

THE ECHO 1974

Volume 29



The Class of 1974 adopted a new ring style consisting of a rocket and a Book of Knowledge on one side, and the school seal and a dogwood flower on the other.

Bland High School, Bland, Virginia

Vicki Ellison and Susan Reynolds . . . Co-Editors Helen P. Hardy . . . Sponsor

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The Many Faces of Bland High





Years of Growth



Old Bland High School.

Bland High School was built in 1917. Mr. F.L. Dunn was Superintendent from 1910-1920, and Dr. J.A. Wagner served as Superintendent from 1920-1941. The Wagner Auditorium, erected in 1937, was named in his honor. Bland High became an accredited school in the 1922-23 session. There were eight graduates. Now, in the 1973-74 session, there are 42 graduates.



Bland High School destroyed by fire on July 30, 1962.

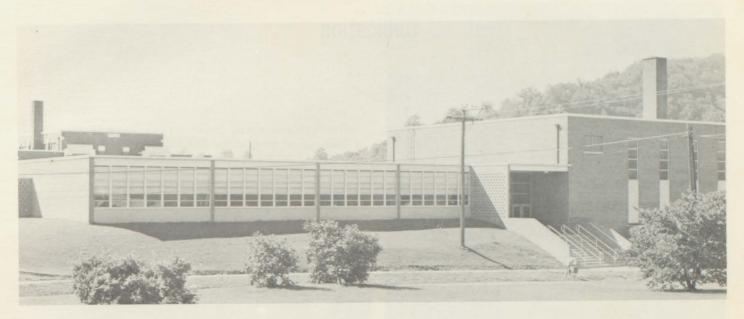
There were ten teachers and 131 students in the 1935-36 term. The present enrollment for the 1973-74 year is 504 students with a faculty of 27 members.

BLAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

W. E. STOWERS, CHAIRMAN R. F. ROBINETT, CLERK J. W. MOREHEAD MILTON GROSECLOSE

SUPERVISORS
GREEVER. CHAIRMAN

We've Come a Long Way!



The new high school was erected in 1962. We, the Senior class of 1974, are very proud of our educational facilities and grateful to the Bland County officials who have made this accomplishment possible.





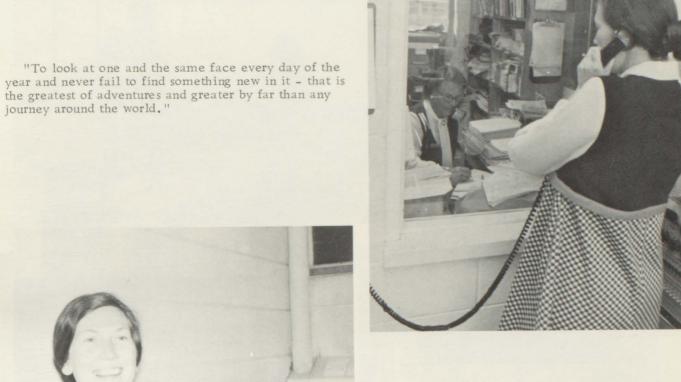
Mr. Reynolds, Principal, and Mr. Gilly, Superintendent, have successfully served from 1962 to the present time.

Dedication



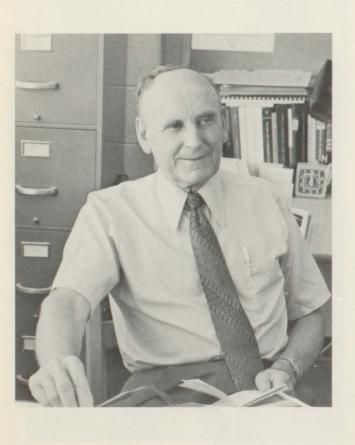
We, the Class of 1974, in an effort to repay all the kindness and assistance given to us, find it an honor to dedicate the 29th volume of "The Echo" to our sponsors, Mrs. Jessie Kegley and Mrs. Helen Hardy.



















The Best Is Right Here at B.H.S.













Susan Reynolds and Vicki Ellison Co-Editors.



Mark Muncy - Photographer Denise Peery - Assistant Editor

The Echo Staff '74



Staff Members hard at work.



Editorial Staff: L to R. Susan Reynolds, Vicki Ellison--Co-Editors; Mike Hoffman, Jerry Scott--Associate Layout Editors; Mrs. Hardy--Sponsor; Mark Muncy--Photographer; Nathan McPeak--Layout Editor; Eddie Dillow--Sports Editor; Denise Peery--Assistant Editor; and Nancy Lambert--Class Editor.



Arleene Bohara, Business Manager Vickie Blankenship, Circulation Manager Karen Wright, Assistant Business Manager



Mrs. Helen Hardy, Sponsor



Business Staff. L. to R. Mary Tate, Judy King, Arleene Bohara, Dawna Whitworth, Debbie Dillow, Karen Farmer, Debbie Lambert, Karen Wright, Brenda Miller, and Vickie Blankenshi.

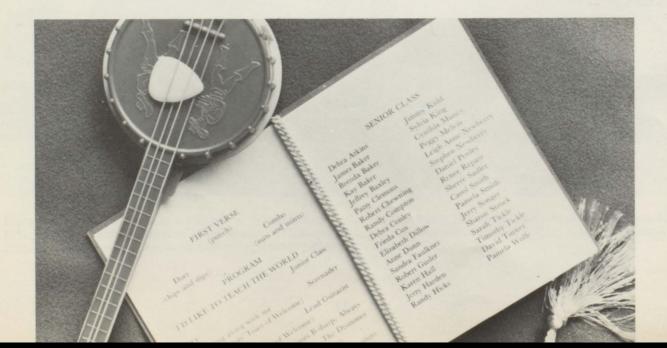


Prom'73

On Saturday evening, April 28, 1973, the Holiday Inn in Wytheville was the unique setting for the Junior-Senior Prom. The theme, "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing", was highlighted by hanging peace doves, hex signs, and a large globe suspended from the ceiling.

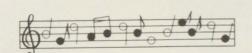


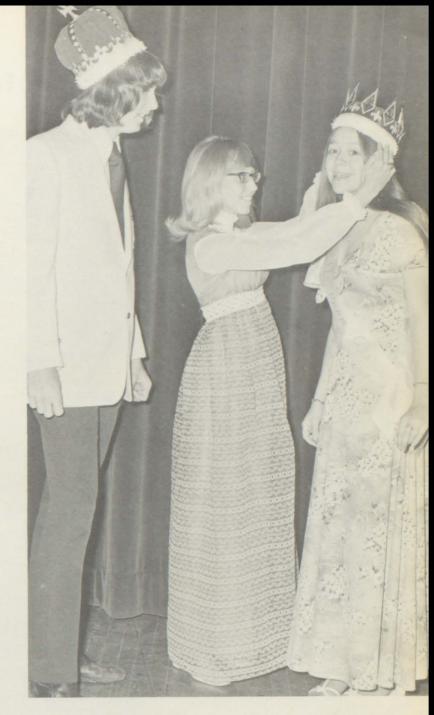
The theme song was sung by Denise Peery, Barry Tickle, Susan Reynolds, Mark Muncy, Denise Eaton, Arleene Bohara, Richard Muncy, and Karen Wright.











Susan Reynolds crowns Queen Sheree Sadler and King Stephen Newberry.



Miss Echo



The Echo Staff presents Miss Echo 1974 and her candidates representing the five high

and her candidates representing the five high school classes.

This year Judy King, representing the Senior class, won the title of Miss Echo, by selling the largest number of Echo subscriptions. She competed with Sandra Brunk, a junior; Frances Melvin, a sophomore; Debbie Newberry, a freshman; and Jean Nance, an eighth grader.

