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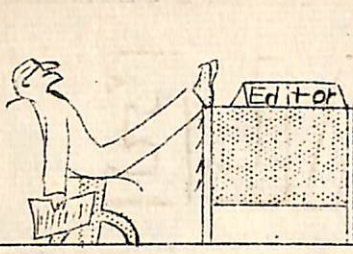
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Editorials

CANDIDATES FOR STUDENT CONGRESS

At the assembly on Wednesday morning, March 3, candidates for Student Congress were nominated. On next Wednesday, you will hear campaign speeches from these nominees, and on the following day they will be voted on. In order to give you a picture of candidates you will be electing, the Tattle Tale presents the following information, including statements by the candidates:

President

Bob McNeil. Tattle-Tale (1,2,3,4); Latin Club (1,2); Safety Patrol (3); Hi-Y (3,4); Hi-Y vice president (4); Beta Club (3,4); Beta Club president (4); football (4); Monogram Club (4); senior class secretary (4); editor, senior issue of Tattle-Tale (4); chairman, Constitutional Convention (4).

Bob says: "A better school brought about by a strong student government based on active participation of students in school activities."

Stewart Fish. Latin Club (1); Tattle-Tale (1,2); President, Biology Club (2); Hi-Y (2,3,4); Dramatic Club (3); Glee Club (3); Beta Club (3,4); Police (3,4); vice-president, District Hi-Y (3,4); president, junior class (3); president, senior class (4); manager football team (4); Monogram Club (4).

Stewart says: "The purpose of the Student Congress is to do what the students wish, with the approval of the faculty. This one objective should be foremost in the minds of all students."

Rolfe Castleman. Police Club (3,4); Boys Hi-Y (4); Latin Club (1,2); Safety Patrol captain (1,2,3); Tattle-Tale (1,2,3); Student Congress (4).

Rolfe says: "The advantages of a Student Congress is to give the students themselves a better and stronger voice in determining themselves how they should be governed in school. It also trains students to become more interested in civic and political affairs, especially if those affairs are their own. Let's get together and make this Student Congress a success."

Vice-President

Tom Hutcheson. Safety Patrol (1,2) lt. second year; Latin Club (1); Tattle-Tale (1,2,3) asst. ed. 3rd year; football squad (2,3) capt. for '43; Beta Club (3); Boys Hi-Y (2,3) sec. 2nd year; Police (3) sgt.; Monogram (3); basketball manager.

Tom says: "The Student Congress should promote a policy of understanding between the pupils and teachers."

It should promote better behavior in classes and halls and better behavior in general.

It should give the students a voice in what goes on around the school."

Mary Jean Montgomery. Constitutional Convention; Beta Club (3); Glee Club (1,2,3); Latin Club (1,2,3), vice-president (2), president (3); Tattle-Tale (2,3), art editor (3); home-room president (3)

Mary Jean says: "If elected I shall do my best to perform my duties and to make the Student Congress successful. 'McNeil, Montgomery and McCoy!'"

EDITORIALS

Alice Alls. Beta Club (3,4); Monogram (4); Tattle-Tale (1); Commercial (4) secretary; basket ball team (2,4)

Alice says: "I think a well organized Student Congress is what each school needs. The students and teachers will have a better understanding between them"

Charles Moore. Latin Club (1,2) Hi-Y (3); Monogram (3); Beta (3); Football (1)

Charles says: "The success of the Student Congress depends wholly on the efforts and interest of the student body. If the Congress is made merely an additional means of harassing the faculty, which can easily be done, it will evidently be worse than useless. Only if the entire student body sees the Congress with an eye to the good which can come from conscientious interest and work can it be successful. If this is done, the Student Congress can easily become a most valuable addition to the welfare of the school, and a strong aid to better student-faculty relationships."

"Penny" Whitsett. Latin Club (1,2); Hi-Y (2); Monogram (2,3); Basketball team (1,2,3); Tattle-Tale (1,2); Dramatic Club (3); Cheerleader (1,2,3)

Secretary

Anne Elean. Latin Club (1,2,3); secretary (2), program chairman (3); Tattle-Tale (3), art editor junior (2), assistant-editor (3); Girls Hi-Y (2); Glee Club (3); Beta Club (1); junior class secretary; home room treasurer

Anne says: "I am heartily in favor of the Student Congress, and I will support it to the best of my ability."

