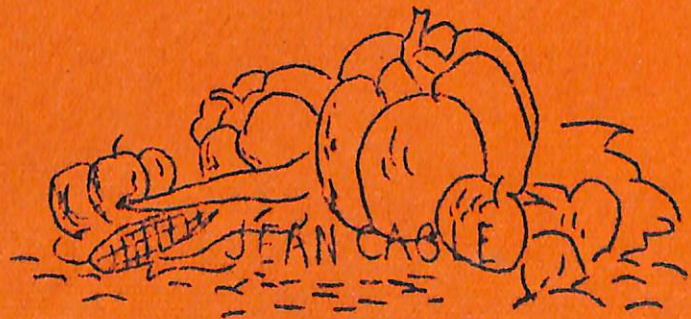




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PROFANITY IN RELATION TO PUBLIC BEHAVIOR

From the beginning of time young people have always needed instructions as to behavior in public.

Behavior in public is one of the main things by which people are judged. For example, suppose you were walking down the street one day and a boy stepped out of the drug store, cursing someone at the top of his voice. One probably would not think much of the boy after that. The cursing is bad enough without doing it in public. When asked why one curses the answer might be because someone else does. Just because someone else does it that doesn't mean it is right.

Usually there is some little boy to which one of the big boys is a sort of idol. Well, is it a good idea to set a bad example to the little fellow?

Also there is the angle of reflection that may be considered. When one acts as the boy in the example above acted, it is a reflection on his parents and the kind of rearing they have given him.

Do not get the idea that only boys curse, for this is very wrong. Although it would be more becoming if the girls would leave it to the boys, many girls still insist on using profanity. If they could only hear themselves sometime, maybe they would stop.

How about our trying to control ourselves to help do away with this unnecessary evil?

STUDENT CONGRESS

The purpose of this organization is to help the pupils and not to get them in trouble.

This Congress will unite the school by representatives from districts to make rules and laws by which to abide.

As far as a court is concerned, the group trying to organize has not listed it as a project. If a court is organized, it will be an outgrowth of the organization, not because the Congress wants it, but because YOU as a student of the school want it.

The Constitution is not what the leaders themselves think, but what you think, for they are speaking for you.

You, as a student of this school, have just as much chance as anyone else to become a representative in the congress; and if you don't become a representative, you vote for the person you want.

We are not trying to "railroad" this project on the pupils, but it must be done now, or not at all.

We need your help! As a student of this school, you should be broadminded and look at this organization from the point of view of a citizen in a democratic way.

SCRAP THE JAPS!

WHACK THE A-L-I-E!

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!



LITERARY

THANKSGIVING

Our Thanksgiving of today dates back to a year after the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, when those faithful people watched their crops, hoping above all that the harvest would be plentiful. When the harvest came in, it was even more bountiful than they had hoped for; so Governor Bradford proclaimed that they should have a feast of thankfulness for their wonderful blessing. The feast lasted for three days, and all the friendly Indians were invited to rejoice with them. Thanksgiving soon spread to other colonies and finally throughout all the United States. George Washington perhaps expresses that sentiment of Thanksgiving best in 1789 when he made his Thanksgiving Proclamation:

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful to his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection, aid and favors... Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks for his kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which he has been pleased to confer upon us."

It was Abraham Lincoln who finally in 1864 proclaimed the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day every year throughout the country.

Perhaps you may ask what all of this has to do with us and what we have to be thankful for. Maybe you think of Thanksgiving as only a chance to get out of school. Have you ever thought of the many, many blessings that we have and yet just take for granted? I could go on naming things forever, and still never reach the end; and so could you, if only you would stop to think. We have all the beauties of Nature, food, clothing, a home, family, friends, churches, schools, and a democracy!! And those are only a few. Let us remember this year those countless things we have to be thankful for and thank God for them with all our hearts.

Lucile Castleman '44

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LAD: A DOG

Lad was a dog that always enjoyed being with the master or mistress. He was allowed in the house all the time since puppyhood. He was a kind, gentle dog, much loved by them.

One day in the fall the mistress went out in a boat. The boat overturned, and Lad dragged her to the shore. She had only a slight cold at first, and then she fell ill. He was not allowed to enter the sick room at all, but he lay at the

More Literature

door. The master, the doctor, the servants, and the nurse, all had to stumble over an eighty pound collie every time they came in or went out. Lad made no noise, for he had been ordered quiet by the master, and he made no sound. All the other dogs had been sent away while she was sick. Lad hated the nurse and always would snarl at her. He was put out of the house but always got back in. At last one day it was decided she would be better or worse in the morning. She was a little better, and Lad entered the room. She patted him softly; then he went out and went crazy.

