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FOR BLANCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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LEAN ON Me



When You're Not Strong

And



I'll Be Your Friend

for It Won't Be Long Till I'm Gonna Need Someone To Lean On



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

- Processional "War March of the Priests"
Mrs. B. R. Gloor
- Invocation Brother G. E. McDonald
Church of Christ
- Choral Selections Youth Choir
George Covin, Director
Mrs. B. R. Gloor, Accompanist
- Baccalaureate Sermon Rev. Tom Lanier
First Baptist Church
- Benediction Brother G. E. McDonald
- Recessional "War March of the Priests"
Mrs. B. R. Gloor

Blanco High School

May 20, 1973

8:00 P. M.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

- Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"
Mrs. B. R. Gloor
- Invocation John Covin
- Salutatory Address Martha Bates
- Song Cynda Granberg
Mike Weden
- Valedictory Address Blye Engel
- Class History Harold Knoll
- Introduction of Speaker Tommy Weir
- Commencement Speaker Judge Jack B. Miller
- Presentation of Awards Lyle Edge
High School Principal
- Presentation of Diplomas Board Pres. Jack Felpe
Supt. Lester C. Cobb
- Acceptance of Diplomas Jan Gourley
- Benediction Donna Fuchs
- Recessional "Pomp and Circumstance"
Mrs. B. R. Gloor

Football Field

May 25, 1973

8:00 P. M.



SENIOR OFFICERS

The Seniors are going to have to lean on their knowledge that they acquired from school, their community, their friends, their family and their country to make their place in the world.

For leadership, the class selected the above officers to lean on for guidance. Martha Bates is the hard working President. She tries to see that things go in order. Tom Weaks, Vice-President, assists Martha in her duties. Tommy Weir takes care of the money, the treasurer. Jan Gourley sees to the record-keeping and correspondence as secretary. Mr. Smitherman is the Senior Class Sponsor.

FROM AUGUST 22 TO MAY

DEEDE BROFFT

Attended 1 year.
Spanish Club 1 yr., Senior Class Play.



BEVERLY BROOKS

Attended 2 years.
Spanish Club 1 yr.; Annual Staff 1 yr.

VICKI BRUEMMER

Attended 12 years.
Band 4 yrs., Lettered 4 yrs., Drum Major 1 yr., Vice-President 1 yr., Librarian 1 yr., FHA 4 yrs., 3rd Vice-President 1 yr., Senior Play, Junior Play, Junior Class Favorite, FFA Sweetheart Candidate, Sophomore Duchess, Best All Around, PTO Coronation Program 1 yr.



JUAN CARDENAS

Attended 11 years.
Senior Class Play, Spanish Club 4 yrs., Ag. 2 yrs., Basketball 3 yrs., Lettered 3 yrs., 2nd Team All-District, Baseball 1 yr., Lettered 1 yr., Track 3 yrs., Lettered 3 yrs.



The seniors chose Vicki and Perry as the people in their class who are best all around. This says of these two that they are two of the best rounded seniors in all activities and events. This includes success, friendliness, and being athletic.

The senior year started off on August 22, 1972. This is the last go around for many of the seniors. Some will go off to college, some married, some to be married, and others are not exactly sure of what they will do. Many are hoping by the end of the year to maybe have chosen some type of career. Many technical school representatives, colleges, and the armed forces have made presentations to them so maybe they can choose some career for themselves.



25, SENIORS DEPENDED ON EACH OTHER



IN "CREEPING SHADOWS" ALL THE



SENIORS LEANED ON EACH OTHER'S ABILITY



DAVID COBB
 Attended 9 years.
 Sophomore Class Favorite, Jr. Play,
 Senior Play, FFA 1 yr., Band 3 yrs.,
 Band Reporter 1 yr., Lettered 2 yrs.,
 Football 4 yrs., Lettered 3 yrs.,
 Honorable Mention 1 yr. Basketball
 3 yrs., Tennis 4 yrs., Lettered 4 yrs.

JOHN COVIN
 Attended 5 years.
 FFA 4 yrs., Vice-Pres. 1 yr.; Fresh-
 man Pres.; Soph. Treasurer; Jr. Pres.,
 Jr. Play; Sr. Play, Sr. Favorite; Frh.
 4 yrs., Let. 3 yrs., Co-Capt. 1 yr.; All-
 Dist. Offense, All-Dist. Defense 1
 yr., All-Centex Defense 1 yr.; Bakt.
 2 yrs.; Track 2 yrs., Let. 1 yr.

DORIS EISENHAUER
 Attended 2 years.
 FHA 2 yr., Senior Class Play.

DARLESS FELPS
 Attended 9 years.
 Band 4 yrs., Lettered 4 yrs., Dis-
 trict 2 yrs., Regional & Area 1 yr.,
 Miss Panther Band of 1972, FHA
 3 yrs., Senior Class Play.



Have you ever seen a "creeping shadow"? If, you missed seeing the Senior Class's production of "Creeping Shadow" on the night of April 6, 1973. There were spiders crawling, cobwebs hanging, chains rattling, and bodies being drug across the floor of the delapidated Loughton House. People were also hit over the head, had things stolen by a sticky hand coming through the wall, and a certain man walked around in a woman's nightgown. The hick sheriff and his deputies caught the escaped criminal, but not the master criminals behind the mysterious incidents. The curtain fell and Act III as the poor, upset, hurt heiress discovered she was wealthy and her boyfriend was not a criminal, but a man in love.

BLYE ELLEN ENGEL IS THE CLASS VALEDICTORIAN

Blye Ellen moved to Blanco in August, 1967, from San Antonio. Blye Ellen has attended the Blanco Schools for 6 years. She was an active member of the Blanco Panther Band, having lettered each year. She was section leader of the percussion section for 2 years. She also held the office of Band Historian-Reporter for 2 years.

During her four years in FHA, she was Treasurer her Sophomore year, 1st Vice-President her Junior year, and President her Senior year. Blye Ellen was chosen for the Area Chorus her Sophomore year, and as a chapter representative to the state meetings her Junior and Senior years. She was also an active member of the chapter chorus.

The Blanco Chapter Young Homemakers of Texas chose her for their 1972-73 Little Sister. She was also chosen 1972-73 Area VII Little Sister, and 1st runner-up in the 1973-74 State Little Sister. She actively participated in all Young Homemakers activities and took several trips sponsored by this organization.

Blye Ellen had parts in the Junior and Senior plays in addition to being an active class member. She has also participated in the PTO's Carnival programs for the past 2 years.

Besides her school activities, Blye enjoys hunting, music, sewing, traveling, cooking, and horseback riding. She was a duchess in the San Antonio Lutheran Charity Coronation in 1970-71, an active 4H member and officer for 2 years—1970-72, and State Youth Representative and Youth Officer in Grange for the past 2 years. Blye Ellen is active in various community organizations as well as church where she teaches Nursery Sunday School and Special Education Bible School classes at the Blanco Trinity Lutheran Church. She is also an active Luther League member and officer.

Blye's father, Verne Engel, is the Sales Supervisor for the Mal Barklow Brokerage Co. Besides being a homemaker, Jan Engel, her mother, is a licensed Insurance Recording Agent and manager of the Bigden Insurance Agency. Blye is the eldest of the Engel's four children. She has 2 brothers, Weldon and Cody, and one sister, Allison. The Engels live on a ranch and raise registered Hereford cattle and registered Appaloosa horses.

Upon graduation, Blye Ellen plans to major in the field of home economics and minor in special education. She hopes to become a home economics vocational teacher for retarded children.



MARTHA BATES IS CLASS SALUTATORIAN

Martha has attended the Blanco Schools for twelve years. She was an active member of the Spanish Club during her Freshman and Sophomore years and an honorary member her Junior and Senior years. She was also active in the Pep Squad.

During her Senior year, she was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Pep Squad and Secretary of the Spanish Club. She was also chosen as Senior Class President. Martha and Carlos, shown at the top left of this page were selected as Most Likely to Succeed of the Senior class. She was also basketball manager.

She participated in the Junior and Senior Plays. Her conservation essays for PEC have also won her the honors of honorable mention and third place. Some of the hobbies and past times which she enjoys are horseback riding, volleyball, baseball, football, and working with small children.

Besides her school organizations, Martha is a member of the Explorers and Grange, in which she holds the office of Flora. She also tutors in her spare time and in her Senior year was a student teacher-helper under Mrs. E. L. Miller. She is also a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and a member of the Luther League.

Martha has two sisters, Joyce and Janice, and three brothers, Ricky, Johnny, and Justin. Her father is a carpenter and her mother is a homemaker. She plans to join the Air Force upon graduation.



JAN AND HAROLD SHOWED THEIR



OUTSTANDING ABILITY IN ATHLETIC EVENTS



DONNA FUCHS
 Attended 12 years.
 Pep Squad 3 yrs., Secretary & Treasury 1 yr.,
 FHA 4 yrs., 5th Vice-President, Area Chorus 1 yr.,
 Junior & Senior Class Play, Junior Class Secretary &
 Treasurer, Basketball Manager 1 yr.



JOHNNY GAMEZ
 Attended 3 years.
 FFA 1 yr., Spanish Club 1 yr., Football 1 yr., Let-
 tered 1 yr., Honorable Mention 1 yr., Pep Squad
 Bean 1 yr., Basketball 2 yrs., Lettered 2 yrs.,
 1st Team All-District, Baseball 1 yr., Lettered 1 yr.



JAN GOURLEY
 Attended 12 years.
 Sophomore Favorite, Class Sec-
 retary; Junior Class Reporter,
 Junior Play; Senior Secretary,
 Most Athletic, Senior Play; FHA 3
 yrs; Pep Squad 1 yr., Secretary 1
 yr.; Cheerleader 3 yrs., Head Cheer-
 leader 1 yr.; Basketball 4 yrs.; Let.
 4 yrs., Captain 4 yrs., Honorable
 Men. 2 yrs.; Tennis 4 yrs., Let. 4
 yrs.