Louise Wilson. French Club (1); Sewing Club (1); Glee Club (1,3); Hi-Y (3); Latin Club (3); Dramatic Club (1)

Ronny Dietrick. Latin Club (2); Hi-Y (1); Police Club (1); Tattle-Tale joke editor (3)

Lois Ann Gray. Latin Club (1); Glee (1,2,3,4); Hi-Y (2,3,4); Biology (1); Monogram (4)

Lois Ann says: "I think the Student Congress ought to set the pace in school affairs. It should help the teachers to have a better understanding of the pupils and to prepare us for better understanding of the constitution."

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STAND BY FOR ACTION

ROBERT TAYLOR

BRIAN DONLEVY



SUNDAY - MONDAY



LITERARY



Wordsworth's Poetry

William Wordsworth, a famous poet of the Age of Romanticism, had a deep love of nature. This love of nature and his interest in the things of nature are revealed in many of his poems. Wordsworth broke completely away from the classical rules of writing when he wrote about the peasant girl reaping in the fields or the daffodils blowing in the wind. Pope and Dryden, poets of the Age of Classicism, would have considered these things too "low" for poetry. But there are found in Wordsworth's poems detailed descriptions of the daffodils "fluttering and dancing in the breeze" and the solitary reaper "reaping and singing by herself." In one of his poems Wordsworth says that man is so concerned with worldly getting and spending that he does not have time to appreciate the beauty of nature. Wordsworth believed that nature could be a consolation to man if he would take time to see its real beauty.

Wordsworth was very fond of children and wrote several poems about his experience with them. In his poem "We Are Seven" he shows that he thought children had a better sense of truth and immortality than many older people. His "Ode on Intimations of Immortality" tells of his belief that man's original home is heaven, but because of so many worldly interests man loses the vision that he brings with him from heaven. In this ode he asks why children always want to grow older and provoke "The years to bring the inevitable yoke. Thus blindly with thy blessedness at strife?"

He also warns the child that as he grows older he will lose the heavenly vision brought from heaven.

Wordsworth wrote a love poem about his wife after they were married. In this poem he gives the impression he had of her the first time he saw her and his unchanged opinion that she was a perfect woman. Wordsworth also wrote poems to his sister whom he loved and admired.

Wordsworth thought that poets should choose objects of common life as subjects for their poetry. He believed that poems should be written in the simple language of the common people.

--Nita Apperson, '43

The Snow Bird

In winter the merry snowbird
comes;
He's dressed in blue and gray.
He hops about with great delight
And is happy all the day.
He likes to eat the scattered
crumbs
Which fall upon the ground.
If you don't want him to fly
away,
You'd better not make a sound.
He will soon be going away, you
know,
To give his place to others.
The little wren, so lovely and
shy,
Will come with sisters and brothers.

--Mayne Katherine McCoy '45



SCHOOL NEWS

NOTICE

The staff regrets that the February issue of the Tattle-Tale is so late coming out; but with school closed for almost two weeks, it was impossible to get it out any earlier.

V.P.F. Organized

The Virginia Protective Force was organized several weeks ago in Blacksburg. Here-to-fore Blacksburg was the only town in the commonwealth of Virginia that had an Armory and not a V.P.F. Company. The following officers were commissioned:

Captain Smith
Lt. McElrath
Lt. Love

A full company consisting of sixty-four members were divided into five squads of twelve men each. Drill is held every Tuesday night. Each man is armed with a shot gun, and each company is supplied with five machine-guns.

As the name implies, the V.P.F. was organized for the protection of Virginia in the absence of the National Guard. The State Police is first called in case of emergency, then the Minute Men, and lastly the V.P.F. They guard bridges, strategic points on highways, and they are on duty at some public gatherings.

School Closes for Two Weeks

The middle of February the Blacksburg schools were closed for seven days. During the severe cold the boiler burst; and due to conditions it was a week before the piece could be obtained and installed. Everyone

had a nice vacation and should have been ready to start to work again.

SPORTS

This morning at eleven o'clock our basketball team will leave for the tournament at Pulaski. Let's wish these boys a lot of luck and give them a big send-off.

Coach Burns has ideas on how we can win the tourney.

They are as follows:

- 1-B.H.S. plays Radford in preliminaries and wins. Pulaski plays C.H.S. and wins.
 - 2-B.H.S. draws a bye and Pulaski plays Fleming and wins.
 - 3-In the finals B.H.S. plays Pulaski. Pulaski is tired and loses. Thus we win.
- We hope he is right.

