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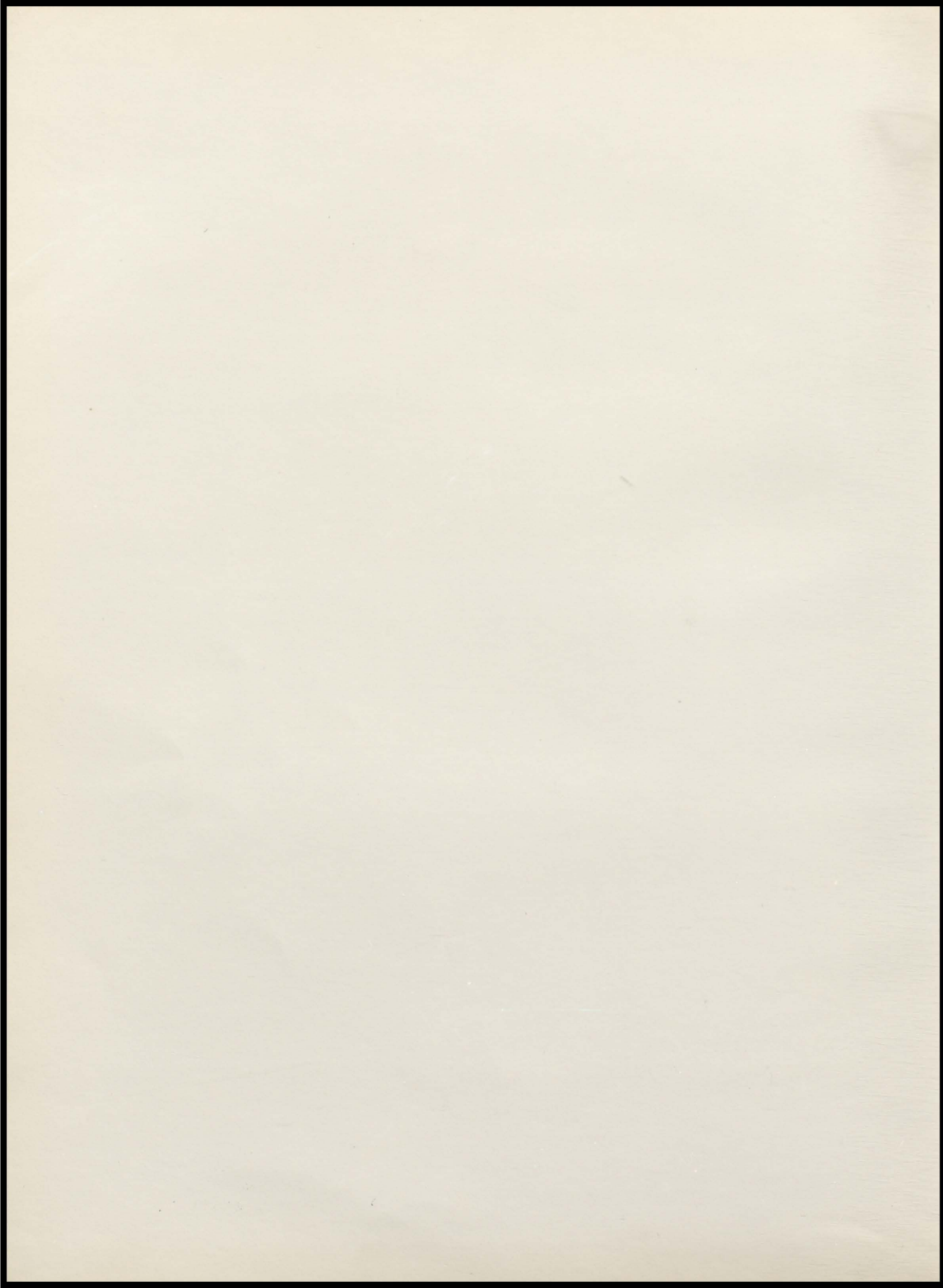
Bland High School













# THE ECHO 1978 VOL. 33

"OUR YEAR IN PICTURES"



*BLAND HIGH SCHOOL, BLAND, VIRGINIA*

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*MICHELLE BLANKENSHIP  
JOYCE WILEY  
MRS. ELIZABETH G. NEWBERRY*

*EDITOR  
ASST. EDITOR  
ADVISOR*





Mrs. Faulkner

"You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy."

## DEDICATION

In grateful appreciation of the guidance she has given us through the past five years, we, the senior class of 1978, proudly dedicate this edition of "The Echo" to our devoted sponsor, Mrs. Janet B. Faulkner.



Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Faulkner and sons, Eric and Aaron





## CLASS OF 1978



Mrs. Faulkner aids seniors.



Mrs. Janet Faulkner  
Eric and Aaron



# THE ECHO STAFF



L. to R.-Betty Epperson, Joyce Wiley, Debbie Breedlove, Missy Miller, Mrs. Newberry, Michelle Blankenship, Jamie Bunyan, Kim Ellison, Jo Anna Gusler, Clif Westbrook, Cindy Compton, Glenda Campbell. Not Pictured: Andy Moran, Sammy Shupe.



Mrs. Elizabeth G. Newberry, Advisor



Michelle Blankenship, Editor





Joyce Wiley, Assistant Editor

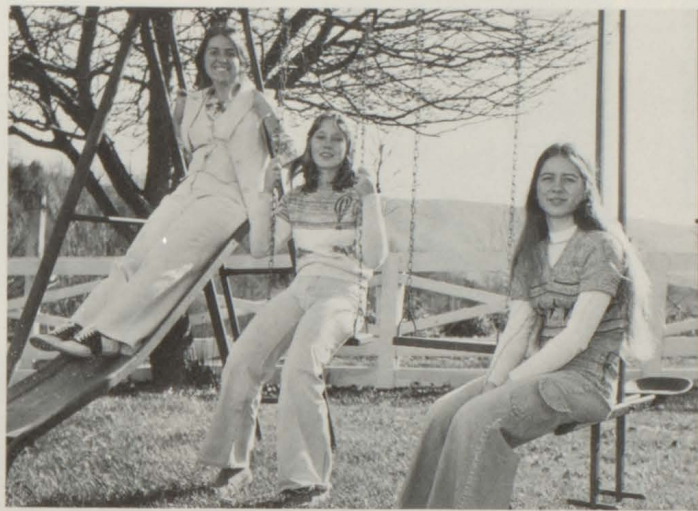


Missy Miller, Activities Editor Debbie Breedlove, Subscription Manager

**STAFF MEMBERS**



Andy Moran



L. to R.-Glenda Campbell, Cindy Compton, Jo Anna Gusler



Sammy Shupe

Clif Westbrook, Layout Editor Jamie Bunyan, Photo Editor

Kim Ellison, Business Manager Betty Epperson, Business Manager







Jenny P. Kidd,  
Class of '78



Who taught whom???







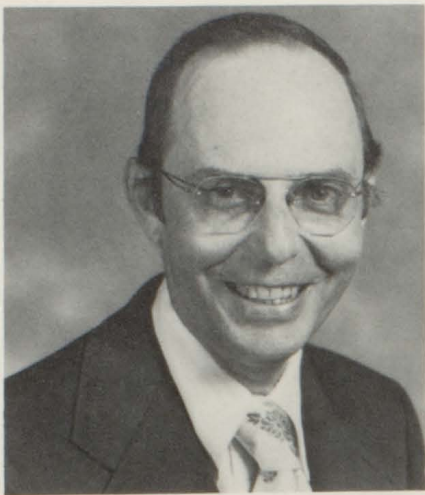
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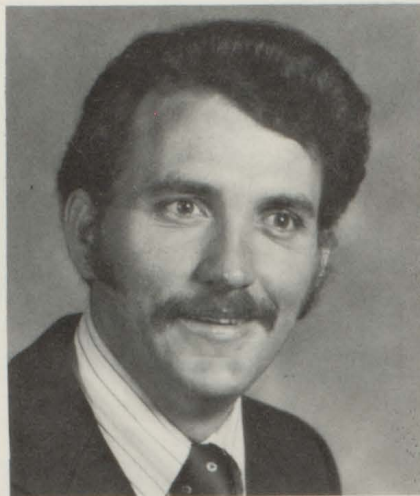


# BLAND HIGH

# FACULTY



Mr. Ralph R. Reynolds  
Principal



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



Mr. Larry P. Bunyan  
Mathematics, Government



Mrs. Carolyn DeBord  
Mathematics, Science



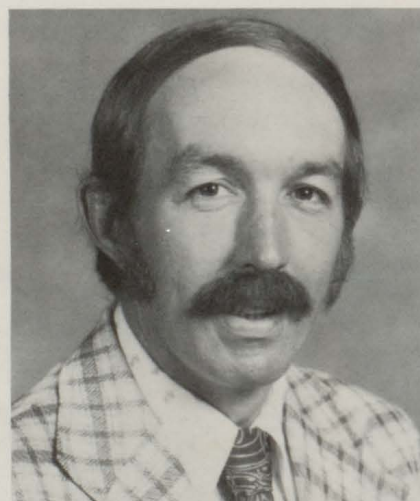
Mrs. Janet B. Faulkner  
English



Miss Mary N. Greever  
English



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



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







Mrs. Wanda C. Hypes  
Home Economics, Civics,  
Career Education



Mrs. Jessie D. Kegley  
Business Education



Mr. A. Jack King  
Agriculture



Mrs. Linda Bird Peak  
Band, Chorus



Mrs. Elizabeth G. Newberry  
Librarian



Mrs. Nancy S. Newberry  
Guidance, History



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



Mrs. Dolores S. Thompson  
Special Education



# ELEMENTARY FACULTY



Katherine L. Reynolds  
Kindergarten



Rebecca W. Scott  
Kindergarten



Susan N. Chase  
First Grade



Brenda W. Tate  
Second Grade



Margaret D. Powers  
Second Grade



June M. Miller  
Third Grade



Louise B. Bird  
Fourth Grade



Ruby S. King  
Fourth/Fifth Grade



Norma G. Newberry  
Fifth Grade



Jacqueline D. Barlow  
Sixth Grade



Marie C. Groseclose  
Seventh Grade



Susie Steen  
Self-contained  
Class



Dian L. Phipps  
Title I Remedial  
Reading



Elizabeth K. Smith  
Special Education



Susan R. Haga  
Title II School  
Nurse



Violet C. Bird  
Aide



Annette M. Burton  
Aide



Joyce M. Cassell  
Aide



Josephine P. Gravley  
Aide



Patricia J. Harden  
Aide



Nancy J. Stockner  
Aide



Mary L. Tickle  
Aide



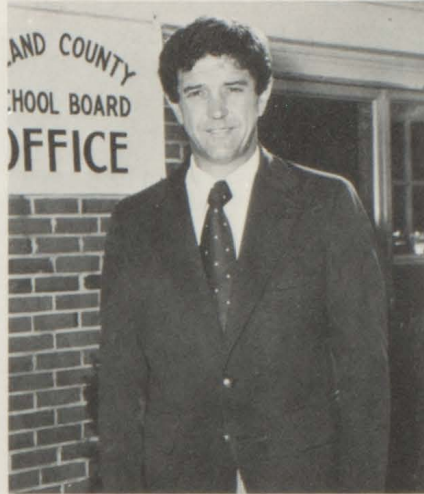
Ruth S. Wimmer  
Aide



# BOARD OF EDUCATION



Ronald A. Pauley  
Administrative Assistant



Dr. Maynard A. Joyce  
Superintendent of Schools



George Umberger  
Administrative Assistant



Mrs. Rose Bowen  
Secretary



(L to R) Mr. Paul S. Foglesong, Mr. Rex Y. Morehead, Mr. Robert S. Bane, Mr. Daniel M. Stowers



