powers Michael Hounshell

Roberta Kegley Kathy Kidd Bobby Lambert

Sarah Newberry Aaron Newberry Julie Pauley

Katie Gerh John John Sara Tami Boht

Katie Rittweger Gerhard Schoenthal John Stafford John Strauss Sarah Strock Tammy Swanson Robbie Waddle



# SECOND GRADE

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Amanda Baxley Junior Blevins Tiffany Bowen Chad Chandler Kevin Cox Santa Fe Davis Michael Fanning

Cheryl Graham Charmin Gravley Mrs. Brenda Tate LeRoy Hamblin Rita Hamblin

Melvin Hancock Heath Muncy David Mutter Chippie Nelson

Mike Nelson Shawn Nelson Anna Pacigo Shanda Perry

> Tonya Smith Alan Taylor Brian Toler Randy Townley Ellis Wade Rusty Warden









FIRST GRADE

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Julie Baxley Alan Cassell





Randy Clemons Leslie Davis Lillie Bea Davis Ruth Dunn Mary Ruth Echols Brian Fore Jimmy Graham

Amy Haga Brian Hall Mrs. Toni Bailey Rachel Havens **Dusty King** 

Eugene King Donna Lambert Kevin Lindamood Tonya Looney

Jeff Meador John Michael Mustard Patty Mutter April Newberry

Allan Newberry Wendi Pettrey John Simmons Tresila Sink Patricia Stowers Chad Thompson Samantha Waddle































































William Tickle, Jr.

Rusty Bird Cindy Blevins Kevin Bowles Wade Bowles

Robbie Brown Tina Brown Dixie Bruce Stacy Bruce

Eric Carr Pam Chewning Patricia Corder Chris Dillow

Michael Dillow Eric Faulkner Cheryl Hall Joey Hancock

Amanda Harden Wayne Hubble Tina Johnston Clinton Kegley

Alison King David King Jimmy Lehoux Teresa Lester

Rusty Meadows Jay Meadows Miracle Mitchem Travis Munsey

Tracy Repass Marshall Schoenthal Lute Scott Mechele Shelor

Sherri Shewey Jennifer Simms Shane Smelser Heather Smith

Patrick Smith Sammy Steffey David Strock Crystal Tibbs



Mrs. Katerine Reynolds





Mrs. Rebecca Scott

# MULTIHANDICAP

Rhonda Alford Mrs. Freda Davis Christina Blankenship

Hung Bui Micheal McPeak



Albert Morehead Danny Payne Regina Ramsey Tammy Schrader











# SPECIAL EDUCATION

Donna Alexander Lola Blevins Tammy Blevins Eddie Carpenter





Roscoe Davis Mrs. Ruth Havens Tony Dent Emmett Kelly

Rodney Rice Debbie Umbarger Judy Umbarger







# HARVEST FESTIVAL

"Our American way of life" was portrayed by a cast of approximately 450 multi-talented students as they performed a variety of dances, skits, gymnastics, pantomimes, songs, and drills on November 17, 1978, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Kegley. Queen Geneva Clark, King Larry Newberry, Princess Julie Pauley, and Prince Scott Belcher reigned over the festivities. Principal Roger Thompson was host of a ten year custom at Bland Combined School which, until 1978, had lain dormant since 1971. The funds received from the festival were to provide for needed supplies and equipment for BCS.