Miss Echo 1974 - Judy King

Vickie Blankenship crowns Miss Echo, Judy King.





Sandra Brunk Junior Class Candidate



Debbie Newberry Freshman Class Candidate



Frances Melvin Sophomore Class Candidate



Jean Nance Eighth Grade Class Candidate

MISS ECHO and COURT. L. to R. Sandra Brunk and Escort, Mike Hoffman; Debbie Newberry and Escort, Mike Pauley; Jean Nance and Escort, Tommy Harner; Miss Echo, Judy King and Escort, Mike Dillow; and Frances Melvin and Escort, Terry Dillow.





The Echo Staff Honors Mr. Stowers



Mr. Stowers still hard at work.

Mr. Claude S. Stowers, retired June, 1973, after thirtynine years of teaching in Bland County schools. The Bland High School Faculty and guests honored Mr. Stowers with a buffet luncheon at the Wytheville Holiday Inn and presented him with an engraved sterling silver coffee pot.







ADMINISTRATION



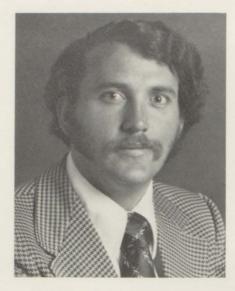








Mr. Ralph R. Reynolds Principal



Mr. Roger D. Thompson Ass't Principal, Science



Mr. R. Dow Davis Ass't Principal, Mathematics



Mrs. Sandy F. Tarter Phys. Ed., Dramatics, Coach -Tennis

BHS Faculty



Mr. J. M. Thomas Science, Guidance



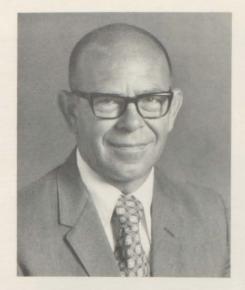
Mrs. Anne W. Cumbow Music Literature, Chorus



Mrs. Helen P. Hardy Mathematics, French



Mr. A. Jack King Agriculture



Mr. Samuel F. Groseclose Phys. Ed., Biology, Coach



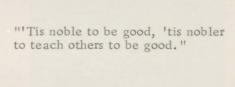
Mrs. Lois O. Crabtree Home Economics



Mrs. Jessie D. Kegley Business Education



Mrs. Janet B. Faulkner English





Mr. Fred L. Beamer Social Studies



Mrs. Elizabeth G. Newberry Librarian



Mr. Richard C. Havens Social Studies, Coach - 8th



Miss Mary Greever English



Mrs. Katherine Reynolds Kindergarten



Miss Elizabeth Neal First



Mrs. Lorine Wagner Second



Mrs. Carol Rowe Kindergarten



Mrs. June Miller Third



Mrs. Louise Bird Fourth



Mrs. Norma Newberry Fifth



Miss Linda Chapman Fourth and Fifth



Mrs. Jacqueline Barlow Sixth



Mrs. Marie Groseclose Seventh

Teaches' Aides and Coordinators



Mrs. Doris D. Dillow Secretary and Bookkeeper



Mrs. Mary D. Tickle 4th Grade



Mrs. Nadine L. Bridges 3rd Grade



Mrs. Linda R. Mustard Elementary Phy. Ed.



Mrs. Carolyn B. Bane Diagnostic Teacher



Miss Denise Tyrell Speech Therapist





New Aides: (L. to R.) Mrs. Marie D. Lambert, 5th Grade; Mrs. Mary F. Bogle, 7th Grade; Mrs. Mabel P. Carroll, 1st Grade; Mrs. Violet C. Bird, 6th Grade; Mrs. Julie W. Hays, 2nd Grade; Mrs. Nancy J. Stockner, 4th and 5th Grade.

Board of Education



Bland County School Board--Mr. Rex Morehead, Mrs. Woodrow Scott, Mr. Victor Gilly, Superintendent, Mr. Raymond Stowers, and Mr. Robert Bane.

Secretaries



Mrs. Rose Bowen



Mrs. Elizabeth Shannon



Mrs. Debra King



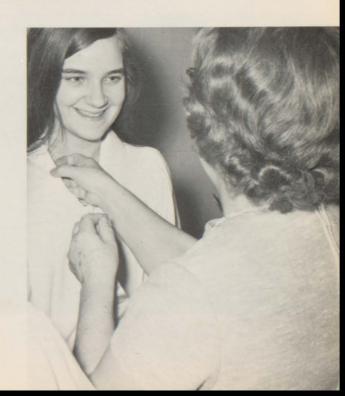


SENIORS











Class Officers: Standing - (L. to R.) - Mrs. Jessie Kegley - Sponsor, Karen Wright - Secretary-Treasurer, Denise Eaton - Reporter, Karen Farmer - Chaplain, Mrs. Helen Hardy - Co-Sponsor. Kneeling - Mark Muncy - President, Eddie Dillow - Vice-President.

Seniors

Valedictorian Denise Peery 96.5



Salutatorian Susan Reynolds 95.84



Historian Debbie Dillow 94.89

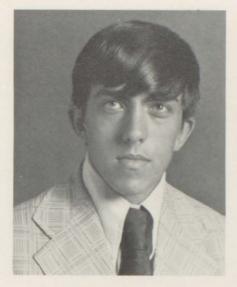


Class Prophet Nancy Lambert 93.61





Kathy Lynn Agee "Tootie"



Bobby McKinzie Bevil "Bobby"



Vickie Ellen Blankenship "Vickie"



Wilma Revonna Blankenship "Revonna"



Janet Arleene Bohara "Arleene"



Joey Douglas Cassell
"Joey"



Deborah Diane Dillow "Debbie"



Edgar Wayne Dillow "Eddie"



Paula McPeak Dillow "Paula"



Rickey Alan Dillow "Roche"



Robert Grayson Dillow "Little Bob"



Denise Dillow Eaton "Denise"



Victoria Dawn Ellison "Vicki"



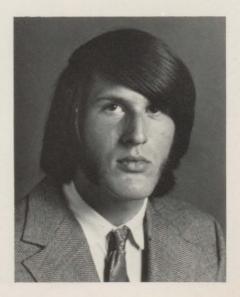
Karen Colleen Farmer



Elizabeth Marie Hancock



Michael Allen Hoffman "Mike"



Barry Harmon Hounshell "Barry"



Donald Irby "Irby"



Garland Ellis King "Garland"



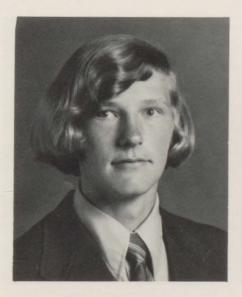
Judith Ann King "Judy"



Debra Gale Lambert "Debbie"



Nancy Louise Lambert
"Nancy"



Nathan Arnold McPeak "Nathan"



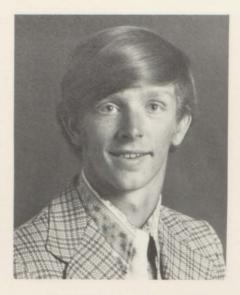
Jerry Wayne Meadows
"Jerry"



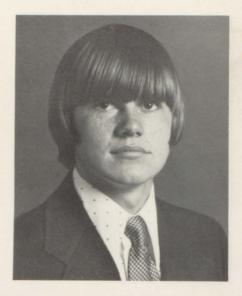
Mark Christopher Muncy "Speedy"