Mrs. Sallie Hylton  
Secretary

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Mrs. Karen Hall -  
Coordinator of Special  
Services



Charlene Muncy - Federal  
Program Director; Debbie Dillow -  
Work study



Clerical Aides - Kathy Hylton; Pat  
Muncy



# OTHER PERSONNEL

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L. to R.- David Wilson, Curt Stowers, Margaret Miller, Tony Wright, Ted Anders, Carmella Sarver, Eleanor Atwell, Eugene Mustard

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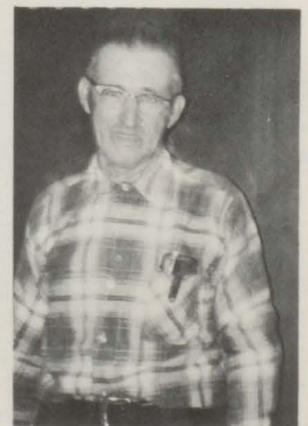
L. to R.- Pauline Thomas, Margie Songer, Hazel Ellison



CETA: Nancy Bowles



Student Workers (L. to R.) Elmer Brown, Patty Chewning, Eddie Hounshell



Assist. Custodian, Charlie Pauley



## OFFICE WORKERS



Marie Lambert



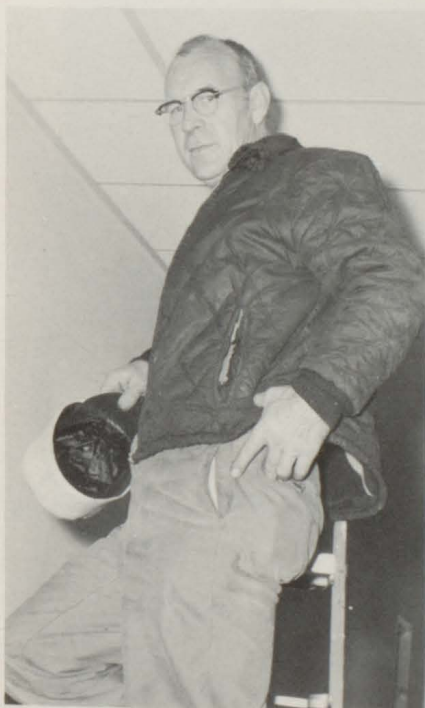
Brenda Dillow

## STUDENT HELP



L. to R. Becky Harris, Rhonda Winesett, Rosemary Mutter, Lisa Walker, Betty Epperson, Kim Smith

## CUSTODIANS AND MAINTAINENCE



Buford Tiller



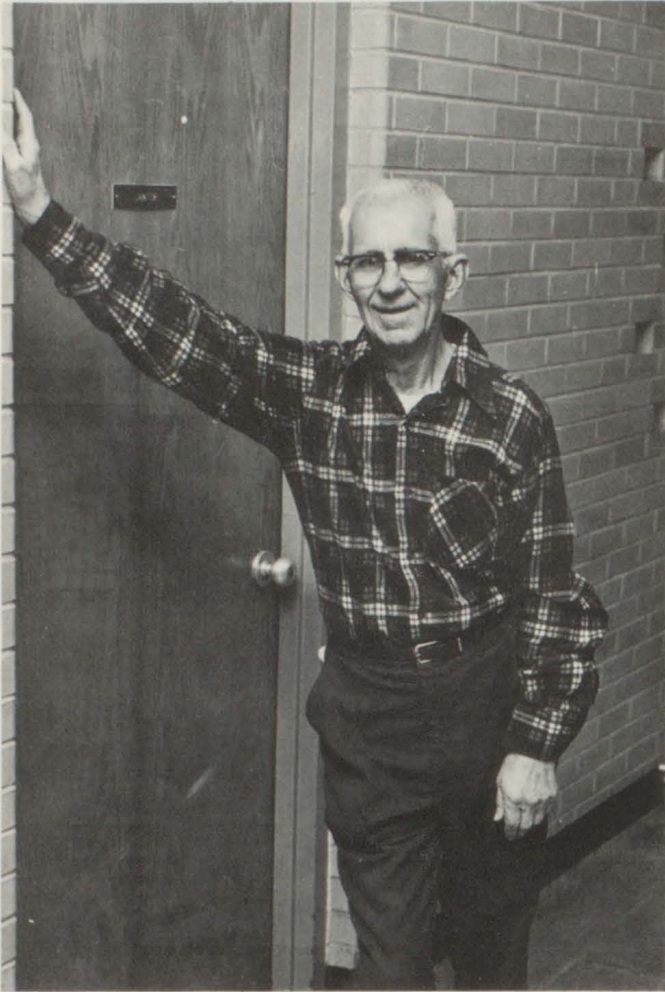
Roby Crigger



Charlie Muncy



# RETIREMENT



Bob Andy Dillow

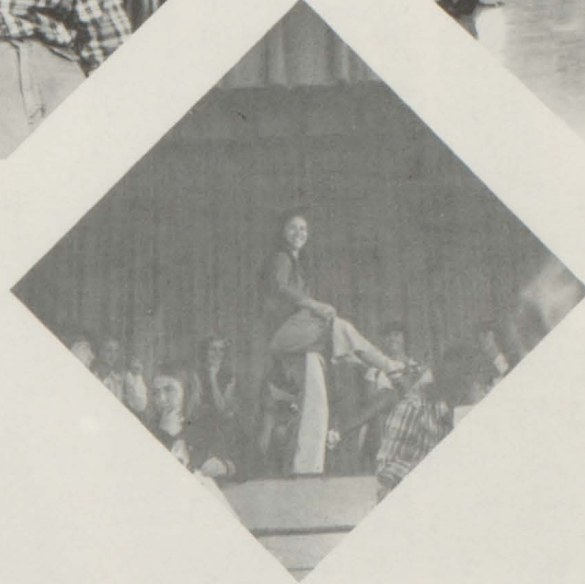


Bob Andy Dillow, head custodian at BHS for the past 24 years, has now retired. He is married, has four children, and eight grandchildren. Many a cold wintry morning, Bob has gotten up early and come to the school to light the fire. We give our thanks to this marvelous man.



Miss Clara Elizabeth Neal lives in Tannersville, Va. with her father. She has one daughter. Before coming to Bland, Miss Neal taught in Arizona. She was employed at Bland Elementary for ten years and has taught every grade except second and kindergarten. She is active in the Methodist Church she attends and is very talented in music and art. Bland School is grateful to Miss Neal for her outstanding contributions of her talent, teaching, and time she has given.





# *Seniors*





# SENIORS



## CLASS OFFICERS

(L. to R.)- Joyce Wiley, Treasurer; Mike Wright, Vice-President; Cindy Compton, Secretary; Randy Faulkner, President.

## HONOR STUDENTS



Michelle Blankenship  
Valedictorian



Kim Ellison  
Salutatorian



Karen Srockner  
Co-Historian



Debbie Breedlove  
Co-Historian





Carol Ann Baker  
"Carol"



Elizabeth Roseanne Brown  
"Libby"



Michelle Louise Blankenship  
"Michelle"

Deborah Anders Breedlove  
"Debbie"



James Lawrence Bunyan  
"Jamie"

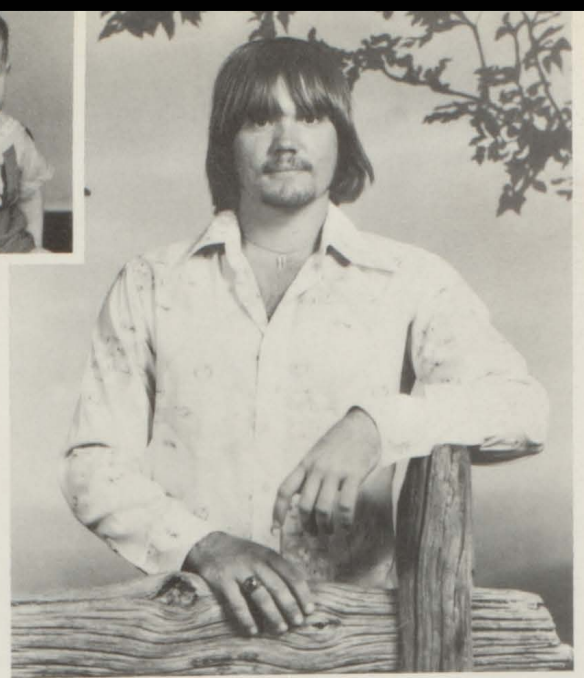
Glenda Jo Campbell  
"Glenda"







Lucinda Jean Compton  
"Cindy"



Randy Dean Faulkner  
"Randy"



Kimberly Kay Ellison  
"Kim"



Betty Gaye Epperson  
"Betty"



Douglas Lee Gordon  
"Lee"

Jo Anna Gusler  
"Jo Anna"







Timothy Trinkle Harman  
"Timmy"



Anthony Wayne Moran  
"Andy"



Jacky Ray Hawk  
"Jacky"  
Melissa Ann Miller  
"Missy"



Rose Mary Mutter  
"Rose Mary"  
Sandra Kaye Pauley  
"Sandy"







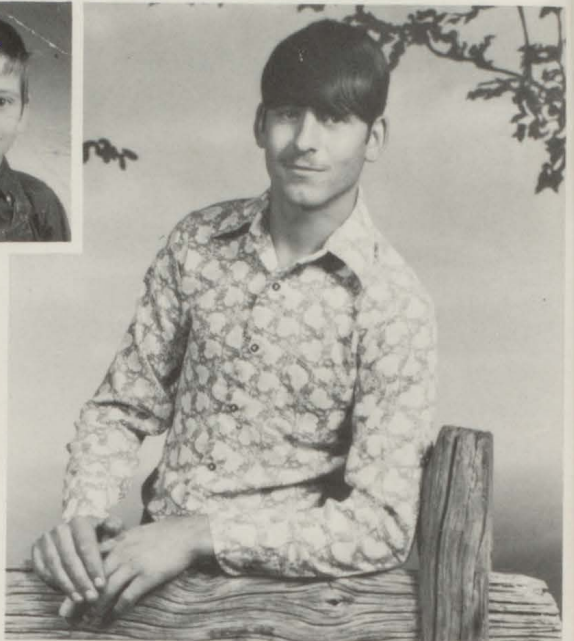
Guy Dexter Ramsey  
"Guy"



Bill Darrell Tate  
"Bill"



Samuel Nolan Shupe  
"Sammy"



James Douglas Thompson  
"James"

Karen Sue Stockner  
"Karen"

Lisa Pyoette Walker  
"Lisa"







Clifton Lee Westbrook  
"Clif"



Charles Otis Wolfe  
"Charlie"

## CLASS OF '78

Colors  
Ice Blue and Silver

Flower  
White Rose

Song  
"We May Never Pass This Way Again"

Motto  
Each dawn is a new beginning.

