

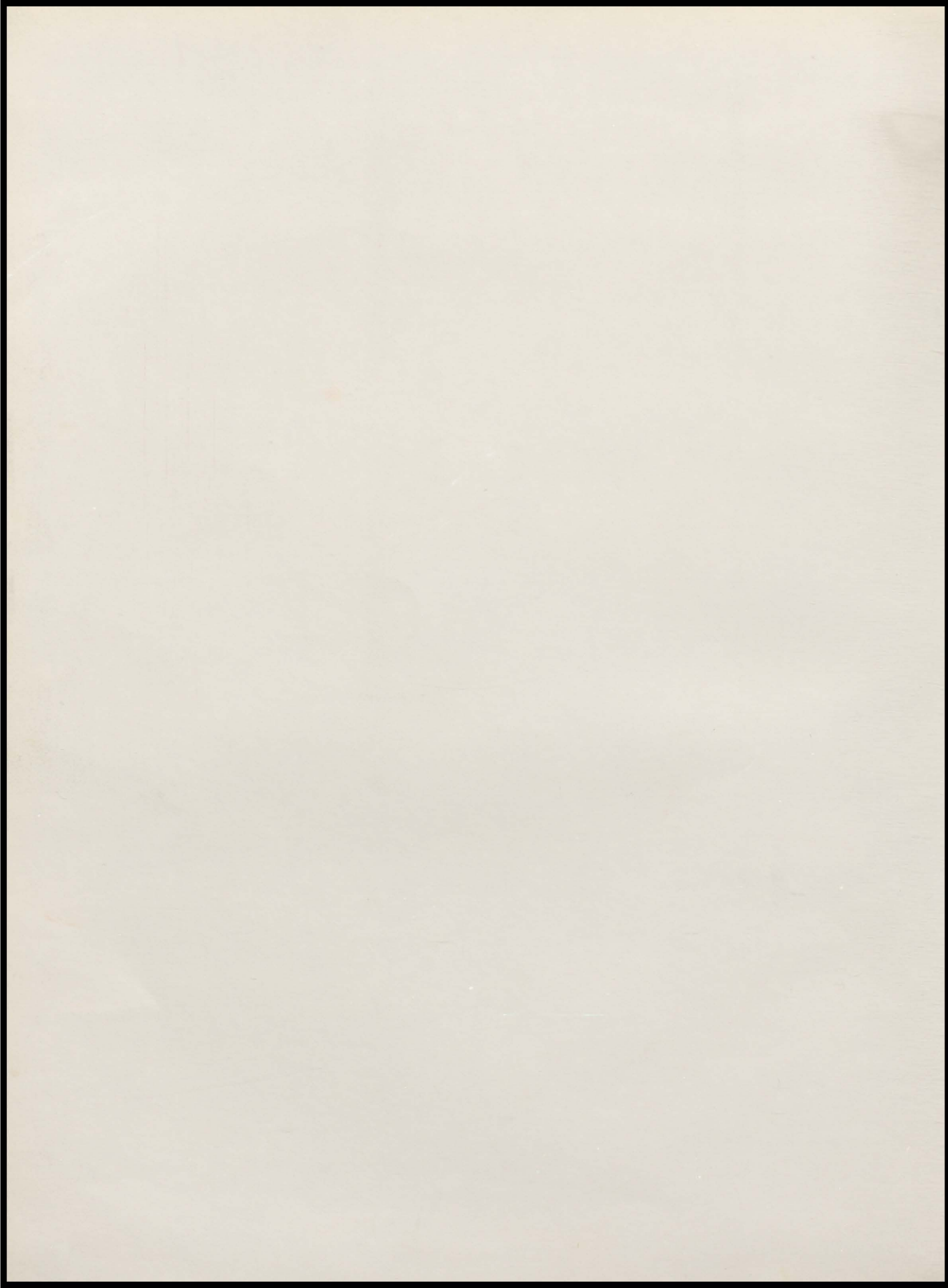
# THE ECHO

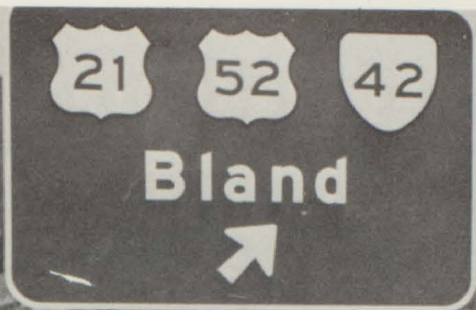


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## THE ECHO

BLAND HIGH SCHOOL,

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EDITOR

DEBBIE L. DILLOW —  
ASST. EDITOR

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MRS. HELEN P. HARDY —  
ADVISOR

MRS. ELIZABETH NEWBERRY —  
ADVISOR

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# THE ECHO STAFF

Sponsor: Mrs. Helen P. Hardy

Co-Sponsor: Mrs. Betsy Newberry



THE ECHO STAFF ... hard at work!





Editor: Becky Hoge



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Judi Stuart



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Editorial Staff: Top - Connie Smith, Activities Editor; Debbie Newberry, Photo Editor; Bottom - Debbie Dillow, Asst. Editor; Bekkie Muncy, Layout Editor.

## DEDICATION

The members of the Class of '77 feel that our high school journey has been one of excellence and achievement. Without the help of two very devoted people, we would have never completed our journey. Our sponsors, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Newberry and Mr. A. Jack King, have guided us along the rocky path of high school. In sincere appreciation, we dedicate this 1977 edition of THE ECHO to Mrs. Newberry and Mr. King, for, although class sponsors may be many, real friends are hard to find.



Mrs. Elizabeth G. Newberry



Mr. A. Jack King and Missy May

Mrs. Elizabeth Newberry graduated from Pearisburg High School in 1953. She attended Radford College where she obtained a B.S. in Business Education in 1957 and a M.S. in Education in 1972. She and her husband, William, have two children, Theron, 14, and Dawn, 12. In her spare time, Mrs. Newberry enjoys reading, music, crafts, and painting. She has sponsored the Class of '77 since 1972 and has a close personal relationship with class members.

Mr. A. Jack King is an alumnus of Bland High School. He graduated from BHS in 1955. After living it up for a year, Mr. King decided to attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he received his B.S. in Agricultural Education. He taught at Sugar Grove for two years. In 1962, he came to BHS where he has taught since. Mr. King is married to the former Rhonda Bryant, and has two daughters hunting Vicie, 15, and Missy May, 19 mo. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and attending VPI sports events.





Mr. King helps with selling drinks.



Mrs. Newberry's favorite hobbies are painting and music. She is pictured at home with her art work and her piano.



# MRS. HARDY RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS

In May of 1977, Mrs. Helen P. Hardy will retire after thirty-five years of teaching in her native county.

Mrs. Hardy graduated from Radford College with a B.S. degree in Mathematics and French. Her first year of teaching was spent at Ceres High School. The next year Mrs. Hardy came to BHS where she spent the remainder of her teaching career.

In addition to her teaching duties, Mrs. Hardy has sponsored numerous classes and clubs. At one point in her career Mrs. Hardy coached girls' basketball. The highlight of Mrs. Hardy's contributions to the students of BHS has been her role as sponsor of The Echo. Mrs. Hardy has sponsored the yearbook since 1951. No one can deny that Mrs. Hardy will be sorely missed. She is living proof that alot of work can be done in 35 years.



Mrs. Helen P. Hardy is leaving BHS after thirty-five years of teaching.



Mrs. Hardy  
... in the 1950's



Mrs. Hardy  
... in the 1960's



Mrs. Hardy  
... in the 1970's



Mrs. Hardy has sponsored the school yearbook, The Echo, since 1951. Pictured above are the annuals that she has helped to publish.



Two familiar sights around BHS:  
Mrs. Hardy and The Echo



Mrs. Hardy with one of her Math classes.

The teacher we all loved so well,  
Who taught us Math and French translation,  
From eighth grade on through graduation,  
She nurtured our young education.

# MISS ECHO DAY

A dance and program were held on September 17, 1976, to honor Miss Echo '77, Debbie Newberry. Connie Smith crowned Miss Echo, and Debbie Dillow presented gifts. A few former Miss Echos were present in honor of the day. Pictured bottom on stage are: Miss Jackie Mustard, (1976); Mrs. Debra Dix, (1968); Mrs. Joyce King, (1967); Mrs. Barbara Wimmer (1962); and Mrs. Wanda Townley (1959). The program included: a french version of "Annie's Song" by the French II class; several songs by Chorus; two pantomimes by the Dramatics classes; and a dance by Bekkie Muncy and Vicie King. Debbie and escort Todd Fulford then led the first waltz of the Miss Echo dance.



Miss Echo 1977 Debbie Newberry



Connie Smith crowns Miss Echo



Miss Echo and court





"Annie's Song" by French II

"Boogie Fever"



Chorus performs



## CANDIDATES

Junior  
Shirley Blankenship

Sophomore  
Susie Hylton

Freshman  
Robin Umbarger

Eighth Grade  
Patty Hylton



# 1976 JR.-SR. PROM

On the night of Saturday, April 26, the dream of a year unfolded into reality. Amidst a setting of spring flowers, the Class of '77 presented the 1976 Jr. - Sr. Prom. The theme was "Pieces of April", the band was East Street, and the evening was simply wonderful.



East Street performs.



Mrs. Elizabeth Newberry, class sponsor, was given a gift of appreciation.



Seniors also were the recipients of memorable gifts.



Faculty enjoys Prom.



# PIECES OF APRIL



King Dale and Queen Sarah waltz to the theme song "Pieces of April".



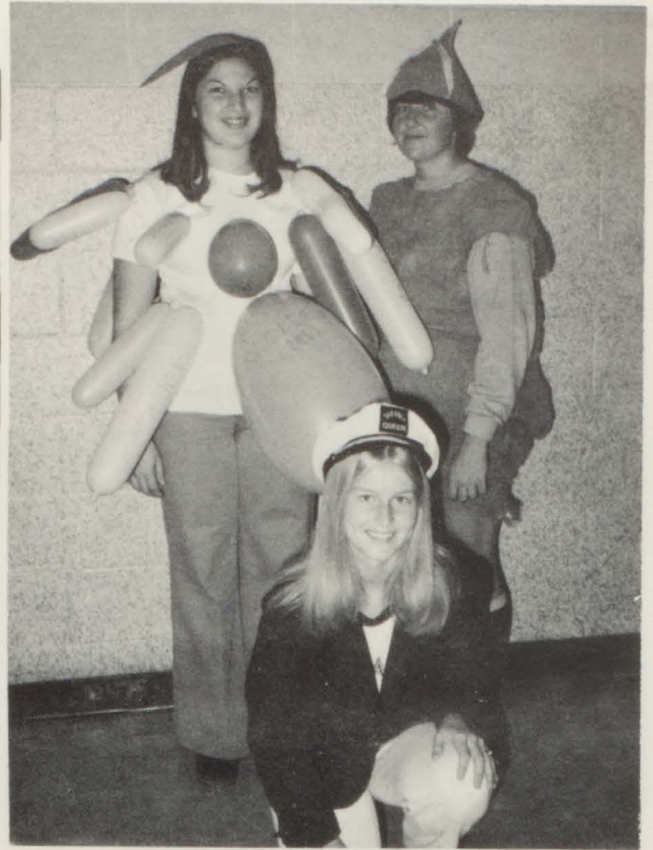
Dale Clark and Sarah Miller were crowned king and queen of the Prom.



# MEMORIES



"Love that moustache!"



Beta initiation



"Opps, wrong door!"



"We'll never meet that deadline."



# CAN BE BEAUTIFUL AND YET . . .



"Oh, no!"



"Would you believe I broke my fingers?"

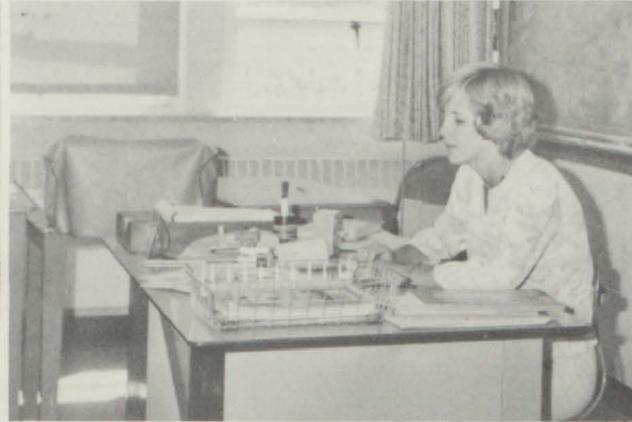


"Guess Who?"



"Teacher's pet."

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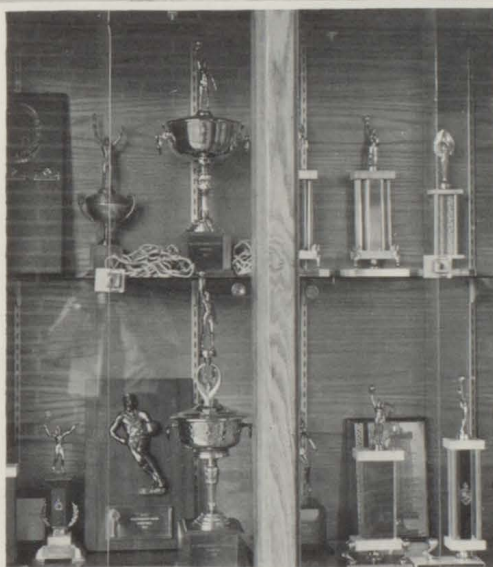


AND  
SOMETIMES I JUST SITS ...