SUSAN HANSEN
 Attended 1 year.
 Spanish Club 1 yr.; Senior Play -



CYNTHIA IRWIN
 Attended 3 years.
 Spanish Club 3 yrs., treasurer 1 yr.;
 Pep Squad 1 yr.; Junior Play; Senior
 Play; Tennis 1 yr.



Shown on the left are Harold and
 Jan. They were selected by their
 class members as the most athletic.
 Usually in all athletic events, these
 two seniors were either top or put-
 ting forth all possible ability.

Also shown on this page are win-
 ners, mostly seniors, in the conserva-
 tion essay contest. They are Cyn-
 thia, Susan, Bonnie (junior) and
 Martha. The contest is sponsored
 by Pedernales Electric Cooperative,
 Inc. These four girls received
 plaques. Their essays were then
 turned in to the state contest and
 they will be decided upon
 there.

SENIOR DAY—THE DAY WE ALL HAD FUN TOGETHER



PAM JOHNSON
Attended 1 year.

WAYNE JOHNSON
Attended 1 year.

NOLA KNEUPPER
Attended 12 years.
Band 3 yrs., Lettered 3 yrs.

HAROLD KNOLL
Attended 12 years.
Junior Play, Junior Reporter; Senior Play, Most Athletic; Spanish Club 4 yrs., Vice-Pres. 1 yr., President 1 yr.; Pth. 4 yrs., Let. 2 yrs., Honorable Mention, Co-Captain; Bskt. 4 yrs., Let. 3 yrs.; Track 2 yrs., Let. 1 yr.; Tennis 3 yrs., Let. 3 yrs., Outstanding Tennis Player; Annual Staff 4 yrs.; Baseball 2 yrs.



Senior day was Friday, May 18. This was the start of a long list of activities for seniors. Senior day Friday, Six-Flags for the seniors in Spanish Club and Band on Saturday, and baccalaureate on Sunday. The remainder of the senior's last week was as full also.

On Senior day, the first stop before San Antonio, was Nittatal Bridge Caverns. Beckenridge Park was next with the skyride and the lunches. Bowling and the river walk with the paddle boats filled the afternoon. After supper at the Hungry Farmer, Playland Park got the group. Vicki had a slight problem with all her buddies and the bumper cars, but old Vicki made it through. The real problem was the cages that wex supposo to go over, put separate or together, no one ever made it over the top. Afim a few other challenges, Mr. Edgs, Mr. Smitherman and some tired seniors made it back to Blanco about 10 o'clock.



SENIORS BEGIN NEW EXEMPTION



PROGRAM THIS YEAR



DAVID LAUMER
Attended 12 years.
FFA 4 yrs.; Senior Play.

DENNIS MOORE
Attended 12 years.
FFA 4 yrs.; Star Green Hand; Dairy Farming Award; Star Chapter Farmer; Lone Star Farmer Degree; Outstanding V. A. Student of 1972; Sentinel 2 yrs.; Freshman Duke; Carnival King 1969-70; Junior Play; Senior Play; Track 1 yr.



PEGGY MOORE
Attended 7 years.
Pep Squad 3 yrs., President 1 yr.; FHA 3 yrs., FFA Sweetheart Candidate 1st Runner-up, Girl of the month; Area Chorus 1 yr.; Annual Staff 4 yrs.; Freshman Favorite; Junior Play.

ROBERT SIERA
Attended 9 years.
Spanish Club 4 yrs., Vice-Pres. 1 yr.; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 3 yrs., Let. 3 yrs.; Fth. 3 yrs., Let. 2 yrs., Co-Captain 1 yr., All-District Offense 1 yr.; Bkt. 2 yrs.; Tennis 4 yrs., Let. 3 yrs.; Track 2 yrs.



NELSON SMITH
Attended 12 years.
Spanish Club 4 yrs.; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 4 yrs., Lettered 4 yrs., District Band 1 yr.; Basketball 2 yrs.; Tennis 2 yrs.

BUBBA SNOWDEN
Attended 12 years.
Band 4 yrs., Let. 4 yrs.; Football 1 yr.

The seniors this year started out a new program for tests. This was the first year that students were able to be exempt from their six-weeks and semester tests. All students could be exempt if they were not absent and had a 70 average, or one absence and an 85 average for six-weeks test. On the last six-weeks, the seniors just have to have a passing grade to be exempt. The last six-weeks, absences did not count in regard to seniors.

BLYE, ELLEN, MARTHA, NELSON, AND HAROLD

ZACHARY SWIERC
 Attended 9 years.
 FFA 4 yrs.



ROSIE UBALLE
 Attended 12 years.
 Spanish Club 4 yrs., Historian 1 yr.;
 Junior Play; Senior Play; Pep Squad
 4 yrs.; FHA 4 yrs., Parliamentarian
 1 yr.

PERRY WAGNER
 Attended 12 years.
 Freshman Class President, Class Fa-
 vorite; Junior Class Duke; Senior
 Best All Around; FFA 2 yrs.; Ftb.
 4 yrs.; Let. 3 yrs., Honorable Men-
 tion; Baseball 2 yrs., Let. 2 yrs.



GORDON WALKER
 Attended 9 years.
 Ag. 3 yrs.; Junior Play; Track 1 yr.

RANDY WARRICK
 Attended 8 years.
 Spanish Club; Ag. 2 yrs.; Duke;
 Junior Play; Senior Play; Ftb. 4 yrs.,
 Let. 3 yrs., All-District, All Contes.

TOM WEEAKS
 Attended 12 years.
 Senior Vice-President; Senior Play;
 Junior Play; Band 4 yrs., Let. 4 yrs.;
 Ftb. Manager 4 yrs., Let. 4 yrs.;
 Bkt. 4 yrs., Let. 3 yrs.; Tennis 4
 yrs., Let. 4 yrs.; Baseball Manager;
 Track Manager.



Shown on the top right are the se-
 niors with the 4 highest averages in
 the class of '73. They are Blye
 Engel, Martha Bates, Nelson Smith,
 and Harold Knoll.

The top 25% of the class besides
 those top 4 (in alphabetical order)
 are Deede Broffl, Beverly Brooks,
 John Covin, Jan Gourley, Sosan
 Hansen, and Carlos Wittkohl.

We, the annual staff, wish these
 high achieving students all the suc-
 cess in the world. We hope that they
 are a credit to the Blanco Schools.

ARE THE TOP 4 STUDENTS IN THE SENIOR CLASS



SENIORS ARE READY TO LEAN ON THE WORLD



AND THE WORLD ON THEM



TOMMY WEIR
 Attended 4 years.
 FFA 2 yrs.; Sophomore Vice-Pres.; Jr. Class Favorite; Jr. Play; Sr. Play; Sr. Most Friendly; Frb. 2 yrs.; Let. 1 yr.; Mgr.; Baseball 1 yr.

JAN WEST
 Attended 12 years.
 Band 4 yrs.; Let. 4 yrs.; Pres., Sec. & Treas., Librarian, Miss Panther Band; FHA 4 yrs.; 1st Vice-Pres.; Junior Duchess; Jr. Play; Senior Play; Sr. Favorite; Cheerleader 1 yr.; Bkt. 4 yrs.; Let. 3 yrs.; All-Dist. 1 yr.; Capt., Tennis 3 yrs.; Let. 2 yrs.

JACQUELYN WEST
 Attended 12 years.
 Pop Squad 3 yrs.; FHA 3 yrs.; Junior Play; Senior Play; Sr. Class Duchess, Senior Candidate for FFA Sweetheart; Freshman Treasurer; Bkt. 4 yrs.; Let. 3 yrs.; Captain; Tennis 3 yrs.

CHUCK WEANER
 Attended 1 year.
 Spanish Club; Senior Play.

CARLOS WITTKOHL
 Attended 2 years.
 Senior Class Duke, Senior Play, Most Likely To Succeed; Junior Play; FFA 1 yr.; Frb. 2 yrs.; Honorable Men.; Baseball 1 yr.; Track 2 yrs.

SUE ZERCHER
 Attended 11 years.
 Jr. Play; Sr. Play, Most Friendly Girl; Bkt. 4 yrs.; Let. 3 yrs.; Capt., All-Dist. First Team 1 yr., Sec. Team 1 year, Football Sweetheart.

Sue and Tommy were chosen by their senior classmates as most friendly. These people always speak to others and have a welcoming smile to anyone they come into contact with, student or otherwise.

The theme of the annual is **LEAN ON ME**. This song was chosen because the seniors are really ready to lean on the world for their livelihood. The world is ready to lean on these new people to make it a better place for others. With the two working together, we, the annual staff, hope some of the problems will be less. The young determine the future of the world with what knowledge they have acquired from the older. These older include schools, friends, and community.

We hope our seniors fulfill their potential and really make someone who can be **LEANED ON**.



JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET AND PROM

HAD AN ORIENTAL THEME



On April 27, the Juniors began decorating for the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom, which was to be held on the twenty-eighth. They started right after lunch and finished about one o'clock that night. Their theme was "Oriental." The main attraction was a bridge with a small waterfall flowing under it. The Junior boys took many pains in constructing and painting the bridge. Mrs. Sunny, Miss Beckham, and Mr. Spargin were the prom sponsors.

The servers were chosen from the Sophomore and Freshman classes. They were Beatrice Estrada, Marcela Mann, Joyer Edge, Sharon Walker, Cathy Curtis, Betty Moore, Robert Horton, Ben Brooks, Curtis Hollis, Charlie Wittkohl, Keith Smith, and Terry Brussel. They were dressed in kimonos and oriental rod jackets that added to our Oriental scene. They did a good job.

The mothers who helped prepare the food were Mrs. Posey, Mrs. Tatum, Mrs. Engel, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Haas, Mrs. Edger, Mrs. Bendele, Mrs. Bindsell, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Triesch, and Mrs. Waxler. Some of the dad's also helped. The menu consisted of egg rolls, chicken chow mein, salad, apple ring, fortune cookies, and sherbert.