Martha Joyce Wiley  
"Joyce"



Mike Anthony Wright  
"Mike"







Missy Miller  
MISS ECHO 1978

# MISS ECHO DAY



Mr. Richard Havens, assisted by Kim Ellison, crowned Missy Miller.



L. to R.--Craig Hamilton, Rhonda Winesett, Mike Sarver, Ila Conley, Victor Groseclose, Missy Miller, Nathan McPeak, Ginger Kent, John Muncy, Terri Price.











Michelle Blankenship and Joyce Wiley announced the runners up to king and queen



Mrs. Janet Faulkner, class sponsor, was presented a gift of appreciation by Betty Epperson

On the night of April 23, the Juniors presented "You and Me Against the World" to the Seniors. The decorations were blue and silver, and the music was by East Street.



The highlight of the evening was the crowning of Queen Ruth Ann Turner and King Todd Fulford.

Court members each received a red rose.

Queen and King with their dates led in a dance.







Faculty enjoys Prom



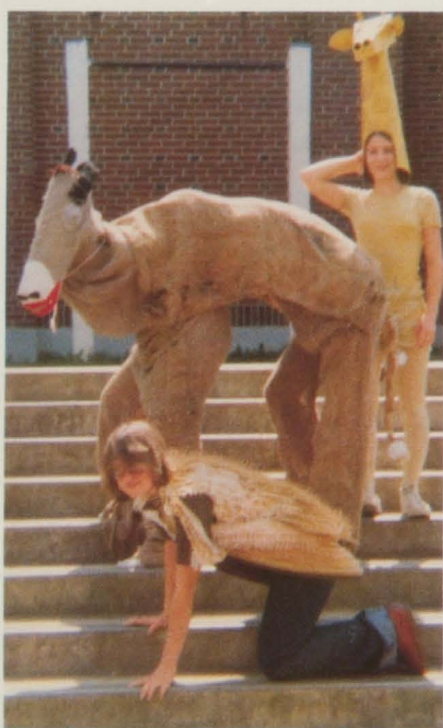
Holiday Inn was the setting



Missy Miller, Betty Epperson, and Debbie Breedlove read the prophecy











*SENIOR CLASS 1978*

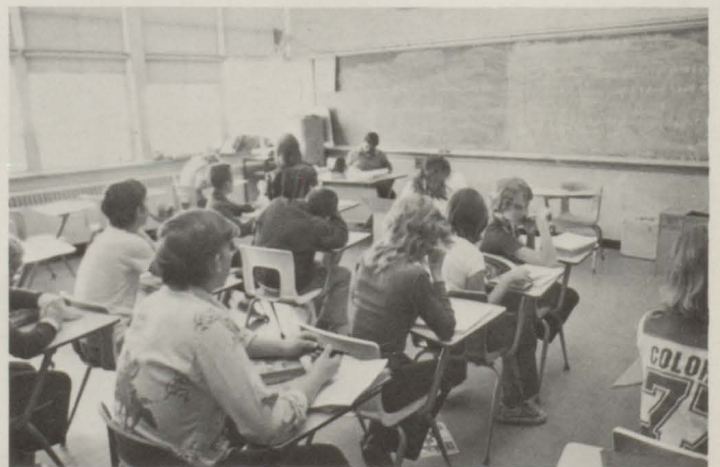
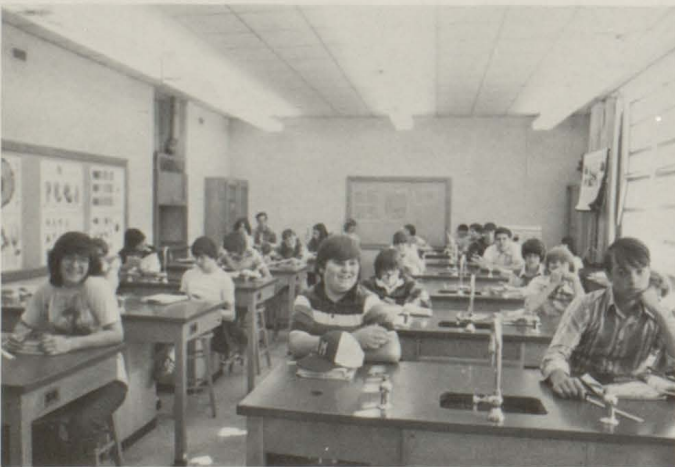




Love that orange!!!

"Vicie Rose Lee"

Wonder Woman??







Andy Moran sang "My Sweet Lady."



The Chorus Class performs.



Miss Echo and Court

Miss Miller sang "If"



"Honky Tonk"





# SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



Most talented: Jacky Hawk/Debbie Breedlove/Clif Westbrook



Most studios: Karen Stockner



Sweetest: Joyce Wiley/Charlie Wolfe



Most inseparable:  
Randy Faulkner/Libby Brown



Most athletic:  
Missy Miller/Andy Moran





**Most dependable:**  
Mike Wright/Rosemary Mutter



**Best craftsmen:**  
Bill Tate/Timmy Harman



**Best-all-around:**  
Sammy Shupe/Lisa Walker



**Class clowns:**  
Guy Ramsey/Lee Gordon



**Most altogether:**  
Glenda Campbell/Cindy Compton





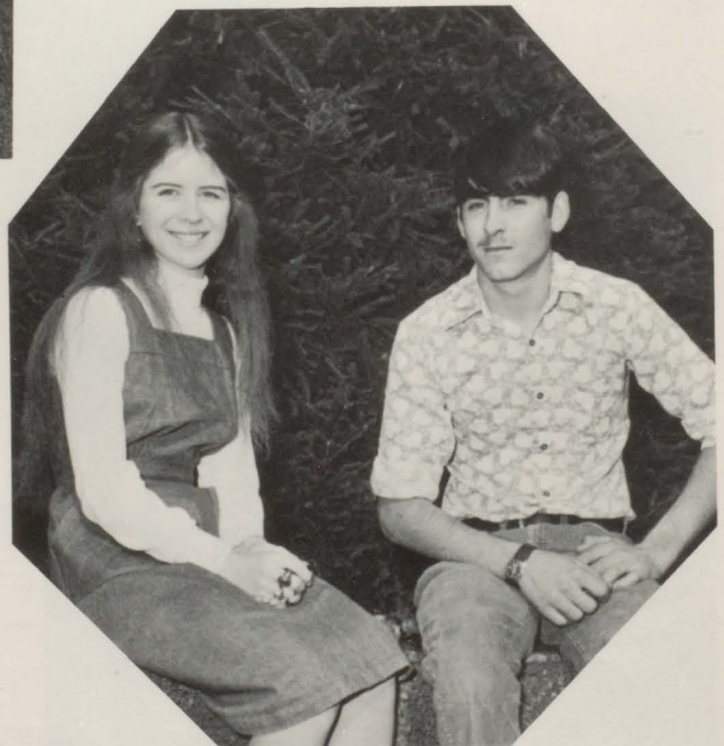
**Most likely to succeed:**  
Michelle Blankenship/Jamie Bunyan



**Best Dressed:**  
Kim Ellison/Betty Epperson



**Friendliest:**  
Sandy Pauley/Carol Baker



**Cutest:**  
JoAnna Gusler/James Thompson



# SENIOR DIRECTORY

BAKER, CAROL ANN-Mrs. Bobby J. Baker; Clubs: French, Library, Chorus, FHA-Historian '77, Vice-President '78; Beta-Vice-President '78; Honor Student; THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

BLANKENSHIP, MICHELLE LOUISE-Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Blankenship, Sr.; Clubs: French, Chess, Library, 4-H; SCA Representative '75, '76; Vice-President '77, Secretary '78; Band President '77, Beta-Secretary-Treasurer '78; The Hilltop News-Grade Editor '77, Sports Editor '78; J.V. and Varsity Basketball-5 years; Tennis-Group A State Doubles Championship '77; VIRGINIA Kwiz Representative; Honor Student; VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE GIFTED '77; VIRGINIA ALL-STATE 4-H BAND '76 & '77; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; The Echo Staff-Editor-in-chief; Valedictorian.

BREEDLOVE, DEBORAH ANDERS-Loyd W. Breedlove, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ted Anders; Clubs: French, Library, FHA, Beta, SCA-Reporter '76; Cheerleader, 2 years; Class Chaplain '74; The Echo Staff- Subscription Manager; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; The Hilltop News-News Editor '77, '78; Co- Historian.

BROWN, ELIZABETH ROSEANNE-Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown; Clubs: 4-H, FHA, Dramatics; Class Reporter '77; J.V. Basketball-3 years.

BUNYAN, JAMES LAWRENCE-Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bunyan; Clubs: French, Chess-President '76, '77, FFA, FWRI Representative, SCA Representative '77, '78, 4-H Club- Vice-President '76, President '78, Beta-President '78; Classroom Kwiz Representative; 8th Grade, J.V., and Varsity Basketball; The Echo Staff; DAR Good Citizenship Award.

CAMPBELL, GLENDA JO-Mr. and Mrs. John D. Campbell; Clubs: FHA-Treasurer '78, Library-Treasurer '76, SCA; Class Offices: Secretary and Treasurer '74, Reporter '75, Secretary '76; Chorus; The Echo Staff.

COMPTON, LUCINDA JEAN-Mr. Randy Compton; Clubs: FHA-Vice-President '78, Library-Secretary '78, SCA; Class Secretary '78; Honor Choir; The Echo Staff. Transferred from Ft. Chiswell High School in '75: Phys. Ed. Club, Tri-Hi-Y Club.

ELLISON, KIMBERLY KAY-Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Ellison; Clubs: FHA, Beta; Class Secretary '75, Class President '76; SCA Representative '78; The Hilltop News Staff; J.V. Basketball, Cheerleader, Co-Captain '78; The Echo Staff-Business Manager; Homecoming Attendant '78; Honor Student; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; Salutatorian.

EPPERSON, BETTY GAYE-Mrs. Sally L. Epperson; Clubs: Library-President '77, Beta, FHA-Treasurer '75, 4-H, Class Secretary '77; Miss Bicentennial '76; The Echo Staff-Business Manager; The Hilltop News-Editor-in-chief; THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

FAULKNER, RANDY DEAN-Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Faulkner; Clubs: Class President '78, Dramatics, 4-H, Chess, FFA, KVG; 8th grade, J.V., and Varsity Basketball, Tennis.

GORDON, DOUGLAS LEE, II-Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gordon; Clubs: Class President '74, Chorus-Treasurer '76, SCA, FFA, Dramatics; Manager 8th Grade Basketball.

GUSLER, JO ANNA-Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Gusler; Clubs: Library, FHA, Beta, Chorus-Secretary '76, Class Vice-President '77; Cheerleader, 2 years; Honor Choir; The Echo Staff.