# IMAGES



# *In Memoriam*



VICTOR R. GILLY

November 30, 1915 - September 30, 1976

Teacher and Coach, Bland High School 1949 - 1952  
Principal and Coach, Bland High School 1952 - 1962  
Superintendent of Bland County Schools 1962 - 1976

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time

--Longfellow



# ADMINISTRATION

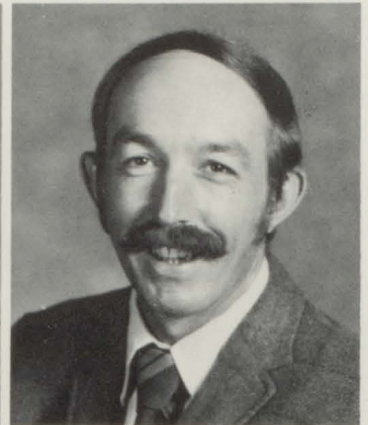
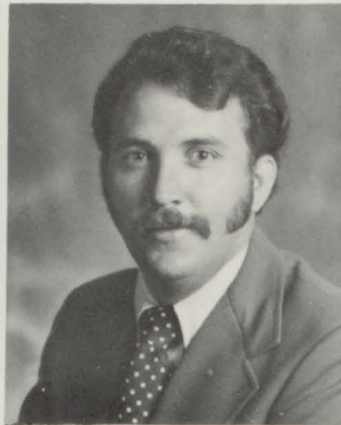
# BLAND FACULTY



Mr. Ralph R. Reynolds  
Principal

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

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



Mrs. Helen P. Hardy  
Mathematics, French

Mrs. Jessie D. Kegley  
Business Education

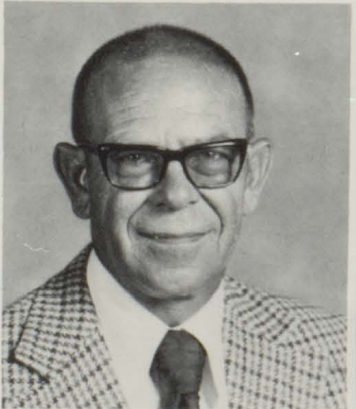
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Newberry  
Librarian



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

Mr. Fred L. Beamer  
Social Studies

Mr. A. Jack King  
Agriculture

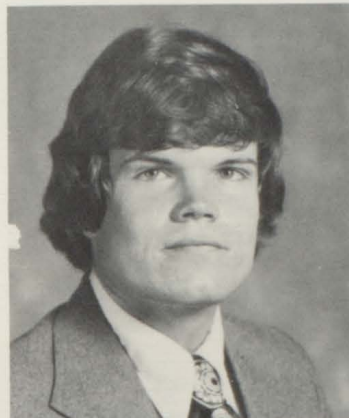




Mrs. Sandra F. Tarter  
Phys. Ed., Dramatics,  
Tennis Coach

Mrs. Janet B. Faulkner  
English

Mrs. Kenna S. Lee  
Guidance



Mr. Kim C. Murphy  
Chorus, Band

Miss Mary N. Greever  
English

Mr. Larry P. Bunyan  
Mathematics



Miss Wanda L. Caldwell  
Home Economics



# BLAND ELEMENTARY FACULTY



Rebecca W. Scott  
Kindergarten  
Katherine L. Reynolds  
Kindergarten  
Susan N. Chase  
First Grade  
Brenda W. Tate  
Second Grade



June M. Miller  
Second and Third Grades  
Ruby S. King  
Third Grade  
Louise S. Bird  
Fourth Grade  
Norma G. Newberry  
Fifth Grade



Jacqueline D. Barlow  
Sixth Grade  
Marie C. Groseclose  
Seventh-A  
C. Elizabeth Neel  
Seventh-B  
Delores S. Thompson  
Special Education



Dian L. Phipps  
Title I Remedial  
Reading  
Carolyn B. Bane  
Special Education  
Mary L. Tickle  
Aide  
Nancy J. Stockner  
Aide



Annette M. Burton  
Aide  
Violet C. Bird  
Aide





Mr. Ronald A. Pauley  
Acting Superintendent



Mrs. Sallie H. Hylton  
Title II Program Director



Mrs. Rose T. Bowen, Jr.  
Secretary

## *BOARD OF EDUCATION*



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L. to R.--Mr. Ronald A. Pauley-Acting Superintendent, Mr. Rex Y. Morehead, Mr. Paul S. Foglesong, Mr. Robert S. Bane, Mr. Daniel M. Stowers.



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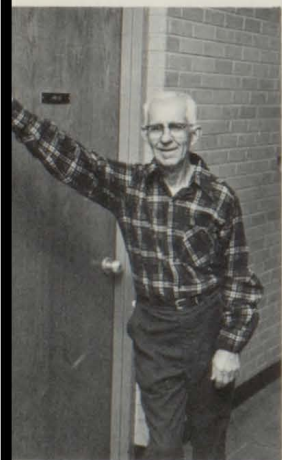


Lunchroom Personnel: (Front Row) L. To R. Mrs. Jan Harner, Mrs. Margie Songer, (Back Row) Mrs. Pauline Thomas, Manager; Mrs. Wilma Franklin.

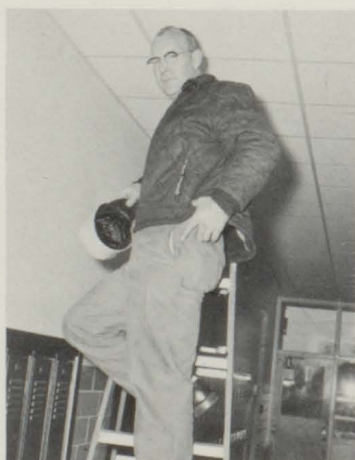
## PERSONNEL



Bus Drivers: L. To R. (Front Row) Mr. Jim Corder, Mr. Eugene Mustard, Mrs. Eleanor Atwell. (Back Row) Mr. Clifford Chewning, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mrs. Mary Bogle, Mr. Curtis Stowers, Mr. Robert Chewning



Mr. Bob Dillow  
Custodian



Mr. Buford Tiller  
Maintenance



Mr. Jr. Cregar  
Custodian



Mrs. Helen King  
CETA Worker



# SENIORS



Sr. Class Officers: (L. to R.) Mrs. Elizabeth G. Newberry, Sponsor; Steve Scott, Reporter; Amanda Sadler, Chaplain; Jr. Stowers, Treasurer; G.H. Peery, Secretary; Ruth Ann Turner, Vice-President; Rhonda Hayton, President.

## SENIORS

### HONOR STUDENTS



Valedictorian  
Debbie Lynn Dillow



Co-Salutatorian  
Judi Karen Stuart



Co-Salutatorian  
Melba Lynne Pauley



Debbie Lynn Dillow  
"Debbie"



Judi Karen Stuart  
"Judi"



Connie Gayle Smith  
"Connie"



Rhonda Kaye Hayton  
"Rhonda"



Seldon Washington Stowers, Jr.  
"Junior"



Rebecca Ann Muncy  
"Bekki"



Brenda Kay Barger  
"Brenda"



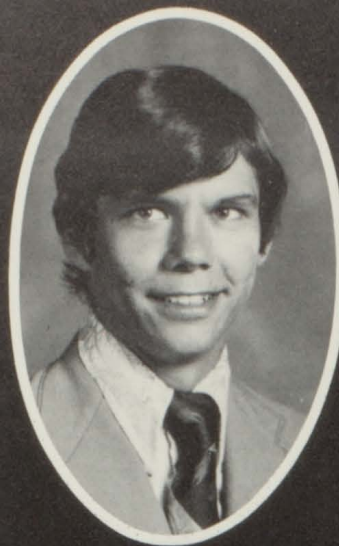
Deborah Jane Newberry  
"Debbie"



Rebecca Lynn Hoge  
"Becky"



Ruth Ann Turner  
"Ruth Ann"



Charles Dale Johnson  
"Chuck"



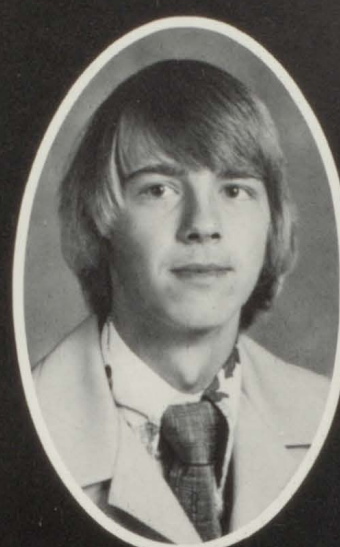
Rebecca Victoria Munsey  
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Steven Muncy Scott  
"Steve"



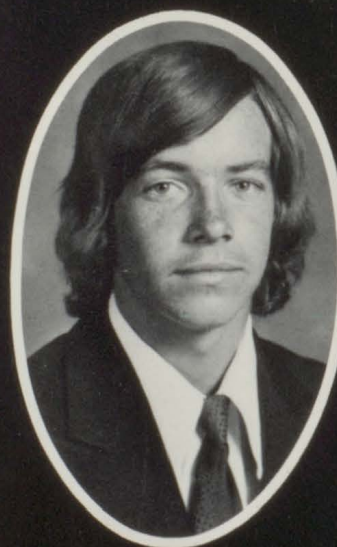
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Timothy Clay Harner  
"T.C."



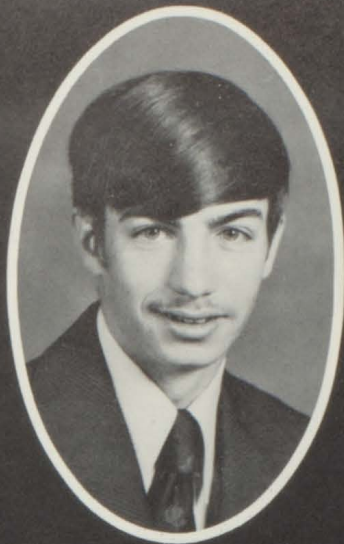
Janet Gay Blankenship  
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Eric Todd Fulford  
"Todd"



Barbara Marie Dillow  
"Bobbie"



Jerry Wayne Miller  
"Jerry"



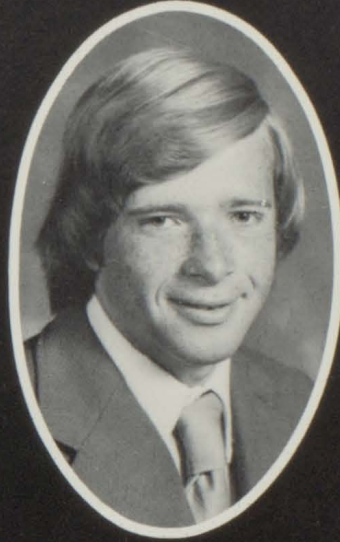
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Matthew Karl King  
"Matt"



Alma Mae Mutter  
"Alma"



Lester Lee Hancock  
"Isaac"



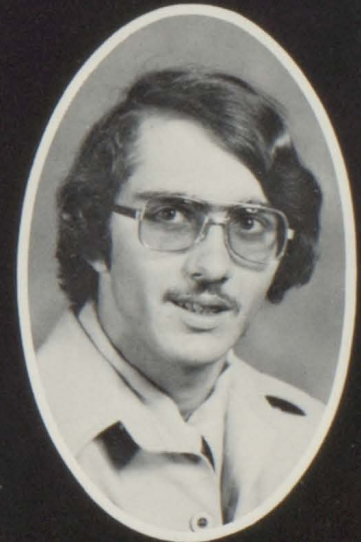
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Donald Lain Wilson  
"Donnie"



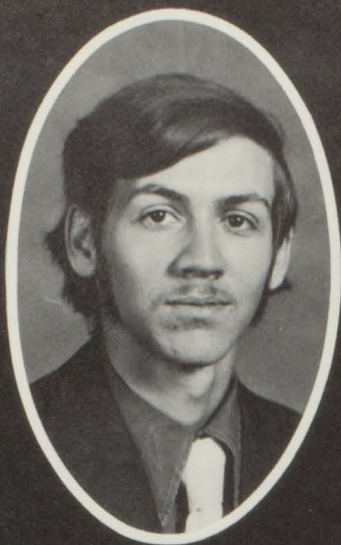
Brenda Scott Dillow  
"Brenda"



Milton Dale Davis  
"Milton"



Rebecca Lou White  
"Becky"



Clifford Allan Chewning  
"Clifford"



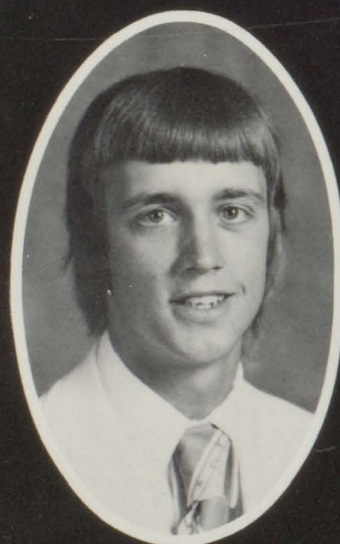
Alice Elena Tate  
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Hazel Sue Hayton  
"Susan"



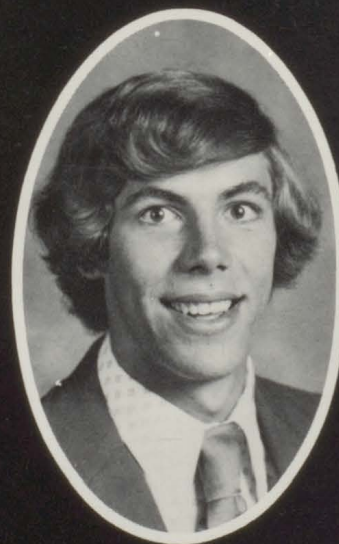
Amanda Hayes Sadler  
"Mandy"



George Henry Peery, III  
"G.H."



Melba Lynne Pauley  
"Melba"



Charles Joseph Stiltner  
"Joe"



# SENIOR DIRECTORY

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JERRY WAYNE MILLER-Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Miller Jr.; Clubs: FFA, Reporter '76, Vice-President '77.

REBECCA ANN MUNCY-Mr. and Mrs. John W. Muncy; Clubs: Class Secretary '76; FFA; French, President '77; Beta; 4-H, County Council Vice-President '77; Transferred from Narrows High School, Narrows V.A., in 1975.

REBECCA VICTORIA MUNSEY-Mr. and Mrs. James P. Munsey; Clubs: French; Library; 4-H, Secretary '74, Treasurer '75; FHA Chaplain '75, Junior and Chapter Degrees; SCA; J.V. Basketball.

ALMA MAE MUTTER-Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott; Clubs: Library; FHA; 4-H.

DEBORAH JANE NEWBERRY-Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Newberry; Clubs: SCA, Reporter '74, Sergeant-at-Arms '75; Class Secretary '73; Class Treasurer '76; French; 4-H; Virginia Junior Hereford Association, Reporter '77; Chorus, Reporter '77; Hilltop News Staff; Beta, Treasurer '77; Cheerleader; The ECHO Staff, Photo Editor; Miss ECHO '77; J.V. and Varsity Basketball.

MELBA LYNNE PAULEY-Mr. and Mrs. Billy B. Pauley; Clubs: Beta; FHA; The ECHO Staff; Co-Salutarian; Transferred from Southeast High School, Greensboro, N.C., in 1976, Health Careers; Drafting; National Honor Society; Honor Student; Art; Jr. Jaycettes; Jr. Beta, Vice-President '74; Cycling, President '74.

GEORGE HENRY PEERY III-Mr. and Mrs. George H. Peery Jr.; Clubs: FFA, Sentinel '75, Secretary '76, President '77; Class Vice-President '74; Class President '76; Class Secretary '77; SCA; 4-H; French; KVG; Beta; The ECHO Staff; 8th Grade, J.V. and Varsity Basketball; THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

AMANDA HAYES SADLER-Mrs. Kermit P. Sadler; Clubs: FHA; Beta, Secretary '77; Library; Band; Class Chaplain '77; Chorus, President '76, Treasurer '77; Transferred from Eustis High School, Eustis, Fla., in 1975, Health Careers; Junior Classical League.

STEVEN MUNCY SCOTT-Mrs. Kathleen M. Scott; Clubs: 4-H, Sergeant-at-Arms '72; Reporter '73; FFA; Dramatics; SCA; KVG; Tennis; 8th Grade, J.V. and Varsity Basketball; Class Reporter '75, '76, and '77; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

RITA JO SIMMONS-Mr. and Mrs. Bennett W. Simmons; Clubs: French; Library; Dramatics; Beta; FHA, Historian '76, 1st Vice-President '77; 4-H, Reporter '75 and '76, President '77; J.V. Basketball.