McELRATH'S
JEWELRY
SHOP

WATCHES
DIAMONDS
JEWELRY



CENSORED

Wonder why "Kat" has been so friendly to Jimmy Pratt lately: Can it be because Bill Gay stays at the B. T. U. house?

What's come over Peggy Lou lately? She doesn't look love-lorn as usual. But Hank is still her No. 1 man, or is he?

We wonder what will be the outcome of the friendly(?) contest over a new V. P. I. freshman. The contestants? Bishop versus Cothern. We offer our sympathy to Horace!

Has anyone noticed how much Jim Hopper resembles Johnny Weismuller? You know -- Tarzan.

Ask Betty Oliver why she is trying to "play quits" with Rolfe and watch her blush!

What Would Happen If!

David Wilson didn't smoke a pipe?

Bobby Price hadn't gotten in the Navy?

Jack Flannagan walked to school?

Mary Phares were a brunette?

Charley Bill weren't a "scribe"?

Someone "fell" for Gene Leedy?

CLUBS

The Police Force has been reorganized, because our ex-chief, Bobby Price, is going into the service of our country. The reorganization of the force is as follows:

Chief - Jim Hopper	
Asst. Chief- Rolfe Castleman	
Squad #1	Squad #2
Sgt.-Tom Hutcherson	Tom Groseclose
	Al Eubank
Buford Blair	Dick Cregger
Embra Noblin	Ronnie Dietrick
Bev Jefferies	Jimmie Pratt
	Gene Leedy

Dick Cregger was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the force.

Squad #1 is short one man because Stewart Fish turned in his badge. Stewart has been a good policeman, and the force regrets to lose him.

On the night of February 8, the Police gave Bobby Price a surprise going-away party at Tom Groseclose's home. The members of the force presented him a pipe and a can of tobacco for the excellent work he has done.

In the Beta Club Parliamentary Procedure has been the program study for several meetings, with different members explaining phases of this law. The meetings have been held without a sponsor for about one month. The Beta Club is now selling war stamps throughout the school on Mondays.

The Latin Club met on Feb. 2, and selected a name for its newspaper which will be published each term. The name chosen is "Tunc et Nunc" which means, "Then and Now!" The club was divided into three groups which will work on Latin projects later.



SPORTS



C.H.S. 44 -- B.H.S. 25

The B.H.S. quintet was defeated by a strong Christiansburg five, who took the lead at the start of the game and continued picking up points to reach a nineteen-point lead at the end of the game. Outstanding for Blacksburg was Harmon with 10 points and for C.H.S. Spence with 22 points.

Shawsville 27--B.H.S. 35

A strong Shawsville team was defeated by Blacksburg on the home court. B.H.S. played good ball throughout the game, everybody scoring, with Gray high man for B.H.S. with 9 points. For Shawsville Saunders was high with 10 points.

Riner 22--B.H.S. 47

Showing much improvement over the first game with Riner, Blacksburg outplayed the Auburn five throughout the entire game. Tilson and Ellison were high scorers for the game with 11 points each. Johnson who scored 20 points for the visitors was held to seven points, his teammate Martin outshooting him to rack up 8 points.

C.H.S. 40-- B.H.S. 28

The Christiansburg five was held down better in its second game with B'burg. Even the high-scoring Spence was run a close second by Bill Martin who was only two points behind him with eighteen points. The students of B.H.S. can well be proud of the performance of their representatives on the court that night.

Shawsville 31--Blacksburg 19

Shawsville gained revenge for their previous defeat by outscoring the B.H.S. quintet to pile up a lead of 12 points at the end of the game. High scores for the

teams were Harless for Shawsville with 14 points and Ellison for B.H.S. with 8 points.

Radford 25--B.H.S. 34

Blacksburg made a fairly easy win over Radford in their second game, although none of the B.H.S. players played up to their usual standard. High scorers for the teams were Wall for Radford and Martin for Blacksburg with 8 and 15 points respectively.

Record for Year

B.H.S.	27	Riner	24
"	53	Newport	4
"	18	Pulaski	38
"	29	Narrows	39
"	36	Radford	35
"	25	C'burg	44
"	35	S'ville	27
"	47	Riner	22
"	28	C'Burg	40
"	19	S'ville	31
"	34	Radford	25
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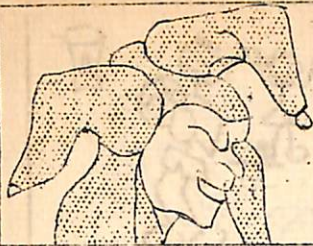
B. N. GIBSON LEAVES

The basketball team, led by Captain Bruce Gray, gave a banquet in honor of B. N. "Bunny" Gibson before his sudden departure. With the help of Mrs. Nelson the very successful, though hastily planned, banquet was enjoyed by everybody present.