HARMAN, TIMOTHY TRINKLE-Mr. and Mrs. Mevo Harman; Clubs: FFA, KVG, and 4-H.

HAWK, JACKY RAY-Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Hawk; Transferred from Pennington Gap High School: Chorus-President '74, '75, '76; FFA-Vice-President '74; Football, Boxing, Wrestling, Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball.

MILLER, MELISSA ANN-Rev. and Mrs. Earl Miller; Clubs: French-Treasurer '77, Chess-Vice-President '77, Class Reporter '76, Class Secretary and Treasurer '75; The Hilltop News Staff-Editorial Editor '77, Sports Editor '78; Cheerleader-Co-Captain '78; SCA Representative '74, President '78; Homecoming Attendant '77; Miss Echo '78; J.V. and Varsity Basketball-5 years, Dramatics, Tennis; The Echo Staff-Activities Editor; Beta.

MUTTER, ROSEMARY-Mrs. Ralph Dunn; Clubs: Library, FHA- Songleader '78; Chorus-Vice-President '76, Chaplain '77; Dramatics.

PAULEY, SANDRA KAY-Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Pauley; Clubs: French, Chorus, Library, 4-H, FHA-Chaplain '76, Secretary '78.

RAMSEY, GUY DEXTER-Mrs. Trina Ramsey; Clubs: Dramatics, FFA, KVG, 4-H, J.V. and Varsity Basketball, Tennis.

SHUPE, SAMUEL NOLAN-Mr. and Mrs. Doyle N. Shupe; Clubs: Library-President '78; Chess-Treasurer '76; Class Treasurer '76, Reporter '77.

STOCKNER, KAREN SUE-Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Stockner; Clubs: French-Reporter '77, FHA, Beta, 4-H-Vice-President '78; Band; The Hilltop News Staff; Honor Student; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; Co-Historian.

TATE, BILL DARRELL-Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Tate, Jr.; Clubs: FFA, KVG, Chess; 8th grade, J.V. and Varsity Basketball.

THOMPSON, JAMES DOUGLAS-Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Thompson; Clubs: FFA.

WALKER, LISA PYOETTE-Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walker; Clubs: Library, 4-H-Vice-President '76; FHA Vice-President '76, President '78; Homecoming Queen '78; J.V. and Varsity Basketball, 4 years.

WESTBROOK, CLIFTON LEE-Dr. and Mrs. S.A. Wurster; All-District Chorus '76; Clubs: FFA, Chess, Dramatics; The Hilltop News Staff-Editorial Editor '78; The Echo Staff-Layout Editor.

WILEY, MARTHA JOYCE-Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Wiley; Clubs: FHA, French, Beta, Library; Chorus Secretary '77; Class Treasurer '76, '77, '78; DAR Award; The Hilltop News Staff-Feature Editor '78; The Echo Staff-Assistant Editor; Honor Student; WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; THE SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; Classroom Kwiz Representative.

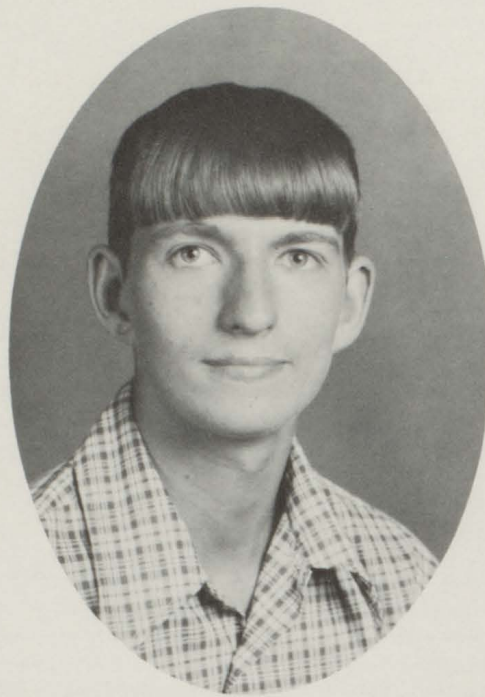
WOLFE, CHARLES OTIS-Mr. and Mrs. Hoge H. Wolfe; Clubs: KVG, 4-H, FFA- Sentinel '76, Secretary '77, President '78; Class President '77, Vice-President '76; J.V. and Varsity Basketball; Tennis.

WRIGHT, MICHAEL ANTHONY-Mr. and Mrs. Tony Wright; Clubs: 4-H, FFA, KVG; Class Vice-President '78.

MORAN, ANTHONY WAYNE-Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moran; Clubs: FFA, Chorus; Varsity Basketball.



# IN MEMORIAM



Joey Martin Bevil  
February 15, 1959--February 16, 1975  
Class of 1978

When Death strikes down the innocent and young,  
for every fragile form from which he lets the panting spirit free,  
a hundred virtues rise,  
in shapes of mercy, charity, and love,  
to walk the world and bless it.

--Charles Dickens





# *Underclassmen*

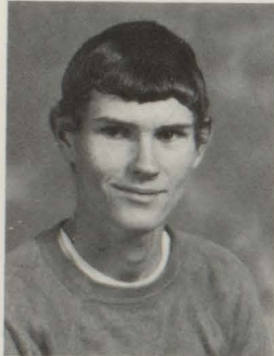




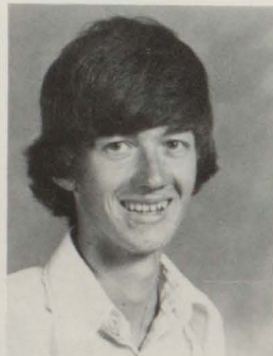
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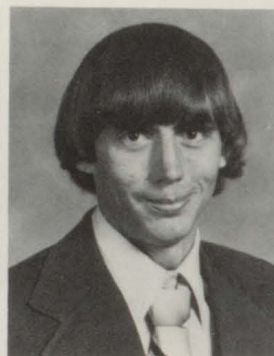
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David Banes



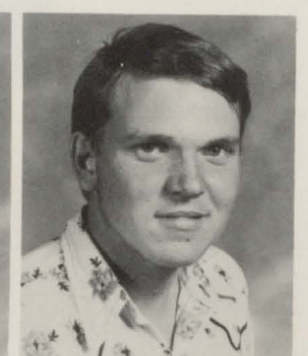
Meek Bowen



Elmer Brown



Debbie Burton



Bobby Carver



Jay Cox



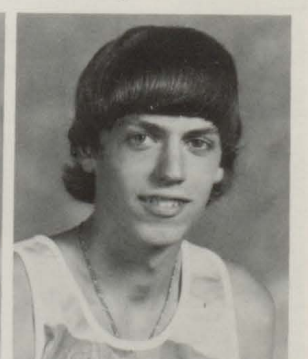
Timmy Dillow



Stewart Felty



Gary Foster



Vic Groseclose



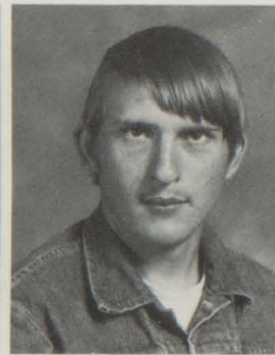
# CLASS OF '79



Lesa Harden



John Hardin



Steve Harman



Becky Harris



Mary Havens



Susie Hylton



Vicie King



Leon Lambert



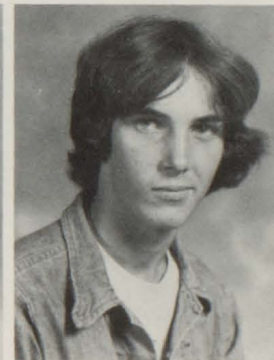
Rosie Meadows



Mark Morehead



Kim Smith



Buck Thompson



Tommy Thompson



Deedee Turner



David Wilson



Rhonda Winesett



Mike Woolwine



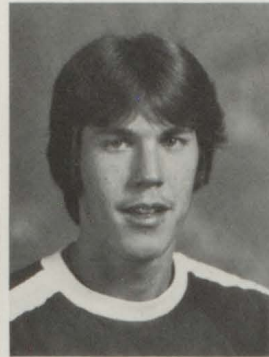
# SOPHOMORES



Tim Anders



John Atwell



David Bane



Timmy Baxley



Mary Bowen



Chuck Chandler

Class Officers: Bottom to top—Robin Umbarger, President; Michelle Gravley, Treasurer; Kathryn Wiley, Reporter; Patty Chewning, Secretary; Terry Wright, Chaplain; Kim Wright and Tim Anders, Song Leaders; center—Jimmy Harman, Vice-President.



Patty Chewning



Myra Clemons



Ila Conley



Geraldine Faulkner



Andrea Gordon



# CLASS OF '80



Michelle Gravley



Monica  
Groseclose



Terri Harden



Jimmy Harman



Eddie Hounshell



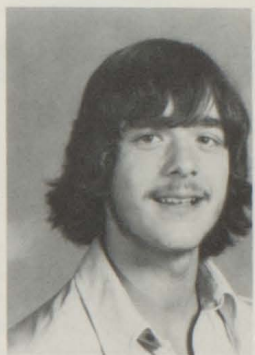
James Miller



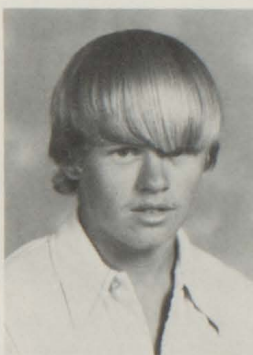
Jeff Moran



Kevin Neel



Theron Newberry



Joey Pauley



Freda Ramsey



Rhonda Stansell



Janet Thompson



Cindy Umbarger



Robin Umbarger



Tammy Umbarger



Debbie Webb



Donna Webb



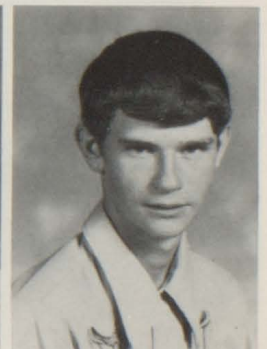
Kathryn Wiley



Carla Wolfe



Kim Wright



Terry Wright



# FRESHMEN



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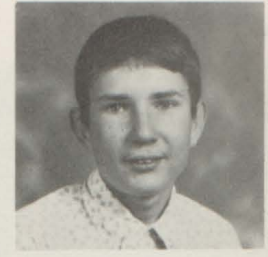
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Darrell Banes



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Shelia Carroll



Jeff Cassell



Dora Catterton



Geneva Clark



Charlene Clemons



Gerald Clemons



Mark Compton



Sharon Conley



Joey Crockett



Paul Dillow



Norman Dillow



Rhonda Etter



Bobby Fulford



Frankie Gray



Lucy Gray



Laura Gordon



Lora Groseclose



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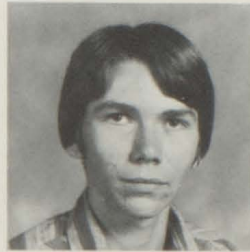
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Michael Mallory