CONNIE GAYLE SMITH-Mr. and Mrs. Hassel N. Smith; Clubs: Beta, President '77; French, Secretary '75; Class Secretary '74; The ECHO Staff, Activities Editor; Tennis, 4th in the State, 2nd in the District; J.V. and Varsity Basketball, Captain of Varsity; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

CHARLES JOSEPH STILTNER-Mrs. Elizabeth L. Stiltner; FFA; KVG; Dramatics; Class chaplain '76; 8th Grade, J.V. and Varsity Basketball, Captain of Varsity.

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RUTH ANN TURNER-Mr. and Mrs. William D. Turner; Clubs: French; SCA; Hilltop News Staff; Class Vice-President '73; Secretary '74, Vice-President '77 J.V. Basketball; Office Worker.

REBECCA LOU WHITE-Mr. and Mrs. David H. White; Clubs: FHA; French; 4-H; Beta; Hilltop News Staff; Library, Secretary '77; Honor Student; Office Worker.

DONALD LAIN WILSON-Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Wilson; Clubs: Library, Reporter '73, President '77; Office Worker.



Best Leaders: Debbie Dillow, G.H. Peery  
 "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink."



Best-All-Around: Jr. Stowers, Debbie Newberry  
 "A really busy person never knows how much he weighs."

## SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



Most Talented: Bekkie Muncy  
 "Music is love in search of a word."



Cutest: Judi Stuart, Tim Harner  
 "The faces that launched a thousand ships."



Best Dressed: Rhonda Hayton, Ruth Ann Turner  
 "The best mirror is an old friend."



Sweetest: Todd Fulford, Alice Tate, Kathy Hounshell  
 "Anybody can be a heart specialist. The only requirement is loving somebody."



Most Popular: Becky Hoge, Chuck Johnson  
 "Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy."



Friendliest: Brenda Barger, Steve Scott.  
 "... be on good terms with all persons."



Most Athletic: Connie Smith, Joe Stiltner,  
 "It's not whether you win or lose; it's how you play the game"



Most Studious: Rebecca White  
 "There is no substitute for hard work"



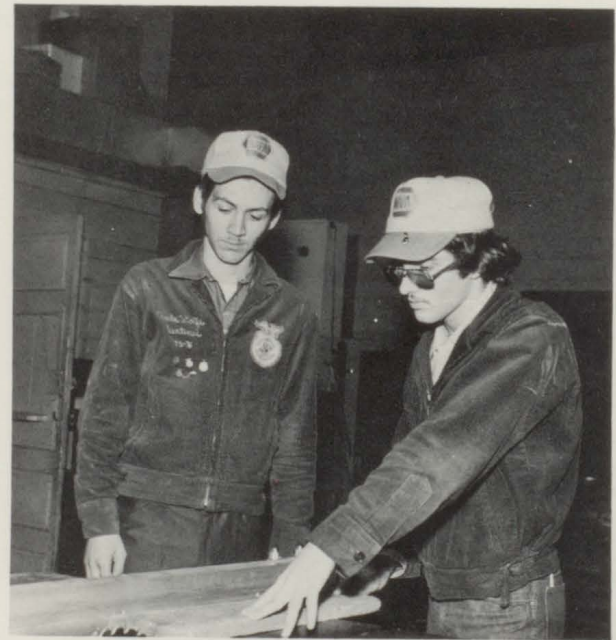
Best Friends: Alma Mutter, Susan Hayton "Be a friend to yourself, and others will befriend you."



Most Outgoing: Kathy Dillow, Melba Pauley. "Better luck next time."



Happiest: Janet Blankenship, Rita Simmons. "Happiness is not something you get, but something you do."



Best Craftsmen: Clifford Chewning, Milton Davis. "Every genuine work of art has as much reason for being as the earth and the sun."



Most Helpful: Donnie Wilson and Amanda Sadler.  
 "Light is the task when many share the toil."



Most Carefree: Barbara Dillow and Lester Hancock.  
 "I will live if I can not Laugh."



Class Clowns: Matt King and Larry Muncy  
 "The opportunity for doing mischief is found a hundred times a day."



Most Dignified: Becky Munsey and Jerry Miller. "There are very few persons who pursue life with true dignity."



Most Independent: Brenda Dillow "The first thing education teaches you is to walk alone."





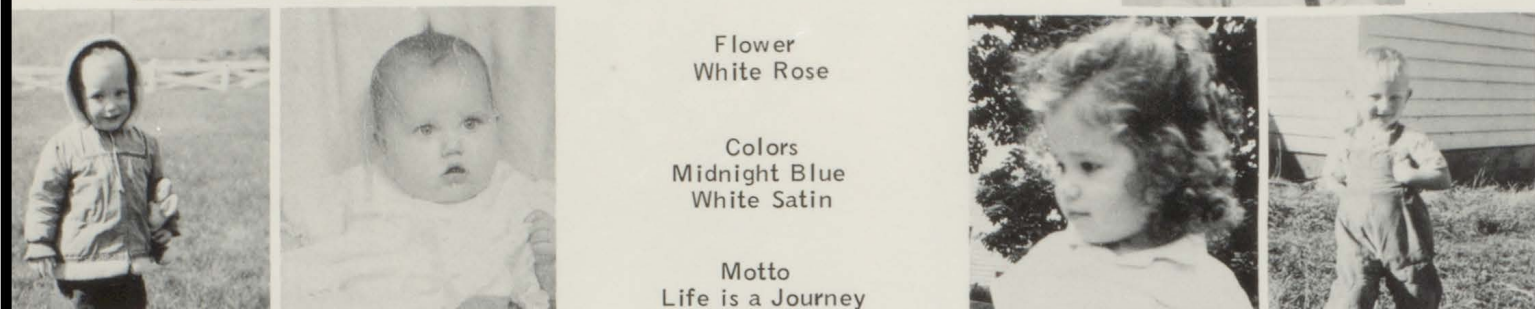


THE WAY WE WERE  
CLASS OF '77

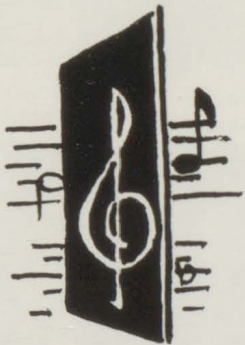
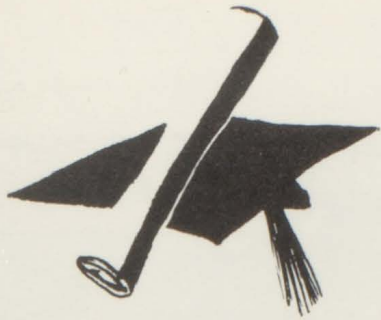
Flower  
White Rose

Colors  
Midnight Blue  
White Satin

Motto  
Life is a Journey  
not a Destination







# UNDERCLASSMEN

# JUNIOR CLASS



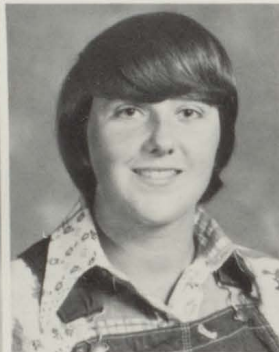
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Debbie Anders



Carol Baker



Michelle  
Blankenship



Shirley  
Blankenship



James Bunyan



Glenda Campbell



Lucinda Compton



Debra Dillow

# CLASS OF '78



Kimberly Ellison



Betty Epperson



Randy Faulkner



Lee Gordon



Jo Anna Gusler



Timothy Harman



Beverly Irby



Jennifer Kidd



Melissa Miller



Andy Moran



Rose Mary Mutter



Sandra Pauley



Guy Ramsey



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Bill Tate



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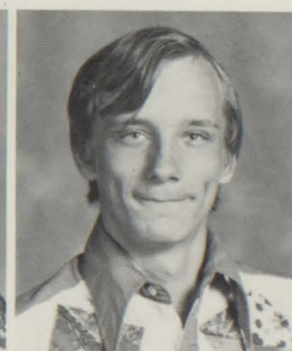
Clifton Westbrook



Joyce Wiley



Charles Wolfe



Mike Wright

# SOPHOMORES



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David Banes  
Jay Cox  
John Hardin

Elizabeth Brown  
Timothy Dillow  
Lesa Harden

Elmer Brown  
Stewart Felty  
Steve Harmon

Deborah Burton  
Victor Groseclose  
Rebecca Harris

Bobby Carver  
Troy Hager  
Mary Havens

# CLASS OF '79



Sue Hylton



Vicie King



Leon Lambert Jr.



Laura Meadows



Connie Melvin



Mark Morehead



Becky Robertson



Larry Shelton



Kim Smith



Karen Stockner



Johnny Taylor



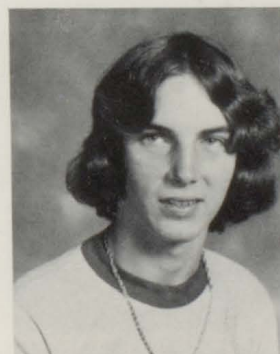
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Joe Thompson



Robert Thompson



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David Wilson



Rhonda Winesett



Michael Woolwine

# FRESHMEN



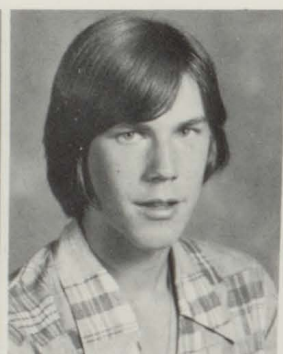
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Timothy Anders



John Atwell



David Bane



Timothy Baxley



Mary Bowen



Meek Bowen



Chuck Chandler



Patty Chewning



Myra Clemons



Ila Conley



Geraldine Faulkner

# CLASS OF '80



Gary Foster



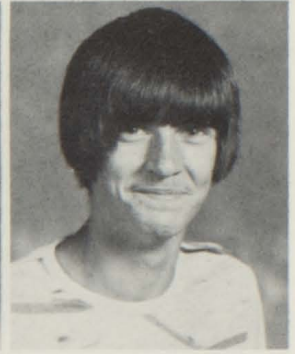
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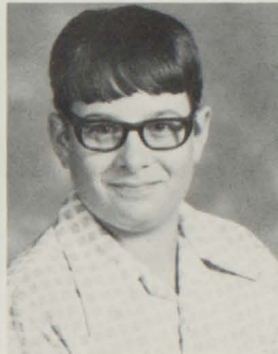
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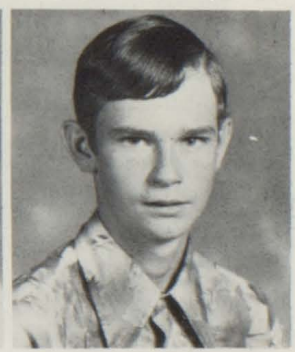
Kathryn Wiley



Carla Wolfe



Kim Wright



Terry Wright

# 8TH GRADE



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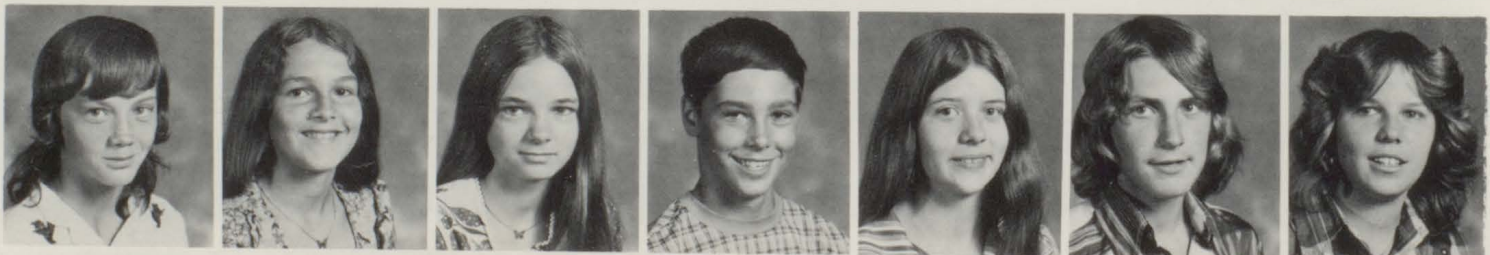
## CLASS OF '81



Kay Adams, Linda Baker, Jon Braithwaite, Charlie Brown, Jerri Bogle, Eleanor Bruce



Dora Catterton, Sue Catterton, Missy Cepura, Charlene Clemons, Pam Clemons, Joey Crockett



Angela Dillow, Rhonda Ellison, Karen Harden, Mark Harris, Kathy Havens, Jay Hoge, Patricia Holt





Patty Hylton, Susan Kegley, Ginger Kent, Kelly Kent, Mark King, Bobby Lambert



Kathy Lang, Mike Lesauis, Michael Mallory, Drema McPeak, Roberta Morehead, John Muncy



Lucy Muncy, Colene Munsey, Allan Mustard, Mike Neeley, Jerri Owens, Betty Parker



Donald Pauley, Phil Peery, Marilyn Penley, Mary Pruett, Lisa Pruitt, Rita Pruitt



Timmy Richardson, Mark Sarver, Margie Sheppard, Ricky Shrader, Joe Simmons, Christine St. Germain



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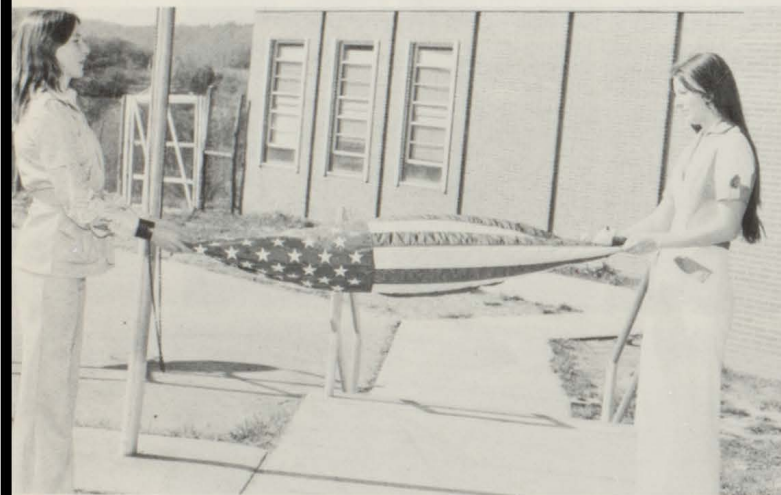
# THOSE WHO REPRESENT US



DAR Award Recipients: Debbie Dillow and G.H. Perry III.



Virginia's Hereford Queen: Debbie Newberry.



