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By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta and Lowndes County open their 1962-63 basketball seasons on the road tonight.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats and coach Bill Davis' Kittens will meet Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes at Hahira.

And coach Carlton Adams' LOHI Eagles and coach Rodney Fain's Lowndes sextet will be playing Clinch County at Statenville.

This will be Wilson's debut as the Wildcats cage boss. He faces a major rebuilding job with a small and inexperienced team. Valdosta didn't finish its football campaign until last night and the VHS cagers will be short handed for tonight's lidlifter.

Davis has five returning regulars from last season's Kittens crew which compiled a 20-8 record.

Coach Mac Manley's Hahira Tigers and coach Warren Alexander's Tigerettes have matching 2-2 records.

Adams also faces a major rebuilding job with the LOHI Eagles.

## Generals Notch Win At Doerun

DOERUN — Georgia Christian School of Lowndes County split a basketball doubleheader with Doerun High School Friday night.

The GCS boys won 44-38 and the Doerun girls coasted to a 45-21 victory.

Playing without their leading scorer and rebounder, the GCS boys piled up a 14-point lead at the third quarter — then stalled to a six-point victory.

Jimmy Green, GCS center who has been averaging about 20 points a game, suffered a broken ankle in practice Thursday and will be out until after Christmas.

Gordon Eldridge scored 14 points for GCS and Richard Keele netted 13.

Bob Cato was leading scorer for Doerun's boy with 12 points.

Mary Joe Fincher led the Doerun girls to an easy victory with 25 points. Anita Wisenbaker had 11 points for GCS.

The GCS boys have a record of five wins and two losses and the girls have a 0-4 record.

GIRLS	
Doerun	16 29 41 45
GCS	0 3 9 21
DOERUN (45) — Fincher, 25; McCleod, 13; Irwin, 2; Chapman, 4; Bell, 1; Koopman, Goslin, Hathcock, Monroe, Sander-son, Free.	
GCS (21) — Wisenbaker, 11; Holf, 6; Wilkins, 2; Knobloch, 2; Parker, O'Neal, Moulton, Randolph, Roberts, McCracken.	
Doerun	12 19 28 38
GCS	19 30 42 44

BOYS	
DOERUN (38) — Cato, 12; McGraw, 11; Thaggard, 6; Phillips, 3; Cole, 2; Cooper, 2; Taylor, 1; Henry.	
GCS (44) — Eldridge, 14; R. Keele, 13; Cockran, 1; Underwood, 3; McFerrin, 7; B. Keele, 4; Arnold.	

## Colts Get 5 Players In Trade

NEW YORK (AP)—The Houston Colts, carrying out their promise to make every effort to improve their club for 1963, acquired five players today in trades with San Francisco's defending Giants and the Milwaukee Braves.

The Houston newcomers are Don Nottebart, a right-handed

pitcher from Milwaukee; and southpaw Dick Lemay and outfielder Manuel Mota from San Francisco. Two others, pitcher Connie Grob and outfielder Jim Bolger, both from Louisville, were shipped to the Colts' Oklahoma City farm club in the Pacific Coast League.

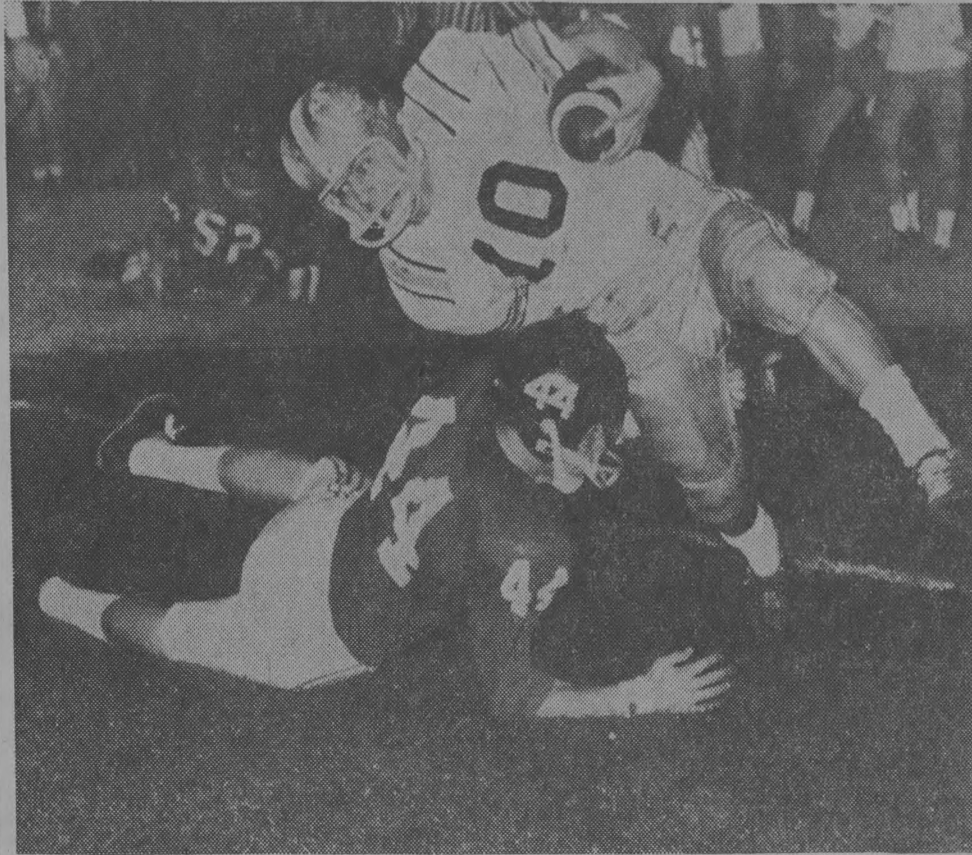
Lemay and Mota were obtained in a trade that sent second baseman Joe Amalfitano to the Giants. Nottebart, a 26-year-old relief pitcher, was purchased outright from the Braves for a reported \$35,000.

Grob and Bolger, former major leaguers, came in exchange for Norm Larker, who was expected to be alternate with Tommy Aaron at first base for the Braves.

Larker became expendable when the Colts acquired Pete Runnels, the 1962 American batting champion, from the Boston Red Sox earlier this week in exchange for outfielder Roman Mejias.



Valdosta's Hank Lee (18) Draws Bead On Eagles' Jimmy Berry (13)



Murphy's Jimmy Blissett (44) 'Tilts' 'Cats' Walter Zant (10)

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LAKELAND, Fla. — Florida Southern College's Mocs showed why they are the form chart favorite in the Citrus basketball tournament as they rolled past Valdosta State College's Rebels, 92-64, here Friday night.