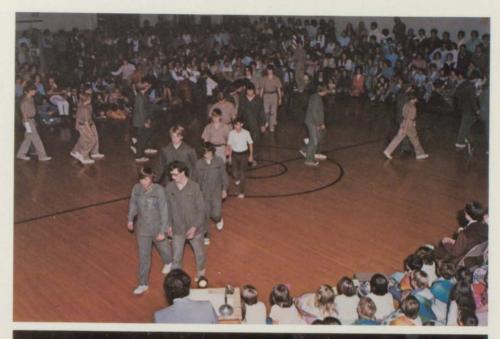




















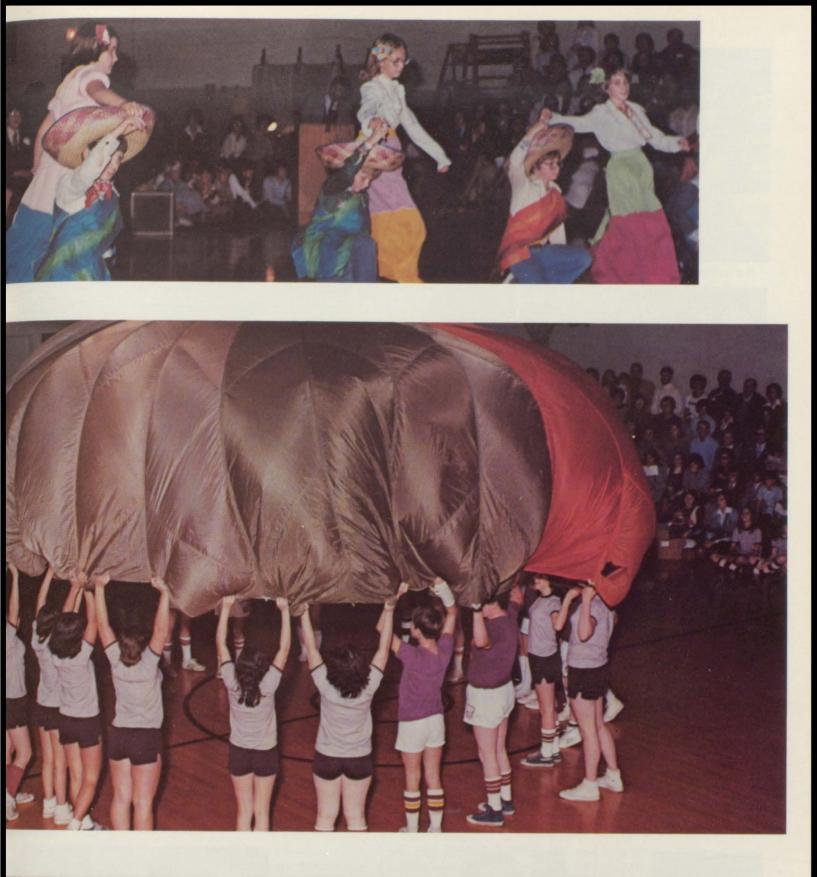










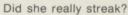








Mrs. Carney's active phys. ed.?





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Big Billy?

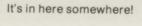
"Here's the keys to my place, honey!"



What have I gotten myself into?











Idle moments.

Who does he think he is?



"Gerald, speak into the microphone!"

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TIMOTHY KEITH DILLOW—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe; Clubs: FFA; VICA; 8th grade basketball.

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GEORGE VICTOR GROSECLOSE—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Groseclose; Clubs: SCA chaplain '75; '76, president '79; French vice-president '79; Class president '74, '75, vice-president '77, '78; Beta; FFA; 8th grade, JV, and Varsity basketball; tennis; THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STU-DENTS; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STU-DENTS.

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### WE WILL NEVER PASS THIS WAY AGAIN

Now this is not the end,

It is not even the beginning of the end ...

But it is perhaps the end of the beginning.

As I look back on the past few months, I can't forget about all those deadlines, endless hours of planning, lost cameras, and looking at hundreds of different pictures!! Where does it all end?

Well, this—the last page of "our creation"—brings joy and sadness. The years we have spent at Bland are something no one can take away and probably will be cherished always in years to come. As kindergarten students on up to seniors, we have grown in spirit and in mind. Long lasting friendships, new students, goofing off, the Harvest Festival, basketball games, club activities, selling everything for the senior trip ... I hope that just a few of these memories will be pressed between the pages of this, THE 1979 ECHO.

Many thanks for this yearbook go to you—the faculty, personnel, and most of all, the students. Special thanks go to the people who worked on this book: the staff, and advisor Betsy Newberry, whose patience and understanding guided us through this year.

Time has passed, and yes we will never pass this way again.