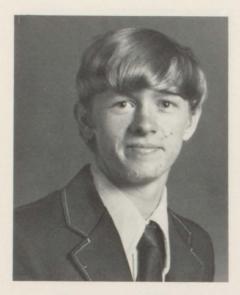
Richard Jennings Muncy "Richard"



Frankie Brown Newberry "Frankie"



Michael Dean Pauley "Mike"



William Edward Pauley "Will"



Denise Ann Peery "Denise"



Brenda Miller Penley "Brenda"



Cathy Jean Ramsey "Cathy" 28



Susan Elaine Reynolds "Sue"



Jerry Winfield Scott
"Jerry"



Jo Ann Shupe
"Jo Ann"



Mary Ellen Tate "Mary"



Barry Wayne Tickle "Barry"



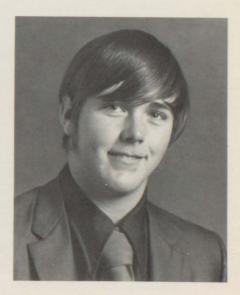
Billy Henderson Vanover "Billy"



Dawna Jean Whitworth
"Dawna"



Karen Elizabeth Wright
"Karen"
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Robert Wayne Wyrick "Putt-Putt"





SO LONG BLAND HIGH

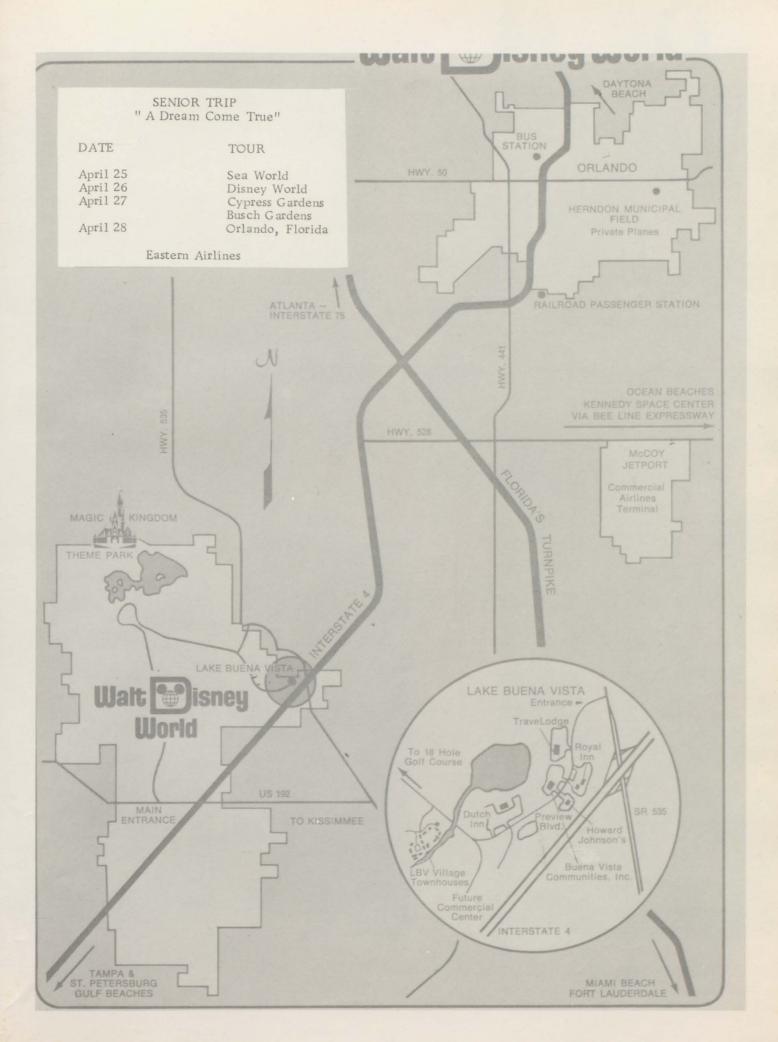
(Tune: "After You've Gone")

After we're gone and left you crying,
After we're gone there's no denying,
You'll feel sad, you'll feel blue,
You'll miss the greatest group you ever knew,

There'll come a time now don't forget it,
There'll come a time when you'll regret it,
Someday when you grow lonely,
Your heart will break like ours,
And you'll want us only,
After we've gone, after we've gone away.

Dear Old Bland High, we've had a ball here, These are the things, we want to make clear, Homework, ball games, parties, and dances, With all these things we have taken our chances.

Dear Old Bland High, we hate to leave you, We have to go and make a preview, This world waits, opening its gates With all the love and joy it anticipates So Long Bland High, we will miss all of you!



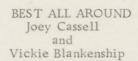
BEST DRESSED Judy King and Paula Dillow

MOST TALKATIVE Mary Tate and Denise Eaton



MOST HELPFUL Debbie Dillow, Debbie Lambert, and Jerry Meadows

Senior Superlatives







BEST DISPOSITION Rickey Dillow and Barry Hounshell



MOST ATHLETIC Susan Reynolds and Eddie Dillow



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED Mike Hoffman and Denise Peery



CUTEST Will Pauley and Vicki Ellison



LAZIES T Nathan McPeak and Donald Irby



BEST FRIENDS Karen Wright, Dawna Whitworth, Nancy Lambert, and Karen Farmer



MOST POLITE Garland King and Mike Pauley



BEST CRAFTSMEN Billy Vanover and Wayne Wyrick



FRIENDLIEST Mark Muncy and Richard Muncy



HAPPIEST Cathy Ramsey and Jo Ann Shupe



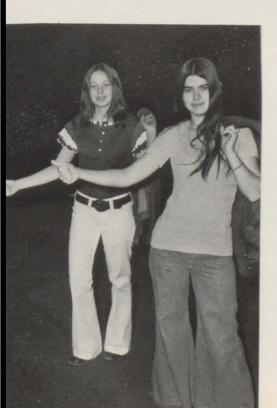
MOST CAREFREE Frankie Newberry and Barry Tickle



QUETEST
Bobby Dillow and Elizabeth Hancock



MOST SERIOUS Mike Clemons, Brenda M. Penley and Bobby Bevil



BIGGEST FLIRTS Kathy Agee and Revonna Blankenship



MOST MUSICAL Jerry Scott and Arleene Bohara

KATHY LYNN AGEE - Mrs. Paul Agee; FHA. BOBBY McKINZIE BEVIL - Mr. and Mrs. William M.

Bevil; 4-H Club; FFA

VICKIE ELLEN BLANKENSHIP - Mr. and Mrs. Ray mond K. Blankenship; Clubs: Beta; French; 4-H FHA, President Secretary, 2nd Vice-President, State FHA Convention Representative; J.V. and Varsity Basketball; The ECHO Staff, Subscription

Manager; Class Reporter 72, Chaplain 73.

WILMA REVONNA BLANKENSHIP - Mr. and Mrs.
David H. Blankenship; Attended Pulaski High
School, 3 years; Art Club; FHA, Office Worker.

JANET ARLEENE BOHARA - Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C.
Bohara; Clubs: Beta; French; FHA; 4-H; The
ECHO Staff Business Managers Chaplands

ECHO Staff, Business Manager; Cheerleader Captain.

Y DOUGLAS CASSELL - Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cassell; Clubs: French; Beta; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS;

DAR Award.
MICHAEL WAYNE CLEMONS - Mrs. Mary Clemons; French Club; J. V. and Varsity Basketball.

DEBBIE DIANE DILLOW - Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Wolfe; Clubs: Beta, Reporter; French; FHA; The ECHO, Business Staff; Newspaper Staff, Editorial Editor; J.V. and Varsity Basketball; Class Reporter 73; Historian.