In another opening round game, Mercer's Bears clipped Rollins' Tars, 88-67. The Mocs and Bears will play for the title tonight,

while coach Gary Colson's Rebels go against the Tars in a consolation game.

Mac Mullis, a 6-5 senior from Bartow, Fla., poured in 34 points to lead coach Tom Greene's tall Mocs to their triumph over the Rebels.

Florida Southern owned a decided height advantage over VSC and used it to control the backboards all the way. Helping Mul-

lis with the scoring chores were Ed Kershner, 14 points, and Ricky Duncan, 12 points.

Mike Perry hit for 20 points and Wally Summer got 12 to pace the VSC attack. The setback leveled Valdosta State's record off at 2-2.

The Rebels hit on 22 of 55 field goals (45 per cent) and made good on 13 of 20 free throws. They, however, were no match for the Mocs from the floor or the free throw line. Florida Southern made 28 field goals and hit on 21 of 25 charity tosses.

The Rebels stayed within striking distance until Florida Southern

## HAHIRA GIRLS WIN

# Tigers Bow 49-42

## To Clinch

SPECIAL TO

HAHIRA—Clinch County lead then made it stand basketball victory over Hahira

Hahira gained a split in the night's doubleheader by winning the girls game, 45-37.

In the boys affair, coach Charlie Bennett's Panthers wheeled to a 21-8 first period lead. In the last three stanzas coach Mac Manley's Tigers more than held their own in the fast-paced game. But Clinch's early lead was too much for them to overcome.

Herbert Tomlinson hit for 20 points and Troy Riberon got 16 as they sparked the Clinch quintet to its fifth straight win. David Sorrell was attack leader for the Tigers with 10 markers. The Hahira boys now have a 2-2 record.

Linda Cowart hit for 16 points and Betty Yanconish got 11 as coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigerettes posted their second win in four starts.

Scoring leader for the Clinch girls was Linda Fulford with 17. The setback was the third in five outings for the Pantherettes.

Hahira's cagers swing back into action tonight, meeting Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens here.

# Great Show For All Beside 'Pond'

By TENNEY GRIFFIN  
Times Staff Writer

"Well Bazemore, you dooed it again!"

That's the way Valdosta Mayor Pro-Tem W. H. (Bill) Warwick put it Friday night after Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats had rolled to their third straight state AAA football championship.

Bazemore, the king of high school football, was standing in the middle of Cleveland Field accepting an automobile from more than grateful Valdosta fans.

It was Bazemore's fifth car given by fans in 17 years as head football coach at Valdosta High School.

"You people are mighty nice to do all this," Bazemore said to a fan who was offering his congratulations for the 39-0 victory over Murphy High School of Atlanta.

Winning state championships is old hat for the Wildcats' genial task master. Friday night he tucked No. 19 under his belt.

The 10th came on probably the most miserable night Bazemore has ever faced—weather-wise.

But the sloppy, muddy field failed to damper fans or Wildcats.

About two tons of sand strewn over the center of what became known as Cleveland Pond helped, but the rain—in a steady drizzle—kept falling during most of the state championship tussle.

The stands were wet, so were the fans. None left, however.

Almost every conceivable water repelling device known to man was put into action by fans from both Atlanta and Valdosta.

Thousands of yards of plastic was used to shed the rain.

There were umbrellas, fishing waders, hunting boots, rain suits, paper sacks (they became soggy right quick like), blankets and what have you.

"I saw a good flight of ducks come over here about dark," said one of the VHS managers. "They circled once; boy, they looked like they were coming down on Cleveland Pond, but they went on."

It was a joke, but it was more truth than poetry. Cleveland Field could have easily roosted a batch of ducks, had it not been for the football battle.

The water didn't hold back the cheerleaders or bands.

Football fever — a championship disease — ran high. And, naturally, it ran highest with the cheerleaders.

Valdosta's Band, "The Marching 'Cats," put on the last half-time show of the season. It was a show combining the best of the year produced by Bandmaster Frank Butenschon.

Murphy High's band, in its blue and white uniforms, almost "lost" the half-time show to one of their own — pretty Loretta Butler.

Miss Butler, a 16-year-old junior majorette, stole it from her fellow-band members with a sparkling twirling performance.

It was a fine show by both bands. If anyone kept score on the two, they would have had to call it a draw.

Before all this came off, the Chamber of Commerce here made ready to roll out the red carpet for game visitors.

Signs were plastered along highways welcoming Murphy Eagle fans. An information booth was set up on a major highway intersection to direct visitors and give them a taste of old-fashion hospitality.

The visitors were royally entertained. But it was like the remark of a Chamber member: "The only way you can make those Atlanta folks happy is to have Bazemore lose." Bazemore wasn't willing to go that far.

The Georgia AAA football championship game was a great show—for two quarters before the half; at the mid-time rest period; for two quarters after the half; and for the post-game ceremony where Bazemore got a 1963 Buick automobile and his assistant coaches received gifts too.

Jane Ferrell, 11, Jumps With Joy; 'Cats Score



High Stepper Loretta Butler: She Stole Show

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**SUPPORTERS**  
**NORTH GEORGIA "AAA" FOOTBALL CHAMPS** • FREE REFRESHMENTS & INFORMATION AHEAD



Chamber of Commerce Placed This Huge Welcome Sign on Road to Greet Atlanta Fans



The Stands Were Wet; So Were the Thousands of Fans, But None Left



Fans, Players Tangle: Rick Thomas, 15; Jimmy Berry, 13; Curtis Walker, 66

## 'Best College High School Team' - Lefty

By REMER TYSON

"That's the best college high school team I have ever seen," remarked Coach Lawrence (Lefty) Thompson as he stood on the bank of Cleveland Pond.

His Murphy High Eagles had just been dunked out of the state AAA football championship by 39 points and he was talking about the victorious Valdosta High Wildcats.

"They're great. Hell, nobody's going to beat them," he said.

"I'm sorry it had to end like this. We came so far with what we had. We shouldn't have been here. Now, all that will be remembered is tonight."

How much did the muddy, sluggish field — with pools of water on each end — hinder his team?

"It hurt them as much as it hurt us," said Thompson, who was in much better spirits after the defeat than his fellow coaches.

"Another thing" added the young coach, "We had 11 boys to go both ways. He (VHS Coach Wright Bazemore) had 22."

Excluding the gridiron combat, how was Valdosta as a host?

"We've been treated the best of anywhere we've been. They treated us great. But they've got the worst fans during the game. I wish you would put that in the paper.

"When adult fans start telling high school boys they are yellow and things like that, it doesn't take much guts."