Love, Vicie

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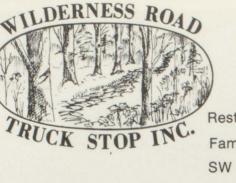
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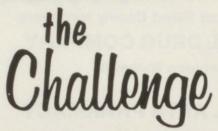
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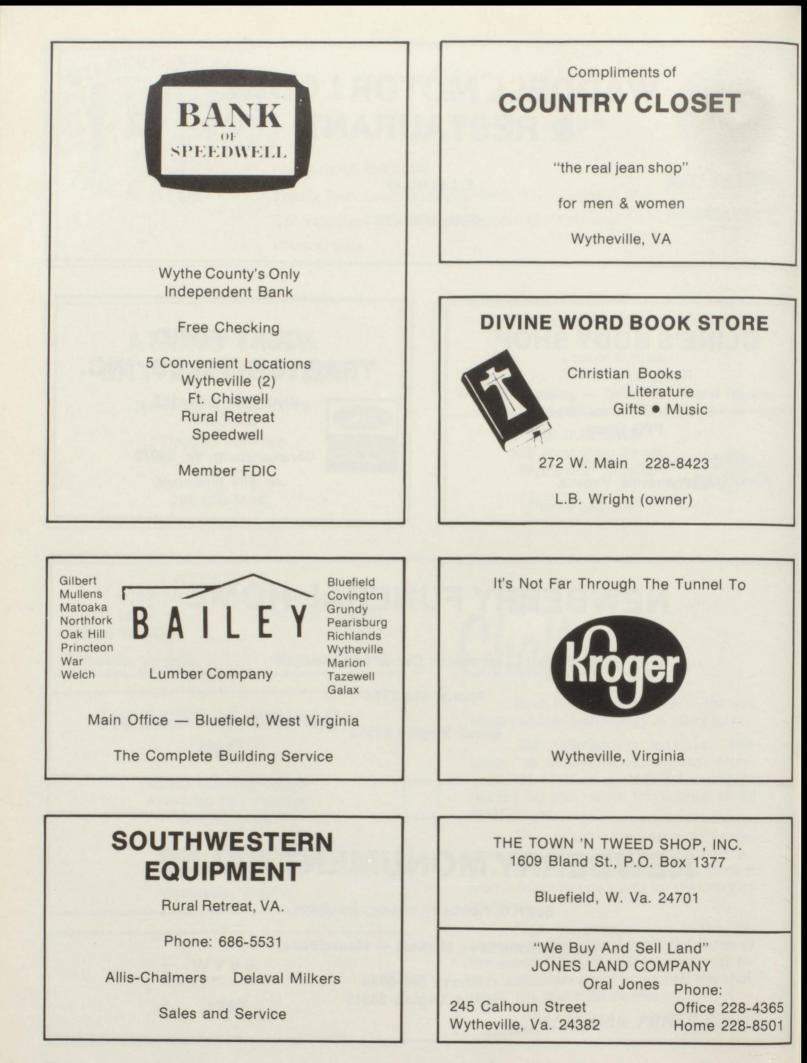
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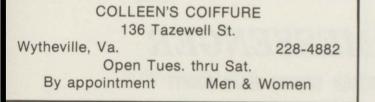
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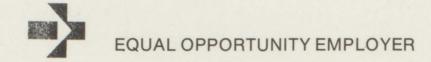
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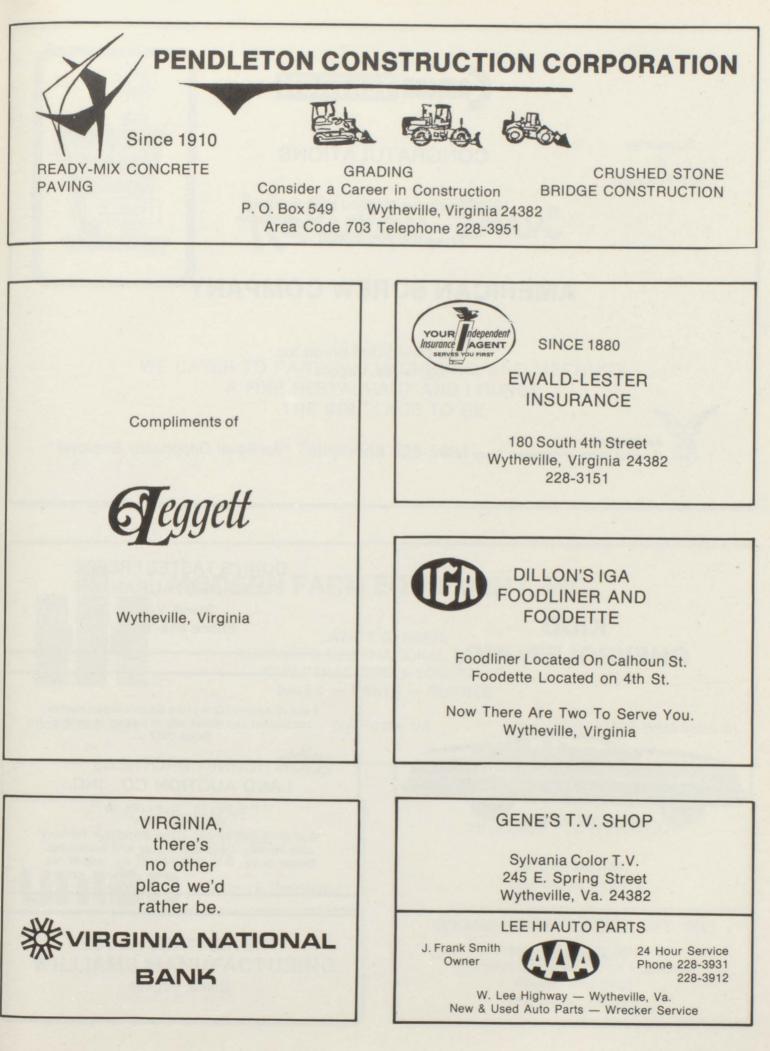
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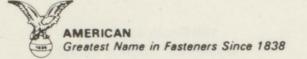