EDGAR WAYNE DILLOW - Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Dillow; FFA; S.C.A. Council, President; The ECHO Staff; Class Vice-President 74; J.V. and

Varsity Basketball; Dramatics.

PAULA McPEAR DILLOW - Mrs. Betty L. McPeak and Mr. Paul McPeak; Husband, Randall N. Dillow; Son, Christopher N. Dillow; Clubs: 4-H; French, Reporter; Chorus; FHA; Class Secretary-Treasurer 70: Dramatics, S.C.A.

RICKEY, ALLAN DILLOW - Mr. and Mrs. Luther A.

Dillow; Honor Student; Beta Club; Class President 72,73; J.V. and Varsity Basketball. ROBERT GRAYSON DILLOW - Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Dillow; FFA; J.V. and Varsity Basketball.

DENISE DILLOW EATON - Mr. and Mrs. Douglas L. Dillow, Sr.; Husband, James H. Eaton; Clubs: 4-H; FHA; Chorus; Class Reporter 74.

VICTORIA DAWN ELLISON - Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ellison; Clubs: Beta, Treasurer; FHA; 4-H; Chorus Newspaper Staff, Sports Editor; The ECHO Staff, Co-Editor; Cheerleader; J.V. Basketball; Class Secretary-Treasurer 72.

KAREN COLLEEN FARMER - Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Farmer; Clubs: FHA; Chorus; Beta; The ECHO

Staff; Class Chaplain 74; Flag Girl.

ELIZABETH MARIE HANCOCK - Mr. and Mrs R ard Hancock; Clubs: Chess; French; S.C.A., Treasurer; Former Student of Charles O'Dickerson High School, New York.

MICHAEL ALLEN HOFFMAN - Stepson of Mr. and

Mrs. Miller C. Meadows, FFA; The ECHO Staff, Assistant Lay-Out Editor. BARRY HARMON HOUNSHELL - Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hounshell; Class Chaplain 73; Chorus Club. DONALD IRBY - Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Irby, Jr.; Clubs:

Chess, President; FFA; 4-H, President of Local Club, District and State Council.

ARLAND ELLIS KING - Mr. and Mrs. Garland B. King: Clubs: French; 4-H; FFA, Sentinel, and

President; Chess, JUDITH ANN KING Mr. and Mrs. W. K. King; 8: 4-H; FHA; Chorus; Class Songlead President 71; Varsity Basketball; Miss ECHO 1974.

DEBRA GALE LAMBERT - Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Lambert; Clubs: Beta, Secretary; FHA; 4-H; The ECHO Staff; Newspaper Staff, Feature Editor; Officer Worker; Class Secretary-Treasurer 73; J.V. and Varsity Basketball; THE SOCIETY OF OUT-STANDING AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STU-DENTS.

ANCY LOUISE LAMBERT - Mr. and Mrs. Vance L. Lambert, Sr.; Clubs: FHA, Secretary; 4-H,

County Council Treasurer; The ECHO Staff; Hor Student; Betty Crocker Award.

THAN ARNOLD McPEAK - Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McPeak; The ECHO Staff, Assistant Lay-Out Editor; I. V. and Varsity Basketball; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

JERRY WAYNE MEADOWS - Mr. and Mrs. Allan Meadows; Clubs: FFA; 4-H; Chorus. MARK CHRISTOPHER MUNCY - Mr. and Mrs. G.C.

Muncy; Clubs: Beta, Chaplain; French, President; Chess, President and Rules Chairman; Class

President; S. C. A., Vice-President and Chaplain, RICHARD JENNINGS MUNCY - Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Muncy; Clubs: FFA, Vice-President, Reporter; French; Chess; S. C. A.; J. V. and Varsity Basket-

ball.

FRANKIE BROWN NEWBERRY - Mr. and Mrs. Leighon Newberry; Clubs: FFA; Chess; 4-H, Vice-President and Treasurer; J.V. and Varsity Basketpall.

MICHAEL DEAN PAULEY - Mr. and Mrs. Harmon W. Pauley; Clubs: Beta; French; Chess; FFA, J.V. and

Varsity Basketball; Class Reporter 72.

WILLIAM EDWARD PAULEY - Mr. and Mrs. William E. Pauley, Sr.; Clubs: 4-H, Treasurer; FFA, Secretary; J. V. and Varsity Basketball; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STU-DENTS.

DENISE ANN PEERY - Mr. and Mrs. George H. Peery, Jr.; Valedictorian; Clubs: French, Songleader; FHA, Songleader; Chorus; 4-H; Beta, Vice-Presi-FHA, Songleader; Chorus; 4-H; Beta, Vice-Irea dent; The ECHO Staff, Assistant Editor; News-paper Staff, Editor; S.C.A.; Basketball Score-keeper; Class Vice-President 71; Honor Student WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; THE SOCIETY OF OUTSTANDING AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; DAR Award.

BRENDA MILLER PENLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Miller, Jr.; Husband, Robert M. Penley; Clubs: FHA, 1st Vice-President 74; French; 4-H; Chorus and Varsity Basketball; Newspaper Staff J. V. and Varsity Basketball; Newspaper Staff, Grade Editor; Upward Bound Student Representa

tive

CATHY JEAN RAMSEY - Mr. and Mrs. Owen H.
Ramsey; Clubs: Chorus; French.
SUSAN ELAINE REYNOLDS - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Revnolds; Salutatorian; Clubs: Beta, Presiden 4-H, County Council President; Chorus; FHA; The ECHO Staff, Co-Editor; Dramatics; Honor Student; J.V. and Varsity Basketball, Captain; Tennis; THE SOCIETY OF OUTSTANDING AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; 4-H Queen 1974

JERRY WINFIELD SCOTT - Mr. and Mrs. C. W Scott, Jr.; Clubs: French, President and Reporter; Chorus; 4-H, Fontana Delegate, County Council Vice-President, Southwest District Council Member, 1974 4-H King; The ECHO Staff, Assistant Lay-Out Editor; Basketball Manager and Chartkeeper.

ANN SHUPE - Mr. and Mrs. Jessie W. Shupe Clubs: Chorus; FHA; Dramatics.

MARY ELLEN TATE - Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Tate, Jr.; Clubs: FHA; 4-H; Chorus; S. C. A.; Class Secretary 71; J. V. and Varsity Basketball.

BARRY WAYNE TICKLE - Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W Tickle; Clubs Chorus; 4-H; Dramatics. BILLY HENDERSON VANOVER - Mrs. Lillian L.

Vanover; FFA; KVG.

DAWNA JEAN WHITWORTH - Mr. and Mrs. Scott Whitworth; Clubs: Beta; Chorus; The ECHO Staff; arsity Basketball.

KAREN ELIZABETH WRIGHT - Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Wright; Clubs: FHA; Chorus; Beta; The ECHC Staff; Class Treasurer 74; J. V. and Varsity Basket-ball; Flag Girl

ROBERT WAYNE WYRICK - Mrs. Bertha Wyrick;

FFA; 4-H.