The prophecies about the Seniors were read by Darrel Lux. Martha Bates willed the Juniors many interesting and puzzling things.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Tom Lanier from San Antonio who preaches at the First Baptist Church here in Blanco. He gave a very inspiring and entertaining speech about living now, instead of yesterday or tomorrow.

The band who provided the music for the prom was the "Jiva Jives." They played both Western and Rock music. Everyone enjoyed the band—those who danced and those who just listened.

JUNIORS TOOK TOP HONORS IN COS

The year of 72-73 has been a working year for the Juniors. They have participated in two money-making projects: the Junior Play and the film "Time To Run." The money from these projects was used in presenting the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom.

The Junior class officers were President Connie Triesch, Vice-President Andy Mann, Secretary Bonnie Bendele, and Treasurer Karen Edge. Our sponsor was Mr. Walston. He also directed our play.

During the school year, a Masquerade Day was held. Several of the Juniors participated. Andy Mann and Pa Pam Warrick won prizes for being the best dressed. Mrs. Miller along with several other teachers also participated in the Masquerade Day.

Shown at the bottom right are twelve of our class members. They are (top row) Debby Banks, Billie Beck, Bonnie Bendele, Bobby Bindseil; (middle row) Sandy Bindseil, Della Brooks, Bobby Brussel, Burt Clark; (bottom row) Richard Cole, Sidney Cox, Karen Edge, and Curtis Eisenhauer.



TUMES FOR MASQUERADE DAY



JUNIORS LEANED ON EACH OTHER

Our play was about a hillbilly boy whose letters got him into an awkward situation. The girl to whom he wrote was a debutante whom he had never met, except through the newspaper. She comes to the hills expecting to marry a handsome, well-educated, young gentleman. But to her surprise, she finds her Romeo to be a common hillbilly.

The Juniors were a little nervous about whether they would remember their lines and entrances. All went according to the script—except for Pam Warrick. She was trying to break up a fight between Andy and Larry. While doing so, she and Andy fell, with Andy's elbow going through the (log cabin) wall. This was a little startling, but everyone soon composed themselves and continued.

Participants in the play were Dazell Lux, Andy Mann, Larry Tatum, Pam Warrick, Jeanie Haas, Randy Tatum, Mary Pahnmyer, Weldon Engel, Rita Posey, Connie Triesch, Nancy Murrah, Vickie Seymour, Bonnie Bendale, Sandy Bindsell, and Pat Weaks.

Evelyn Pape, Della Brooks, Bobby Bindsell, Maria Pacheco, Burt Clark, Billie Beck, Patricia Heckel, Karen Edge, Charles Waxler, Richard Cole, Curtis Eisenhauser, Bobby Brussel, Missy Morgan, and Debby Banks were members of the class who attended to other duties besides acting.

On the bottom left are eight more members of our class. They are (top row) Weldon Engel, Cinch Estrada, Tony Games, Louis Garcia; (bottom row) Jeanie Haas, Patricia Heckel, Dazell Lux, and Andy Mann.



IN "HEADIN' FOR A WEDDIN'"



JUNIORS ATTEND "CAREER DAY" AT RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE



On March 30, the Juniors and Seniors attended Career Day at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio. We were all loaded on two buses—Mr. Spurgin driving the Juniors and Mr. Edge driving the Seniors. The day started off looking like it was going to be a pretty one—but no such luck! It rained on us all the way to San Antonio.

When we arrived at the base, they had displays set up in two huge hangars. Some of the displays were on dental work, medical work, mechanics, welding, meteorology, and other specialists in various fields.

Some special attractions were the German shepherd dogs, the Air Force Band, the Rock Band, and the air display performed by the "Thunderbirds." The "Thunderbirds" consisted of four phantom jets who performed several amazing feats.

The time soon came when we had to return home. Everyone seemed to enjoy their day at Randolph.

Shown at the top left are the top four Juniors in their class. They are Bonnie Bendele, Darrel Lutz, Karen Edge, and Mary Pahmeyer.

At the far left are sixteen more members of the Junior class. They are Missy Morgan, Nancy Murrain, Maria Pacheco, Michell Page, Mary Pahmeyer, Evelyn Pape, Rita Posey, Roddy Robinson, Donnie Romero, Vickie Seymour, Larry Tatum, Randy Tatum, Connie Triesch, Pam Warrick, Charles Waxler, and Pat Weaks.

SOPHOMORES ARE NEAT, AND BARBEQUES

The leaders of the sophomore class this year are President Charlie Wittkohl, Vice-President Beatrice Estrada, Secretary Janet Lefler, and Treasurer Willie (Chuggy) Upshaw. Our class sponsor is Mr. Eickenloff. Our money making project this year was the chicken and goat Bar-B-Que held in May. We had a hall sale to make money for the Duke and Duchess coronation. We are hoping to gain enough money for next year's Junior-Senior Banquet.

Our class of 36 has not changed much since last year. We lost some people but gained two new students, Kimberly (Kim) and Steve Price. Kim is shown on this page.

The Duke and Duchess for this year was Janet Lefler and Charlie Wittkohl.

The first 16 members of the sophomore class are Tibby Armke, Johnny Bates, Ben Brooks, Cindy Cager, Kathy Curtis, Beatrice Estrada, Vicki Finch, Cindy Gibbons, Karen Gloor, Kathy Hartmann, Chris Hickman, Mike Johnson, Linda Johnston, Carla Jones, Robert Klepac, and Janet Kneupper.

Oil millionaires and rabbits are not usually found in your average classroom but some Sophomores found it fun to participate in the masquerade day scheduled in F. H. A. week.



IS THEIR TREAT



SOPHOMORES ARE STUDYING

HARD TO ACHIEVE A BETTER STANDING

Most of the sophomores on these pages are pictured in class. The four sophomores who had the highest average this year are pictured at the bottom right. They are Kathy Hartmann, Janice Scharnhorst, Robert Klepac, and Kathy Curtis.

The sophomore members on this page are Janet Leffer, Joe Pacheco, Billy Petri, Larry Preis, Steve Price, Tom Price, Able Romero, Janice Scharnhorst, Bill Schultz, Ricky Trisch, Alberta Upshaw, Willie Upshaw, Cindy Wagner, Sharon Walker, Allida Webb, Hollis West, Charles Wittkohl, and Wayne Zercher.



FRESHMEN ARE STARTING OUT ON

This year the Freshman class officers are President Theresa Granberg, Vice-President Natalie Young, Secretary Debbie Price, and Treasurer Marcella Mann. Our class sponsor is Mr. Smith.

There are 39 members in the Freshman class. 21 of them are presented on these pages. On the first row is Wilson Blackburn, Sharon Brockway, Rodney Bruesmer, Terry Brussel, Fern Cagg, Irene Cagg, and Carla Chandler. Dwight Dotson, Lee Dowdy, Andy Dyer, Joyce Edge, Joe Finch, Grace Gamez, and Tom Garcia are on the second row. On the last row is Doug Gates, Theresa Granberg, Kathy Heckel, Curtis Hollis, Robert Horton, Beverly Jones, and Gilbert Jung.

This year six of the Freshmen were asked to serve at the Junior-Senior Banquet. They were Marcella Mann, Betty Moore, Joyce Edge, Robert Horton, Curtis Hollis and Keith Smith.



A NEW TYPE OF LIFE STYLE



THEY ARE LEARNING WITH THIS LIFE STYLE



TO LEAN HEAVILY ON EACH OTHER



This year the Freshmen who had the highest averages were Natalie Young, Joyce Edge, Theresa Granberg, and Fern Cage.



The remaining 18 of the Freshmen are on these pages. They are Esther Kaplan, Glenn Kelly, Debbie Koch, Cecilia Kuebel, Marcella Mann, Tinker Miller, Trudy Miller, Betty Moore, Ken Olfers, Debbie Price, Marla Robinson, Annie Sierra, Keith Smith, Jeffery Swiers, Susan Waide, Wayne Wilson, Jo Nell Winn, and Natalie Young.



ANNUAL STAFF

For No One Can fill Those of

Your Needs That You Won't Let Show

The annual staff is composed of students who possess some interest in publications that show what their school really is.

The new activity started this year in the darkroom, processing film and making prints for the yearbook. Mr. Otto Twidwell got the staff started. We thank him for getting us off on the right foot. We have found it very interesting and rewarding. Mr. Gerald Dowdy, Lee's dad, helped with the construction of the darkroom and made it workable.

The staff would also like to thank the other students who helped from time to time to make our publication. Deede Brofft made the special display headlines, Billie Beck did the picture on the title page, and Tommy Weir drew the artwork on the cover. Our hats are off to them.

The staff hopes you are enjoying the efforts they have put forth. We are always striving for a better publication.

We LEAN on you for your support and consideration. Thanks for buying our book that is portraying you.



Robert, Mr. Twidwell, Mr. Spurgin, and Lee work in the darkroom.



Bonnie and Theresa are elementary editors.



Peggy and Beverly (seated) are the senior class editors. Karen is the junior editor, Natalie is freshman editor, and Kathy is sophomore editor.



Curtis and Wayne are organization editors.



Janice is the opening and closing editor. Harold is sports editor.



Sue and Debbie are the personality editors.