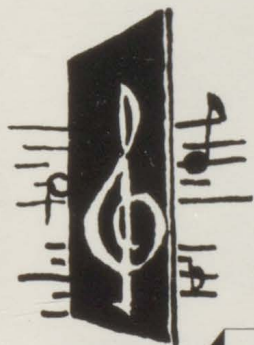
Flag Girls: Debbie Dillow and Connie Smith



Michelle Blankenship  
Accepted to The Governor's  
School for the Gifted



Left: Brenda Barger and Rita Simmons State FHA Convention Delegates

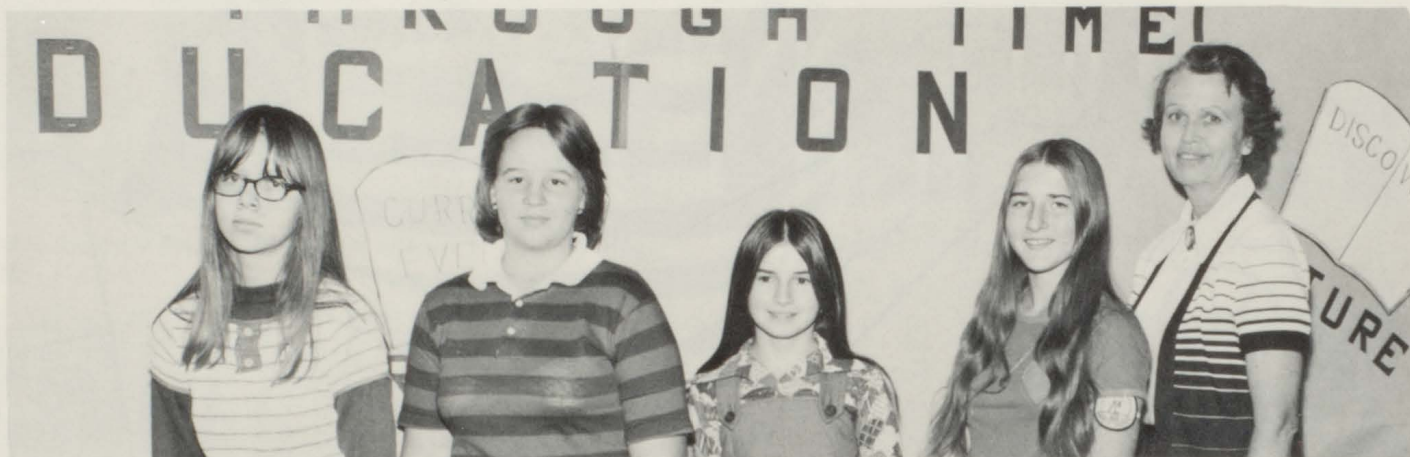


# ELEMENTARY

# SAFETY PATROL



First Row: Cliff Pauley, Billy Talbert, Paul Dillow, Dave Thomas, Lora Groseclose, Laura Chandler, Marq Newberry.  
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 Third Row: Alan King, Todd Hoge, Ricky Baker, Dawn Newberry, Deborah Atwell, Karen Hounshell, Larry Newberry.  
 Fourth Row: Jaimie Morehead, Gregory Umbarger, Edwina Stowers, Joy Miller, Mark Mustard, Bobby King.  
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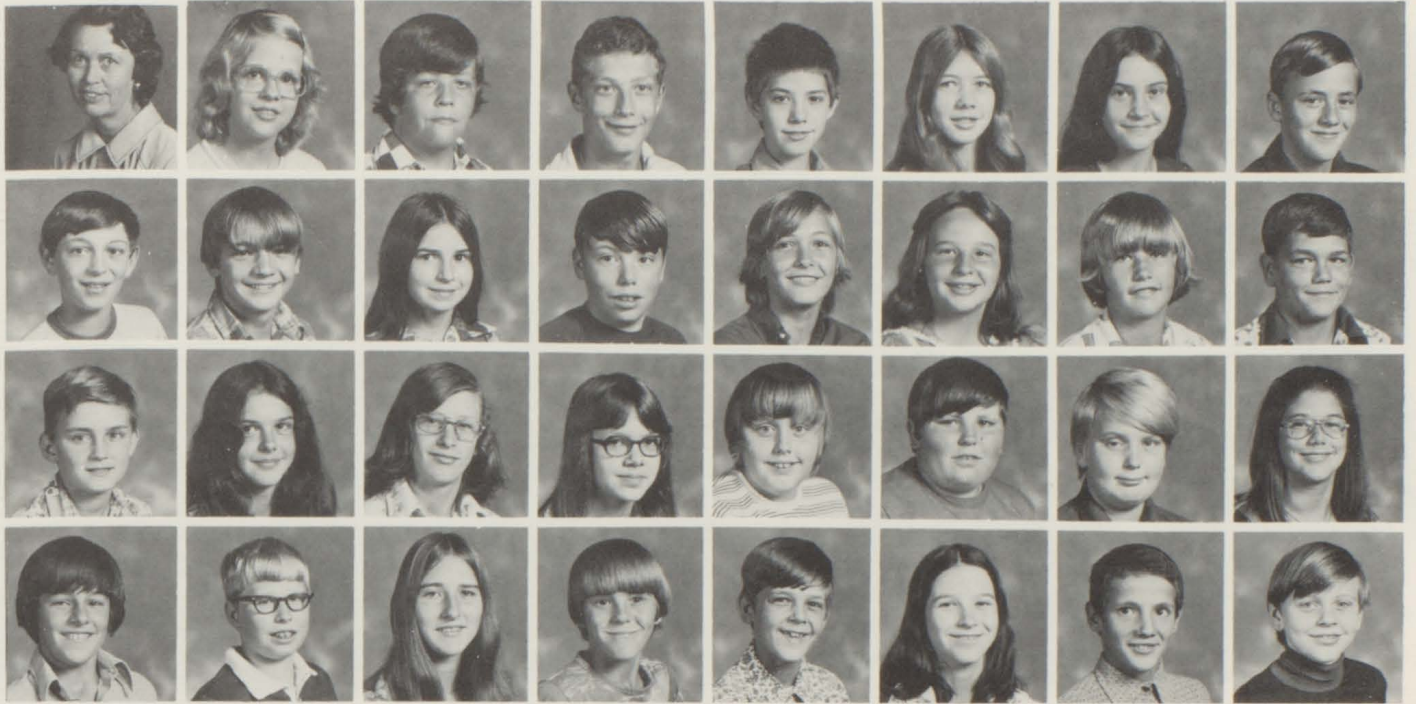
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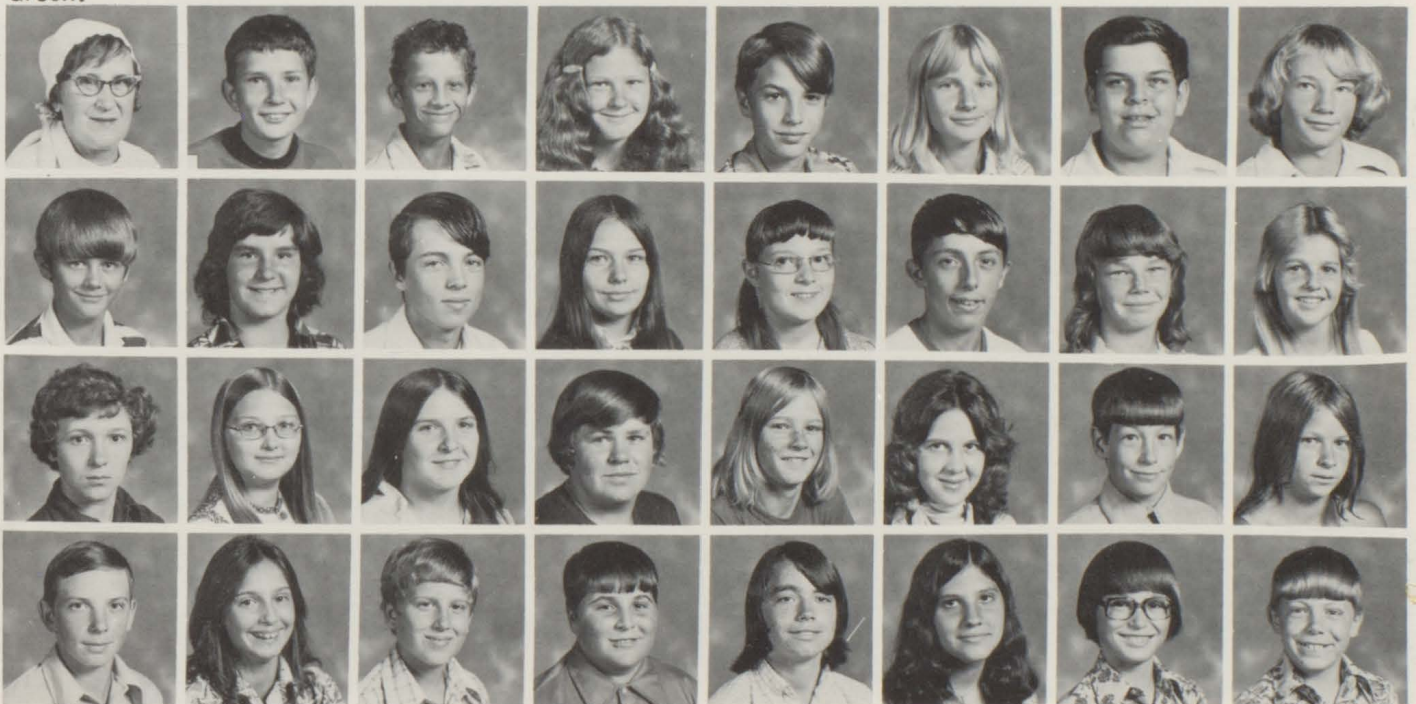
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# SEVENTH GRADES



Larry Newberry  
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 Chewing.  
 Paul Dillow, Carl Felty, Lora Groseclose, Jimmy Harper, Todd Hoge, Karen Hounshell, Tracy Hylton, Alan King.  
 Bobby King, Becky Lambert, Ricky McKinney, Joy Miller, Jaimie Morehead, Mark Mustard, Danny Newberry,  
 Dawn Newberry.  
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 Green.



Miss Neal, Darrell Banes, Eddie Blankenship, Sheila Carroll, Jeffrey Cassell, Geneva Clark, Gerald Clemons, Mark  
 Compton  
 Norman Dillow, Laura Gordon, Frankie Gray, Lucy Gray, Juanita Harris, Gary Hubble, Lisa King, Lynette Lesaus,  
 Paul Lucas, Pam Melvin, Connie Millirons, Scott Mustard, Jerry Mutter, Kamala Neel, Mark Newberry, Jerry  
 Pauley.  
 David Simmons, Tammy Smelser, Robert Stockner, Thomas Stowers, Billy Taylor, Sheri Tolbert, Mike Umbarger,  
 Rex Winesett.

# 1977 BEGINNING BAND - 5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH



Kathy Irby, Eric Ellison, Gary Miller, John Dillow, Marty Wolfe, Thomas Dillow, Rex Winesett, Paul Lucas, Donna Dalton, Valerie Lambert, Becky McPeak, Pam Melvin, Donna Strock, Mike Smelser, Paula Mustard, Cecil Compton.

## MRS. BARLOW'S 6TH GRADE



Mrs. Barlow, Marsha Agee, Charlie Bane, Jane Banes, Lyn Banes, Jennifer Bogle, Eddie Baxley, Tonnie Carver, Karen Chandler, Tommy Clark, Mary Clemons, Alex Davis, Thomas Dillow, Gary Felty, Bobby Gordon, Tammy Gravley, Joyce Harper, Camilla Kent, Kim Kidd, Valerie Lambert, Chuck McKinney, Becky McPeak, Joey Newberry, Todd Parker, Harvey Pruett, Donna Shelton, Sharon Simmons, Ronnie Stansell, Barry St. Germain, Todd Taylor, Lonnie Thomas, Renee Thompson, Tracey Walker, Mark Woolwine.

## MRS. NEWBERRY'S FIFTH GRADE



Mrs. Newberry, Sandy Bane, Debbie Belcher, Tammy Blevins, Lori Chase, Troy Childress, Crystal Clemons, Deedee Clemons, Lonnie Clemons, Melba Clemons, Mary Ann Cochran Cecil Compton, Stephen Cox, Donna Dalton, John Dillow, Ronald Dillow, Eric Ellison, Linda Ellison, Geoffery Fanning, Marty Hutchins, Cathy Irby, Sammy King Rita Lambert, Jeanetta Mallory, Brian Mustard, Paula Mustard, Larry Mutter, Ricky Pruitt, Sarah Pruitt, Michael Smelser, Sue Smith, Anita Stowers, Donna Strock

## MRS. BIRD'S FOURTH GRADE



Mrs. Bird, David Blankenship, Lola Blevins, David Braithwaite, Jimmie Brown, Sarah Bunyan, Jeffrey Cox, Kelly Davis  
 Timmy Davis, Helen Hamblin, Norma Harden, Matthew Harmon, Annette King, Joanne Matz, Vanessa McKinney, Marshall McPeak  
 Michael Meador, Michael Melvin, Michelle Morris, Mitch Munsey, Gary Mustard, Lori Neel, Marcella Newberry, Kathryn Richardson  
 Theresa Richardson, Bruce Shelton, Jimmy Shrader, Debbie Simmons, Patricia Smith, Chuck Turner, Becky Umbarger, Lisa Waddle, Debbie Warden, Arnie Wimmer, Arthur Wolfe, Tammy Wolfe

## MRS. KING'S THIRD GRADE



Mrs. King, Everett Baxley, John Bogle, Jamie Chewning, Ronnie Clemons, Laura Cochran, Pam Davis, Barry Dillow, Ben Dillow, Kenny Froy  
 Tracy Kegley, Billy King, Gene Lambert, Steve Meador, Rebecca Melvin, Teresa Miller, Jeri Mustard  
 LeAnna Mustard, Shaunn Neel, Randy Riggle, Renee Ring, Ervin Sparks, Angela Strock, Lisa Talbert  
 Lynn Tate, Eric Taylor, Lucy Taylor, Michael Townley, Ryland Wade, Sherri Wimmer, Tracy Wolfe

## MRS. MILLER'S SECOND AND THIRD GRADE



Mrs. Miller, Tommy Brewster, Steven Chandler, Chris Childress, Onie Davis  
 Wayne Davis, Joe Dewilde, Mark Hamblin, Jimmy Harden, Ricky Kent  
 Denise King, Ronny King, Terry Lang, Terry Mustard, Bill Mutter, David Mutter, Wendell Parker, Donna Richardson, Ernie Shelton