UNDERCLASSMEN





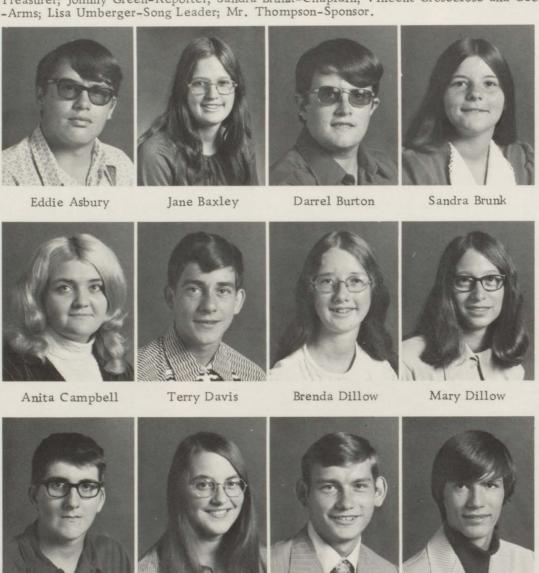




Juniors



Class Officers: (L. to R.) Arlene Repass-President; Tommy Harner-Vice President; Joanne Stowers-Secretary; Linda Kidd-Treasurer; Johnny Green-Reporter; Sandra Brunk-Chaplain; Vincent Groseclose and George Pauley-Sergeant-At-Arms; Lisa Umberger-Song Leader; Mr. Thompson-Sponsor.



Louis Fletcher

Sharon Goins

Johnny Green

Vincent Groseclose

Class of '75







Thomas Harner



Virginia Holston



Rebecca Ingram



Linda Kidd



Joyce Meadows



George Pauley



Roxanne Pauley



Thomas Ramsey



Arlene Repass



Thomas Richardson



Shelby Shewey



Ray Shupe



Joanne Stowers



Robert Stuart



George Taylor, Jr.



Robin Thompson



Lisa Umberger



Patricia Vanover

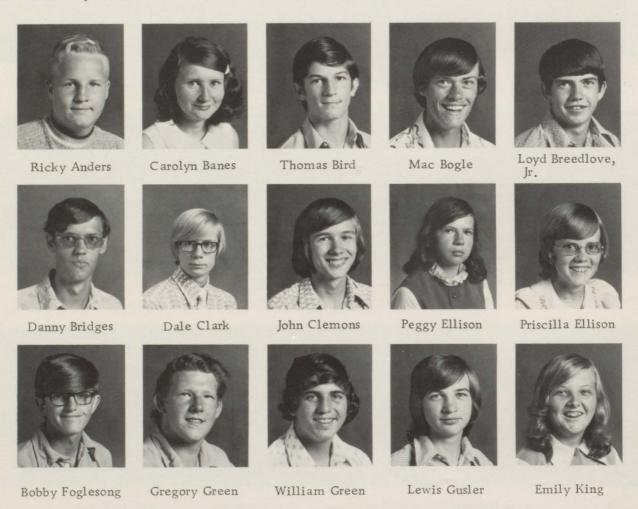


Gary Walker

Sophomores



Class Officers: 1st Row-(L. to R.) Jerry Smith-President; John Clemons-Vice President; Danny Bridges-Secretary; Sarah Miller-Treasurer; 2nd Row-Mrs. Tarter-Sponsor; Dean Saunders-Reporter; Debra Simpkins-Historian; Mr. Beamer-Assistant Sponsor.





Larry King





Miller Meadows, Jr.



Frances Melvin



Sarah Miller



David Morehead



Charlotte Morehead



Lynda Muncy



Jackie Mustard



Victoria Nance



Dottie Nelson



William Puckett



William Ramsey



Tommy Repass



Shelia Richardson



Barbara Sadler



Bobby Sadler



Dean Saunders



Debra Simpkins



Jerry Smith



Tammy Strock



Jimmy Tate



Tony Townley



Dora Umbarger



Vicki Umbarger



Douglas Wolfe



Mack Wolfe



Kenny Wright

Freshmen



Class Officers: (Sitting, Left to Right) Debbie Dillow-President; G.H. Perry-Vice President; Ruth Ann Turner-Secretary; Donnie Wilson-Treasurer; Junior Stowers-Reporter; Marsha Groseclose-Chaplain; Mrs. Newberry-Sponsor.



Brenda Barger



Everette Brunk



Michael Brunk



Clifford Chewning



Barbara Dillow



Milton Davis



Debbie Dillow



Marsha Groseclose



Page Hancock



Ronnie Hamblin

Class of '77



Raymond Harden



Connie Harris



Hazel Hayton



Rhonda Hayton



Rebecca Hoge



Kathy Hounshell



Matthew King



Brenda Meadows



Larry Muncy



Rebecca Munsey



Alma Mutter



Debbie Newberry



G.H. Perry III



Steve Scott



Rita Simmons



Connie Smith



Joe Stiltner



Junior Stowers



Judi Stuart



Pamela Tibbs



Ruth Ann Turner



Rebecca White



Donald Wilson



David Wright

Eighth Grade



Class officers: (L. to R.) Lee Gordon-President; Alice Tate-Vice President; Glenda Campbell-Secretary-Treasurer; Deborah Anders-Chaplain; Mrs. Janet Faulkner-Sponsor.



Class of '78



Todd Fulford



Lee Gordon



Johanna Gulser



Troy Hager



Timmy Harman Timmy Harner





Eddie Hounshell



Beverly Irby



Fred McHone



Missy Miller



Jerry Miller



Patty Morehead



Rosemary Mutter



Jean Nance



Edna Neel



Jeffrey Pauley



Jennifer Pauley



Sandra Pauley



Guy Ramsey







David Robinson Sammy Shupe Carla Simpkins



Elaine Shelton



Thelma Sheppard



Diana Sparks



Alice Tate



Bill Tate



Johnny Taylor



Janet Thompson



Joey Tickle



Lisa Walker



Joyce Wiley



Charles Wolfe



Mike Wright



Laura Wright



CAFETERIA PERSONNEL - Jan Harner, Nell Gordon, and Pauline Thomas, Manager.



BUS DRIVERS - clockwise, Danny Penley, Jim Corder, Tony Wright, Albert Mustard, Jr., Wallace Warner, Ted Anders, Mrs. Margaret P. Miller, and (not shown) Curt Stowers.

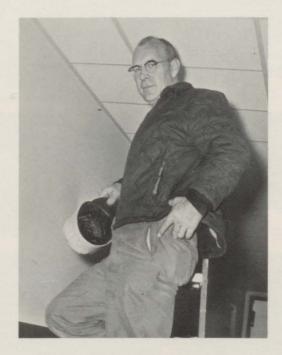


CUSTODIAN - Roby Cregar, Jr.

Personnel



CUSTODIAN - Bob Andy Dillow



MAINTENANCE - Buford Tiller





ELEMENTARY





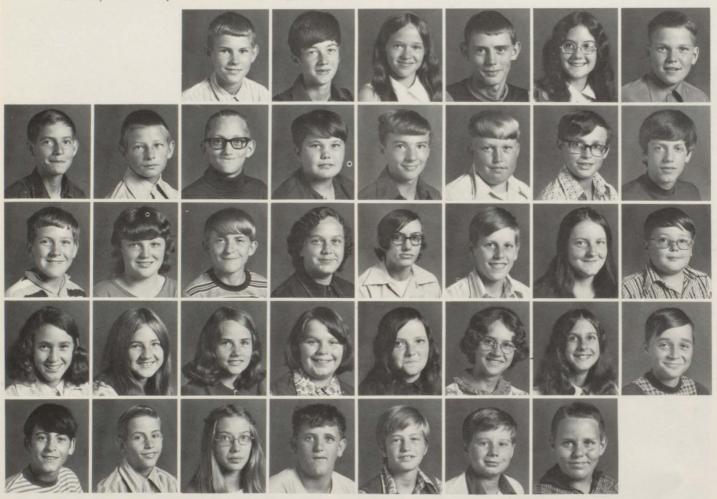




Mrs. Marie Groseclose's 7th Grade

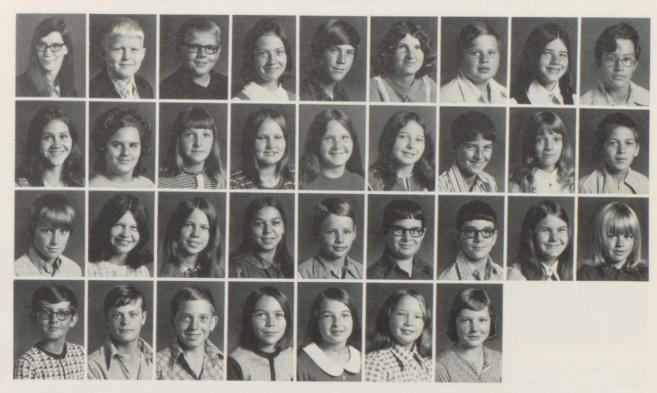


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Smile, you're on Candid Camera!