The team, Mrs. Nelson, Burns, and Mr. Ellison bought a pen and pencil set which was presented to him at the close of the evening.

Invited guests were Mr. Shortt, Mrs. Shannon, Mr. Ellison, Prof. Crowe, Miss Lochman, and Burns, Gibson's side-kick, who have all taken a great interest in the team.

Gibson, who is full of fun and jokes, found it hard to control his voice when the pen and pencil were presented. The students have already missed Gibson and wish him the best of luck.



JOKES

HAL: "Do you think the Senator put enough fire into his speech?"

CAL: "My opinion is that he didn't put enough of his speech into the fire."

TRAVELER: "What have you got in the shape of automobile tires?"

CLERK: "Funeral wreaths, life preservers, invalid cushions, and doughnuts."

Jack had money; Jill had nil. Jill married Jack so Jack had Jill

Jill went to Reno; now she's back

Jack has nothing, but Jill has jack.

The lights in a crowded street car had failed, and the passengers were thrown into confusion

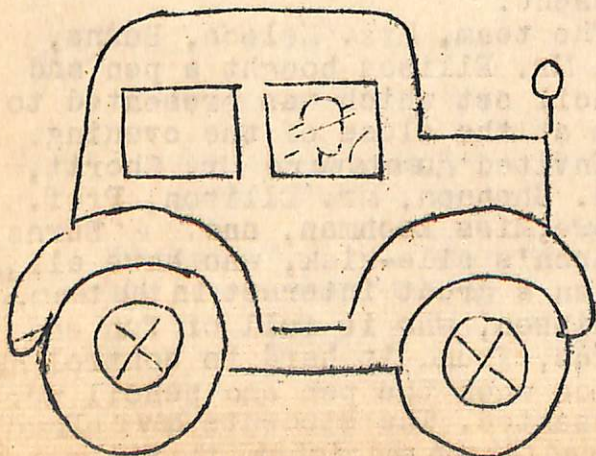
"May I find you a strap?"

asked a tall young man at the side of a young lady.

"Thank you," she replied, "but I have just found one."

"Good!" said he, "Then perhaps you wouldn't mind

LOOK! - A CAR!!!



M.J.M.

letting go of my tie."

"Little boy, do both of your dogs have licenses?"

"Yes, Sir, they're just covered with them."

Each of two screwball cavalry rookies was given a horse.

"How are we going to tell them apart?" asked one.

"I'll cut off my horse's mane," suggested the second. So they trimmed one horse's mane, but it soon grew out again.

The first screwball then cropped his horse's tail, but it soon grew out also.

"Let's measure the horses,"

suggested the first screwball.

Sure enough it worked; the white horse was two inches taller than the black horse.

What is puppy love? It is the beginning of a dog's life.

A mint julip is a depth bomb with a southern drawl.

SHE: "I always tell my husband everything that happens."

HE: "That's nothing; I tell my wife lots of things that never happen."

I am only a pilot's girl, but I surely have a plenty of control.

One marriage in every six ends in divorce, but the other five couples fight it out to the bitter end.

BUY WAR STAMPS--THEY LEAD TO BONDS

Con't from Editorials

Mayme McCoy. Biology (2); Beta (3,4) secretary; Dramatic (4) treasurer; Tattle-Tale staff (4); vice president of class (4); Good Citizen of High School; Business Manager of play to be produced soon.

Mayme says: " I think the Student Congress Association will form a tie that will bind the students of Blacksburg High School. This Constitution is a stable form of government that will last for generations to come, and is a foundation for the ruling of us and our posterity in this high school."

Clarice McCoy. Junior class treasurer (3); senior class treasurer (4); Home Economics (4)

Clarice says: The Student Congress will give all of us the opportunity to train for the responsibilities and duties of citizenship. It will help all of us to realize that we have a part in the government of the students by the students, and for the students of our high school. It will give us a better understanding of the teachers, principal, and students."

Juanita Albert. Beta (3,4) vice president, program chairman; Tattle-Tale (4); Commercial (4) president.

Juanita says: "I think the Student Congress will be a benefit to the school. It will establish a closer relationship between the students and teachers. It will train the students to be better citizens."

Good Luck!

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