Ricky McKinney



Pam Melvin



Joy Miller



Connie Milliron



Alvin Moran



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Teresa Morehead



Allen Mustard



Mark Mustard



Scott Mustard



Jerry Mutter



Kamala Neal



Mike Neeley



Danny Newberry



Dawn Newberry



Larry Newberry



Mark Newberry



Marquis Newberry



Jerry Pauley



Clif Pauley



Terri Price





Sylvia Ramsey



John Sarver



Davy Simmons



Joe Simmons



Tammy Smelser



Robert Stockner



Edwina Stowers



Thomas Stowers



Vanessa Tabor



Dave Thomas



Betsy Thompson



Billy Tolbert



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Howard Walker



Rex Winesett



Lisa Wood



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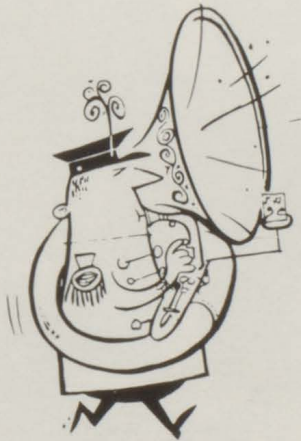


Troy Wright





# *Organizations*





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Beta Members: (L. to R.) Seated: Rhonda Winesett, Susie Hylton, Betty Epperson, Debbie Breedlove, Kim Ellison, Carol Baker, Glenda Campbell, Jo Anna Gusler, Karen Stockner; Standing: Steven Harmon, Vicie King, Leon Lambert, Michelle Blankenship, Joyce Wiley, Debbie Burton, Victor Groseclose, Missy Miller, Rosie Meadows, Kim Smith, Jamie Bunyan, Becky Harris



# HONOR STUDENTS

## DOUBLE BAR STUDENT



Michelle Blankenship

## SINGLE BAR STUDENTS



(L. to R.) Kim Ellison, Kim Smith, Karen Stockner

## LETTER STUDENTS



(L. to R.) Standing: Joyce Wiley, Debbie Breedlove, Debbie Burton, Monica Groseclose, Seated: Carol Baker, Robin Umbarger





Who's Who Among American High School Students: (L. to R.)-1st Row-Vic Groseclose, Debbie Burton, Vicie King, Kim Smith; 2nd Row-Michelle Blankenship, Kim Ellison, Debbie Breedlove; 3rd Row-Joyce Wiley, Betty Epperson, Jamie Bunyan.



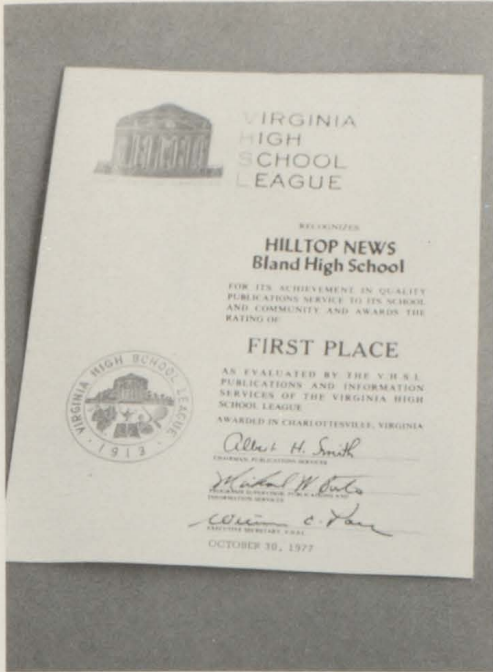
The Society of Distinguished American High School Students: (L. to R.)-1st Row-Vic Groseclose, Debbie Burton, Becky Harris, Kim Smith, 2nd Row-Carol Baker, Vicie King, Karen Stockner, 3rd Row-Michelle Blankenship, Kim Ellison, Debbie Breedlove, 4th-Joyce Wiley, Betty Epperson, Jamie Bunyan.

## THOSE WHO REPRESENT US



Klassroom Kwiz Representatives-(L. to R.)-Joyce Wiley, Michelle Blankenship, Jamie Bunyan.





Hilltop News winner of First place in the Virginia High School League competition.



(L. to R.)—Mrs. Dolores Thompson, Sponsor; State Special Olympic Winners: Dora Catterton, Participant Medal; Elmer Brown, One Gold Medal; Jay Cox, Two Gold Medals; Timmy Dillow, One Gold Medal.



FFA State Convention Delegates: (L. to R.)—Johnny Atwell, Steve Harman, Mike Sarver.



Lisa Walker State FHA Convention Delegate.



Flag Girls: Michelle Blankenship and Missy Miller.



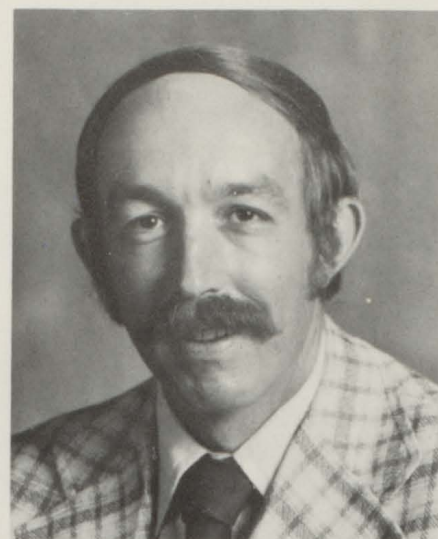
DAR Award Recipients: Jamie Bunyan and Joyce Wiley.



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(L. to R.) Front Row; Monica Groseclose, Sharon Conley, Tammy Smelser, Missy Miller, Kim Ellison, Patty Hylton, Laura Gordon, Joy Miller. Second Row; Jamie Bunyan, Gary Foster, John Muncy, Rita Pruitt, Vicie King, Cindy Compton, Debbie Burton. Top Row; Mr. Richard Havens, Mark Harris, Todd Hoge, Kim Smith, Michelle Blankenship.





Mrs. Jessie Kegley Mrs. Janet Faulkner  
Advisors

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# DRAMATICS



(L. to R.)-Seated: Bill Tate, Lee Gordon, Missy Miller, Debbie Burton, Clif Westbrook. Standing: Myra Clemons, Guy Ramsey, Libby Brown, Randy Faulkner, Rosie Meadows, Sandy Tarter, Dramatics Director.



*THE DRAMATICS CLASS PRESENTS "THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMIN'"*





# LIBRARY CLUB



(Seated) (1st Row) - Patty Hylton, Debbie Dillow, Michele Woolwine, Sammy Shupe, Dawn Newberry, Tammy Smelser. (2nd Row) - Lucy Muncy, Patty Chewing, Mary Pruett, Michelle Blankenship, Vicie King, Rhonda Etter, Sharon Conley, Geraldine Faulkner. (Standing) - Sponsor- Elizabeth Newberry, Bobby King, John Sarver, Rosemary Mutter, Glenda Campbell, Jo Anna Gusler, Lisa Walker, Cindy Compton, Sandra Pauley, Sue Catterton, Lisa Pruitt, Kamala Neel, Debbie Atwell, Jerri Owens, Karen Harden, Rhonda Ellison, Kim Townley, David Bane, Rebecca Harris, Rhonda Winesett, and Carla Wolfe.



(L to R) (Seated) - Sammy Shupe - President; Becky Harris - Vice President; Cindy Compton - Secretary; Vicie King - Treasurer; Mrs. Newberry - Sponsor; Patty Chewing - Reporter.



1977 BOOK FAIR





# FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

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(L to R)- Rhonda Winsett, Historian; Patty Chewing, Reporter; Glenda Campbell, Treasurer; Lisa Walker, President; Carol Baker, 2d Vice-President; Betty Parker, Chaplain; Cindy Comoton, 1st Vice-President; (seated)-Rosemary Mutter, Songleader; Sandra Pauley, Secretary.



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Mrs. Wanda C. Hypes  
Advisor





Little Miss Bland County  
Lisa Tolbert



Miss Bland County 1977  
Ginger Dawn Kent



Junior Miss Bland County  
Lisa Wood



(L to R), 1st row-Cindy Compton, Patricia Holt, Betty Parker, Glenda Campbell, Rosemary Mutter. 2d row- Charlene Clemons, Donna Webb, Darlene Burcham, Jo Anna Gusler, Rhonda Winesett, Sandra Pauley, Cindy Umbarger. 3d row- Mary Etta Umbarger, Eleanor Bruce, Juanita Harris, Carla Wolfe, Shirley Wolfe. 4th row- Carol Baker, Janet Thompson, Debbie Webb, Roberta Morehead, Patty Chewing, Lisa Walker, Mrs. Hypes-Advisor. Back row- Dora Catterton, Kim Smith.





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Vice-President



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Secretary

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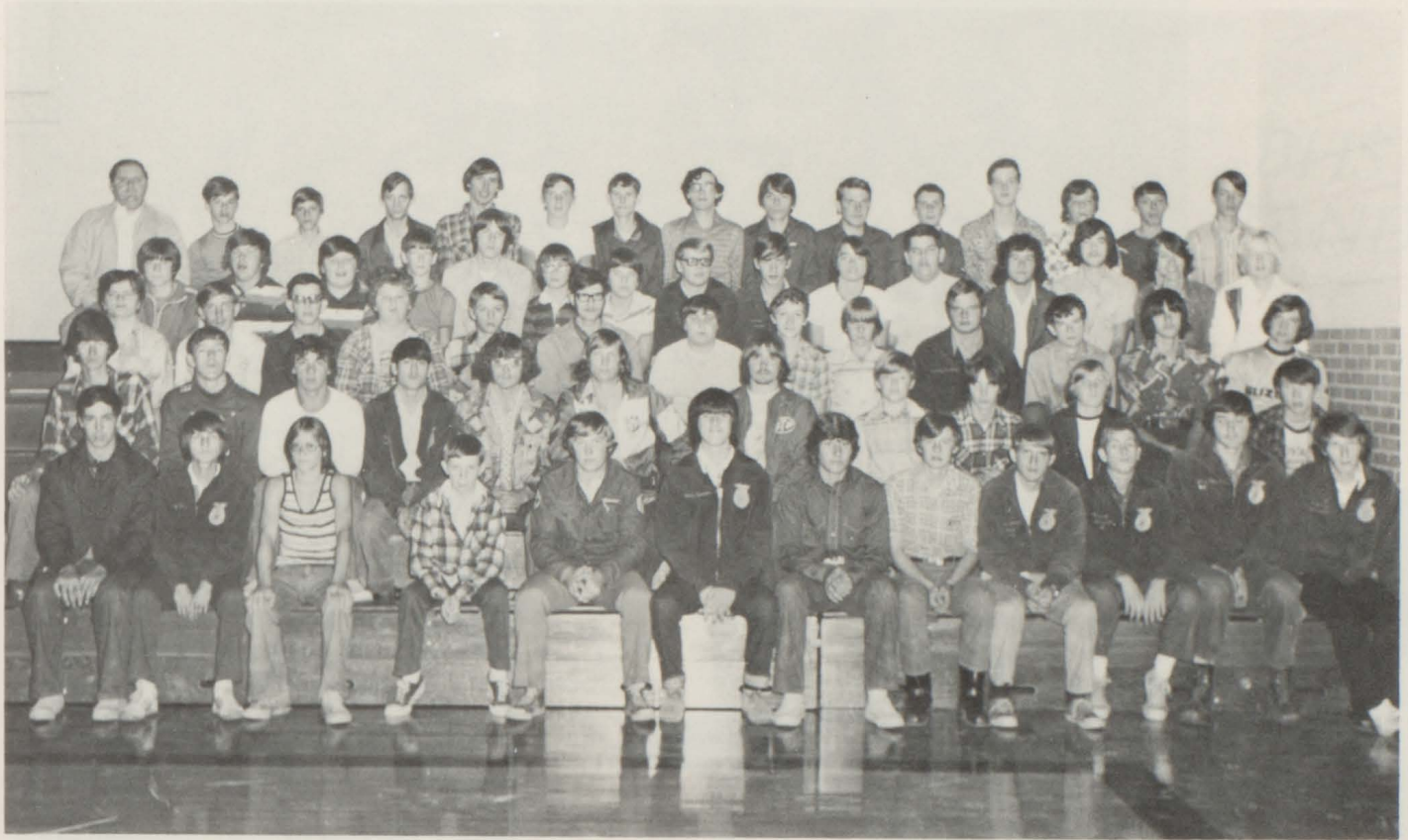
Mike Sarver - Reporter