Robert and Evelyn are the advertising editors. 41

BAND MEMBERS, DIRECTOR, PARENTS

DIRECTOR

Herb Crosswell

OFFICERS

President—Jan West
Vice-President—Vickie Bruesmmer
Secretary-Treasurer—Nancy Murrain
Reporter-Historian—Blye Engel
Librarians—Rita Posey & Hollis West

MANAGERS

Charles Waxler
Bill Schultz

UNIFORM MANAGERS

Pat Weaks
Missy Morgan

DISTRICT BAND

Darless Felps
Maria Pacheco

REGIONAL BAND

Darless Felps
Maria Pacheco

AREA BAND

Darless Felps

JOHN PHILIPS SOUSA AWARD

Darless Felps

OUTSTANDING SERFS

Sharon Brockway
Raymond Hallenberger

AND BOOSTERS LEANED ON EACH OTHER



BAND SECTIONS

The following pictures on this page are broken down into the band sections. Pictured in the top left are the majorettes. They are Hollis West, Sandy Bindsell, Cindy Cagg, Debbie Price, and Vicki Bruemmer—Drum Major.

Pictured (top right) is the Woodwind Section. In this section Missy Morgan is first chair flute, Darless Felps is first chair clarinet, Janet Knrupper is first chair alto saxophone, Kathy Curtis is first chair bass clarinet, and Jo Neil Winn is first chair tenor saxophone.

In the bottom right is the Brass Section. In this section Nelson Smith is first chair coronet, Debbie Price is first chair French horn, Robert Kerpac is first chair tuba, Chuggy Upshaw is first chair trombone, and Raymond Hallenberger is first chair baritone.

In the middle left is the Percussion Section. Blye Engel is the section leader.

On the bottom left are the band officers. On the bottom row left are Jan West—President, Vicki Bruemmer—Vice-President, Nancy Murrain—Treasurer, and Blye Engel—Historian. On the top row left are Pat Wesaks and Missy Morgan—Uniform managers, Hollis West and Rita Posey—Librarians, and Charles Waxler—Band Manager.

Each section has several rehearsals during the year to insure a well-blended sound for an outstanding band.



BLANCO CHAPTER OF FFA



The Blanco Chapter of Future Farmers of America is a very busy organization which consist of 53 members. In the left picture are the officers. They are, bottom row-left to right: John Covin, Vice-President; Darrell Lux, President; Curtis Eisenhauer, Secretary; top row-left to right are Mr. Henry Bendele, advisor; Chuggy Uphaw, Treasurer; Charles Waxler, Sentinel; Wayne Zercher, Reporter. Pictured on the top right are seven different committees. They are, bottom to top, 1st row, Supervised Agricultural Occupation Experience, Chairman, Curtis Eisenhauer; 2nd row, Membership, Cinch Estrada, Chairman; 3rd row, Leadership, Darrell Lux, Chairman; 4th row, Conduct of Meetings, Johnny Gomez, Chairman; 5th row, Participation in State and National Activities, Andy Mann, Chairman; 6th row, Co-operation, Gordon Walker, Chairman; 7th row, Scholarship, Wayne Zercher, Chairman. On the 2nd row, the inner picture is the committee on organization and membership, Chairman, John Covin, Co-Chairman, Waldon Engel; 2nd row, outer picture is the committee on Public Relations, Richard Cole, Chairman; Luis Gattia, Co-Chairman; 3rd row, inner picture is the committee on Community Service, Charles Waxler, Chairman; Tommy Weir, Co-Chairman; 3rd row, outer picture is the committee on Earnings and Savings, Chuggy Uphaw, Chairman; Bobby Bindsell, Co-Chairman.

The Blanco FFA Chapter X Sweetheart is Miss Karen Gloor. She was chosen at the Fall Banquet. Each year the FFA puts on a Turkey Shoot to finance chapter activities. Each fall an awards banquet is held to recognize outstanding accomplishments of Youth and to recognize adults who have helped the chapter in the total leadership Program.





Officers: Bottom row—(l to r) B. Engel, J. West, B. Bendels, V. Bruemmer, S. Bindasill, and D. Fuchs. Standing—Mrs. Carol Summy (Advisor), K. Gloor, R. Uhall, N. Murrah, C. Trish, and R. Posy.

BLANCO



PUBLICITY

CHAPTER OF FHA



AND SCRAPBOOK COMMITTEE



PROJECTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

TOWARD NEW HORIZONS

The Blanco Chapter of Future Homemakers of America has fifty-five members this year who are led by eleven officers. The FHA was extremely busy with their many projects and programs. The club adopted a child from the Austin State School and each member an elderly person from the rest homes. They made flags for Veteran's Day, homemade Christmas ornaments for the rest home's trees, cookies for the soldiers at Brook General, posted new traffic signs showing the students safety, and created decorations for all the lockers during FHA Week. The FHA also had a Coke Bottle Drive to raise funds to send Christmas cards to the Kerrville Hospital. The girls heard speakers on diets, birth control, safety precautions, the Austin State School, and narcotics and drugs. The FHA sponsored a family picnic, a mother-daughter covered-dish supper, a school assembly, a "Bottle Day", and a program by a gospel group. For fun, the FHA held a "Slave Girl Day" and a "Masquerade Day" for the entire school. Many of the girls also attended the Area VII and State FHA meetings.



FINANCE AND DECORATION COMMITTEE



FOOD COMMITTEE



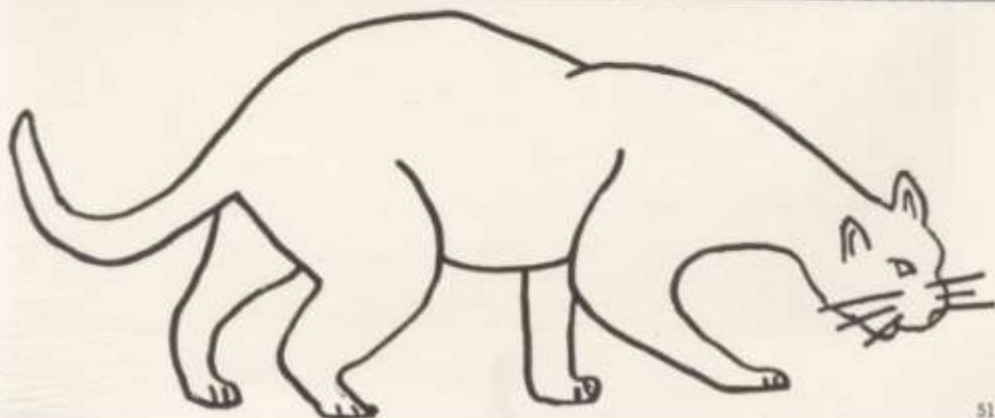
DEGREES AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE

PANTHERS LEANED ON PEP SQUAD FOR SPIRIT

The Pep Squad officers of 1972 were Connie Trisch (President), Karen Edge (Vice-President), and Martha Bates (Secretary/Treasurer).

Our cheerleaders this year were Jan Gourley (Head), Jan West, Vickie Soymour, and Janice Scharnhorst. They attended Cheerleaders' Camp during the summer, where they learned many new cheers. Some of the new cheers were Sockit, Stand Up, Tick-Tock, and Stomp Clap.

The money-raising project for the Pep Squad was selling stationary. It turned out to be a great success with every one doing her part to help.



LOS PEREZOSOS WORKED HARD FOR



PLANNED TRIP TO MEXICO DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS



The Spanish Club consists of 22 students who have had at least one year of classroom Spanish. Those who are planning to take it are also included since Spanish was not offered this year. The officers of the LOS PEREZOSOS are Harold Knoll—President, Robert Sierra—Vice-President, Martha Bates—Secretary, Cynthia Irwin—Treasurer, Rosie Uhalle—Historian-Reporter, and Mrs. E. L. Miller—Sponsor.

In the past years, the Spanish Club has made several trips to Mexico. This year it is planned to visit Monterrey at Easter. Everyone is sure to enjoy the sight of Hursetail Falls, the centuries old church at Saltillo, the modern and ancient Catholic churches in Monterrey, the historic Bishop's Palace atop a hill outside Monterrey where General Zachary Taylor was once stationed, the glass blowing factory, and the silver and serape factories.

To raise money for this trip, the club has had a donkey basketball game and candy sales.



You Just Call On Me Brother



School Board members from left to right are Mr. Dick Knoll, Mr. James Meurer, Mr. Adolph Bindzell--Sec.-Texas., Mr. Jack Felpe--President, Mr. Roy Byars--Vice-Pres., Mr. Robert Klepac, and Mr. Ronnie Immel.

SCHOOL BOARD AND ADMINISTRATORS WORK TOGETHER

Responsibilities of making decisions concerning school policies, curriculum, personnel, finances, and properties of the Blanco Independent School District are shouldered by seven community-involved citizens. One of the decisions this year was the beginning of the Tri-semester system. This system consists of three semesters of two six-weeks each. A new grading system was also decided upon. A student with an average of 70 and no absences, or 85 with one absence can now be exempt from their Tri-semester tests.

Mr. Lester Cobb, working closely with the Board and members of the administrative staff, develops policies of management and curriculum for Blanco schools.

Mr. Cobb, superintendent of Blanco School for nine years, is also active in state and national organizations as well as local civic groups. He received a BS degree from East Texas Baptist College and MEd degree from Stephen F. Austin University.

Also shown with Mr. Cobb is Mrs. Joy Brussel, his secretary. She is also the tax-assessor for the school taxes.



When You Need A Hand



HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

At Blanco High, the Administrative duties are made by Mr. Lyle N. Edge, our principal. He also teaches physical science, chemistry, and 8th grade earth science. Mr. Edge also drives a school bus.

During the spring semester, Mr. Edge attended the University of Texas and picked up 6 hours in astronomy and physics.

Mr. Edge received his BS and MS from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He has quite a few hours of credit from the University of Texas in science above a masters degree.

Principal in elementary school is Mr. Billy R. Gloor. Along with his principal duties, he also teaches 6th grade math, world geography, reading, and science.

Mr. Gloor received his BS degree from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Among Mr. Edge's and Mr. Gloor's duties are keeping up with attendance, discipline, book distribution, problems with student and teacher needs, curriculum planning, and carrying out policies of the public school system.



ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

TEACHERS—A PART OF THE

EDUCATIONAL PROCESSING DEVELOPMENT



Miss Ann Beckham teaches Girl's Physical Education and Biology

Mr. Ricky Eickenloff is football, B boys basketball, baseball, and track coach. He also teaches history.