Maybe the fans are the same in Atlanta, he said, "but we don't hear it." Thompson explained there is a track around the Atlanta stadium and the stands are further back from the field.

"But we aren't used to it," he said good-naturedly. "We're city slickers."



Special Photos

**VALDOSTA FOOTBALL STARS WEAR PENSIVE PRE-GAME EXPRESSIONS**  
 Halfback Giles Smith (L), Quarterback Rick Thomas Fire Their Talents at Murphy Friday Night

## 'Valdosta Better Be Ready,' Says Murphy's Thompson

### Eagles Sound Big Challenge

By BILL SCHEMMEL

Murphy coach Lefty Thompson may be whistling in the dark when he says it, but judging from his serious tone of voice, Valdosta had better be prepared for a fight Friday night.

One thing's for certain Murphy will be prepared, the awesome spectacle of a night in the Wildcats' Death Valley notwithstanding.

"We're going down to win," said Thompson Tuesday night, "and Valdosta had better be ready to play their best. If they're not, then we're coming back to Atlanta with the state championship."

"We know that if we're going to win we'll have to stop their wide stuff. Rick Thomas is a wizard on the sweeps, and they are also deadly on the trap play.

"We want to stop their ground attack, which may or may not be impossible to do. If we can do that and force them to the air, then we have a chance.

"Our quarterback (Jimmy) Berry has intercepted 19 passes this season and as a team we've intercepted 28."

Of his own offensive formula for victory, Thompson said, "We'll have to mix our plays very well to move the ball against them. They do a terrific job on ball reaction, and you can bet wherever the ball is you'll find about seven Valdosta defenders."

Flu virus has knocked out seven Murphy players, but the most vital, tackle-linebacker Tommy Yates, returned to the practice field Tuesday afternoon.

Thompson himself was afflicted Monday and returned Tuesday. All the other afflicted are expected to be ready for the trip to Death Valley.

The only real doubtful is end Roger Derthick, who sustained a knee injury against Westminster

last week. The doctor will rule on him Wednesday.

The Eagles closed out the last day of hard knocks Tuesday afternoon, and Thompson says they'll stick to sweats the rest of the week.

"We didn't want to risk anyone getting hurt, so we just did a little defensive knocking today and

will take it easy the rest of the week.

A note of advice to fans planning to travel the 250 miles to the game is to try to get a ticket in advance. Cleveland Stadium seats only about 10,000 and with half of South Georgia pouring in for the game, seats at game time will be hard to come by.



Times Staff Photo

Cleveland Field Almost Flooded: Coaches Bazemore and Thompson Survey Muddy Gridiron

## 'It's A Mess' For Title Game

By TENNEY GRIFFIN

Said Coach Wright Bazemore, "It's a mess!"

Said Coach Lawrence (Lefty) Thompson, "It's a mess!"

This exchange took place this morning as the two men looked at the weather and Cleveland Field.

Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats and Thompson's Murphy High School Eagles of Atlanta tangle here tonight for the Georgia AAA football championship.

And the weather man has promised, "It will be nasty most of the day."

He said, however, there are indications it won't be raining at game time, 8 p. m. Roy Mc-

Clurg of the U. S. Weather Bureau added there's a chance for some rain during the championship game, but not much is expected to fall.

Coaches Bazemore and Thompson, after surveying the flooded gridiron at Cleveland Field this morning, stuck to original plans — the game is still on for tonight.

Thompson told a group of fans in Atlanta by telephone this morning to come ahead—the Wildcats and Eagles would play.

For the Wildcats, it will be their second go this year on a wet track. The Valdosta squad defeated rival LaGrange 20-0

earlier in the season on a bitter rainy night at LaGrange.

For the Eagles it will be their second shot at the state title. Murphy High School defeated Albany in 1952 for the crown.

The Valdosta squad will be looking for a third straight championship in Triple A football and to extend its winning streak to 36 games.

Meanwhile, the Chamber of Commerce is going all out laying down the red carpet for Murphy fans and students coming here for the tussle.

The chamber has set up an information booth at Five Points (Oak, N. Ashley and N. Patterson streets) where in-

coming Atlantans can get free refreshments, city maps and other information about Valdosta and tonight's game.

Signs have been placed on the Snake Nation Road connector to Interstate 75 welcoming visitors to Valdosta and Lowndes County.

More than 10,000 fans are expected to jam the 7,500-seat Cleveland Field tonight, despite the weather.

"We want to show them all the hospitality we can," said John Langdale, CofC president.

Early last week the chamber started its plans for the football game welcome. Part of them included a quarter-page adver-

tisement in The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution welcoming football fans from all over Georgia to Valdosta.

The ad was paid for by \$1 contributions from Valdosta civic club members.

Earlier this week the Valdosta Mayor-Council adopted a resolution officially welcoming Atlantans to the city.

The resolution, in part, said: "The Mayor and Council of the City of Valdosta and on behalf of the people of said city, ... the players coaches and supporters of the participating teams are commended and congratulated and they are welcomed (here)

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# 'Cats, Eagles Tangle Tonight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta clashes with Murphy's Eagles from Atlanta here tonight and the Wildcats will be going after an unprecedented third straight Class AAA state football championship.

The title battle is slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

Coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats claimed the state "AAA" crown in both 1960 and 1961, matching Lanier's back-to-back victories in 1947-48. They have a chance tonight to become the first team ever to rule the Class AAA gridiron roost three years in a row.

The Wildcats will carry an 11-0 record into the game. They already rule as Region 1-AAA and South Georgia "AAA" champs, winning both of those honors for the third consecutive time. They have an unbeaten string of 35 games which dates back to the start of the 1960 season.

Coach Lawrence (Lefty) Thompson's Eagles also have impressive credentials. They have an 11-1 mark and rule as Atlanta City Region 3-AAA and North Georgia Class AAA gridiron kings.

Murphy is bidding for its second state crown. The Eagles were Georgia titleholders in 1952. It is the first Atlanta school in five years to reach the state playoff and the Eagles have promised they will take the championship back to the capitol city for the first time since the mid-1950's.

Both teams offer balanced attacks. In All-State halfback Roy Jarrett and quarterback Jimmy Berry, the Eagles have a pair who can run and throw with the best of them. Anchoring Murphy's big and hard-hitting line is All-State tackle Tommy Yates.

Valdosta has used a two-team system and well-coordinated team effort to reach the state championship playoff again. Four of its players, quarterback Rick Thomas, halfback Giles Smith, tackle Billy Schroer and guard Bill Myddleton were All-State picks by the Associated Press.