Jimmy Miller - Sentinel



# FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



FFA Members (L to R): First row--Mark Harris, Gary Tibbs, Jerry Pauley, Troy Wright, Charlie Wolfe, Mike Sarver, Kevin Neel, David Wilson, Steve Harman, Tommy Thompson, Jerry Stowers, Timmy Harman. Second row--Meek Bowen, John Harden, Stewart Felty, James Thompson, Bill Tate, Guy Ramsey, Randy Faulkner, Rex Winesett, Buck Thompson, John Muncy, Roy Umbarger. Third row--Mike Neeley, Joe Simmons, Joey Crockett, Mark King, Bobby Lambert, Eddie Hounshell, Thomas Stowers, Paul Lucas, Billy Talbert, Timmy Baxley, Terry Wright, Craig Hamilton, Kim Wright, Fourth row--Jeff Moran, Scott Mustard, Mark Mustard, Mark Newberry, Leon Lambert, Mike Umbarger, Alvin Moran, John Atwell, Jimmy Harman, Billy Taylor, Gerald Clemons, Chuck Chandler, Theron Newberry, Howard Walker, Tim Anders, Fifth row- Mr. King, Ricky Burcham, Jon Braithwaite, Timmy Dillow, Elmer Brown, David Simmons, David Banes, Gary Foster, Mike Mallory, Bobby Carver, Darrell Banes, Robert Burcham, Ricky Baker, Gary Hubble, Frankie Gray.



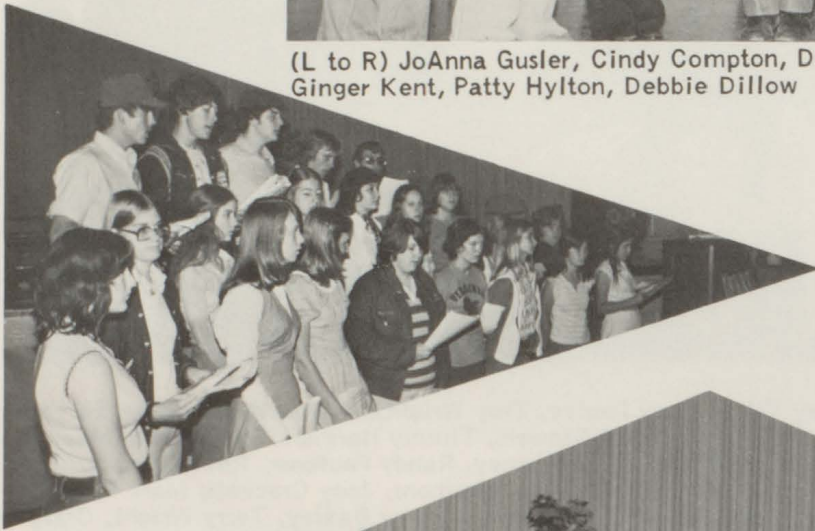


# CHORUS



## HONOR CHORUS

(L to R) JoAnna Gusler, Cindy Compton, Debbie Burton, Clif Westbrook, Jacky Hawk, Ginger Kent, Patty Hylton, Debbie Dillow



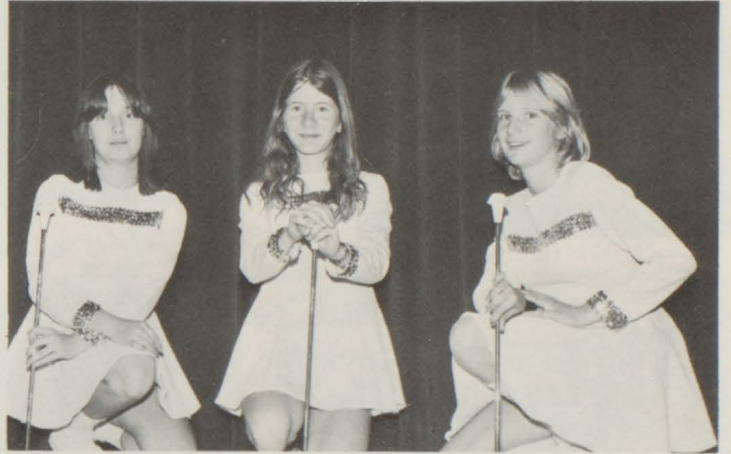
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## BHS BAND

(L to R) Front row- Susie Hylton, Dawn Newberry, Nancy Strauss, Tammy Smelser, Debbie Dillow. Back row- Geneva Clark, Lucy Muncy, Charlie Brown, Karen Hounshell, Randy Strock, Susan Kegley, Patty Hylton, Edwina Stowers, Norman Dillow, Larry Newberry, Danny Newberry.



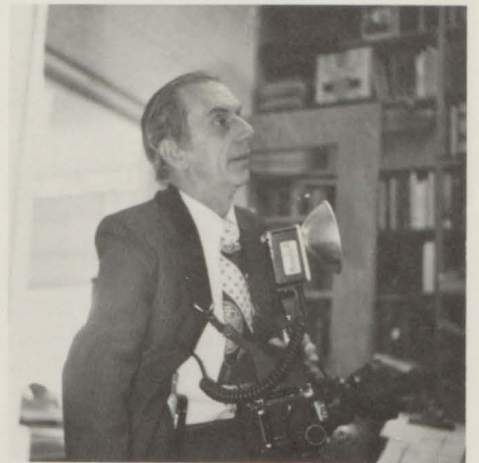
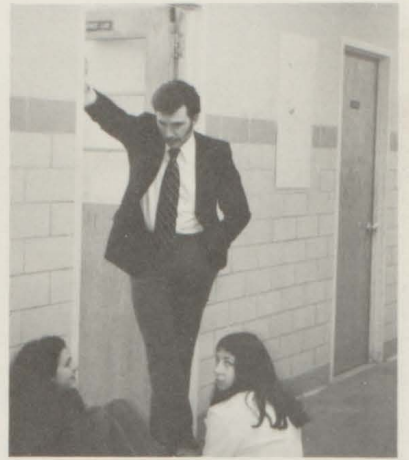
(L to R) Tammy Smelser, Kim Kidd, Geneva Clark.

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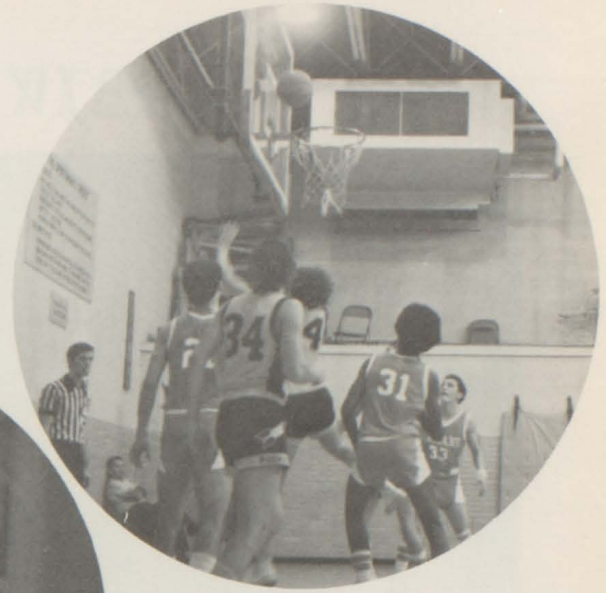


(L to R) Front row- Donna Strock, Valerie Lambert, Sandy Bane, Paula Mustard, Mike Smelser, Eric Ellison, Gary Miller, Cathy Irby. Back row- Todd Taylor, Donna Dalton, Becky McPeak, Tommy Clark, Ronnie Dillow.

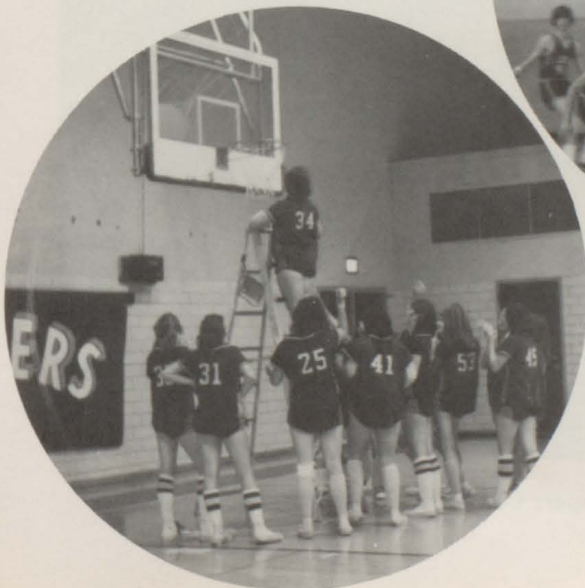
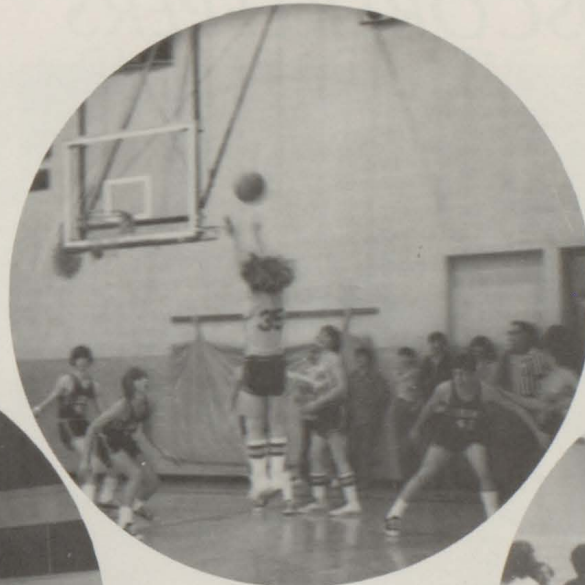








# *Athletics*





## JV ROCKETTES



J.V. Rockettes: (Kneeling L. to R.) Mr. Richard Havens-Coach, Rhonda Ellison, Ginger Kent, Mary Bowen, Laura Gordon, Michele Woolwine; (Standing L. to R.) Patty Hylton, Mary Lynn Pruett, Sheri Tolbert, Karen Hounshell, Susan Kegley, Cindy Umbarger, Marilyn Penley, Michelle Gravley, Robin Umbarger

## SCOREKEEPERS



L. to R.--Teresa Tolbert-Girl's Scorekeeper; Kim Smith-Boy's Scorekeeper; Lucy Muncy-8th Grade Scorekeeper



# VARSITY ROCKETTES



(L to R)- Coach Havens, Kim Townley, Michelle Blankenship, Andrea Gordon, Kim Smith, Lisa Walker, Vicie King, Missy Miller, Coach Groseclose.