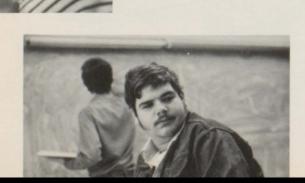


























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Honor Students

Each year those students attaining a 95 or above average for the year are awarded an honor bar or letter. Those students who have received these awards should be commended for their hard work.



DOUBLE BAR STUDENT: Denise Peery



SINGLE BAR STUDENTS: Robin Thompson, Joanne Stowers, and Arlene Repass.



LETTER STUDENTS:
Jerry Smith, Dottie Nelson, and Lynda Muncy.

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Officers: 1st Row: (R. to L.) Mr. J. M. Thomas - Sponsor, Susan Reynolds - President, Denise Peery - Vice President. 2nd Row: Debbie Lambert - Secretary, Vicki Ellison - Treasurer. 3rd Row: Mark Muncy - Chaplain, and Debbie Dillow - Reporter.



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Standing: Eddie Dillow, President; Tommy Harner, Vice-President; Jerry Smith, Secretary; Liz Hancock, Treasurer. Sitting: Sarah Miller, Chaplain; Loyd Breedlove, Sergeant at Arms; Debbie Newberry, Reporter; George Pauley, Sergeant at Arms; Mr. Richard Havens, Sponsor.

SCA Council

The Student Council, elected by the student body, works hard to promote a good relationship between the administration and the students of the school.

The SCA is under the guidance of a new advisor, Mr. Richard Havens. Among the highlights of this past year included sponsoring the annual Christmas Program and attending the Clinch Valley District SCA Meeting in Council, Va.



1st Row (L. to R.) - Liz Hancock, Denise Eaton, Linda Kidd, Marsha Groseclose, Missy Miller, Shirley Blankenship, Sarah Miller. 2nd Row - Mr. Havens, Jerry Smith, Tommy Harner, Eddie Dillow, Richard Muncy, Mark Muncy. 3rd Row - Retta Hager, Loyd Breedlove, Bobby Foglesong, George Pauley, Danny Bridges, Debbie Newberry, Jo Ann Shupe, Matt King.



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The Hilltop News



Denise Peery - Editor



Sitting - (L. to R.) Mark Muncy, Susan Reynolds, Brenda Penley, Vicki Ellison, Standing - (L. to R.) Debbie Lambert, Debbie Dillow, Denise Peery.



Standing - (L. to R.) Vicki Ellison, Brenda Penley, Mrs. Jessie Kegley - Sponsor, Debbie Lambert, Mrs. Janet Faulkner - Co-Sponsor, Debbie Dillow, Susan Reynolds, Denise Peery. Sitting (L. to R.) Sarah Miller, Lisa Umberger, Judi Stuart, Debbie Dillow, Joanne Stowers, Brenda Dillow, Becky Hoge, Johnny Green, Priscilla Ellison, Dottie Nelson. (Not shown: Robin Thompson, Mark Muncy, and Lynda Muncy).

Dramatics



Sitting: 1st Row - Lisa Umbarger, Paula Dillow, Eddie Dillow. 2nd Row - Sarah Miller, Susan Reynolds, Vicki Ellison. 3rd Row - Barry Tickle, Jo Ann Shupe, Mrs. Tarter. Standing - Darrell Burton, Jane Baxley.

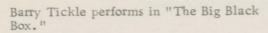


The Dramatics Classes, gave three one-act plays, "Papa Never Done Nothing . . . Much," "And the Fullness Thereof," and "The Black Box," in December.

The two Dramatics Classes joined the Chorus Classes, under the direction of Mrs. Anne Cumbow, in presenting the annual Christmas Program to the students and faculty.

"The Black Box" was presented at the District

One-Act Play Festival in Independence, Va.





Chorus



1st Row - (L. to R.) Mrs. Cumbow, Dottie Nelson, Lisa Umberger, Jackie Mustard, Charlotte Morehead, Paula Dillow, Debbie Simpkins. 2nd Row - Linda Kidd, Kathy Hounshell, Barbara Dillow, Vickie Nance, Cathy Ramsey, JoAnn Shupe. 3rd Row - Jerry Scott, Sarah Miller, Page Hancock, Carolyn Banes, Barry Hounshell.

Library Club



(L. to R.) Mrs. Newberry - Sponsor; Patty Vanover, Joyce Meadows, Roxanne Pauley, Donnie Wilson, and Becky Ingram (sitting).



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Songleader Lynda Muncy



1st Row - (L. to R.) Vickie Blankenship, Brenda Penley, Becky Ingram, Patty Vanover, Joyce Meadows, Lynda Muncy, Debbie Simpkins, Shelby Shewey, Nancy Lambert, Mrs. Lois Crabtree. 2nd Row - Linda Kidd, Brenda Dillow, Joanne Stowers, Robin Thompson, Shiela Richardson, Susan Hayton, Pamela Tibbs, Becky White, Denise Eaton, Paula Dillow, Charlotte Morehead. 3rd Row - Rita Simmons, Brenda Barger, Becky Munsey, Brenda Meadows, Alma Mutter, Roxanne Pauley, Jennifer Pauley, Gertude Brown, Janet Thompson, Debbie Dillow, Rose Mary Mutter, Jackie Mustard. 4th Row - Lisa Walker, Shirley Blankenship, Virginia Holsten, Glenda Campbell, Johanna Gusler, Retta Hager, Sharon Goins, Anita Campbell, Diana Sparks, Elaine Shelton, Sandra Brunk, Jean Nance, Tammy Strock.



Miss Bland County 1973 Miss Anne Dunn



Little Miss Bland County Miss Rebecca Umbarger



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Mr. King, Wayne Wyrick, and Billy Vanover cleaning up the shop.



Le Cercle de Français

OFFICERS: 1st Row (L. to R.) Jerry Scott - President, Vincent Groseclose - Vice-President, Robin Thompson - Secretary, Judi Stuart - Treasurer. 2nd Row Sarah Miller - Song Leader, Sharon Goins - Song Leader, Dottie Nelson - Chaplain, Joanne Stowers - Reporter.



POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS: (L. to R.) Elizabeth Hancock, Jerry Scott, Joey Cassell, Mike Pauley, Denise Peery, and Brenda Penley.



SECOND YEAR STUDENTS: (L. to R.) Sarah Miller, Brenda Dillow, Arlene Repass, Robin Thompson, Mrs. Helen Hardy, Joanne Stowers, Vincent Groseclose, Ricky Anders, and Dottie Nelson.

The French Classes sang "Mon Beau Sapin" and "Les Douze Jours de Noel" at the S. C. A. Christmas program. A Christmas and a Valentine party were held in the French Room. Refreshments for the Christmas Party included a yule log, "La Buche de Noel" made by the French I students.

The building in the background is the Virginia State Capitol, which was designed by Thomas Jefferson, and copied after La Maison Carree at Nimes, France. It houses the priceless Houdon

Statue of George Washington.