The Wildcats have more than 20 players who are classified as regulars and all own an equal share in the success Valdosta has earned so far this season.

This will be the first meeting between Valdosta and Murphy on the gridiron. It will be the first time Bazemore and Thompson have been in opposite coaching corners.

In the past, Bazemore-coached teams have won a total of nine state championships, ranging in class from "AAA" to "B."

The 'Cats and Eagles are about even in the poundage department in the line. Murphy holds a weight edge in the backfield.

Both teams will be at near full strength. Murphy tackle Mack Terry will miss the fray because of a knee injury. Guards Bobby Moore and Greg Jones and halfback Cyo Blanton will be sidelines because of injuries.

Cold and rain both here and at Atlanta have hampered Valdosta and Murphy in their preparations

for the fray. But Bazemore and Thompson both are hoping their charges will be "ready" tonight.

In the first and up to now only, state Class AAA playoff game staged here, Valdosta trimmed Avondale 20-14, in 1960. The 'Cats licked R. E. Lee at Thomaston last year to pick up their second Georgia crown.



TIMES STAFF PHOTOS  
Center Foy Norwood: Valdosta Line Stickout

# VHS Linemen Must Shoulder Big Load

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's linemen will be called on to shoulder a heavy load when the Wildcats and the Murphy Eagles of Atlanta tangle here Friday for the state Class AAA football championship.

The title game, which is expected to attract a crowd of 10,000 or more, is slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

So far the VHS forewall has more than held its own while the 'Cats have won 11 straight to capture the South Georgia "AAA" crown for the third year in a row.

The 'Cats will be shooting for their third straight "AAA" state championship tomorrow night and the Valdosta linemen face a tough assignment.

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From tackle to tackle, the Murphy line is bigger than any the 'Cats have gone against. Anchoring the Eagles forward wall is tackle Tommy Yates, a hard-hitting, 200-pound All-Stater.

Yates' mates in the line include tackle Ronnie Burnett (200), guards Phil Sims (185), Dwight Langley (185) and Curtis Walker (246), center George George (195) and ends Terry Hinton (163), Roger Derthick (152) and David Ruehle (165).

"The Murphy line is big, especially from tackle to tackle," VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore said. "They have good speed up front and they really hit. This Yates boy without a doubt is one of the finest linemen in the state. Our linemen are going to have their hands full."

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Forward wall regulars for the 'Cats include Dick Bender, Danny Hendley, Bill Holtzclaw, Wally Colson, Christie Patterson, Bill Myddleton, Bill Henry, William (Bo) Hall, Bill Holt, Jack Martin, Charles Oliver, Billy Schroer, Randy Hunter, Ronnie Cannon, Foy Norwood and Jimmy Robinson. Greg Jones and Bobby Moore are two others, but injuries will keep them on the sideline in the title go.

Earlier this week Schroer and Myddleton were named to the Associated Press' All-State team. Colson and Norwood were on the honorable mention list.

Valdosta's attack has clicked for two or more touchdowns in 11 games. In those same 11 contests, the 'Cats' defense has allowed a total of just six touchdowns. The linemen deserve a



WALLY COLSON



DANNY HENDLEY

full measure of credit for both accomplishments.

The Eagles have compiled an 11-1 record in a march which carried them to the North Georgia "AAA" crown. No one has held them to less than two touchdowns

and they have a reputation for defensive excellence.

Eagles grid boss Lawrence (Lefty) Thompson has said much of the credit for his team's success belongs to the Murphy linemen.

## High School Grid Story in Sunday Paper

The Murphy-Valdosta Class AAA state championship game in Valdosta will be covered in



words and pictures in Sunday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution editions.

Atlanta Journal prep editor Jack Doane will be on hand to cover the big game of the year in Georgia high school football as Valdosta seeks the third state title in a row against Murphy's Atlanta City League and north Georgia champions.

Jack Doane

I was also told of an error I made last week in my column concerning the libraries at the local high schools. . . It seems "To Kill A Mocking Bird" is on the shelf at VHS. . . However, I didn't see Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel of the South listed in the card catalogue. . . An oversight on my part. . .

"College and Career Night" at VHS was really a success from all reports. . . The Student Council and guidance staff sponsor the program each year and it gives students and parents a wonderful opportunity to find out more about the college of their choice. . .

# Season Opener Near For Valdosta Cagers

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Ready or not Valdosta's basketball Wildcats and Kittens will launch their 1962-63 hardwood campaigns on Saturday.

Joe Wilson, the 'Cats new cage boss, and Bill Davis, mentor for the Kittens, will remain very much involved in football until Friday night when the 'Dosta gridders play Murphy for the state championship.

But on Saturday night they and their changes must keep a basketball date with Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes at Hahira.

And some players who figure in the 'Cats basketball plans will play football Friday.

Davis, getting ready to start his 14th season as the Kittens cage boss, is cautious in pre-season talk about his charges. But the outlook for the Kittens is promising, even though nothing is guaranteed.

Last season they compiled a 20-8 record and finished third in the state tournament. In 1960-61 they were state "AAA" champs and the year before that they were fourth in the state meet. The current band of Kittens have a proud tradition they would like to uphold.

Wilson is starting his first season of coaching in the very tough Region 1-AAA basketball league. And for an opening assignment he must tackle a major "rebuilding" job.

Last season the hoop 'Cats had a 20-11 record, were fourth in the Region 1-AAA meet and went to the second round in the state tournament. There is, however, just one returning regular. He is Rick Thomas, a 5-11 senior. And Thomas will be busy with football through Friday night. Missing are Alvie Steele, Bill Wisenbaker, Tommy Johnson, Leo Wells and Mike Watson.

"We lack size and experience," Wilson said. "I'm new to the boys and to the league. Most of the boys are new to me. We all face a difficult assignment. There is a lot of hard work for all of us. We've all got to hustle all the way."

The Kittens have lost forward Barbara Knoll, who moved to England, and guard Gail Bazemore, who was graduated. But they return such 1961-62 stickouts as forwards Lucille Dawson (5-7, sr.), Betty McClenny (5-4, jr.) and Eulouise Hamill (5-8, jr.) and guards Diane Quattlebaum (5-8, sr.) and Susan Rodgers (5-6, sr.).

Other candidates are as follows:

Forwards — Margaret Smith (5-7, sr.), Betty Potts (5-4, soph.), Lyndal DeLoach (5-7, soph.), Kathy Wisenbaker (5-3, fresh.),

Carol Kellerman (5-2, fresh.), Becky Giddens (5-6, fresh.).