# SENIOR STARS



Lisa Walker  
JV and Varsity, 4 years



Missy Miller  
JV and Varsity, 5 years



Michelle Blankenship  
JV and Varsity, 5 years



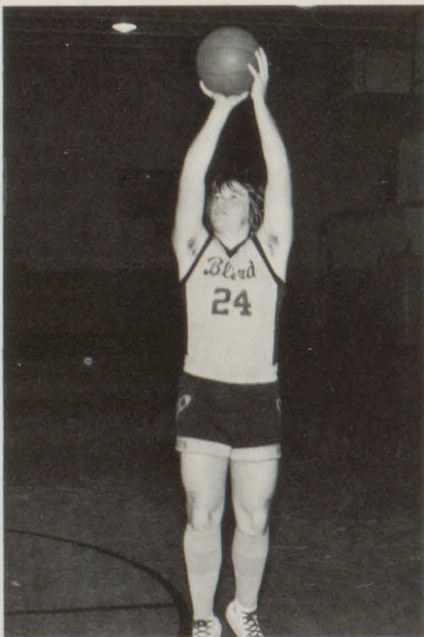
# VARSITY ROCKETTS



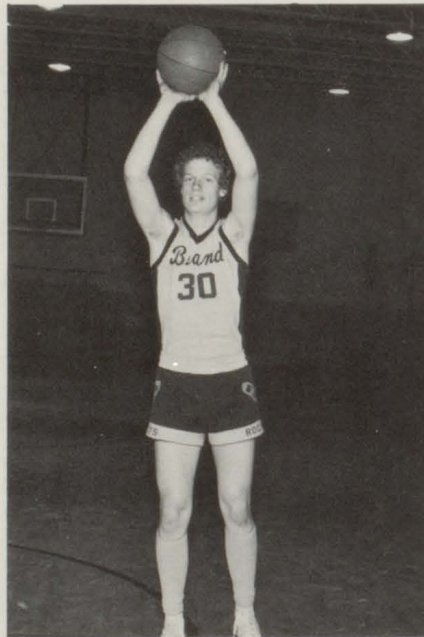
(L. to R.) Stewart Felty, Randy Faulkner, John Hardin, Theron Newberry, Guy Ramsey, Jamie Bunyan, Vic Groseclose, Gary Foster, Tim Anders, Sam Groseclose, Coach



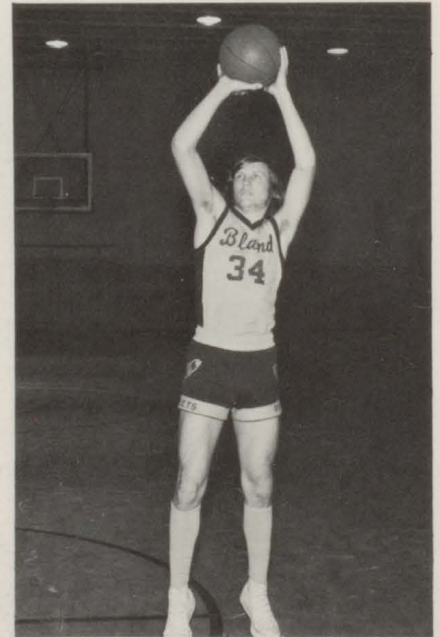
# SENIOR STARS



Randy Faulkner  
JV and Varsity-3 years



Jamie Bunyan  
JV and Varsity-3 years



Guy Ramsey  
JV and Varsity-3 years



## JV ROCKETS



(L. to R.)-Phil Peery, John Muncy, Joey Pauley, Tim Pichardson, David Bane, Donald Pauley, Kevin Neel, Mike Sarver, Charlie Brown, Mark Compton, Randy Strock, Jon Braithwaite, Coach Richard Havens (kneeling).

## 8TH GRADE ROCKETS



(L to R)1st row-Billy Talbert, Norman Dillow, Paul Dillow, Marquis Newberry, Todd Hoge.  
2nd row-Coach Richard Havens, Jeff Cassell, Mark Newberry, Scott Mustard.



# HOMECOMING '78



Lisa Walker, Homecoming Queen



Homecoming Court and Escorts. L. to R.-Stewart Felty, Sheri Tolbert, Eddie Crusenberry, Patty Chewning, Theron Newberry, Kim Ellison, Lisa Walker, Todd Fulford, Tim Harner, Susie Hylton, Donald Pauley, Debbie Dillow.



L. to R.-Sheri Tolbert, Patty Chewning, Kim Ellison, Lisa Walker, Susie Hylton, Debbie Dillow



"Sometimes when we touch"??????



Seniors hard at work???????



Oh! The excitement!!!



Boogie Baby!!!!







BHS School Spirit!

# BLAND VS ROCKY GAP

BLAND		ROCKY GAP	
Groseclose	8	Sluss	10
Newberry	15	Musick	23
Ramsey	7	Andrews	2
Felty	9	Brizendine	9
Hardin	12	Nelson	2
	51	Willis	3
		Klimatis	4
			53

Final Score in Overtime, Rocky Gap 53, Bland 51.



Take that, you birdseed eater!!!



Foul! Foul!! Is there no justice??



Now this is the plan . . .



Go, Theron Go!!!!





# BHS CHEERLEADERS



(L to R)-Top: Kim Ellison, Jerri Owens, Debbie Dillow, Missy Miller.  
Bottom: Debbie Burton, Patty Chewning, Mary Pruett, Patty Hylton, Ila Conley, Mary Bowen

## CO-CAPTAINS



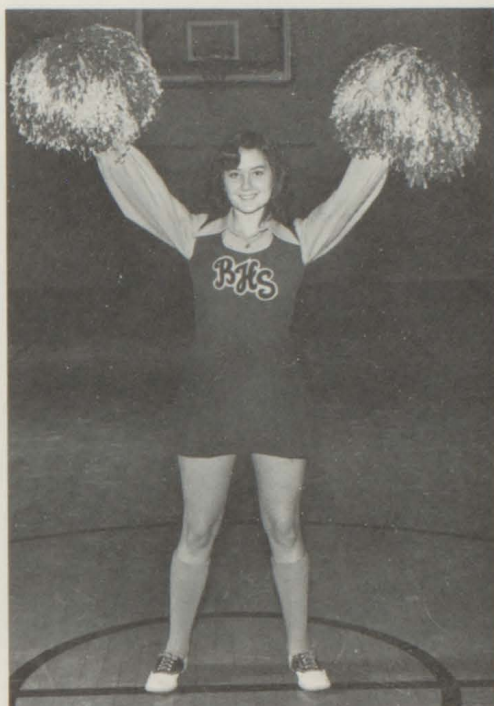
Missy Miller

Kim Ellison





Missy Miller-Senior  
4 years



Debbie Burton-Junior  
2 years



Kim Ellison-Senior  
4 years

### FIRST YEAR CHEERLEADERS



(L. to R.) Debbie Dillow, Jerri Owens, Ila Conley, Mary Bowen, Patty Chewning, Patty Hylton, Mary Pruett.



# GIRL'S TENNIS TEAM

In the spring of 1973, Mrs. Sandy Tarter organized Bland High School's first girl's tennis team. Their first year, the team had a 3-3 season, and since that time the team has never had a losing record. Under Mrs. Tarter's direction, the team has compiled an overall record of 32 wins and 16 losses. Bland has captured the Mt. Empire District Championship 3 out of the 4 years the competition has been established, and team members have played in sectional or regional competition 4 out of the 5 years the team has been in existence. (In 1975 and 1977, doubles teams competed at State.)

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Tarter and all of the team members on their outstanding record, and extend best wishes for a successful season to the 1978 team.

(L to R) kneeling-Michelle Blankenship, Mary Bowen, Missy Miller. Standing-Coach Sandy Tarter, Debbie Dillow, Connie Smith, Kim Smith, Vicie King. Not pictured: Debbie Newberry, Becky Hoge, Kathy Dillow

## ACTION SHOTS



Debbie Dillow



Mary Bowen



Kim Smith



Missy Miller



Connie Smith



Michelle Blankenship



Vicie King



# BOY'S TENNIS TEAM



Left to Right; Charlie Wolfe, Randy Faulkner, Theron Newberry, Timmy Anders, Junior Stowers, Todd Fulford

## ACTION SHOTS



Randy Faulkner



Charlie Wolfe



Theron Newberry



Timmy Anders



Junior Stowers



Todd Fulford



# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Get it on Mamma!!!



SIMBA!!



Back!! You Turkey!!!!



Sock it to 'um Stewart!



Easy Shot!!







A Race Horse???



Weave me awone, you bully!



Go, Go Buffalo!!



Well. I'll be . . .



A Bird?????







This year the Varsity Rockettes had another outstanding season. In 1976 the Rockettes were ceded No. 1 in the Mt. Empire District; they went on to win the title of Region C runners up. Now in 1977, under the guidance of Coach Sam Groseclose, the Rockettes were winners of the sub-regional tournament and Region C runners up for the 2nd consecutive year.

(L to R) (1st Row) - Coach Richard Havens, Rhonda Ellison, Ginger Kent, Mary Bowen, Laura Gordon, Michele Woolwine. (2nd Row) - Patty Hylton, Mary Pruet, Sherri Tolbert, Karen Hounshell, Susan Kegley, Cindy Umbarger, Marilyn Penley, Michelle Gravley, Robin Umbarger.

In the past years, the JV Rockettes have had outstanding records. This year in the 1977 season, under the guidance of Coach Richard Havens, they added one more victory - the 1977 Mt. Empire District JV Championship.



(L to R) - Richard Havens, Kim Townley, Michelle Blankenship, Andrea Gordon, Kim Smith, Lisa Walker, Vicie King, Missy Miller, Sam Groseclose.