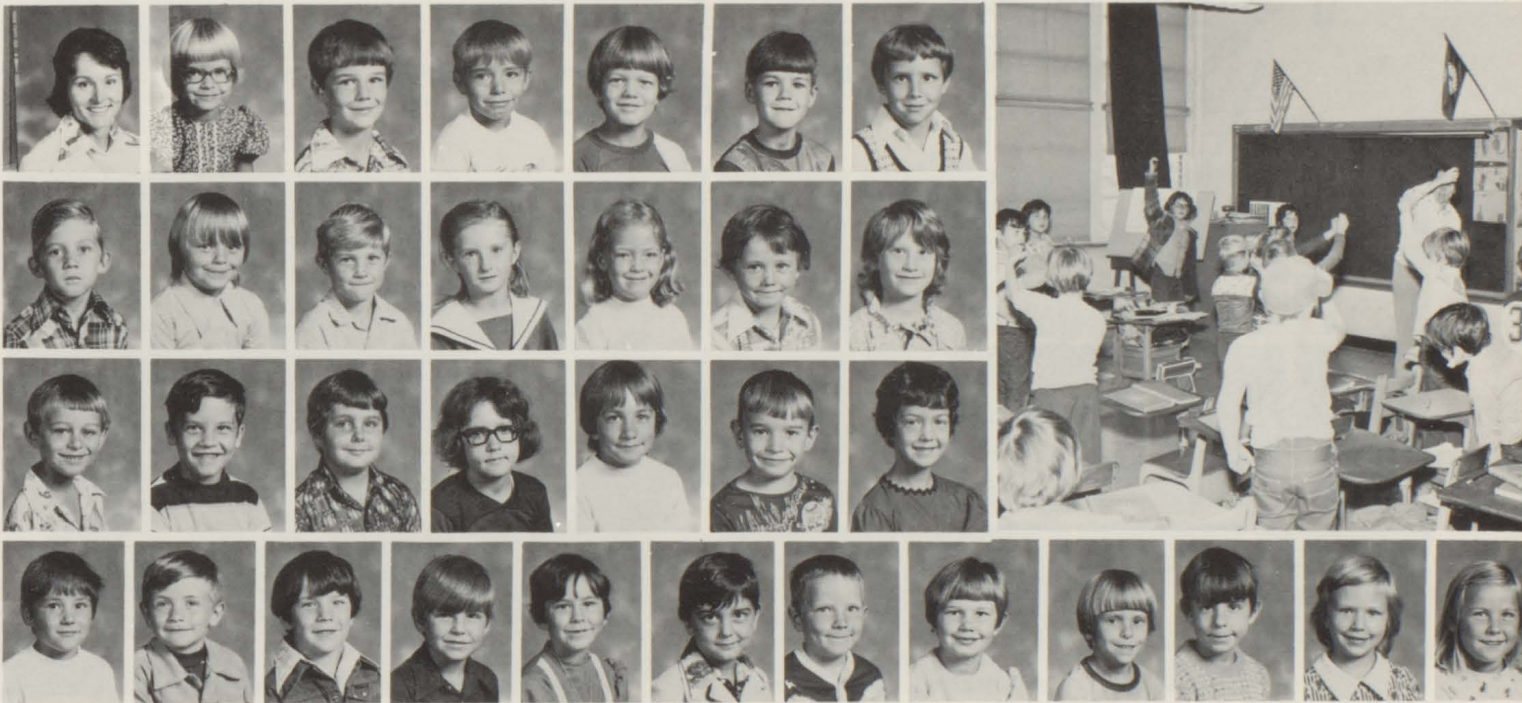


# MRS. TATE'S SECOND GRADE



Patricia Green  
 Mrs. Tate, Phillip Bogle, Shawn Compton, Steven Curry, Darnell Davis, Amy Drummond, Stephen Fanning, Lisa Gravley, Mark Gusler  
 Tammy Haga, Bob Hylton, Samantha Hylton, Idette King, Rusty King, Deana Lakey, Janet Millirons, LaMoore Muncy, Lyle Muncy, Tammy Mustard, Lori Nelson  
 Carla Pauley, Dawn Pruitt, Carrie Shelton, Leon Sink, Myra Stockner, Eric Strock, Timmy Thompson, Bryan Townley, Hope Townley, Todd Turner, Elizabeth Umbarger

# MRS. CHASE'S FIRST GRADE



Mrs. Chase, Angela Atwell, Scott Belcher, Junior Blevins, Joey Bogle, Billy Burton, Brian Chase  
 Kevin Cox, Freda Davis, Roscoe Davis, Sante Fe Davis, Tammy Davis, Brad Dillow, Pamela Dillow  
 Randy Dillow, Kevin Fore, Randy Franklin, Leroy Hamblin, Richie Havens, Michael Hounshell, Roberta Kegley  
 Shannon King, Scott Lambert, Robert Lambert, Jonathon Melvin, Sarah Newberry, Gerhard Schoenthal, Sammy Simons, Jennifer Stafford, Brian Townley, Ellis Wade, Donna Warden, Michelle Wright

## MRS. REYNOLD'S KINDERGARTEN



Mrs. Reynold, Amanda Baxley, Chip Bird, Joyce Bruce, Michael Fanning, Charmin Gravley, Becky Hancock, Lynn Miller, Shawn Morris, Shawn Nelson, Jamie Pauley, Latrayle Shewey, John Stafford, Tammy Swanson, Randy Townley, Rusty Warden

## MRS. SCOTT'S KINDERGARTEN



Mrs. Scott, Jamie Barnett, Tiffany Bowen, Chad Chandler, Sonya Chewning, Rita Hamblin, Todd Harden, Kathy Kidd, Heath Muncy, Chippie Nelson, Aaron Newberry, Julie Pauley, Johnny Strauss, Robbie Waddle, Sarah Strock not pictured



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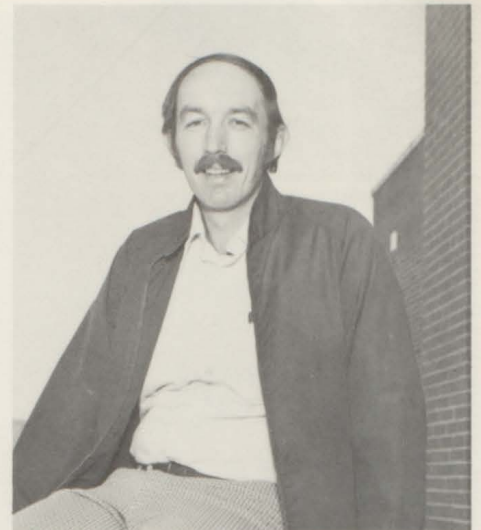
# STUDENT

# ASSOCIATION

## COUNCIL



Jr. Stowers-President



Mr. Richard Havens-Sponsor

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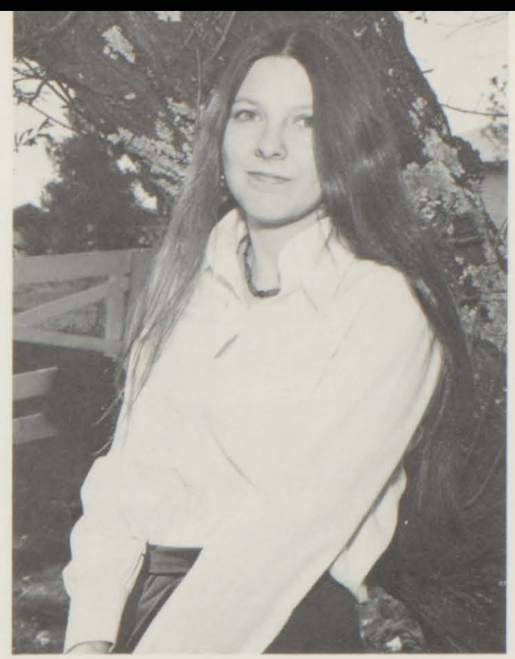


SCA Council: L. To R. (Bottom Row) Jr. Stowers, Rhonda Hayton, Chuck Johnson. (Second Row) Patty Hylton, Reta Pruitt, John Muncy. (Third Row) Lester Hancock, Mary Lynn Pruett, Steve Scott, Bekkie Muncy, Ruth Ann Turner, Kathy Hounshell, (Fourth Row) Jamie Bunyan, Ila Conley, Lesa Harden, Susie Hylton, Vicie King, Mr. Havens, Michelle Blankenship.



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Debbie Dillow; Editor



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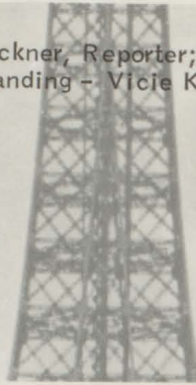


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# LE CERCLE DE FRANCAIS

French Club Officer: Sitting (L. to R.) - Karen Stockner, Reporter; Debbie Burton, La Chanteuse, Bekki Muncy, President; Standing - Vicie King Vice-President; Debbie Newberry, La Chanteuse



French Club Members: First Row (L. to R.) Judi Stuart, Brenda Barger, Becky Hoge, Beverly Irby, Bekki Muncy, Debbie Burton, Rebecca White. Second Row - Patty Chewning, Becky Harris, Vic Groseclose, Rhonda Hayton, Karen Stockner, Mrs. Helen P. Hardy, Sponsor. Third Row - Vicie King, Debbie Newberry, Debbie Dillow, Connie Smith, Jamie Bunyan.



Dramatics Classes: (Seated L. to R.) Steve Scott, Tim Harner, Joe Stiltner, Milton Davis, Lester Hancock. (Standing L. to R.) Laura Meadows, Becky Hoge, Missy Miller, Libby Brown, Rita Simmons, Cindy Compton, Rosemary Mutter, Not pictured—Mrs. Sandra Tarter, Sponsor.



... at One Act Play in '76

## DRAMATICS PERFORMS ...



... in a taxi driving scene



... for the Miss Echo Day program



... as a bunch of hams

# LIBRARY CLUB



Senior Club Officers: L. To R. (Bottom Row) Donnie Wilson, President; Sammy Shupe, Chaplain; (Top Row) Kathy Hounshell, Vice-President; Rebecca White, Secretary; Shirley Blankenship, Treasurer; Betty Epperson, Reporter.

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First Row: (L. To R.) Donnie Wilson, Carla Wolfe, Randy Strock, Charlie Brown, Mary Pruett, Sue Catterton, Karen Harden, Angela Killow, Rhonda Ellison, Kim Townley. (2nd Row) Ervin Wright, Patty Chewning, Kathy Hounshell, Rita Simmons, Janet Blankenship, Carol Baker, Becky Munsey, Barbara Dillow, Sammy Shupe, Betty Epperson, David Bane. (3rd Row) Becky White, Rhonda Hayton, Judi Stuart, Brenda Barger, Lesa Harden, Larry Muncy, Vicie King, Clifford Chewning, Debbie Dillow, Geraldine Faulkner, Shirley Blankenship, Rhonda Winesett, Mrs. Newberry.





Connie Smith-President

# BETA CLUB



Mrs. Janet Faulkner-Advisor

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Front Row (L. To R.) Connie Smith, Judi Stuart, Amanda Sadler, Debbie Newberry Susan Hayton. (2nd Row) Betty Epperson, Debbie Anders, Kimmie Ellison, Alice Tate, Carol Baker, Melba Pauley, Junior Stowers, Becky Hoge, Brenda Barger, Rhonda Hayton, Joyce Wiley, Rita Simmons, G.H. Peery, Bekkie Muncy, Debbie Dillow, Michelle Blankenship, Rebecca White, Jamie Bunyan, Mrs. Janet Faulkner.

## CHORUS



Chorus Members: First Row (L. to R.) Clif Westbrook, Lee Gordon, Carol Baker, Joyce Wiley. Second Row - Amanda Sadler, Susan Hayton, Debbie Burton, Debbie Anders, Third Row - Debra Dillow, Alma Mutter, Rosemary Mutter. Back Row - Debbie Newberry, Chuck Johnson, Mr. Kim Murphy, Director, (not pictured)



Chorus officers: (Front) Debra Dillow, Vice President; Joyce Wiley, Secretary; (Back) Rosemary Mutter, Chaplain; Amanda Sadler, Treasurer; Debbie Newberry, Reporter; Chuck Johnson, President.

## CHESS CLUB



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## BLAND HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Percussion Section (L. to R.): Kneeling--Cliff Pauley, Marilyn Penley, Randy Strock, Tommy Clark, Standing--Patty Hylton, Paul Dillow, Danny Newberry, Amanda Sadler, Tonnie Carver.

Woodwind Section (L. to R.) Kneeling--Karen Stockner, Susie Hylton, Kimberly Kidd, Tammy Smelser, Geneva Clark, Edwinna Stowers, Lucy Muncy, Charlie Brown, Todd Parker. Standing--Dawn Newberry, Debbie Burton, Dreama McPeak, Karen Hounshell, Laura Gordon, Michelle Blankenhip, Vicie King, Susan Kegley, Allen Mustard.



Brass Section (L. to R.)--Norman Dillow, Robert Stockner, Joey Newberry, Joey Bane, Donald Pauley, Larry Newberry, Eddie Baxley, Todd Taylor.



# FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



First Row (L. to R.) Miss Caldwell, Advisor; Rita Simmons, JoAnna Gusler, Brenda Barger, Carol Baker, Kathy Lang, Carla Wolfe, Shirley Wolfe.  
 Second Row: Alma Mutter, Shirley Blankenship, Rhonda Winesett, Cindy Compton, Roberta Morehead, Charlene Clemons, Rosemary Mutter, Christine St. Germain, Patricia Holt, Dora Catterton.  
 Third Row: Geraldine Faulkner, Michelle Gravley, Melba Pauley, Katherine Wiley, Myra Clemons, Sandy Pauley, Lesa Harden, Becky Munsey, Susan Hayton, Ila Conley, Mary Etta Umbarger.  
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First Row (L. to R.) Susan Hayton, Secretary; Rita Simmons, 1st Vice-President; Brenda Barger, President; Lisa Walker, 2nd Vice-President, Kathy Dillow, Treasurer; (2nd Row) Michelle Gravley, Reporter; Carol Baker, Historian; Ila Conley and Andrea Gordon, Song Leaders, Myra Clemons-Chaplain.