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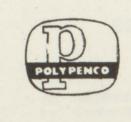
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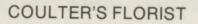
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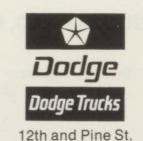
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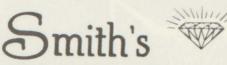
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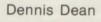
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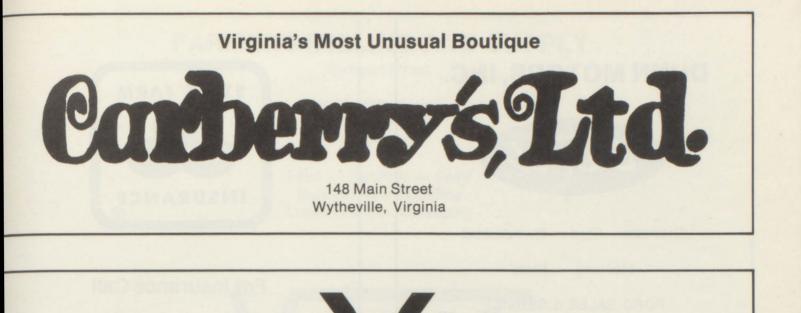
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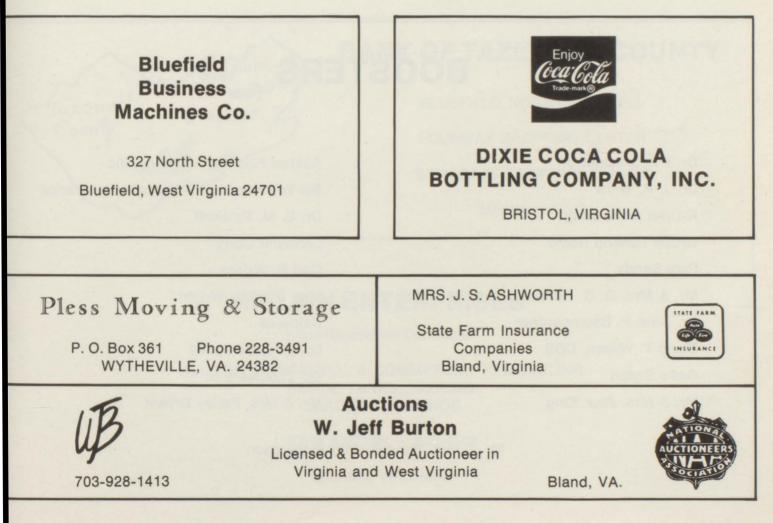


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