FIRST YEAR STUDENTS: 1st Row (L. to R.) Judi Stuart, John Clemons. 2nd Row Johnny Green, Lewis Gusler, Sharon Goins, Bobby Bevil. 3rd Row Emily King, Tommy Repass, Jerry Smith, Sandy Brunk, Mike Clemons, and Mrs. Helen Hardy.

Chess Club



1st Row (L. to R.) - Mark Muncy, Lee Gordon, John Clemons, Ricky Anders, Liz Hancock, Todd Fulford, Junior Stowers. 2nd Row - Donald Irby, Larry King, Lisa Umberger, Judi Stuart, Michelle Blankenship, Lewis Gusler, Jane Baxley. 3rd Row - Garland King, Joey Tickle, Barry Tickle, Sandra Brunk, Sharon Goins, Retta Hager. 4th Row - Frankie Newberry, Louis Fletcher, Darrell Burton, Bill Tate, Richard Muncy.



Officers: (L. to R.) John Clemons - Corresponding Secretary; Lewis Gusler - Rules Committee; Lisa Umberger Secretary; Donald Irby - President; (Not shown - Mark Muncy - Rules Chairman.)

Those Who Represent Us



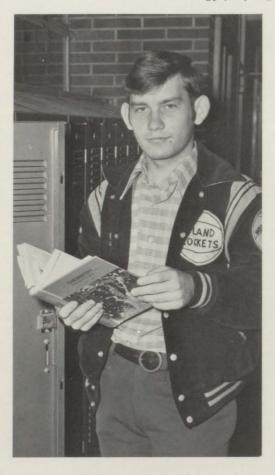
Office Workers - (L. to R.) - Anita Campbell, Connie Smith, Debbie Lambert, Debbie Dillow, Billy Vanover, Jerry Meadows.



Cafeteria Workers - (Sitting) - (L. to R.) - Bobby Lambert, Joe Simmons, Mike Thompson, Mike Woolwine, Betty Parker, Cathy Ramsey, Mary Dillow, Joanne Shupe, Page Hancock. Standing - Mike Brunk, Steve Scott, Matt King, Ronnie Hamblin, Billy Ramsey, Garland King, Mary Lang, Myra Clemons, Darlene Banes, Mary Kay Lang, Joey Pauley, Timmy Anders, Theron Newberry.



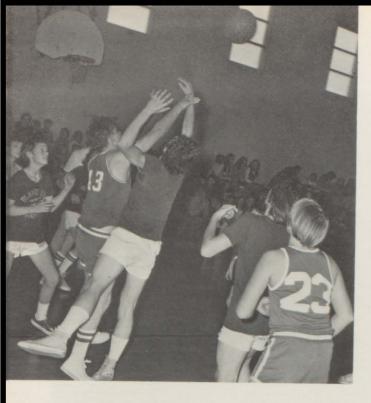
DAR Award - Denise Peery and Joey Cassell



Upward Bound - Johnny Green



Wildlife Essay Winner -Dottie Nelson















BHS Varsity Rockettes



(L. to R.) Susan Reynolds, Vickie Blankenship, Lisa Umberger, Debbie Lambert, Robin Thompson, Joanne Stowers, Connie Smith, Mary Tate, Dawna Whitworth, Karen Wright, Debbie Dillow, Judy King, Mr. Sam Groseclose, Coach.

BHS Varsity Rockets



(L. to R.) Loyd Breedlove, Will Pauley, Rickey Dillow, Mike Pauley, Mack Bogle, Jerry Smith, Nathan McPeak, Frankie Newberry, Tommy Harner, William Green, Eddie Dillow, George Pauley, Jimmy Tate, (Kneeling) Mr. Sam Groseclose, Coach.



Will Pauley Guard - 2 years



Nathan McPeak Center - 2 years



Rickey Dillow Guard - 3 years

Senior Rockets



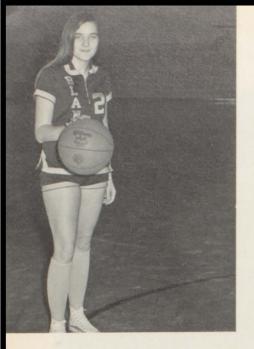
Mike Pauley Forward - 2 years



Frankie Newberry Center - 1 year



Eddie Dillow Guard - 3 years



Vickie Blankenship Guard - 2 years



Susan Reynolds Guard - 3 years

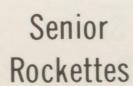
Debbie Dillow Forward - 2 years

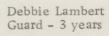


Judy King Guard - 2 years



Mary Tate Forward - 1 year







Dawna Whitworth Center - 2 years



Karen Wright Forward - 2 years





1973 Mountain Empire District Champions



The 1973 Bland Rockettes were winners of the Mountain Empire District Tournaments played in the Fort Chiswell gymnasium on November 7, 9, and 10. The victorious Varsity Rockettes ended their regular season with a 10-0 record and are pictured after receiving their trophy.

1973

Bland	49	Ft. Chiswell	23
Bland	49	Fries	21
Bland	54	Auburn	39
Bland	74	Mt. Rogers	33
Bland	47	Shawsville	18
Bland	44	Ft. Chiswell	30
Bland	30	Fries	20
Bland	39	Auburn	28
Bland	50	Mt. Rogers	17
Bland	53	Shawsville	28

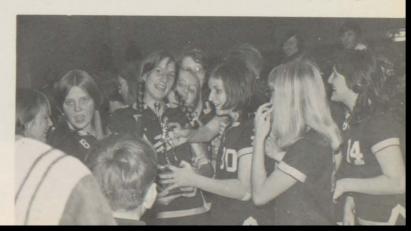
Susan Reynolds is lifted by the other Rockettes to cut the net from the rim.



The team takes a break, and discusses game strategy.



Rockettes admire the trophy after their well-played game.



Fans really cheering for their team.

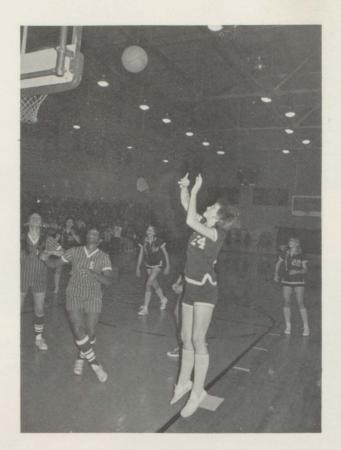


Terry Dillow goes up for two points.



Knock it away from her, Su.

Bland Fans, Cheerleaders,



Biting that lip always helps, doesn't it Lil' Jo?



Go get it Eddie.

and Players in Action.



The Junior Varsity Rockettes, also Mt. Empire Champs, ended their regular season with an 8-0 record. They received a trophy and are retrieving their net in the above picture.



Hold on tight Brenda.

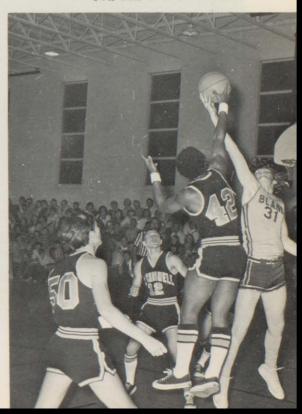


Excited cheerleaders.

You can do it Nathan.



Good block Karen!



Bland Junior Varsity



Sitting (L. to R.) - Patty Morehead, Frances Melvin, Rita Simmons, Barbara Sadler, Kim Ellison, Kathy Dillow, Beverly Irby. Standing - Brenda Meadows, Alice Tate, Lynda Muncy, Ruth Ann Turner, Debbie Newberry, Vicki Umbarger, Jackie Bob Mustard, Michelle Blankenship, Kathy Hounshell, Coach Sam Groseclose. (Not Pictured - Sarah and Missy Miller).