Mr. Louis Rech is coach for basketball and asst. football coach. He teaches Health and 7th grade.

Mr. Carroll Smith teaches history, government, and 7th grade history.

Mrs. Earnestine Kincaid is the LLD teacher. This is a new program this year. She is assisted by Mrs. Ruth Harvey and Mrs. Mary Johnson.



Mr. Herb Crosswell is the Band Director and music teacher.

Mr. Joe Smitherman is the High School math teacher.

Mrs. Carol Summy teaches Home Economics.

Mr. Bill Sporgin teaches business education and 7th reading.

Mr. Cecil Walston teaches English and Speech.

Mr. Henry Bendule teaches the agricultural program.



Mrs. Dot Miller teaches English and speech.

ELEMENTARY TEACHES AND STAFF WORK



Mr. Roy Conn teaches Math in both junior and high school.



Mrs. Lee McClain teaches 6th and English.



Mrs. Martha Berheke teaches a combination of third and fourth.



Mrs. Bea Ellison teaches third grade.



Mrs. Shirley McKinney is librarian for us and Johnson City.



Mrs. Claire Gloom teaches Special Education and is assisted by Mrs. Willie Offers.



Mrs. Janet Mabry, assisted by Mrs. Ida Warrick, teach the Reading Program for grade school.

TOWARDS HIGHER GOALS



Mr. Otto Twidwell teaches the fifth grade.



Mrs. Bonnie Bendele teaches 1st grade.



Mrs. Betty Stobaugh teaches 1st grade.



Lunchroom staff is composed of Mrs. Mary Covin-Head, Miss Annie Mosel, Mrs. Ina Smith, and Mrs. Doris Odell.



Mrs. Thelma Hoock teaches 2nd grade.



Mr. Joe Summy teaches 4th grade.



Maintenance is Mr. Irwin Pehl, and Mr. Wesley Odell.



Mrs. Juanita Smith is the nurse.

We All Need Someone

To Learn On



SENIOR FAVORITES

Jan West was selected by the Seniors to represent them as their class favorite. She is very active in school. She is a cheerleader, plays basketball and tennis, in FHA, and in the band, to mention a few.

John Covin is the senior boy favorite. John plays football, is a class officer, runs track, plays baseball, and is in FFA. These are only a few of John's many activities.



JUNIOR FAVORITES

Rita Posey and Darrel Lux were voted on by the Juniors to represent them as two of their favorite people. Rita and Darrel are two of the best clowns in the class. Rita plays basketball and is in the band. Darrel couldn't play football because of his knees, but participates in the track program.



SOPHOMORE FAVORITES



The Sophomore Class chose Alberta Upshaw and James Jones to best represent them as their class favorites. Alberta Upshaw is on the track team and in FHA, James plays football and runs on the track team. James is also a participant in FFA.

Alberta has been working hard in Mrs. Miller's speech class this year. Her monolog was real good. She plays a clarinet in the band.

James was a real asset on the football squad this year. He played in the offensive and defensive squad.



FRESHMAN FAVORITES



Theresa Granberg and Curtis Holix are the representatives from the Freshman class that are their favorites.

Theresa is in many activities in and out of school. In the above picture, she participated in the skiing trip of the Explorers, a group started this year in the Blanco area. They went skiing during January in Ruidoso, New Mexico at Sierra Blanca Mountain. Theresa is in band, on the annual staff, and in FHA to mention a few.

Curtis is in FFA and plays on the B team basketball squad. Curtis's dad runs one of the grocery stores here in town.



The Homecoming game was a big game for the Panthers. The game was with the Comfort Bobcats. The year before, the Bobcats had beaten the Panthers in the last 2 seconds for district honors.

The Panthers beat the Bobcats, who had not lost a game up until then and were rated No. 1 in the state in class A football. The score was the Panthers 16 and Comfort 0.

During the half-time activities, Sue Zercher was selected as Football Sweetheart, and Johnny Gamez was selected Pep Squad Beau. They are pictured on the right.

Mr. and Miss Panther Band were also announced that night. They were Darlisa Felps and Andy Mann.

After the game, a dance, sponsored by the pep squad at the cafeteria, was held for students and exes who wanted to attend.



MR. AND MISS PANTHER BAND

Andy Mann and Darless Frips were chosen as Mr. and Miss Panther Band by secret ballot a few days before Homecoming. During the halftime activities, the winners were announced. Darless and Andy were indeed surprised and honored by having received this distinction. This says that their fellow band members think that they are two of the best representatives of what they are themselves concerning band life. That night, Darless was awarded a bracelet, and Andy received a key chain.

Darless started her band life in the fifth grade when she moved here from Shallowater, Texas. At present, she is first chair clarinet and her section leader. She has lettered 6 years in band. This year in solo, she made district, regional, and area band. Upon graduation this year, Darless is planning to go to the Air Force and try out for the Air Force Band.

Darless's other school activities this year include FHA and is a participant in the Senior Play.

Andy's band life started out in the sixth grade on the trumpet. In the seventh grade, Andy was awarded a pin for being first chair the most times. In the 8th grade, he won his district solo contest. During his sophomore year, Andy was chosen as manager of the band. In his sophomore year, he was Vice-President of the band. He has lettered 4 years in band.

Andy's other school activities include FFA, football, and is his Junior class vice-president.

We congratulate both of these students for being what they are and for their popularity among their fellow band members.



SPRING FESTIVAL ROYALTY

Jackie West and Carlos Wittkohl (pictured at the left) were the winners in the high school division of the Spring Festival held in March.

Lori Calhoun and Andy Cox, representatives of the Fifth grade class, were the winners in the Junior Division.

Liza Twidwell and Andy Cox, representatives of the First Grade class, were the winners in the primary division.

The program for the night was one of cutting down the PTO. One of the main attractions was the style show which was put on by Mr. Cobb, Coach Eickenloff, and Mr. Smith. A Baton routine was then presented by Robert Sierra, David Laumer, and Randy Tatum. This part of the program was put together by Mrs. Jerry Hartmann and Mrs. Billy Berger. The coronation was directed by Mrs. Dorsey L. Smith, Mrs. C. F. Wilson, and Mrs. Carol Summy.

The queen's contest brought in almost \$1800 into the PTO budget. Almost \$450 was taken in at the Pancake Supper in February. This gave the PTO a good operating budget.



FFA SWEETHEART AND FHA BEAU

Karen Gloor was chosen as the sweetheart of the FFA at the annual awards banquet in October this year. She was the sophomore candidate. The night of the banquet, Karen, Jackie West-Senior, Sandy Bindsell--Junior, and Theresa Granberg--Freshman were voted upon by secret ballot.

This is only one of Karen's many activities at Blanco High. She is in the band, and plays many of the sports,

Willie (Chuggy) Upshaw was chosen by the FFA girls as their Beau. He is a very active sophomore. He plays basketball, football, and baseball. He also participates in the band and FFA.



YOUNG HOMEMAKER'S LITTLE SISTER

Blye Engel was chosen by the Young Homemakers to be their Little Sister.

Blye is presently the President of the Blanco FHA Chapter. She represented the Blanco YHT in the Queen's Coronation in Johnson City. In competing at the Area VII YHT Meeting in Fredericksburg, she became the Area VII YHT Little Sister. In representing Area VII, she became first runner-up to the State YHT Little Sister.

Blye takes a lively interest in all her activities. She is always willing to help others.



I Just Might Have A Problem



COACH EICKENLOFF

COACH RECH

We

| | |
|----|------------------|
| 0 | Burnet |
| 7 | Manor |
| 6 | St. Marys |
| 12 | Natalia |
| 37 | Johnson City |
| 0 | Cole |
| 16 | Coenfort |
| 47 | Marion |
| 23 | Dripping Springs |
| 6 | Bandera |

They

| |
|----|
| 20 |
| 21 |
| 0 |
| 0 |
| 6 |
| 34 |
| 0 |
| 6 |
| 20 |
| 21 |

That You'll Understand



Bottom Row: Tom, Lee, Wayne, Keith, Ricky.
 Second Row: Tony, Tommy, Cinch, Chuck, Wayne.
 Third Row: Doug, Robert, Harold, Robert, Perry.
 Fourth Row: John, Andy, Carlos, Chuggy, Larry, James.
 Top Row: Randy, David, Robert, Sidney, Randy, Johnny.

OUR MIGHTY—FIGHTING

This year's team was over-all small, in size but was large in spirit and teamwork. They were lead by Coach Eichenloff and Coach Rech. The captains were John Covin, Randy Warrick, Robert Sierra, Harold Knoll, and Perry Wagner.

Although they weren't supposed to have anything and were predicted last in their district, they had a 6-4 year and a 3-1 district. They got off to a slow start by losing the first two, but quickly bounced back by winning the next three.

The district opener with No. 1 ranked Comfort, was all Blanco. Comfort got the ball first and drove to the 16 yard line, but that was all. The Panther's got on the score board with a first quarter touchdown pass. Then later in the second quarter, hit another touchdown pass. They got their last two points on a safety in the third quarter.

The second district game with Marion was rather easy with the Panther's controlling the ball.

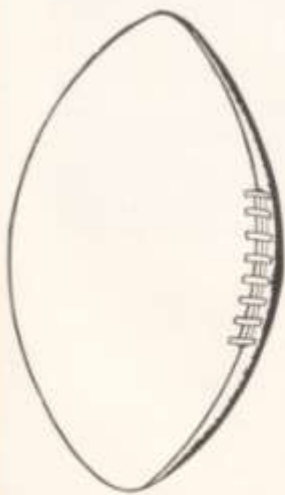
PANTHERS IN ACTION



The third district game was a very exciting one with Dripping Springs. Both the teams came out passing, but only the Tigers could capitalize on it. The first half it was all the Tigers. They went in at half time with a 20-0 lead, but when the second half started, the Panthers started moving the ball on the ground and came back and beat them.