Guards — Barbara Reaves (5-6, soph.), Virginia Anderson (5-8, soph.), Carol Harris (5-5, jr.), Beverly Gleason (5-5, jr.), Diane Bazemore (5-2, soph.), Donna Blanton (5-7, soph.), Patsy Garvin (5-7, jr.), Patsy Jackson (5-6, soph.), Becky Jackson (5-6, jr.), Linda Lastinger (5-2, fresh.), Jessie Mayne (5-6, soph.), Janet Odum (5-0, fresh.), Sarah Ann Rigsby (5-5, fresh.), Sally Shingler (5-2, fresh.), Sue Strobo (5-3, soph.).

Beside Thomas, Wilson has a few more candidates with varsity experience. They are Mark Holloway (5-10, sr.), Stan Reaves (5-10, sr.), Foy Norwood (5-11, jr.) and Wally Colson (6-1, sr.). All except Holloway will be involved with football through Friday night.

Other candidates are Bobby Steele (5-9, jr.), Bobby Nichols (6-7, jr.), Jimmy Carter (6-3, soph.), Heywood Moore (5-11, soph.), Tommy Davenport (6-1, jr.), Jimmy Rigsby (5-10, soph.), Wayne Miller (5-7, soph.), Glenn

Davis (5-9, fresh.), Darrell Gaskins (5-10, soph.), Jim Eubanks (6-4, jr.), Larry Colson (5-6, fresh.), Stan Christian (5-7, fresh.), Andy Ashley (5-8, fresh.) and Mike Jones (5-6, fresh.).

Games on the Valdosta schedule after the opener with Hahira are as follows:

Dec. 4, Tifton, there; Dec. 7, Warner Robins, here; Dec. 8, Echols County, there; Dec. 14, Lowndes County, here; Dec. 15, Echols, here; Dec. 18, Hahira, here; Dec. 21, Berrien County, there; Jan. 4, boys at Columbus, girls at Thomasville Central.

Jan. 5, boys at Baker; Jan. 8, Lowndes, there; Jan. 11, boys vs Lanier here and girls at Doerun; Jan. 12, boys vs Willingham, girls vs Central, here; Jan. 18, boys vs LaGrange, girls vs Doerun here; Jan. 19, boys vs Jordan, here.

Jan. 25, Albany, there; Jan. 26, Moultrie, there; Jan. 29, Tifton, here; Feb. 1, Moultrie, here; Feb. 2, Albany, here; Feb. 5, Berrien, here; Feb. 8, Warner Robins, there; Feb. 9, boys at Willingham.

SAMMY

# GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

## Some Deserving Boys Left Off 'Star' List

Notes On This And That:

The Valdosta Wildcats were well represented on the Class AAA All-State squad picked by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Four 'Cats, Giles Smith, Rick Thomas, Billy Schroer and Bill Myddleton, were first team picks. Five others were selected for honorable mention. They are Wally Colson, Danny Hendley, Bill Holt, Stan Reaves and Walter Zant.

Earlier the Associated Press put Smith, Thomas, Schroer and Myddleton on its All-State first team and had Colson and Foy Norwood on the honorable mention list.

The 'Cats dominated the All-Region 1-AAA squad, landing 15 players on the squad.

All of the Valdosta players who were picked on the various All-Star squads certainly deserved the honors.

There are other VHS players who deserved to be included, but were left off. At least that is my opinion. It boils down to this. There are never enough places on any All-Star list to include all the deserving players. When you limit the number of selectees, then some really good boys are going to be overlooked.

Region 1-AAA statistician Elwood Moyer has sent out final figures on punting and



SAMMY GLASSMAN

kick returns for the regular season. It shows that VHS' Giles Smith led in both departments. The Valdosta halfback averaged 38.09 yards on 22 punts. It was the third straight season he has been the top punter in the loop. Smith also returned 36 punts a total of 459 yards. This also was a top figure for the season and second only to the all-time high mark of 543 set by Valdosta's Kenny Ruffer in 1960.

### Pleasant Golfing News

Mrs. S. D. Murphy has returned to Valdosta after a trip to Florida with some very pleasant golfing news. During a round at the Plantation Golf Club at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., she scored a hole-in-one. While her husband, S. D. Murphy watched, Mrs. Murphy sank a four-iron shot on the PGC's 134-yard, 17th hole.

Speaking of golf, a Scotch two-ball foursome event is slated at the Valdosta Country Club course on Sunday. Golfers are asked to form their own teams. If anyone does not have a partner for the event, they should contact VCC pro Richard Beckmann. The event Sunday is being sponsored by the VCC's Ladies Golf Association.

I'm confused about the status of the Georgia-Florida League's future. A report came out of the national baseball meeting at Rochester, N. Y., that the G-F was going to fold. Now the loop's president, Larry Brumit, says the Georgia-Florida not only plans to operate next summer, but may expand from four to six teams. Brumit's report is the latest and I presume it is the most accurate. So, it seems the G-F will be doing business again next season.

### 'Cats' Blocking Impressive

Jack (Atlanta Journal) Doane got his first look at the Valdosta Wildcats while they were beating Murphy's Eagles, 39-0, here last Friday night. He was most impressed with the 'Cats' blocking. "I've never seen a high school team block like that at and near the line of scrimmage and down field," Doane said. "It's a great team and the Valdosta boys deserve all the nice things which have been said and written about them."

Charlie (Atlanta Constitution) Roberts' reaction was: "The Wildcats are great and folks in Valdosta are wonderful hosts. I've seen quite a few of coach Wright Bazemore's fine teams and this is certainly one of the best . . . maybe it is THE best."

Sammy (Valdosta Times) Glassman's comment was: "Who said the Wildcats were going to have trouble beating North Georgia champ Murphy? Coach Bazemore didn't worry me one bit when he predicted the game would be close. I know his eyes were sunk back in his head and he didn't get much sleep before the game. But anyone could tell he wasn't worried. Now I was nervous before the game, but not Coach Bazemore. It's amazing how calm that fellow is before an important contest."

## Valdosta Hoop Boosters Open Membership Drive

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Basketball Boosters Club has launched its 1962-63 membership drive.

This announcement was made by Boosters Club president Dr. Robert Quattlebaum.

Club directors met Monday night to plan for the membership drive and discuss projects the organization will undertake.

Boosters Club members operate concession stands at all of Valdosta High's home basketball

games. The club also sponsors an annual Basketball Awards Banquet honoring the VHS cagers.

This season Valdosta will host the state Class AAA girls basketball tournament. This event came up for discussion at the Monday night meeting. The tournament will be played in the Valdosta State College gym in February.

"Our club is open to all those interested in basketball and other sports," Dr. Quattlebaum said. "We have set no membership goal. We, however, are aiming for our largest membership. Membership fee is only \$5 a year."