Kneeling (L. to R.) - Steve Scott, Matt King, Dale Clark, Larry Muncy, Danny Bridges. Standing - G.H. Peery, Ray Puckett, Joe Stiltner, Ronnie Hamblin, Coach - Sam Groseclose. (Not Pictured - Dean Saunders).

Bland Eighth Grade Team

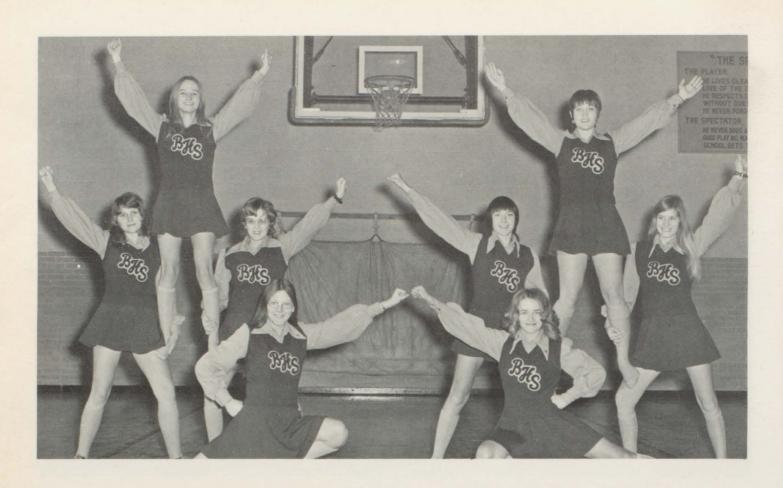


Kneeling - (L. to R.) - Terry Dillow, Todd Fulford, Bill Tate, Johnny Taylor, Jay Cox. Standing - Lee Gordon - Manager, David Robinson, Randy Faulkner, Jamie Bunyan, Coach - Richard Havens.

Coach's Assistants



(L. to R.) - Tommy Richardson, Denise Peery, Johnny Green, Jerry Scott.



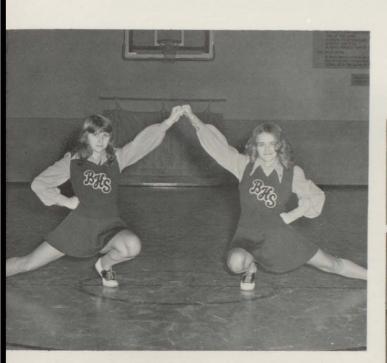
Bland Cheerleaders





Arleene Bohara Captain 3 years

Victoria Ellison 3 years



Becky Hoge 1 year

Judi Stuart 1 year



Linda Kidd 3 years

Priscilla Ellison 1 year



Debbie Dillow 1 year

Debbie Simpkins 1 year



Homecoming Queen Mary Tate

Homecoming '74

The Homecoming Dance of 1974 was a great success and all who attended had an enjoyable time. Queen Mary Tate reigned over the dance.



Homecoming Court (L. to R.) - Jennifer Pauley, Eighth Grade; Kathy Hounshell, Freshman; Lynda Muncy, Sophomore: Sandra Brunk, Junior; Liz Hancock, Senior.



Queen Mary Tate and her court were honored with a waltz.

The dance was a huge success.



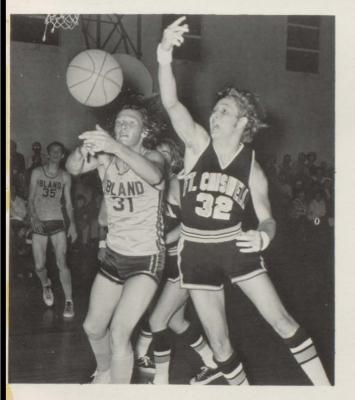
Classical Vantage performed.



Bland vs. Ft. Chiswell







Bland High played its first game against Ft. Chiswell on December 1, 1973. Although the Rockets played hard, they were not able to overpower the Pioneers.



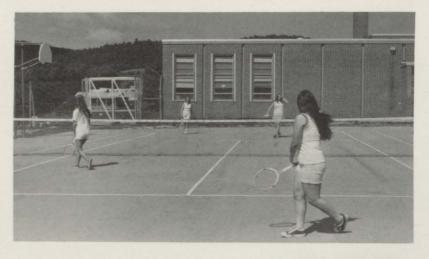
BHS Tennis Team

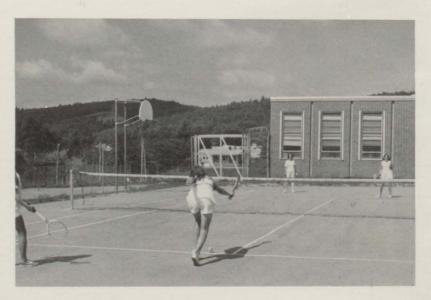


Kneeling: Sarah Miller, Lisa Umberger, Susan Reynolds, Brenda Dillow, Jane Baxley. Standing: Emily King, Robin Thompson, Joanne Stowers, Sandra Brunk, Coach Sandy Tarter, and (not shown) Jeana Neal.

For the first time, a tennis team was formed at B.H.S. The team, coached by Mrs. Sandy Tarter, ended its season with a 4-2 record.









Two great men of the Commonwealth.



Mrs. Kegley, (retired) a regular substitute at Bland High.



Guess Who?



Gotcha, Mr. Phillippi!



A pep rally.

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Victory dinner.







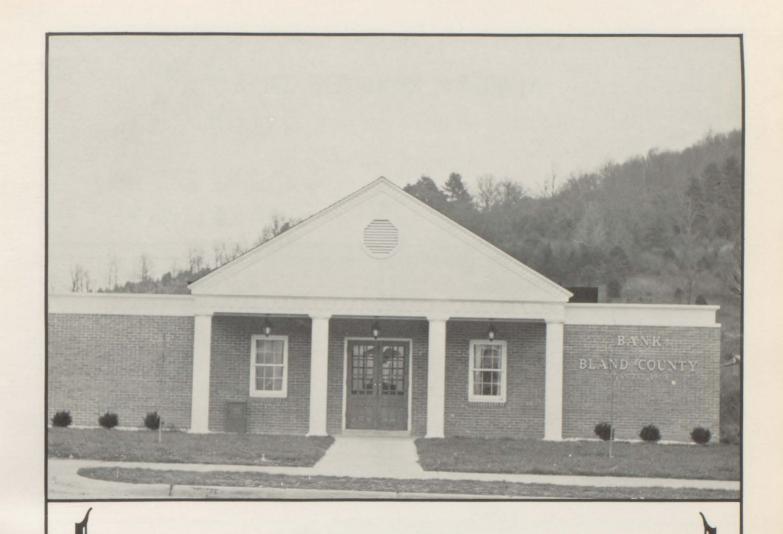


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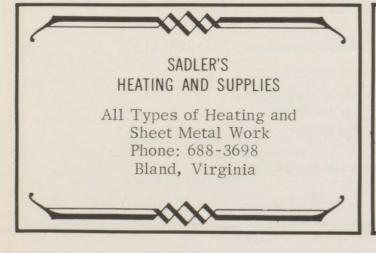


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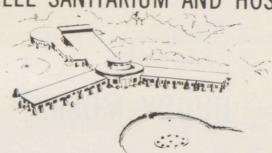
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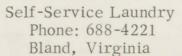
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