Then came the last district game with two teams left undefeated, Blanco and Bandera. While Bandera scored twice in the first half, they kept Blanco off the score board twice. In the third quarter Bandera scored again. Then late in the fourth Blanco got their last touchdown of the season. Even though the score wasn't close, Bandera only has 25 more total yards than Blanco.

The Panthers only had three people on the Centex team. They were: Randy Warrick, John Covin, and Chuggy Upshaw. They had five people on the All-District team. They were: Robert Sierra, Cinch Estrada, and the three Centex players. They also had five that made Honorable Mention. They were: Johnny Games, David Cobb, Perry Wagner, Carlos Wittkohl, and Harold Knoll.



This year's team went to three tournaments and came home with a 1st place at the Medina tourney, a 2nd place at the Harper tourney and a consolation at the Dripping Springs tourney.

They had one boy on the All District team and two on the All District 2nd team. Johnny Games made the 1st team and Jr. Cardenas and Chuggy Upshaw made the 2nd team.

**EXPERIENCED
MEMBERS
ADD
STRENGTH
TO TEAM**



Harold, Robert, Ken, Tom
Coach Rech, Jr., Chuggy, Johnny, Tony

SEASON RECORD OF 21 WINS AND 8 LOSSES

| We | They | We | They |
|-----|----------------|----|--------------------------|
| 74 | Harper | 26 | Harper Tourney |
| 63 | Johnson City | 43 | Harper |
| 55 | Manor | 52 | Medina |
| 100 | Harper | 27 | Bandera |
| 54 | Manor | 62 | Medina Tourney |
| 56 | Fredericksburg | 48 | Natalia |
| 63 | Johnson City | 53 | Lytle |
| 41 | Llano | 36 | Schreiner |
| 51 | Luling | 78 | Dripping Springs Tourney |
| 69 | Fredericksburg | 62 | Nazero |
| 50 | Boerne | 65 | Hay's "B" |
| 64 | Llano | 37 | 57 |
| | | | Prairie Lea |
| | | | 38 |



Lee, Curtis, Rodney, Ricky
Dwight, Robert, Tom

| We | District Scores | They |
|----|------------------|------|
| 70 | Dripping Springs | 62 |
| 87 | Comfort | 44 |
| 46 | Bandera | 63 |
| 61 | Marion | 49 |
| 58 | Dripping Springs | 60 |
| 52 | Comfort | 51 |
| 80 | Bandera | 33 |
| 45 | | 76 |

**"A" TEAM LOSES
4 SENIORS
THIS YEAR**

This year's team went to three tournaments and came home with a 1st place trophy from the Harper tournament.

They had three girls on the All District 2nd team. They were Sus Zercher, Jan West, and Karen Edge.



Hollis, Janice, Jackie, Jan, Debbie
Miss Beckham, Kathy, Karen, Suz, Karen, Rita, Jan, Kathy

THREE GIRLS MADE 2ND ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

| We | | They |
|----|-----------------------------|------|
| | Harper Tournament | |
| 39 | Bandera | 34 |
| 44 | Fredericksburg | 40 |
| 59 | Comfort | 52 |
| | Medina Tournament | |
| 48 | Menard | 50 |
| 39 | Medina | 44 |
| | Dripping Springs Tournament | |
| 35 | Navarro | 39 |
| 67 | Hays Consolidated | 71 |
| | District Scores | |
| 33 | Dripping Springs | 48 |
| 52 | Comfort | 60 |
| 35 | Bandera | 46 |
| 55 | Marion | 46 |
| 39 | Marion | 52 |
| 33 | Dripping Springs | 37 |
| 32 | Comfort | 39 |
| 30 | Bandera | 43 |

"B" TEAM

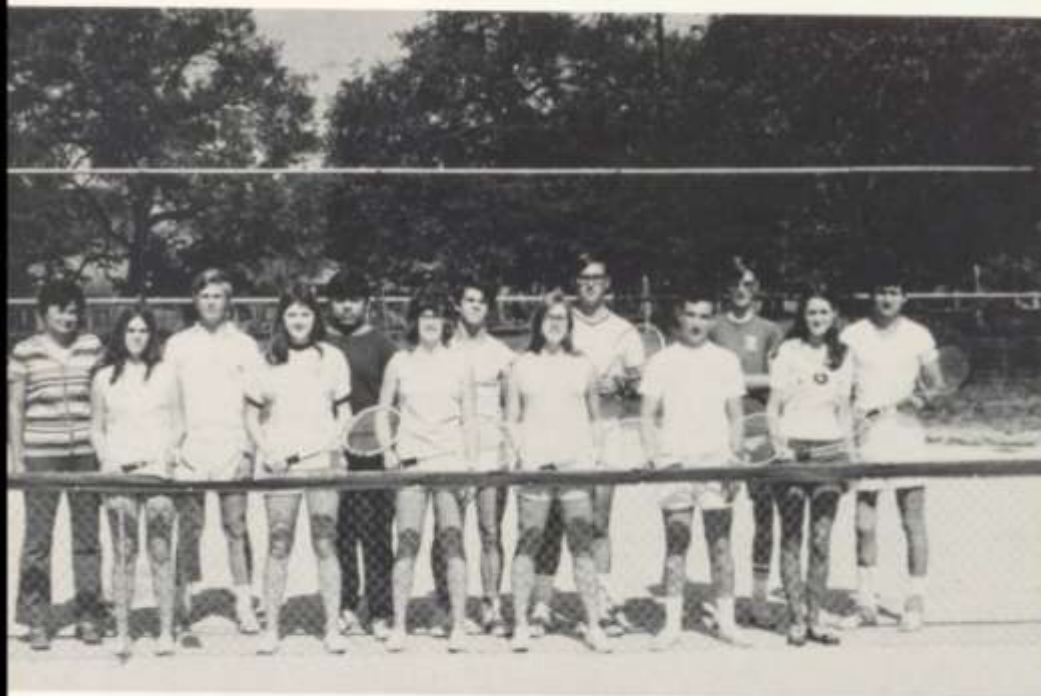


Maria, Allida, Beatrice, Natalie, Debbie
Miss Beckham, Grace, Joyce, Irene, Kathy, Marcella

TEAM WINS FOUR OUT OF FIVE PRACTICE MEETS

This year's team had five meets. They had three with Fredericksburg which Blanco took 5-2, 5-1, and 5-2-1, and two meets with San Marcos Academy which they split 2-0 and 1-2. The team also went to the Annual Unicorn Tournament at New Braunfels.

At district in girl's singles, Jan Gourley came in second, in boy's singles, Tom Wezaks came in second, and in boy's doubles, Wayne Zercher and Harold Knoll came in second.



Left to right: A. Beckham, V. Finch, W. Zercher, K. Curtis, R. Sierra, J. West, H. Knoll, J. Gourley, D. Cobb, J. Bates, N. Smith, C. Irwin, and T. Wezaks.



Bottom row: N. Young, C. Kuebel, J. Lefler, and B. Moore. 2nd row: J. Scharnhorst, K. Curtis, J. Edge, and D. Price. 3rd row: K. Gloor, A. Beckham, I. Cagg, and M. Mann.

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK COMPETE IN DISTRICT MEETS



Bottom row: R. Sierra, J. Covin, B. Brooks, C. Wirtkol, and H. Knoll top row: R. Eickenloff, W. Zercher, R. Klepac, J. Cardenas, and D. Lux.

SPRING RAINS SEEMED TO WET BLANCO'S
BASEBALL COMPETITION



| WE | | THEY |
|----|--------------|------|
| 2 | Marble Falls | 6 |
| 7 | St. Mary's | 5 |
| 1 | Johnson City | 2 |
| 3 | Marble Falls | 2 |
| 4 | Bourne | 5 |
| 11 | St. Mary's | 7 |

DISTRICT

| | | |
|----|------------------|---|
| 7 | Marion | 3 |
| 8 | Bandera | 0 |
| 8 | Dripping Springs | 3 |
| 5 | Bandera | 6 |
| 5 | Marion | 6 |
| 1 | Dripping Springs | 0 |
| 3 | Comfort | 4 |
| 11 | Comfort | 7 |



Front row: R. Klepac, C. Uphaw, P. Wagner, H. Knoll, and W. Zercher. Back row: T. Gamez, R. Horton, S. Cox, L. Garcia, C. Wittkohl, and T. Price.

If There Is A Load You Have

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL



Top row: R. Cox, J. Ramon, M. Jones, F. Jones, A. Harris, K. Scharnhorst, B. Wolff, V. Wagenfuhr, B. Immsl, and Coach Rech. Middle row: T. Cole, B. Romero, W. Weber, H. Calhoun, M. Klepac, J. Meurer, L. West, J. Gloor, and M. Kusbel. Bottom row: D. Wagner, B. Upshaw, R. Wittkohl, M. Lohr, R. Martinez, B. Laumer, C. Covin, K. Edge, and J. Conn.

| | | Scores | | | |
|----|--------------|--------|----|------------------|----|
| WE | | THEY | WE | THEY | |
| 47 | Johnson City | 0 | 42 | St. Mary | 0 |
| 34 | Boerne | 6 | 45 | Dripping Springs | 30 |
| 20 | Boerne | 0 | 60 | St. Mary | 0 |
| 60 | Johnson City | 8 | 70 | Dripping Springs | 26 |

Record: 8-0

Banks, Dena
Barrers, Elpidio
Bates, Janice
Bindell, Pat
Brooks, Janie
Calhoun, Harold



Coffer, Hazel
Cole, Johnny
Conn, John Lee
Covin, Chris
Cox, Randy
Edge, Kenneth



Escalante, Victor
Gamer, Roger
Gass, Ronnie
Gloor, Jay
Haas, Diane
Hallenbergr
Raymond



Harris, Albert
Hartmann, Nancy
Hickman, John
Hinson, Averille
Horton, Tammy
Immsl, Bret



To Bear That You Can't Carry



8TH BASKETBALL

Top row: Tommy Cole, Randy Cox, Michael Jones, Keith Scharnhorst, John Hickman, and Mike Johnson. Middle row: Jay Gloor, Mark Kusbel, Barney Upshaw, and Lew West. Bottom row: Averille Hinson, Denny Wagner, and James Meurer.