Miss Wanda Caldwell-Advisor



Little Miss Bland County 1976  
Miss Idette King



Miss Bland County 1976  
Miss Jennifer Ferguson



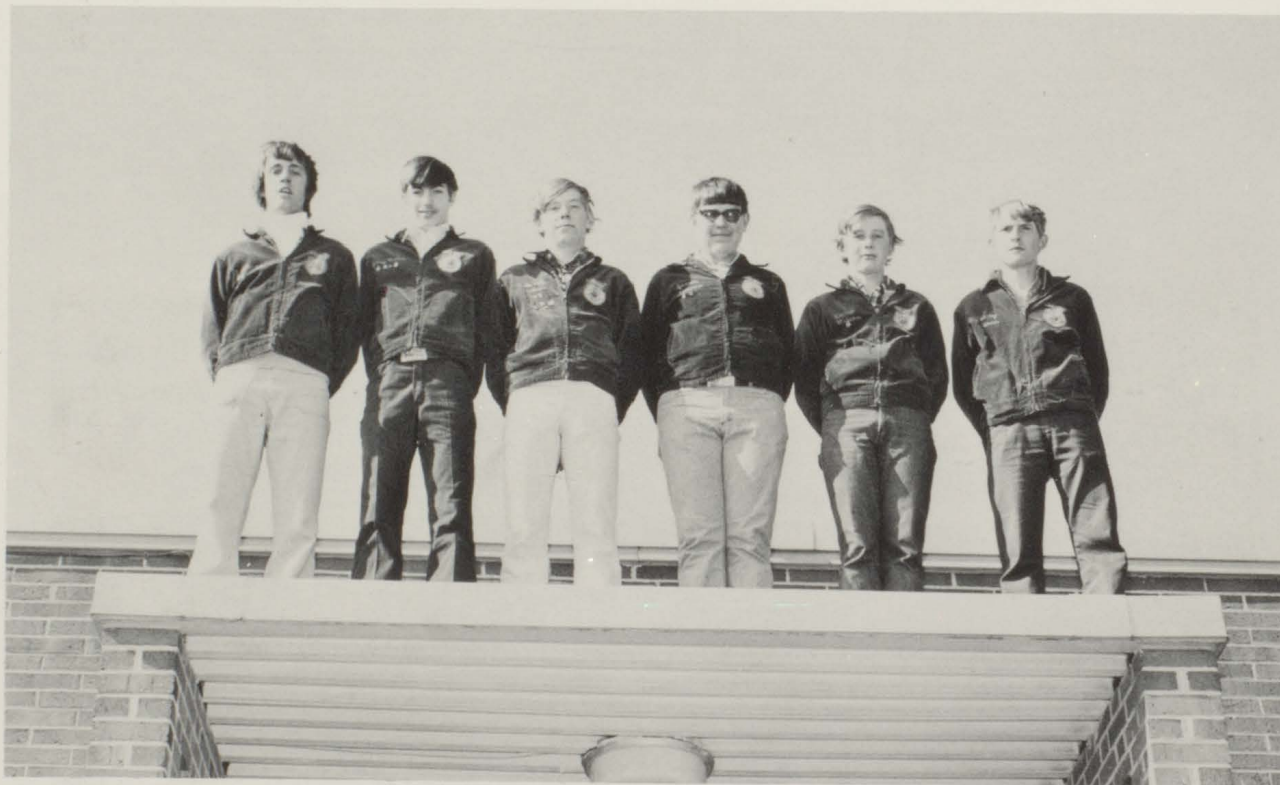
Home EC. Class of Arts and Crafts: (L. to R. Standing) Connie Smith, Becky Munsey, Kathy Hounshell, JoAnna Gusler, Miss Caldwell, Glenda Campbell, Melba Pauley. (Sitting) Barbara Dillow and Janet Blankenship.



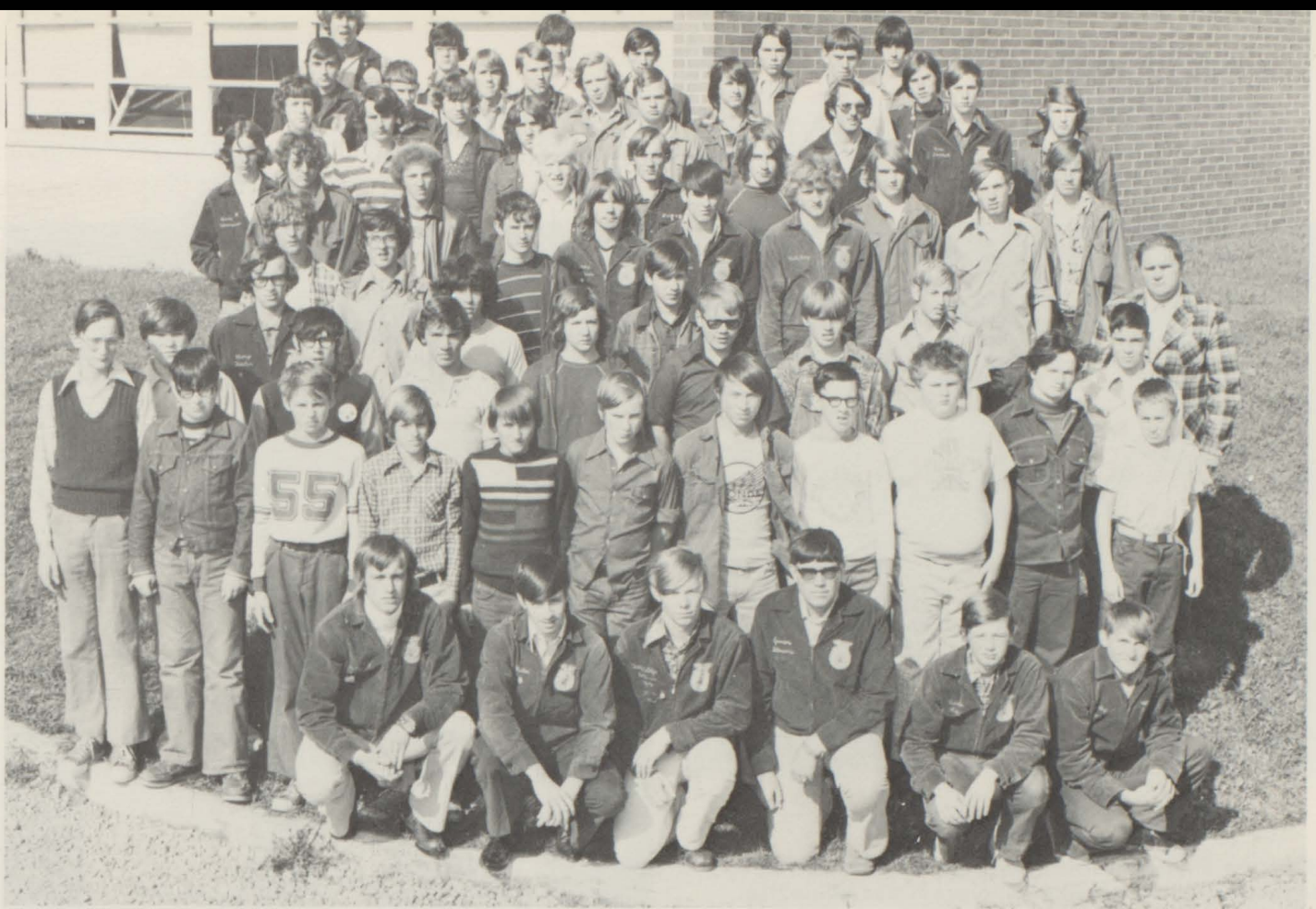
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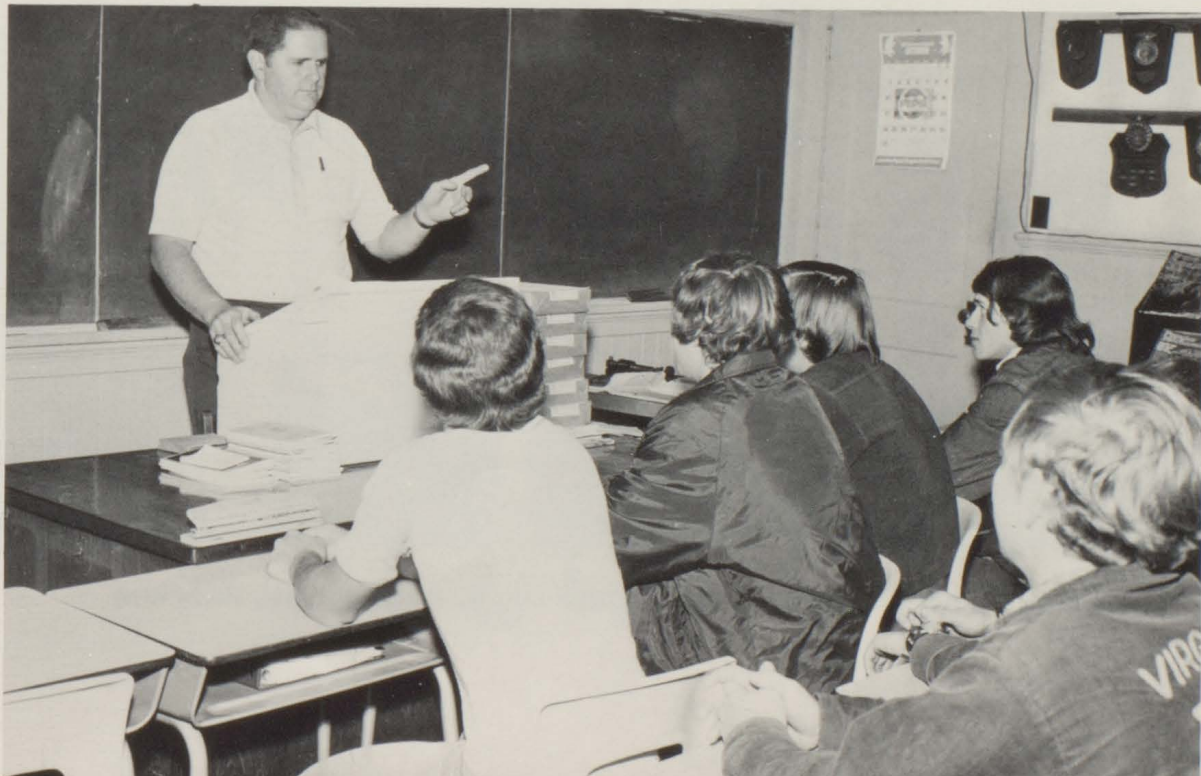
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# HONOR STUDENTS



Double Bar Student - Debbie Dillow

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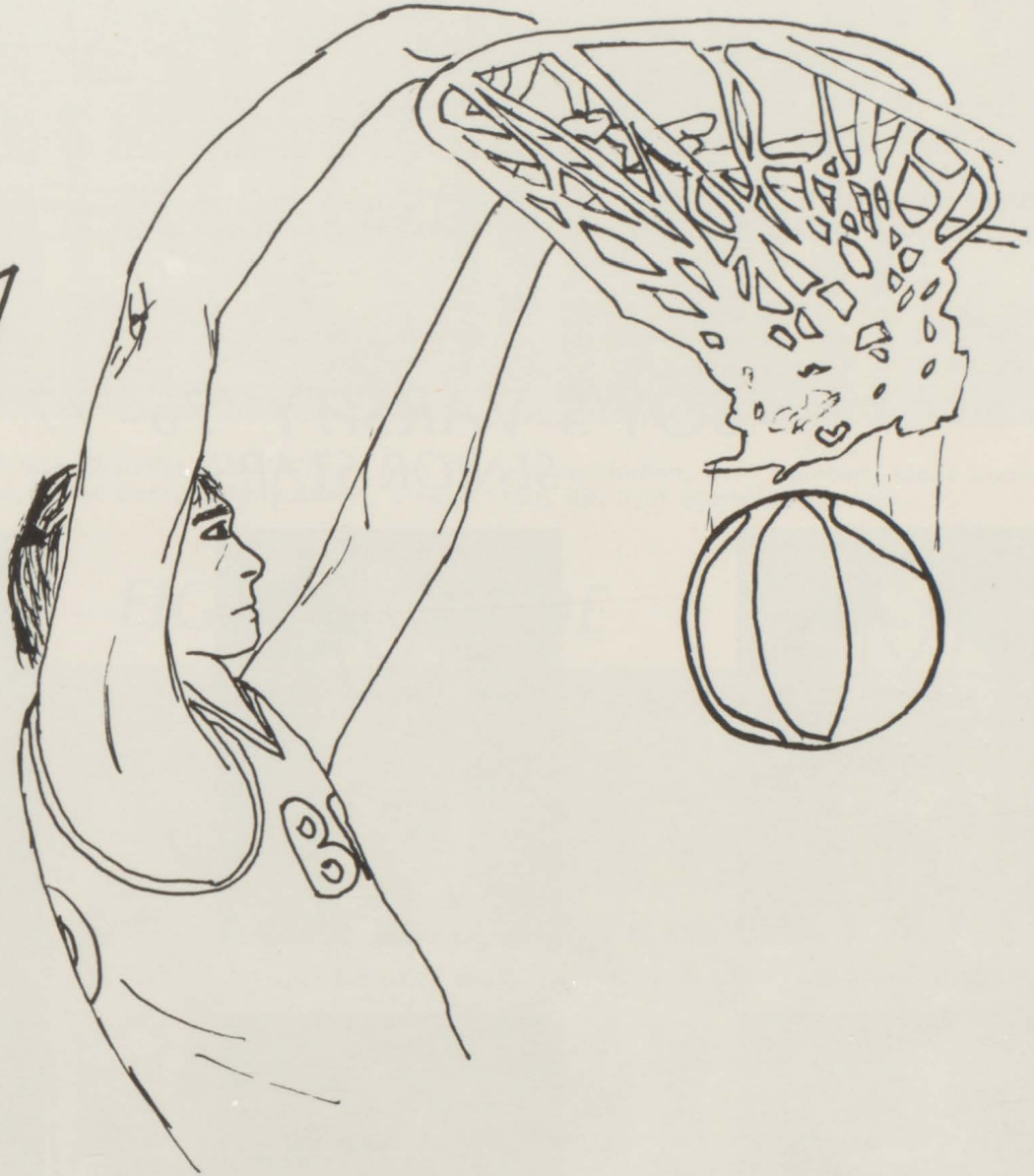
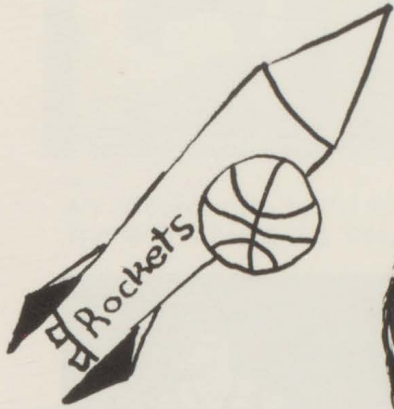


Single Bar Students - (L. to R.) Beverly Irby, Judi Stuart, Michelle Blankenship



Letter Students - (L. to R.) Kim Smith, Kim Ellison, Karen Stockner, Vicie King





# ATHLETICS



Varsity Rockets: (L. to R.) Matt King, Steve Scott, Tim Harner, Todd Fulford, Guy Ramsey, Joe Stiltner, Victor Groseclose, Andy Moran, G.H. Peery, Bill Tate, Charlie Wolfe, Mr. Sam Groseclose - Coach

## BOY'S VARSITY '76-'77 SENIOR STARS



Joe Stiltner-4 years



Todd Fulford-1 year



Tim Harner-2 years



G.H. Peery-2 years



Steve Scott-1 year



Matt King-2 years

## BOY'S J.V. ROCKETS



J.V. Rockets: (L. to R.) Chuck Chandler, David Wilson, Gary Foster, John Harden, Leon Lambert, Meek Bowen, Theron Newberry, Jay Cox, David Bane, Timmy Anders, Stewart Felty, Mr. Sam Groseclose—Coach

## EIGHTH GRADE



Eighth Grade Rockets; (Kneeling L. to R.) Mike Lesauis, David Braithwaite, Phil Peery, John Muncy, Randy Strock, Charlie Brown. (Standing L. to R.) Timmy Richardson, Roy Umbarger, Mike Sarver, Donald Pauley, Ricky Shrader, Mr. Richard Havens—Coach.