"We've mailed out notices to quite a few prospective members. But those who wish to join don't have to have a personal invitation."

# Tigers Rap 'Cats; Kittens Notch Win

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HAHIRA—Hahira's Tigers and Valdosta's Kittens rang the victory bell in a basketball double-header here Saturday night.

Coach Mac Manley's Tigers notched a 51-33 victory over the Wildcats from Valdosta. It was the Tigers third win in five starts. The game was the season opener for coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens got their season started on a successful note as they turned back coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigerettes, 56-36. The Hahira girls now have a 2-3 record.

David Sorrell swished the nets for 14 points and Raymond Tucker got 12 to pace the Hahira quintet's attack. The Tigers owned a five-point lead at the end of two quarters and widened the gap in

the second half.

Mark Holloway and Foy Norwood each had nine points to set the scoring pace for the 'Cats. All of Norwood's points came in the last 12 minutes of the game.

Valdosta's football season didn't end until Friday night and the Wildcats started their cage campaign short-handed.

Scoring leaders for the Kittens were Lucille Dawson 15, Eulouise Hamill 7, Betty McClenny 16 and Margaret Smith 13. Defensive stickouts included guards Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers and Barbara Reaves.

Linda Cowart, with 14 points and Brenda Stubbs, with 13, were scoring leaders for the Tigerettes.

The Kittens owned an 11-point lead at the end of the first period and went on from there to victory.

Hahira	51	33	34
Valdosta	33	51	34
HAHIRA (34) —	Cavender 4, Coombs 2, Cowart 14, Stubbs 13, Yoncoskish 2, Passmore 8, Bass, McNeese, Weaver, Fletcher, Stalvey, LeGette.		
VALDOSTA (34) —	Dawson 15, Hamill 7, McClenny 16, Smith 13, Potts 2, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Anderson, Strabo, Harris, DiLoach.		
BOYS			
Hahira	56	36	37
Valdosta	36	56	37
HAHIRA (51) —	Tucker 10, Sorrell 14, Reeves 8, Lehman 2, Crump 4, Bass 2, Passmore 1, Parham 3, Keala 2, Nichol 2.		
VALDOSTA (33) —	Carter 4, Nichol 4, Steele 2, Holloway 9, Deavenport 6, Norwood 7, Reaves, Gaskins.		

# CHAMPS 'RIGHT'---SO WERE RATINGS

By CHARLIE ROBERTS

The Constitution's Georgia high school football ratings, the season finals of which are published today, have never proved more accurate than in 1962.



For Valdosta, Rossville, Americus, Morgan County and Lincolnton, ranked on top almost all season in classes AAA, AA, A, B and C, all won state championships over the weekend.

Valdosta, Rossville and Lincolnton, which downed Murphy, North Clayton and West Point in title games, 39-0, 28-6 and 26-19, were ranked No. 1 every week by The Constitution.

Americus and Morgan County, who entered the throne rooms via 14-6 and 39-7 routes past Carrollton and Hawkinsville, were placed on the pinnacle all the way except for two weeks when they were dropped to No.

2 in favor of Screven County and Blakely.

Americus was the only one of the five champions not rated first when the last rankings appeared two weeks ago. Screven, just elevated to the number one berth, bowed to Americus in Sylvania, 13-7, in the south Georgia playoffs and dropped to a final third-place behind Carrollton and ahead of fourth spot

Tucker.

Changes naturally are few in the final ratings, as indeed they were all season long from week to week among the top five teams in the "Big Ten."

In AAA, in the wake of semi-final Murphy and Valdosta victories over Westminster and Richmond Academy, 28-7 and 32-0, idle Avondale slipped into third place ahead of Westminster

and eighth place Richmond lost ranking as Moultrie (6-2-2) annexed tenth spot. Gainesville and Grady slipped up a notch each to eighth and ninth.

In AA, North Clayton nipped Wayne County, 7-6, and skinned past the Yellow Jackets into second place. Elbert County clung to sixth slot despite a 21-0 North Georgia playoff loss to Rossville.

Carrollton, which played in the class A finals for the third straight year via a 20-7 North Georgia playoff decision over Tucker, took two giant strides into second.

Injury-riddled Blakely, 13-6 loser to Hawkinsville, slipped to third behind the winners in B. And Manchester, clipped by Morgan County, 32-6, tumbled to sixth astern idle Rockdale County and Washington Wilkes.

Monticello, beaten by Lincolnton, 38-0, while West Point was thrashing seventh-place Davis, 21-6, fell to fourth in C behind idle Warren County. Those were the only changes.

## ROBERTS RATINGS

### FINAL 1962 RANKINGS

- CLASS AAA**
1. Valdosta (12-0-0)
  2. Murphy (11-2-0)
  3. Avondale (9-1-0)
  4. Westminster (9-3-0)
  5. Northside (9-1-0)
  6. Decatur (7-4-1)
  7. Marietta (8-2-0)
  8. Gainesville (6-3-2)
  9. Grady (7-3-0)
  10. Moultrie (6-2-2)
- CLASS AA**
1. Rossville (13-0-0)
  2. North Clayton (12-1-0)
  3. Wayne County (10-1-2)
  4. Cedartown (9-2-0)
  5. Coffee County (9-1-1)
  6. Elbert County (9-3-0)
  7. Cairo (9-2-0)
  8. Chamblee (8-1-1)
  9. Dalton (9-1-0)
  10. Headland (8-3-0)
- CLASS A**
1. Americus (13-0-0)
  2. Carrollton (10-2-1)
  3. Screven County (9-2-0)
  4. Tucker (11-1-0)

5. North Habersham (9-2-0)
  6. Thomasville (7-3-0)
  7. Cook of Adel (8-2-1)
  8. White County (9-1-0)
  9. Murray County (8-3-1)
  10. Bacon County (7-1-2)
- CLASS B**
1. Morgan County (14-0-0)
  2. Hawkinsville (10-2-1)
  3. Blakely (10-2-0)
  4. Rockdale County (9-1-1)
  5. Washington-Wilkes (8-2-0)
  6. Manchester (10-3-0)
  7. Metter (7-3-1)
  8. Jackson (8-1-1)
  9. Camden County (7-4-0)
  10. Roswell (8-2-0)
- CLASS C**
1. Lincolnton (12-0-0)
  2. West Point (10-1-1)
  3. Warren County (9-1-0)
  4. Monticello (8-2-1)
  5. Tallapoosa (7-2-1)
  6. Pacelli (6-1-1)
  7. Davis (8-3-0)
  8. McEachern (7-3-0)
  9. Jones County (7-3-0)
  10. Bremen (5-4-1)

## Valdosta Has Three On Region All-Stars

### Quarterback Rick Thomas Is Lone Unanimous Pick

By ELLWOOD MOYER  
Special to The Constitution

COLUMBUS—In a poll of regional sports writers and broadcasters, the Valdosta Wildcats completely dominated the 1962 Region-One, Class-AAA football team by placing no less than six players on the club. Baker followed with two, and LaGrange, Columbus and Warner Robins each placed one.