Barney Upshaw, Keith Scharnhorst, and Mike Jones received All Tourney twice each, Harold Calhoun received All Tourney once. Barney and Keith also received Most Valuable Player of the Tourney once each.

| | | SCORES | |
|----|------------------|--------|--|
| WE | | THEY | |
| 53 | Johnson City | 33 | |
| 47 | Comfort | 17 | |
| 65 | Dripping Springs | 20 | |
| 52 | Fredericksburg | 26 | |
| 75 | Johnson City | 24 | |
| 57 | Dripping Springs | 12 | |
| 40 | Boerne | 33 | |
| 62 | Fredericksburg | 38 | |
| 40 | Boerne | 29 | |
| 71 | Johnson City | 11 | |
| 28 | Boerne | 32 | |
| 57 | Silverde | 11 | |
| 50 | Wimberly | 20 | |
| 50 | Marion | 22 | |
| 55 | Lincoln | 53 | |

Season Record: 14-1

JUNIOR HIGH "A" TEAM GIRLS



Seated: Bonnie Triesch, Stephanie Casanova, Diane Haas, Denise Young, and Dodie Sarber. Miss Beckham is standing.
Kneeling: Laura Klepac, Linda Cox, Tammy Horton, Susie Smith, and Rachael Jones.

Johnson, Mary
Jones, Forrest
Jones, Rachael
Klepac, Michael
Kress, Bonnie
Korbel, Mark



Launer, Bobby
Loehr, Micky
Martinez, Richard
Meuser, James
Oehler, Rachael
Pacheco, Aruando



Pacheco, Rosie
Richardson, Janice
Ramon, Johnny
Romero, Bobby
Scharnhorst, Keith
Wagenfehr, Vernon



Wagner, Dennis
Weber, William
West, Lew
Wittkohl, Randy
Wulff, Ben
Young, Denise



8TH GRADE HONOREES



Pictured at the left are the students with the highest yearly average. They are Randy Wittkohl, Victor Escalante, Janie Brooks, and Rachel Oehler.

The class favorites of the eighth grade are shown above. They are Tammy Horton and Carey Scott. Tammy is active in basketball and is a cheerleader. Carey is known for his part in one of the soda water commercials on T.V.



7TH GRADE

FOOTBALL



Top row: Coach Rech, S. Granberg, D. Tatum, B. Moore, D. Wilson, D. Strickland, G. Smith, and R. Smith. Bottom row: M. Pape, H. Estrada, H. Koch, T. Armke, M. McCain, M. Jones, and O. Games.

| WE | SCORES | THEY |
|----|------------------|------|
| 0 | Boerne | 30 |
| 0 | Boerne | 46 |
| 0 | Dripping Springs | 44 |
| 22 | Dripping Springs | 0 |

Record: 1-3

Armke, Ted
Babcock, Alice
Babcock, Susan
Bindseil, Pam
Blackburn, Leslie
Brooks, Ronald



Casanova, Stephanie
Cox, Lynda
Davenport, Kullie
Dotson, Barbara
Dowdy, Cindy
Estrada, Henry



Games, Orlando
Gatz, Abby
Granberg, Severn
Jones, Michael
Jung, Lillian
Klepac, Laura



Koch, Howard
Lefler, Sally
MacDonald, Patricia
Martinez, Mary
McMain, Mark
Moore, Bailey



JUNIOR HIGH "B" TEAM GIRLS



Seated: Lynda Wagner, Dorothy Reeves, Dona Banks, Cindy Dowdy, Pam Bindseil, and Miss Beckham, Kneeling: Patricia MacDonald, Nance Hartmann, Holly Shipp, Rosie Pacheco, and Pat Bindseil.



Pape, Michael
Pina, Eddie
Reeves, Dorothy
Romero, Alolpho
Romero, Lupe



Romero, Ramiro
Shipp, Holly
Smith, Greg
Smith, Rankin
Smith, Susan



Strickland, Danny
Surber, Dodie
Tatum, Donnie
Triesch, Bonnie
Wright, Cindy



Ubalde, Adella
Wagner, Lynda
Wilson, David
Zaercher, Vernon

7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL



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The seventh grade favorites are Bonnie Triesch and David Wilson. Bonnie plays basketball and is a cheerleader. Wilson plays both basketball and football.



SIXTH GRADE



Bottom row: Mrs. McClain, Orlando Martinez, Freddie Laumer, Laura Upshaw, Thomas Hows, Connie Morgan, Troy Immel, Larry Smith, Jackie Klepac, Norman Weaner, and Sherrie Crawford. 2nd row: Raysha Wagner, Jesus Baterra, Sharon Coffee, Sam Oehler, Gloria Sierra, Elizabeth Sierra, Billie McMinn, Mary Romero, and Mr. Conn. 3rd row: Steve Smitherman, Robert Jung, Isaac Mendoza, Ricky Weirich, David Ross, David Meuser, Damon Barker, and Jeff Covin. 4th row: Penny Jones, Robert Brockway, Virginia Hallenberger, Peggy Hickman, Rebecca Mendoza, Wayne Young, Mike Lindeman, and Allen Haas. 5th row: Charles Wagner, Peggy Olfers, Charlotte Calhoun, Celeste Fischer, Tammy Kneupper, Theresa Zuercher, Celestine Cedillo, and Sylvia Rodriguez.



FIFTH GRADE



Bottom row: Gracie Sierra, Penny Crawford, Daten Wilson, Michelle Tatum, Tina Romero, Michelle Wagner, Zane Smith, and Daniel Wagner. 2nd row: Jose Lobo, Mike Wright, Peff Kress, Mr. Twidwell, Fernando Martinez, Santana Uballs, Kirk Felps, and Allen Heskew. 3rd row: Beth Ann Berger, Karen Frein, Mary Lou Rodriguez, Lorie Calhoun, Laura Walston, Lydia Cox, Landa Jones, and Daniel Smith. 4th row: David Wagner, Sandra Behn, Marc Kaplan, Cathy Bell, Charlene Babcock, John Horton, Danny Kramer, and Brian Johnson. 5th row: Lynette Love, Evelyn Fudge, Donna Casanova, Crystal Batey, Dana Surber, Nancy Lefler, Arlene Gamez, and Sylvia Reuz.

FOURTH GRADE



Bottom row: Janice Flugrath, Robert Fischer, Juan Cervantes, Lisa Kuhn, Bruce Granberg, Trina Shipp, David Kuhn, Ciria Martinez, Tracey Kelly, and Wade Wagner. 2nd row: Mr. Sommy, Brenda McDonald, Rosalinda Romero, Peggy Heckel, Bill Berger, Sheila West, Marilyn Klepac, Angelina Cervantes, Theresa Wagner, and Mrs. Bethke. 3rd row: Michelle Scott, Herminia Barrera, Bruce Howe, Melocio Rodriguez, Kenneth Morgan, Sammy Kelley, J. J. Wade, and Elsa Rodriguez. 4th row: Ellen Haas, Larry Cole, Sahra Barker, Martha Escalante, Robin Calvert, Mary Covin, Susan Triesch, and Apaloma Calzoncit. 5th row: Peggy Heskew, Jose Cedillo, Debra Jones, Andrew Ochler, Terry Love, Craig Banks, Jeff Smith, and Betty Fudge.

In the Junior Division of the Spring Festival, Lorie Calhoun and Kirk Felps were the winners from the fifth grade. The Junior Division is made up from grades 5 through 8.

The fifth grade made their money for the contest by selling donations for a large ham which was drawn for the night of the coronation.



THIRD GRADE



Bottom row: Mrs. Ellison, Holly Waxler, Terri Crawford, Mary Weaner, Nancy Wagner, Rita Saucedo, Michael Berges, Denise Jonas, Jesse Bell, and Mrs. Bethke. 2nd row: Travis Armko, Krisann Powdy, Kathy Woods, Richard Love, Lucille Jones, Doug Morgan, Pam Flugrath, and Stephen Smith. 3rd row: Elsie Garcia, Gordien Dowdy, Judy Kramer, Janet Dechert, Robin Morse, Johnny Moore, Gary Smitherman, and Teresa Acosta. 4th row: Richard Uballe, Mark Upshaw, John Behn, Carolyn Jung, Doyle Byler, Alicia Sierra, David Trevino, and Ronnie Noel. 5th row: Keenan Moore, Robert Deckard, Roland Gamez, Danita Zuercher, Charles Richardson, Gail Wegner, Melodie Kneupper, and Brenda Cooley.



SECOND GRADE



Bottom row: Mary Jane Romero, James Brockway, Sheila Strickland, Kessie Jonas, Kay Smith, Sally Babcock, Kevin Wright, David Kaskew, Susan Kelley, and Rosaura Packeco. 2nd row: Mrs. Houck, Selena Kuhn, Debbie Cooley, Leighton Tatum, Jimmy Klepac, Nancy Estrada, Sharon Lindeman, Gabriella Acosta, and Elizabeth Sartain. 3rd row: Mrs. Stobaugh, Travis Walston, Randall West, Gaila Didway, Richard Ross, Bradley Wagner, Michael Jordon, Kerry Kudbel, and Vicki Coffee. 4th row: Penny Lus, Sandra Jones, Abner Hinskew, Glenn Tatum, Troy Moore, Robert Jones, Michall Cooley, Rhonda Sanders, and Neil West. 5th row: Lydia Cervantes, David Hartman, Linda Clark, Enrique Cedillo, America Ruiz, Lance Wolf, Clinton Dowdy, Adolfo Martinez, and Wade Fischer.