Crazy is the right name for it. He chased a cat and a cow, he frightened and made a horse run away, and he tore the nurse's dress. All day it was Lad. He had been doing things he hadn't done since puppyhood and things he hadn't done then, but his master paid for it all because he knew how Lad felt. All day he had been silent in his doings. That night when he was sleeping and dreaming (if he ever did,) he heard steps and he was awake at once. A negro was prying the window open and coming in. Lad knocked him flat and held him till the master came. The negro made plenty of noise, but Lad did not make a sound even when he got a wound in the side. When the master came, Lad went back to where he had been sleeping. The master found him and bandaged his cut. They called the police. Lad then went out and barked a while. It seemed good to be able to bark after such a long time of being silent. The mistress soon

made a quick recovery, and all the dogs were brought back, much to Lad's delight.

This is just one of the many things that happened during his life. He saved a baby from being killed by a copperhead snake and was bitten several times himself. He lay in the mud three days where no one knew where he was. Then he came home and lived a long time after that.

Helen Kosko '46

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SPORTS

OPENS



PEARISBURG-6 BLACKSBURG-6

The Blacksburg Indians were tied 6-6 by Pearisburg on October 9. Both teams waited until the last quarter to score. Pearisburg scored first; the Blacksburg team made a terrific last minute drive to the six-inch line but fumbled, only to have the ball given back to them when a Pearisburg back fumbled, and Harmon recovered for the lone Blacksburg marker.

WILLIAM BYRD-14 BLACKSBURG-7

Playing their first game without Joe Newman, the Indians outplayed William Byrd but were able to push only one touchdown across. This came in the second period on a pass from Gray to Harmon. The half ended 7-7.

William Byrd scored again in the fourth quarter to win 14-7.

CHRISTIANSBURG-19 BLACKSBURG-0

Christiansburg, scoring 13 points in the first quarter, gained an early lead over B.H.S. Christiansburg's powerful line and hard driving backs were responsible for the first defeat of the Indians by C.H.S. in 7 years.

RADFORD-19 BLACKSBURG-12

With eight seniors on the starting line-up Blacksburg faced Radford. A stiff wind at their backs helped Radford to score 13 points in the first quarter. In the next period Blacksburg, with the wind at their backs, scored 12 points. Radford led 13-12 until a last period Blacksburg drive was

halted, and Radford intercepted a Blacksburg pass and scored. Final score ^{was} 19-12.

NINE SENIORS ON FOOTBALL TEAM

The Radford game closed the football careers of nine players for the blue and the gold.

The entire starting quartet of backs, and one who played as much as the rest will be missing next year. These are Bill Martin, Bob McNeil, Gilmer Mabe, Bruce Gray, and Jimmy Clower.

Missing from the line will be "Buck" Johnson, Charlie McNeil, Earl Smith, and Buford Blair.

SCORING

Bruce Gray	25 points
Harrison Harmon	18 points
Bob McNeil	7 points
Gilmer Mabe	2 points
TOTAL	52

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BETA CLUB

Plans are being made for the initiation of the new members soon. Mrs. Heydrick, our new sponsor, met with the club for the first time the last meeting. The club members are expecting the new members to help make this year of Beta Club work one of the best Blacksburg High School has ever seen.

POLICE FORCE

Chief - Bobby Price
 Sergeant - Rolfe Castleman #2
 Sergeant - Jim Hopper #1

#2	#1
Dick Cregger	Embra Noblin
Ronny Dietrick	Tom Hutcheson
Al Eubank	Stewart Fish
Jimmie Pratt	Buford Blair
Chippy Haynes	Tom Groseclose
Bob Tate	

Sponsor - Mrs. Davidson

We would like to have the cooperation of the students in the various tasks of the Police Force. We do not want to offend you students when we tell you to do something; we want to help you.

JUNIOR CLASS

At the junior class meeting which was held November 6, the following officers were elected:

Penny Whitsett, president;
 Billy Dobbins, vice-president;
 Anne Elcan, secretary; Charles Moore, treasurer; Peggy McCoy, reporter for Tattle Tale; and Bobby Price, sergeant-at-arms.

The purchase of class rings was discussed.

GIRLS' HI-Y

The Girls' Hi-Y had a business meeting, and had a discussion on the new members. Twenty-three are being invited in this year.

The last meeting was at Anne Merritt's. Dr. Merritt was the speaker for the evening.

DRAMATIC CLUB

The first meeting of the Dramatic Club was held in Mrs. Barr's home room on Friday, November 13. Thirty-four people attended this meeting. The officers elected are as follows:

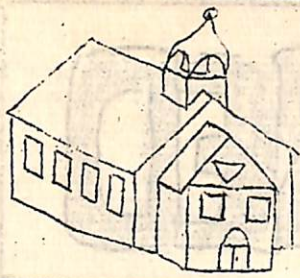
President - Virginia Cook
 Vice-President - Peggy Lou Runchey
 Secretary - Peggy McCoy
 Treasurer - Mayme McCoy
 Mrs. Barr was elected Sponsor.