Rick Thomas, Valdosta quarterback, who set a new region offensive mark this season as he picked up a total of 1,752 yards rushing and passing and placed second in region scoring, was the only unanimous choice of all participating in the poll and thus was named the "Back of the Year."

Guard Billy Myddleton and tackle Billy Schroer both topped the voting in the line and thus were named "co-linemen of the year."

The lightest man on the region line was center Billy White of Columbus at 185 as the all-region forward wall averaged 203 pounds. The region backfield averaged out to 166 with an over-all average for the team of 190 pounds.

Baker placed three players on the second team while LaGrange and Moultrie each had two. The other four spots went to Columbus, Willingham, Lanier and Jordan.

Ties made it necessary for the third team picks to go to 16 players and here Moultrie and Valdosta each placed four players, Lanier three, Willingham and Baker two, and Albany one.

A total of 24 players received honorable mention to thus make 62 players receiving votes in the poll.

Valdosta topped the entire voting by placing a total of 15 players while Baker had nine players, LaGrange and Moultrie eight each, Lanier seven, Willingham five, Columbus four, Albany three, Warner Robins two, and Jordan one.

The coach of the year award was a close three-way affair with Jim Pyburn of Columbus

taking the honors by a margin of one vote. Wright Bazemore of Valdosta was runner-up and then Bubba Hall of Baker followed in third place only two votes short of Pyburn.

Pyburn moved in at Columbus High this season and came up with a 4-4-2 record after the Blue Devils lost all 10 games played last year. Ball came up with a 6-3-1 record at Baker, the best in the schools' history, and Bazemore captured the region championship for the third straight year and ran the Valdosta current winning streak to 36 games in state finals last week against Murphy.

The 1962 Region 1, Class AAA selection by sports writers and radio broadcasters looks as follows:

#### SECOND TEAM

Ends—Mark Bowden, Willingham, 170; George Langworth, Baker, 160; Tackles—Richard Hodges, Columbus, 200; Roy Squires, Lanier, 180; Guards—Harris Basley, LaGrange, 168; Mike Purtle, Baker, 150; Center—Nick Haick, Baker, 175; Backs—Charles Pippin, Moultrie, 175; Stanley Crawford, LaGrange, 165; Jerry Smith, Moultrie, 150; Bill Fox, Jordan, 190.

#### THIRD TEAM

Ends—Bob Montgomery, Moultrie, 180; Bill Holtzclaw, Valdosta, 160; (tie) Pete Hudson, Albany, 176; Tackles, Ronnie Moncrief, Moultrie, 210; Jimmy Payne, Baker, 185; Guards—Tommy Seward, Lanier, 190; Gregg Jones, Valdosta, 170; (tie) Phil Walsh, Moultrie, 160; (tie) Carley McNeil, Willingham, 165; (tie) Center—Jimmy Robinson, Valdosta, 215; (tie) Larry Williams, Lanier, 190; (tie) Backs—Pete Gaines, Willingham, 170; John Rolles, Baker, 150; Rene Ginepri, Lanier, 160; Dennis Floyd, Moultrie, 180; (tie) Walter Zant, Valdosta, 145. (tie)

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Ends—Howard Smith, LaGrange; Dick Bender, Valdosta; Danny Hendley, Valdosta; Jack Romeo, Columbus; Tackles—Phil Durden, Lanier; Tommy Bassett, Baker; Hawley Smith, LaGrange; Lee Gill, Columbus; Tommy Rhodes, Albany; Guards—Bobby Lord, Warner Robins; Larry Joe Tomlinson, Moultrie; Bo Hall, Valdosta; Bill Holt, Valdosta; Ronald Ogletree, Baker; Bobby Knight, Moultrie; Centers—Richard Jordan, Willingham; James Benson, Albany; Freddie Mansour, LaGrange; Quarterbacks—Tee Carstarphen, Lanier; Wayne Gillam, LaGrange; Halfbacks—Mason Ashley, LaGrange; Bobby Bryant, Willingham; Stan Reaves, Valdosta; Fullback, Richard Saunders, Lanier.

## ALL-1-AAA TEAM

### FIRST TEAM

Position	Players	School	Weight	Notes
End	Randy Mahaffey	LaGrange	195	22
End	Wally Colson	Valdosta	195	16
Tackle	Billy Schroer	Valdosta	205	24
Tackle	John Preston	Baker	225	13
Guard	Billy Myddleton	Valdosta	205	24
Guard	Foy Norwood	Valdosta	210	16
Center	Bobby White	Columbus	185	14
Quarterback	Rick Thomas	Valdosta	160	26
Halfback	Giles Smith	Valdosta	165	23
Halfback	Mark Holmes	Warner Robins	160	22
Fullback	Richard Ligon	Baker	180	17



—Times Staff Photo

## Dodd Here To Fish And 'Hunt'

Bobby Dodd (L) head football coach at Georgia Tech, arrived here Friday night on what might be called a combined fishing and "hunting" trip. Dodd, an avid angler, hoped to land some of the big fish in nearby lakes. He's also "hunting" for football players. Dodd is shown with Valdosta

High grid boss Wright Bazemore at a basketball game here last night. Prep stars could begin accepting college football scholarship offers at noon today. Tech has shown an interest in several members of VHS' state Class AAA championship team.

# VHS, Hahira, LOHI See Action Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta and Lowndes County cagers meet regional foes tonight while Hahira takes a non-league toughie. All three will be playing on their "home" courts.

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In other action tonight involving area teams, Echols County (Statenville) will be at St. George, Clinch County (Homerville) at Nahunta, Mitchell County (Camilla) at Brooks County (Quitman), Jennings at Salem and Jasper at Monticello.

On Saturday, Valdosta will be at Echols, Lowndes at Hahira, Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Alabama Christian (Montgomery, Ala.) and Madison at Jennings.

Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens will be shooting for their third straight win in their crucial test with the Demonettes of Warner Robins here tonight.

The game will be one of only six the Kittens will play which will count in the race for the 1962-63 Region 1 - AAA girls basketball

championship. Last year the Demonettes edged the Kittens in a playoff for the crown.