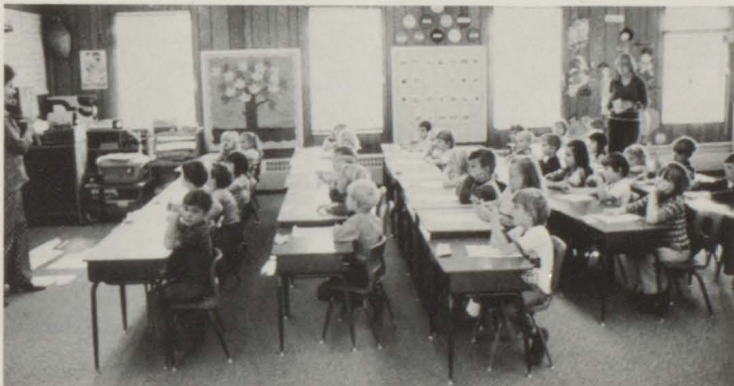
Under the direction of Coach Sandy Tarter, the girls tennis team has many outstanding records. They have been District Champions four years out of the six years the team has been established. Last year in the 1977 season, Connie Smith and Michelle Blankenship won the State Group A Doubles Championship.

(L to R) - Connie Smith, Michelle Blankenship, Coach Sandy Tarter.





# *Elementary*





# MRS. GROSECLOSE'S SEVENTH GRADE



Mrs. Marie Groseclose  
Marsha Agee



Charlie Bane  
Jane Banes



Lynn Banes  
Laymond Barger



Wanda Bevil  
Tonnie Carver



Mary Clemons  
Timmy Cox  
Thomas Dillow



Tammy Gravley  
Joyce Harper  
Tracy Hylton



Anthony Lambert  
Valerie Lambert  
Chuckie McKinney



Wendi Price  
Harvey Pruett  
Donna Shelton



Anna Tate  
Todd Taylor  
Lonnie Thomas



CLASS OFFICERS: (L to R)-Wendi Price, President; Lonnie Thomas, Vice-President; Bobby Gordon, Secretary; Carl Felty, Treasurer; Todd Taylor, Reporter; Mrs. Groseclose, Sponsor.

Timmy Chewning  
Tommy Clark



Carl Felty  
Bobby Gordon



Candy Kent  
Kim Kidd



Becky McPeak  
Joey Newberry



Sharon Simmons  
Ronnie Stansell



Tracey Walker  
Mark Woolwine





## BEGINNER'S BAND



(L to R)-Arnie Wimmer, Debbie Warden, Debbie Belcher, Lori Chase, Lisa Waddle, Michelle Morris, Marcie Newberry, Helen Hamblin, John Dillow, Becky Umbarger, Marshall McPeak.

## SAFETY PATROL



(L to R) 1st Row-Timmy Chewning, Mark Woolwine, Lyn Banes, Jane Banes, Marsha Agee, Tony Lambert, Tammy Gravley. 2nd Row-Tommy Clark, Wendi Price, Becky McPeak, Joyce Harper, Kim Kidd, Valerie Lambert. 3rd Row-Thomas Dillow, Lonnie Thomas, Anna Tate, Wanda Bevil, Todd Taylor, Chuckie McKinney. 4th Row-Tracy Hylton, Carl Felty, Bobby Gordon, Mrs. Marie Groseclose, Sharon Simmons, Tracey Walker, Mary Clemons.



## SIXTH GRADE

## FIFTH GRADE



Mrs. Barlow  
Sandy Bane  
Eddie Baxley



Debbie Belcher  
Lori Chase  
Dee Clemons



Lonnie Clemons  
Melba Clemons  
Mary Anne Cochran



Cecil Compton  
Stephen Cox  
Donna Dalton



Alex Davis  
Ronnie Dillow  
Eric Ellison



Linda Ellison  
Geoffrey Fanning  
Gary Felty



Cathy Irby  
Sammy King  
Rita Lambert



Jeanetta Mallory  
Gary Miller  
Brian Mustard



Paula Mustard  
Larry Mutter  
Tim Neal  
Todd Parker



Ricky Pruitt  
Sarah Pruitt  
Mike Smelser  
Sue Smith



Anita Stowers  
Donna Strock  
Renee Thompson  
Jeff Vineyard

Mrs. Newberry  
David Blankenship  
David Braithwaite

Jimmy Brown  
Tania Burcham  
Crystal Clemons

Jeff Cox  
Jasper Davis  
Timmy Davis

John Dillow  
Helen Hamblin  
Norma Harden

Joanne Matz  
Marty McPeak  
Micheal Meador

Michelle Morris  
Mitch Munsey  
Lori Neel

Marcy Newberry  
Kitten Richardson  
Teresa Richardson

Bruce Shelton  
Patty Smith  
Chuck Turner

Rebecca Umbarger  
Lisa Waddle

Debbie Warden  
Arnie Wimmer

Artie Wolfe  
Tammy Wolfe





## FOURTH-FIFTH GRADE

## FOURTH GRADE



Mrs. King  
Lola Blevins  
Tammy Blevins



Tommy Brewster  
Joe DeWilde  
James Harden



Matt Harman  
Marty Hutchins  
Ricky Kent



Annette King  
Vanessa  
McKinney  
Michael Melvin



Terry Mustard  
Billy Mutter  
Wendell Parker



Ernest Shelton  
Debbie Simmons  
Regina Stansell

Mrs. Bird  
Everett Baxley  
Teresa Burcham



Jamie Chewning  
Ronald Clemons  
Laura Cochran



Pamela Davis  
Barry Dillow  
Ben Dillow



Kenneth Froy  
Tracey Kegley  
Billy King



Edgar Lambert  
Stephen Meador  
Rebecca Melvin



Teresa Miller  
Gary Mustard  
Jeri Mustard



LeAnna Mustard  
Shaunn Neel  
Eddie Price



Wade Ryland  
Jimmy Shrader  
Ervin Sparks



Angela Strock  
Lisa Talbert  
Lynn Tate



Eric Taylor  
Lucy Taylor  
Sherri Wimmer



Tracy Wolfe





# MRS. MILLER'S THIRD GRADE



Mrs. June Miller  
Phillip Bogle  
Shawn Compton

Steven Curry  
Darnell Davis  
Onie Davis



Amy Drummond  
Steven Fanning  
Scott Ferandez

Lisa Gravley  
Tammy Haga  
Robert Hylton



Samantha Hylton  
Denise King  
Idette King

Rusty King  
Deana Lakey  
Terry Lang



Janet Millirons  
LaMoore Muncy  
Lyle Muncy

Tammy Mustard  
Lori Nelson  
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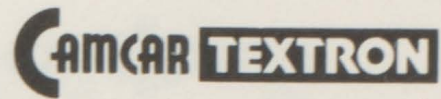
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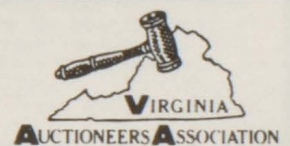
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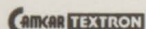
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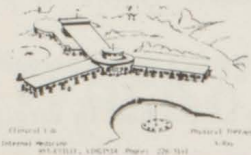
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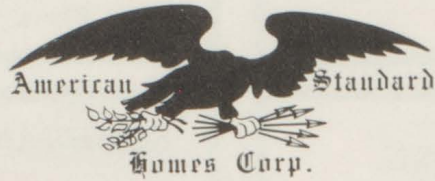
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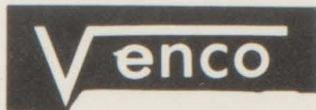
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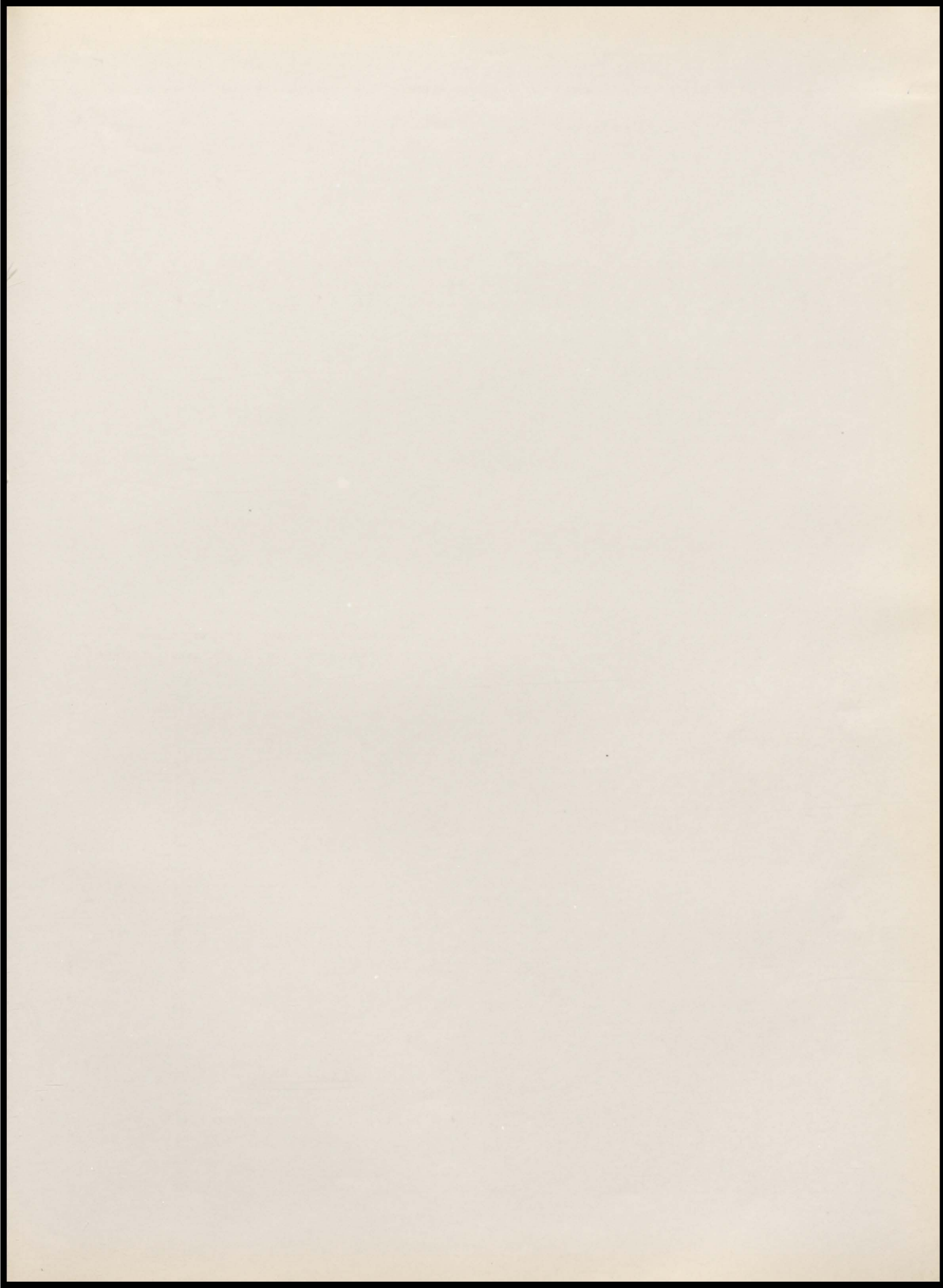
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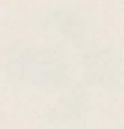
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