1ST GRADE



Bottom row: Mrs. Bendez, Karen Jonas, Lanar Riba, Pauline Upshaw, Paul Upshaw, Allen Batey, Jo Ann Uhalla, Billy Ross, David Deckard, Rose Mary Smith, Irma Martinez, and Mrs. Stobaugh. 2nd row: Kelli Calvent, Patty Pina, Jesus Calzoncic, Russel Meyers, Mark Wright, Marilyn Dockard, Carolyn Dockard, and Irene Trevino. 3rd row: Lea Twidwell, Joey Quinney, Andrew Cox, Martha Cedillo, Russel Edmondson, Roberto Ruiz, Kenneth Heskew, and Richard Smith. 4th row: Kelly Ann Von Rosenberg, Tirso Barrear, Eloy Ruiz, Linda Kay Upshaw, Margaret Berger, Buddy Kuhn, Colby Felps, Darin Hunter, Terri Dylor, and Debra Wolf.



Shown at the left are the first grade Duke and Duchess who won the primary division of the Spring Festival. They are Lea Twidwell and Andrew Cox. This was accomplished by the first grade holding a barbeque on a Sunday at the Bowling alley.

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Look, mom, no cavities. PJ



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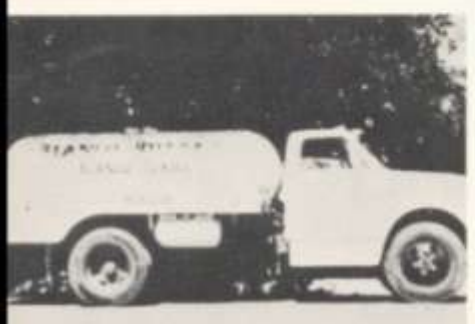
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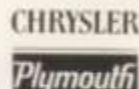
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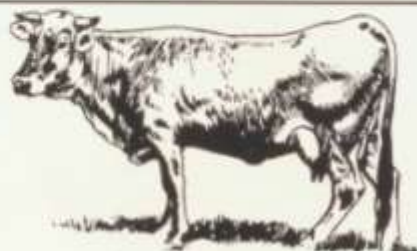


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LBJ TOUR

On May 9, the eighth grade, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors went on a tour of LBJ land. We went to his boyhood home, grandfather's home, birth place, ranch, park and his grave. It was a trip for the Texan who put our part of the country on the map.

The Seniors went to Austin to the LBJ library, capitol, and Zeller park. This day was almost a "LBJ Day" for Blanco School students. We are in hopes that maybe, someday our part of the country can produce another "Great American."

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A MAN WHO TOOK PRIDE IN THE POTENTIAL OF HIS BELOVED HILL COUNTRY

This year we are proud to dedicate the 1973 PANTHER to a man who has not only done much for his country but for his state. Lyndon Baines Johnson has shown us that one need not come from imposing places or have great wealth to become President of the United States. Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President, was the only President to come from Texas, and from the relatively unimportant county of Blanco. Johnson has a political career of about 34 years as a congressman, senator, Vice-President, and President.

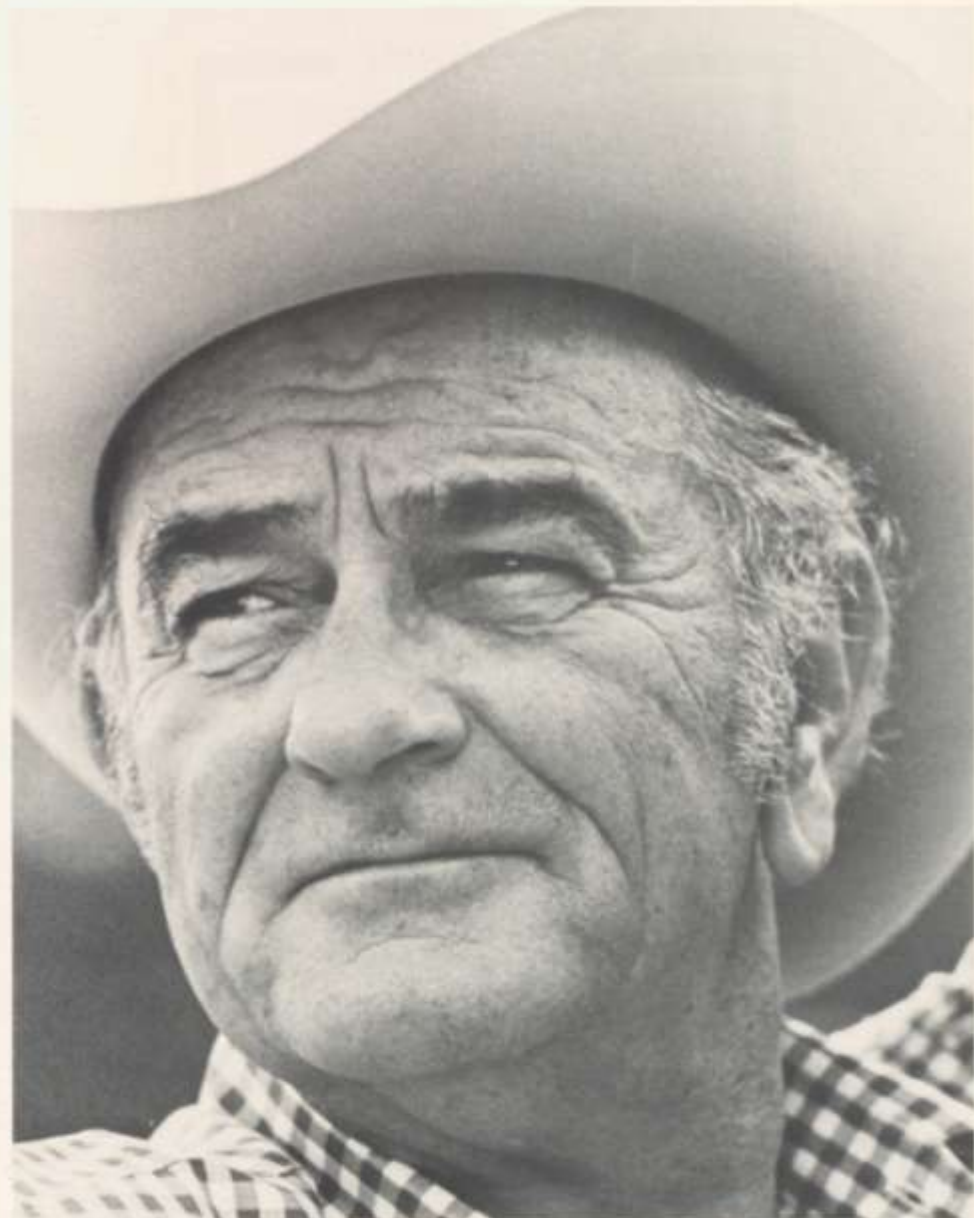
Lyndon Johnson was born August 27, 1908, in Stonewall. His father was the late Sam Ealy Johnson and his late mother, Rebekah Baines Johnson. Johnson completed his high school education in Johnson City. He received his B.S. degree in 1930 from what is now known as Southwest Texas State University. Lyndon Johnson attended Georgetown Law School in 1935 and received his LL.D. degree from Southwestern University in 1943. After a short courtship of two months he married Claudia Taylor, Lady Bird, on November 17, 1934. They had two daughters: Lynda Bird Johnson, now Mrs. Charles Robb, and Luci Baines Johnson, now Mrs. Patrick Nugent. Both their daughters were married in the White House and each have two children.

In 1960 he was selected by John F. Kennedy to run with him on the Democratic ticket as Vice-President. They were elected. After Kennedy's tragic death from being shot by an assassin in 1963, Johnson then took the oath of office as President of the United States. In 1964 he was elected for his first full term as President, defeating Barry Goldwater. He announced on March 31, 1968, that he would not run for a second term of the Presidency. After he turned over his office to Richard M. Nixon, he then returned to the LBJ ranch in Stonewall. Throughout his Presidency he would often go to his beautiful ranch when he could spare time to get away from the pressing duties of a wartime President.

Even during his political career, Lyndon Johnson was never ashamed of his humble origin and derived great pleasure in helping others in unfortunate circumstances. It is through the efforts of Lyndon Johnson that the Pedernales Electric Co-operative stands in Johnson City. In addition, we have a modern hospital there and a post office of impressive design. Mr. Johnson's boyhood home and parks organized by him attract many people to Blanco County—people from all over the United States and the world. Lyndon Baines Johnson strove to improve the living condition of the Hill Country. Many ranchers have followed his pasture management practices and have bought many of his registered Hereford cattle. President Johnson took great pride in the potential of the Hill Country and never failed to exhibit personal interest in his native area.

While the nation was mourning the death of President Harry S. Truman, the death of President Lyndon B. Johnson from a cardiac attack on January 23, 1973, came as an additional shock.

Lyndon Baines Johnson will be remembered and revered for his dedication to the improvement of education, his desire to alleviate the intolerable living conditions of poverty stricken people, and his devotion to enhancing the prestige of his native state, Texas.



IN MEMORIAM



ANTHONY (BARNEY) CORNELIUS UPSHAW

Anthony Cornelius Upshaw, Barney as we all knew him, was killed in a bicycle accident May 18, 1973, at the age of 13. The news came to all as a shock. All his fellow students were filled with much sorrow at the loss of such a great friend.

Barney was a member of the Eighth Grade Class at Blanco and had great potential. As a member of the Jr. High basketball team, Barney won all-tournament honors in all basketball tournaments. He was a member of the band, tennis team, Jr. High track team, and was on the Jr. High football team until he received an injury to his shoulder. He was also a star pitcher for the little league baseball team during the summer.

We all feel a deep loss at his demise, but we are glad to have shared in his outgoing friendship and love. We also glad to have known Barney as a Christian and are glad to have shared with him his love for God.