The second meeting of the Dramatic Club was held on Tuesday, November 17. The meeting was called to order by Virginia Cook, and a reporter was elected. It was agreed that a name for the club would be decided upon at the next meeting. The meeting was then adjourned.

LATIN CLUB

The Latin Club met on November 17, and elected the following officers: Consul, Mary Jean Montgomery; Curule Aedile, Anne Elcan; Praetor, Melba Jones; Scriba, Carel Johnson; and Quaestor, Bobby Handley.

At the same meeting, plans were made to have the initiation on December 1 and a Christmas party on December 15.



SCHOOL NEWS

HIGH - LIGHTS OF HIGH - LIFE

On the night of October 9, the first social activity, a dance was held at B. H. S. in the Armory. This dance was sponsored by the Police. Music was furnished by a pick-up with records contributed by the students. It lasted from nine till one and was very successful, socially. Decorations of blue and yellow were hung as a background to hide the stage. About twenty or twenty-five couples were there plus the stags, and the chaperons were members of the faculty. Fun was had by all.

Following our homecoming game on October 30, there was a second dance with music by the V.P.I. Southern Colonels. The decorations were strung the entire length of the Armory in colors of red and blue. Many of the high school members were present and also a large number of cadets. The Colonels were going strong, both on the hot and the smooth. Two of B.H.S. Alumni, Bob Hutcheson and Bill Cook, play with them and featured highly. The crowd all seemed to have a "swell" time.

On Sunday evening, November 2, a private birthday dinner was had for "Chippy" Haynes by his mother. Sixteen of the high school students were there. The food was "du-lish-us." After dinner when everybody was feeling fine, a Bingo party was formed, at which David Eubank won high score for boys and Virginia Cook for girls. Booby prizes were awarded to Mary Jean Montgomery and Ronny Dietrick.

All who attended enjoyed the food as well as the fun.

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An inspirational talk was given at the assembly on November 4, by the Reverend Robert E. Lee of the Lutheran church. The subject was "Avoiding Nervous Strain". He used as an illustration a wheel with Christ as the hub and a well rounded life as the thread.

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On Armistice Day Dean Knote, commander of the Montgomery Chapter of the American Legion, gave a talk on "Armistice Day, 1918-1942". He told some of his interesting experiences in World War I, and what each person has to face today.

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A high school assembly was held on Wednesday, November 18, in the Armory. Virginia Cook, Bobby McNeil, and Bobby Price gave talks on the student congress which is to be organized. A motion was made that the presidents of the different school organizations draw up the constitution for this congress. A discussion followed. A vote was attempted, but it was decided that, because of the large number of people present, a more accurate vote could be taken in homerooms the next day.

Some announcements were made by Mr. Shortt, and the assembly was closed. Students are urged to be thinking over the possibility of a Victory Corps until next week.



IT'S

CENSORED

Since Mary Ellen left, Josephine Whitlock seems to have first place with Bobby Price.

Wonder why the boys call Nettie Lee Harmon "Sharkie" and the girls call her "Wolf".

We wonder why Juanita Albert is so downhearted. Could Uncle Sam and Warren have anything to do with it?

Henry and Bobby seem to be running neck to neck in the race for "Bunnie." Wonder which will win or if John has already won. She already has his wings.

Betty Jo has Buddy's ring now. Wonder what happened to Dick.

The payroll department at the powder plant seems to hold a special interest for Clarice McCoy. Could it be Junior or that green stuff called money?

If we don't watch Adele Morris, she will soon be joining the WAVES. Any special reason, Adele?

Lillian Quesenberry suddenly appeared at school one morning with a new Bulova. Could Clarice's uncle have anything to say about that?

Martha Bishop also has a ring. Does it mean anything, Martha?

Ask Peggy Lou who her "new" flame is and I bet she will say "Hank."

Lois Ann went to Openings with Coleman, but Harold still seems to be the one and only.

All right, girls! Tom Groseclose is on the loose. We can't let this happen.

Ask Earl Smith if he is having any competition over the special girl from Salem.

Penny seems to have a little competition over John. Ask her if she has ever seen him with a girl that has "buck teeth."

Winnie Edwards and Buford Blair seem to be "making a little speed."

We wonder which of the two girls will win the affections of Earl Dowdy--Lucy Scaggs or Elizabeth Lawson?

While Virginia Cook was writing the School News, other news was being made, wasn't it, Al?

It has been said that the other Eubank boy also receives a thrill when he sees a certain girl. Could she be Anne Lyon Merritt, huh?

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