# HOMECOMING 1977

BHS held its annual Homecoming on January 14. The dance was held in the Wagner Auditorium immediately following the Bland-Rocky Gap ballgame. The highlight of the dance was the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and the announcing of her court, (all pictured and named at left). East Street provided the music for the dance.



Homecoming Court: (L. to R.) Debbie Dillow, Senior, Missy Miller, Junior; Becky Hoge, Queen, Susie Hylton, Sophomore; Mary Bowen, Freshman; Patty Hylton, Eighth Grade.



# BLAND VS ROCKY GAP



JV Rockets blast Eagles

Rocky Gap visited Bland on Homecoming Night, January 14, and was overpowered in both the JV and Varsity games.

JV game: Bland-34 Rocky Gap-30

Varsity game:

Bland	84	Rocky Gap	48
Stiltner	28	Musick	15
Groseclose	15	Brixendine	15
Wolfe	14	Havens	9
Fulford	12	Sluss	7
Moran	11	Andrews	5
Scott	4		



Joe does it again.

BHS spirit.



"It's got to come down sometime!!"

It's a bird, it's a plane,  
no, it's Flying Charlie up  
for 2.





Varsity Rockettes: (Kneeling L. to R.) Kathy Hounshell, Kim Smith, Connie Smith, Michelle Blankenship, Vicie King (Standing L. to R.) Missy Miller, Kathy Dillow, Lisa Walker, Alice Tate, Becky Hoge, S.F. Groseclose-Coach



Kathy Hounshell -- 2 years



Becky Hoge -- 2 years

## GIRL'S VARSITY '76-'77

### SENIOR STARS



Alice Tate -- 1 year



Connie Smith -- 4 years



Kathy Dillow -- 1 year

# GIRL'S JUNIOR VARSITY '76-'77

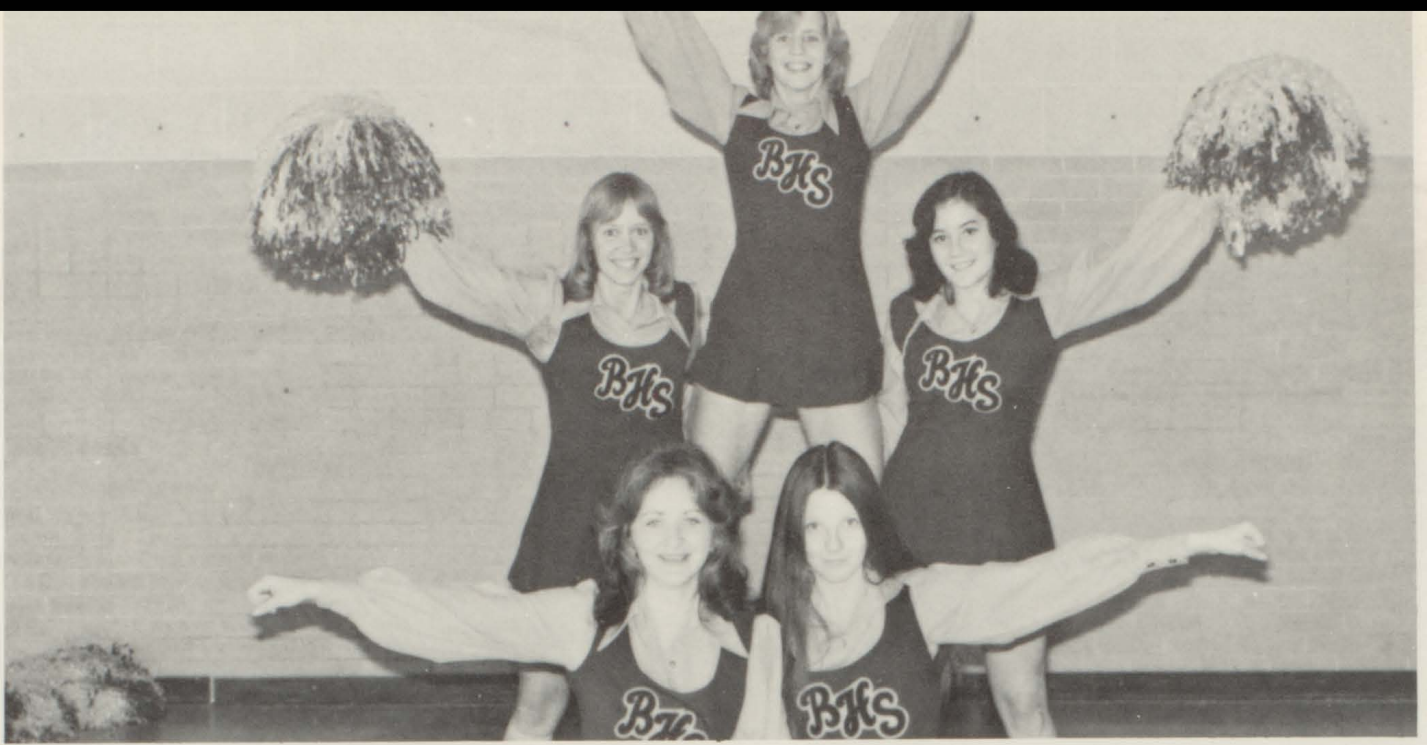


J.V. Rockettes: (Kneeling L. to R.) Libby Brown, Mary Bowen, Andrea Gordon, Michelle Woolwine, Lesa Harden. (Standing L. to R.) Ginger Kent, Karen Stockner, Laura Meadows, Susie Hylton, Teresa Tolbert, Susan Kegley, Cindy Umbarger. S.F. Groseclose -- Coach

## COACH'S ASSISTANTS



L. to R. -- Junior Stowers -- Manager; Kim Smith -- Scorekeeper; John Muncy -- Assistant Manager (Girls)



## BLAND HIGH CHEERLEADERS '76-'77



Judi Stuart - Senior  
4 years

With a step that is  
steady and strong,  
Old Bland High marches along,  
True to the colors we wear,  
The maroon and gold so fair,  
United in true fellowship,  
That the days and the years  
may not sever,  
To you we will always be true,  
To Bland High, to Bland High,  
forever.

Captains . . .



Debbie Dillow - Senior  
4 years







Missy Miller-Junior  
3 years

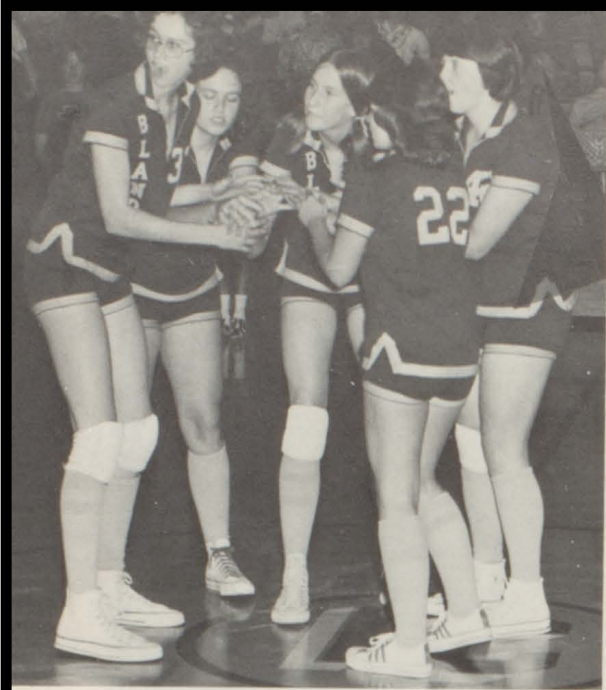


Kim Ellison-Junior  
3 years



Debbie Burton-Sophomore  
1 year





Ah, just hush ref; we're comin'!



Is it working?

## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS '76-'77



I know it's not polite to point, but she's losing her pants.



It's "Twinkletoes Blankenship".





Mountain Empire District Champions 1976-1977

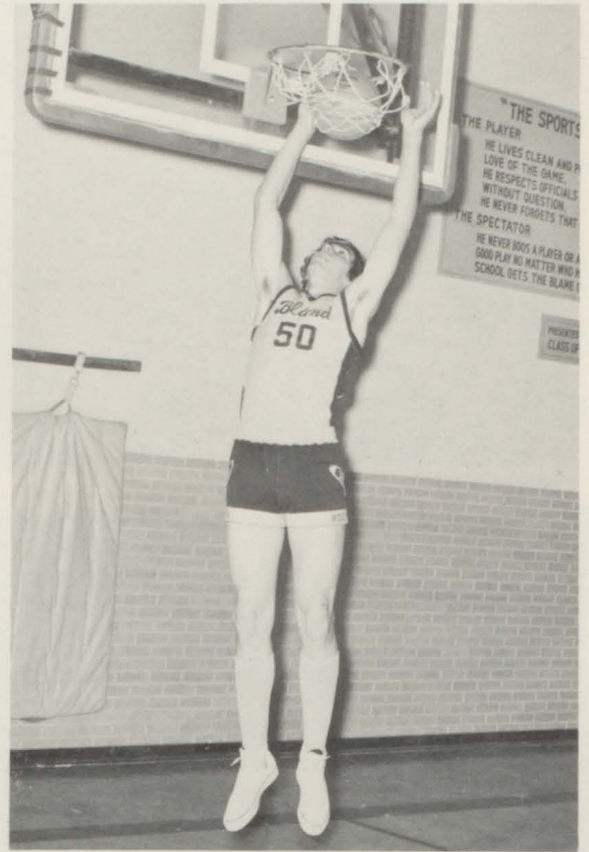


# ROCKET LAUNCH PAD . . .

## J.V. AND VARSITY ACTION



Blast Off! !!



Big Joe -- State scoring leader--doing what he knows best.



Vic Groseclose nabs a rebound.



J.V. fights for a victory against Rocky Gap.



# NEW BLAND COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT



Dr. Maynard R. Joyce

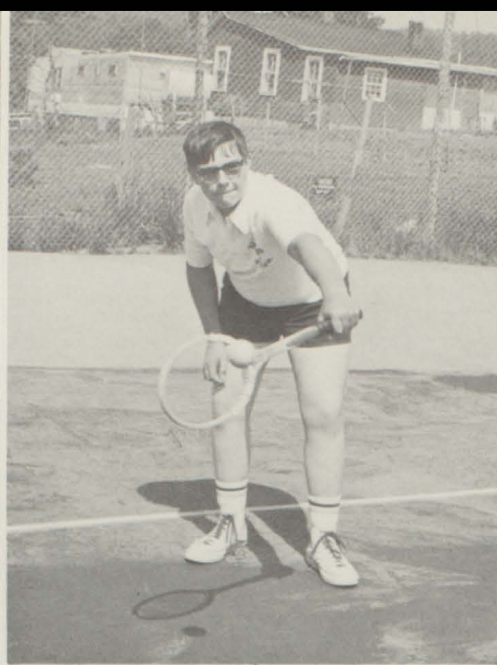
Dr. Maynard R. Joyce was appointed Superintendent of Bland County Schools February 1, 1977 to fill the vacancy left by the death of Victor R. Gilly. Dr. Joyce received his master's degree from Radford College and his doctorate from V.P.I. & S.U. in Public School Administration.

## CLASS OF 1977





Matthew King



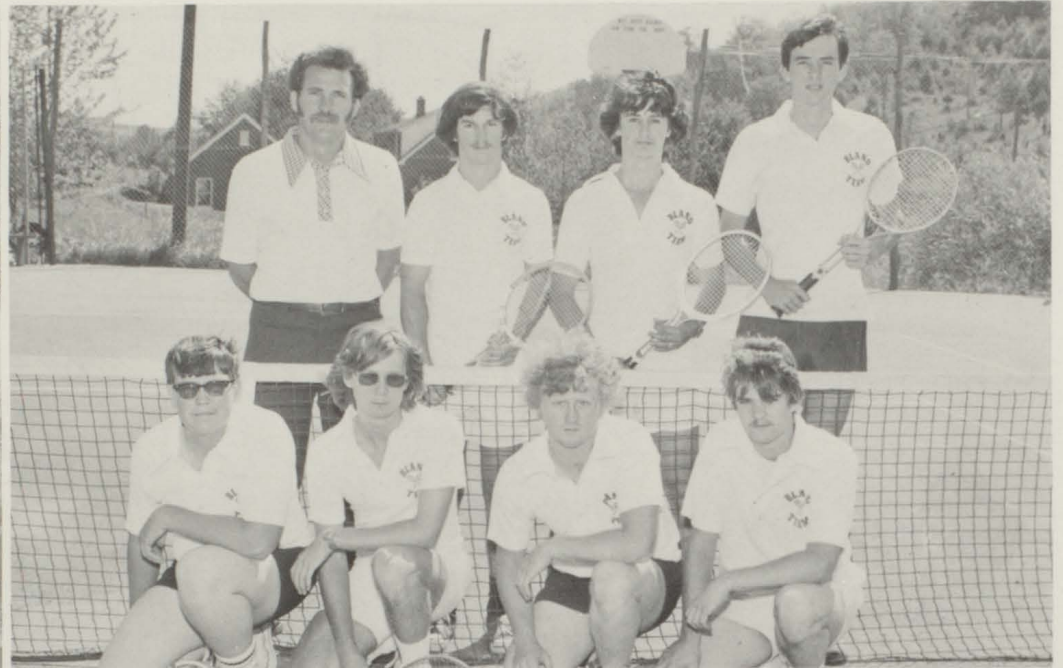
Junior Stowers



Larry Muncy



Steve Scott



Front Row: L. to R. Junior Stowers, Dale Clark, Matt King, Larry Muncy.  
(2nd Row) Mr. Thompson, Tommy Bird, Steve Scott, Jerry Smith.

# TENNIS '75-76



Tommy Bird



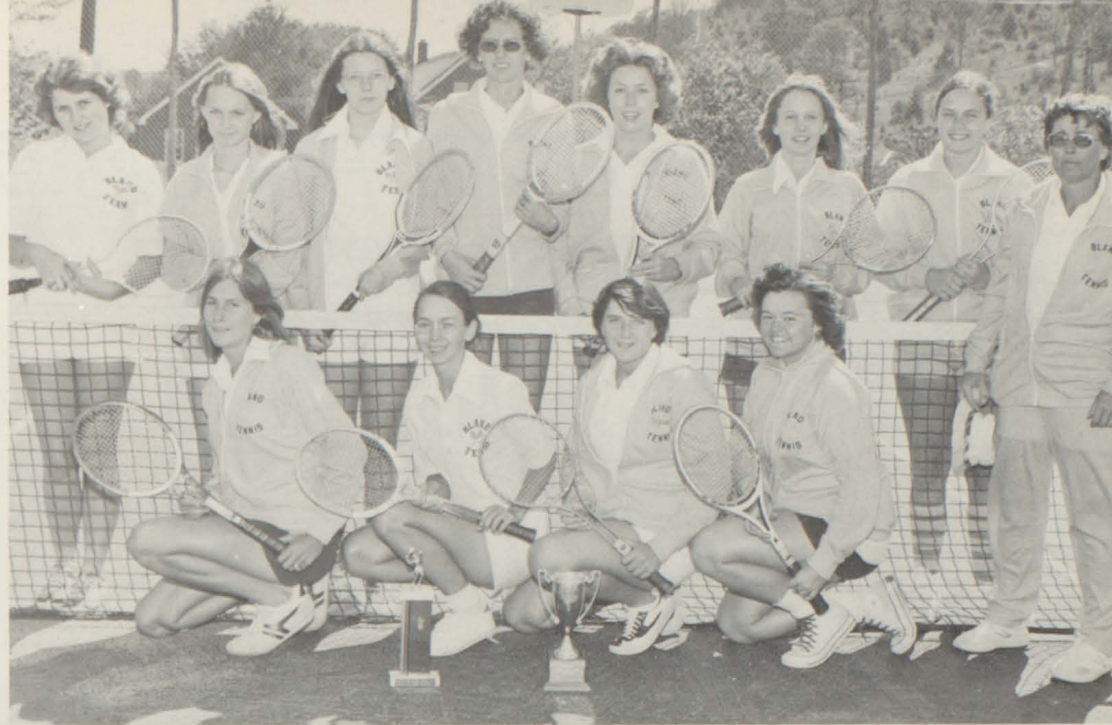
Jerry Smith



Dale Clark



Top-Sarah Miller  
Bottom-Lynda Muncy



Front Row: L. to R. Connie Smith, Sarah Miller, Michelle Blankenship, Lynda Muncy, Mrs. Tarter. (2nd Row) Becky Hoge, Kathy Dillow, Debbie Dillow, Kim Smith, Jackie Mustard, Missy Miller, Vicie King.



Missy Miller



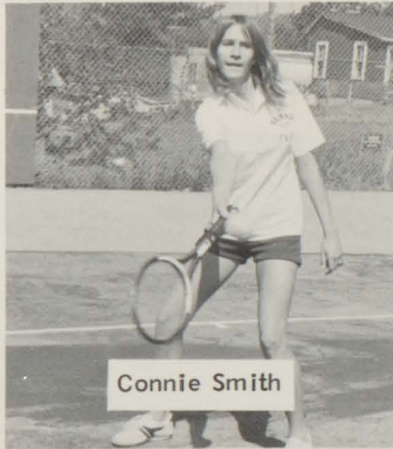
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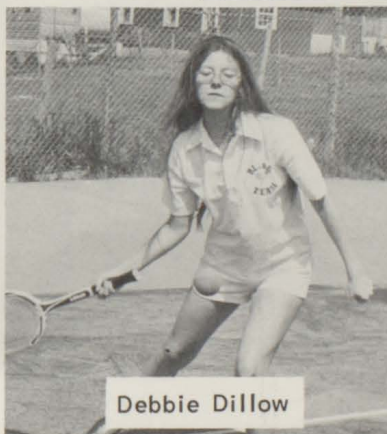
Michelle Blankenship



Connie Smith



Becky Hoge



Debbie Dillow



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Jackie Mustard

# BASKETBALL HONORS '75-'76



In the 1975-76 season, the Bland Rockettes captured the Mountain Empire District Championship with a total record of 15 wins and 3 losses.

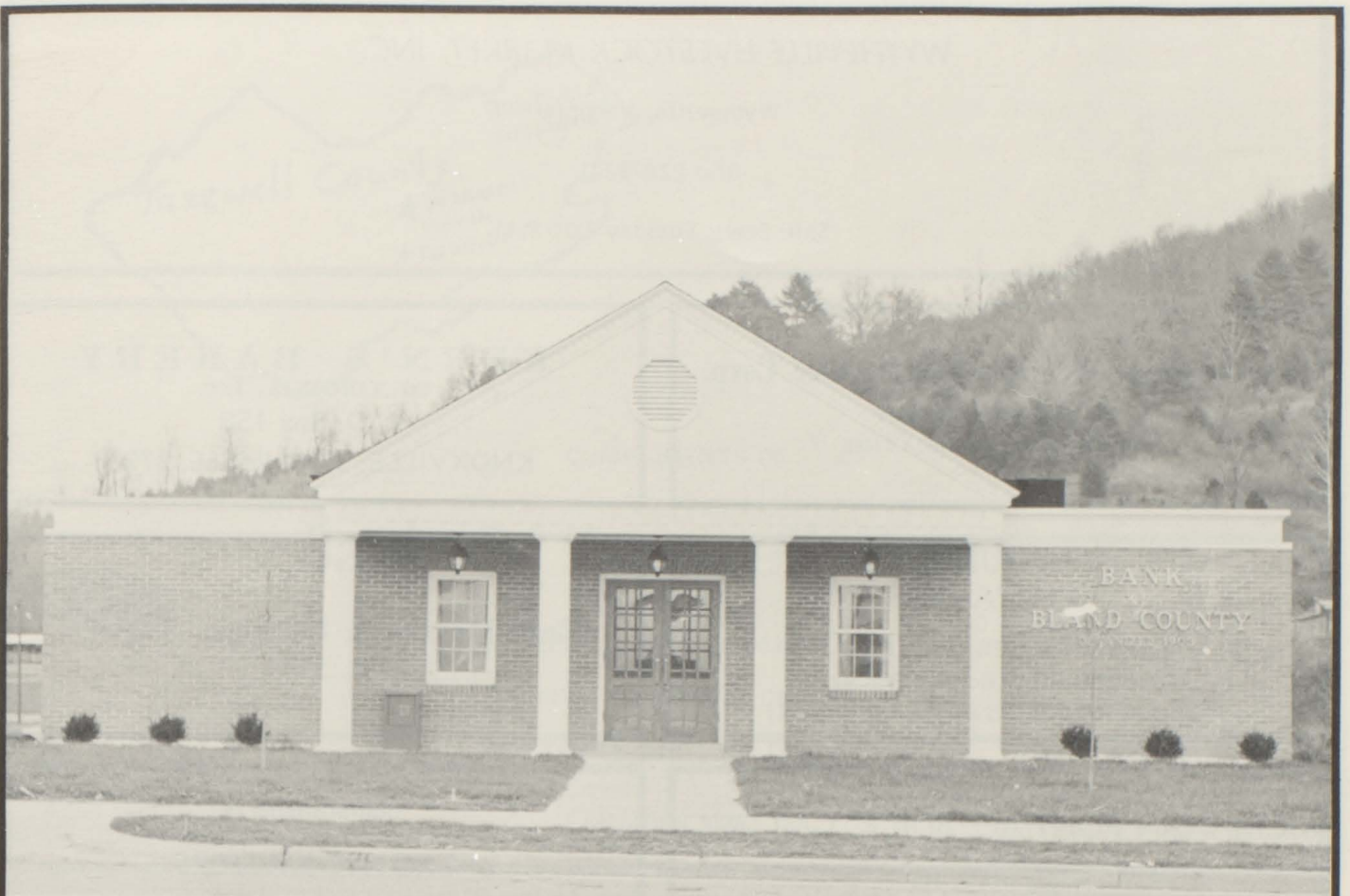
Kneeling-L. to R. Connie Smith, Debbie Newberry, Kim Smith, Dede Turner, Sarah Miller, and Jackie Mustard.  
Standing- Kathy Hounshell, Sheila Richardson, Lynda Muncy, Becky Hoge, and Coach-Mr. Groseclose.

L. to R. Dale Clark, Timmy Harner, G.H. Peery, III, Ray Puckett, Jerry Smith, Joe Stiltner, Snuffy Green, Jimmy Tate, Loyd Breedlove, and Coach-Mr. Groseclose.

Roaring through the 1975-76 season, the Bland Varsity Rockets won the Mountain Empire District Co-Championship with a seasonal record of 21 wins and 4 losses. After this successful season the Bland Rockets went on to become District Tournament Champions.







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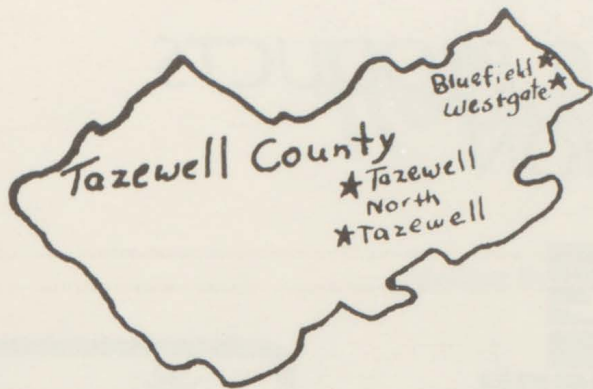
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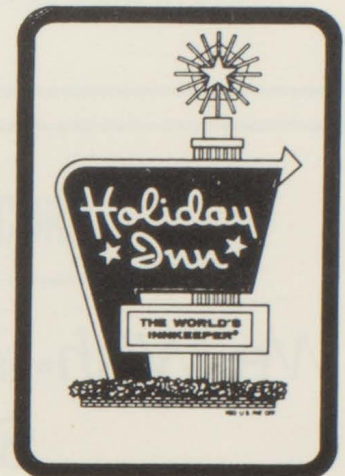
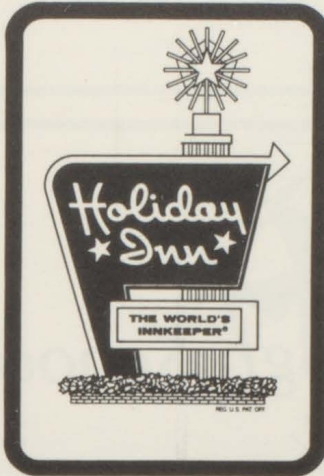
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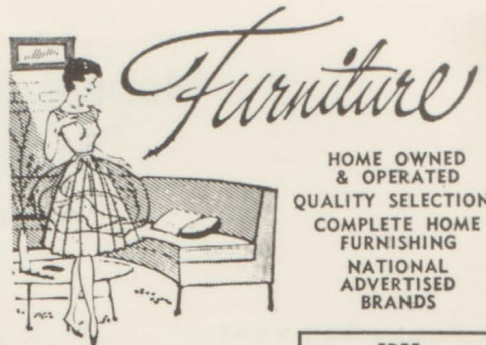
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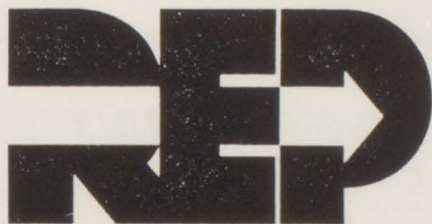
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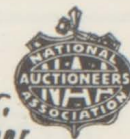
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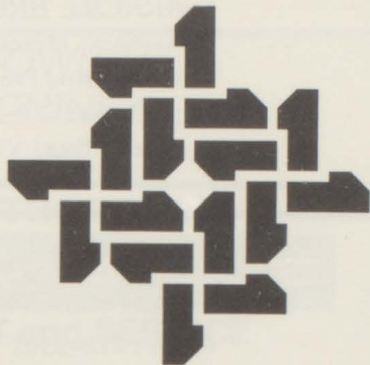
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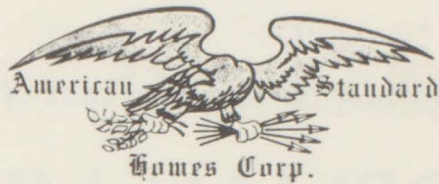
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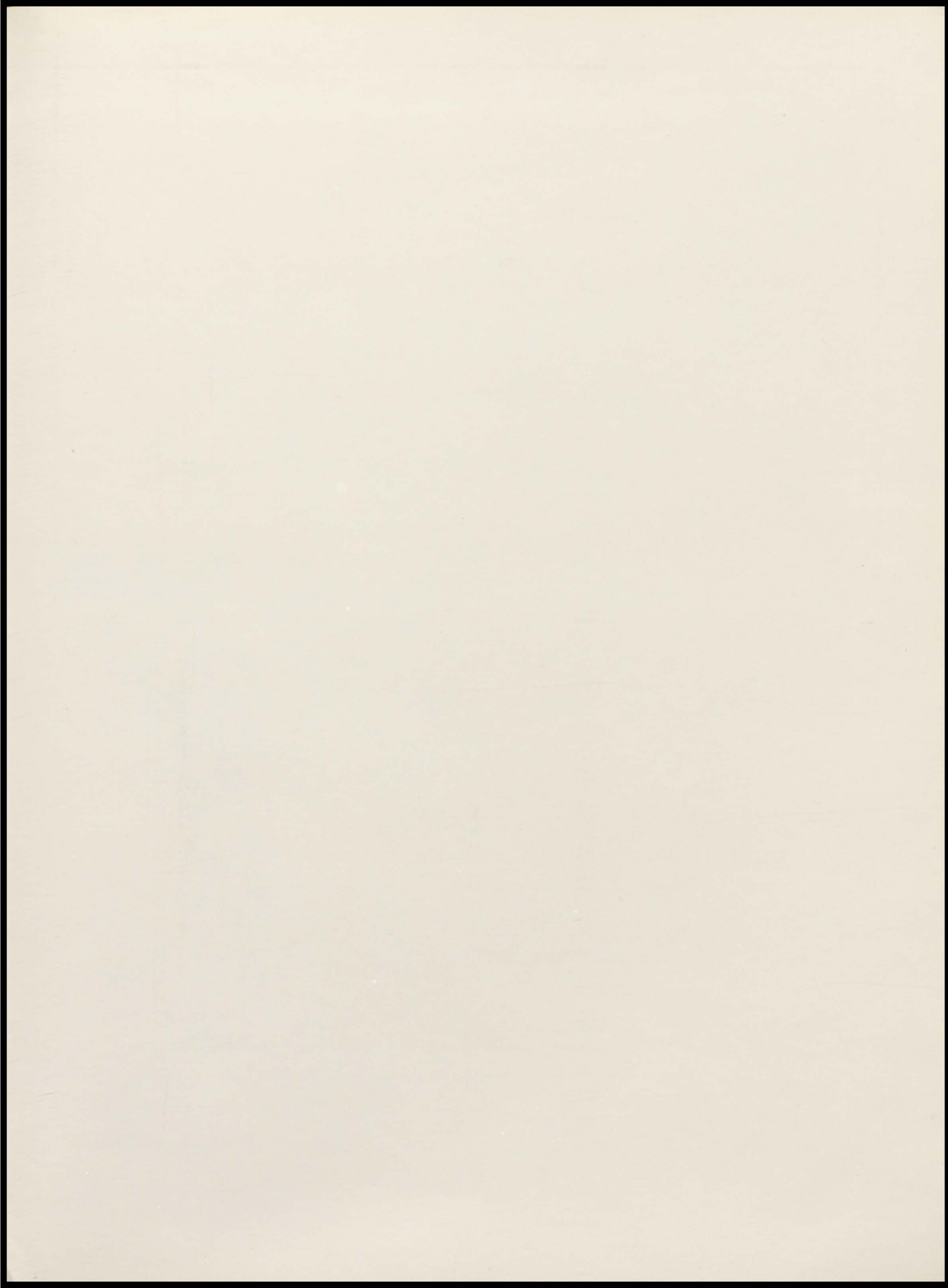
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