Coach Joe Wilson's VHS Wildcats have ambitions to halt a two-game losing skid. With several candidates reporting late because of football, the 'Cats are still in the process of organizing. The Demons they will face are led by 6-1 Mike Davis and 6-3 Clarence Channell.

The 1-AAA boys championship is decided in a post-season tournament so the clash between the 'Cats and Demons won't figure in the title race. The Wildcats, however, would like to break into the victory column after losses to Hahira and Tifton.

Coach Carlton Adams' LOHI Golden Eagles will be shooting for their third straight win against a Berrien quintet which has a 2-3 record. Coach Rodney Fain's Eaglettes are 1-1 and the Berrien girls they will meet have a 3-2 chart.

Berrien is the only 1-AA (West) foe LOHI will meet during the regular season.

Coach Mac Manley's Hahira Tigers have a 4-2 record and a two-game victory streak going. The Cook Hornets they are to go

against have broken even in the starts.

Cook's highly regarded teams will bring a perfect 4-0 record with them to Hahira. Coach Warren Alexander's Tigers are 3-3 after a half dozen starts.

There are four other undefeated teams in the area. Clinch County girls have a 6-4 mark, the Clinch County girls have won three in a row and Jennings' and Madison quintets got their seasons started earlier in the week with victories



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Kitten Forward Lucille Dawson; Ready For Regional Test

## Wildcats, Kittens Rap Echols County

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

STATENVILLE — Valdosta's Kittens kept their winning streak going and the Wildcats got their first taste of victory as they swept a basketball doubleheader with Echols County here Saturday night.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens rolled to a 60-23 win, boosting their unbeaten string to four games. Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats halted a three-game losing skid as they beat the Echols quintet, 58-32.

In the boys' game, Valdosta moved off to an early lead and was never headed. The 'Cats had a 16-point advantage when Wilson sent in his reserves midway the third period. Echols finished with a surge, but couldn't catch up.

Rick Thomas scored 18 points and Stan Reaves got 14 to lead the Wildcats' attack. Randy Woodward, with 14 points, was scoring leader for Echols.

Valdosta made 23 field goals and hit on 11 of 19 foul shots.

The 'Cats were charged with 26 fouls. Echols sank 13 field goals and made good on 24 of 35 tries from the charity line. The Statenville quintet was charged with 12 fouls.

The Kittens finished the first period with an 11-point lead and continued to build their advantage right to the finish.

Betty McClenny scored 21 points and Lucille Dawson got 14 to lead the VHS sextet's attack. Point leader for Echols was Sue Herndon with 10.

### GIRLS

Valdosta	14	34	46	60
Echols	3	13	21	23

VALDOSTA (60) — Dawson 14, Hamill 7, McClenny 21, Smith 8, Potts 4, DeLoach 4, Wisenbaker 2, Kellerman, Qualbaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Strobo, Johnson, Bazemore.

ECHOLS (23) — Anderson 8, Herndon 10, Quick, Swilley 5, Corbitt, Raulerson, Roberts, Petty, Prine.

### BOYS

Valdosta	17	26	46	58
Echols	5	16	24	32

VALDOSTA (58) — Thomas 18, Reaves 14, Carter 3, Norwood 3, Holloway 6, Davenport 6, Steele 2, Nichols 2, Eubanks 1, Rigsby 2, Moore 3, Miller, Davis, Wells.

ECHOLS (32) — Pittman 2, Coggins 7, Henderson 9, Woodward 14, Randall Carter 20, Thorn, Hughes, Yawn, McLeod, Clayton.

## Candidates Picked For VHS Pageant

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Miss Valdosta High School beauty Pageant contestants have been named from the junior and senior classes.

The contest, scheduled for Feb. 22, 1963 at the school auditorium, is sponsored each year by the junior class to raise money for the Junior-Senior prom in the spring.

Twenty-five girls from each class were voted upon by the students.

English instructor Jackie Woolen is directing the pageant.

Seniors include Ellen Adair, Bobbie Ellen Blanchard, Dale Browning, Ann Carroll, Jane Crabtree, Catherine Daugharty.

Ginny Davis, Lucille Dawson, Betty Graul, Beverly Gunter, Pat Huff, Sandy LaMontagne, Beth McCrary, Teresa Minchew, Cheryl Pelfrey.

Joy Ratigan, Ruth Ann Seyfried, Ruth Ann Roddey, Genie Rogero, Andy Shenton, Tomi Siegrist, Nancy Smith, Susan Sternbridge, Barbara Talley, and Brenda Underwood.

Juniors are Susanne Ball Joy Catoe, Ginna Drumbeller, Norma Flythe, Patti Jo Futch, Patsy Garvin, Bonnie Gerlock.

Carol Harris, Patsy Henry, Starr Howell, Becky Johnson, Lois Johnson, Betty McClenny, Dean Nichols, Karen Nicholson, Nancy Simon.

Margaret Speed, Sandy Stewart, Kay Talley, Marlene Taylor, Susan Todd, Anne Walker, Dian White, Cathy Woodward, and Penny Nichols.

# VHS, LOHI Players Accept College Bids

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Six players from Valdosta and one from Lowndes County have now joined the growing list of prep football stars who have accepted college scholarship offers.

Latest members of VHS' state Class AAA champion Wildcats to "sign" are end Wally Colson with Florida and end Dick Bender with Florida State. They made their decisions Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday, Valdosta center Jimmy Robinson cast his lot with Georgia and halfback Giles Smith, quarterback Rick Thomas and end Danny Hendley were "signed" by Georgia Tech.

Lowndes County tackle Brinson Lane has accepted an offer from Georgia.

Bender was an offensive specialist for Valdosta this past season and one of the Wildcats' most talented pass receivers. Colson was a standout two-way performer for the 'Cats and earned All-State honorable mention.

Robinson, was a "go-team" regular and one of Valdosta's most talented blockers. Thomas and Smith are All-Staters and Hendley was an honorable mention selectee on the All-State squad.

Lane, a talented two-way performer, is the first Lowndes County player in the school's three-year football history to land an athletic scholarship. He was

picked for honorable mention on the Class AA All-State squad.

Other prep stars who have accepted college scholarship offers include the following:

Florida landed Lynn Gammage, Cedartown tackle; Felton Lancaster, Cross Keys tackle; Phil Simpson, Murphy guard; Cary Thompson, Marietta tackle; and Scott McCord, Marist guard.

Alabama signed Columbus tackle Richard Hodges.

Auburn's Georgia signees were Bill Hawthorne, Marietta end; George McKenny, tackle from Northside of Atlanta, and Robert Miller, Cedartown fullback.

Georgia Tech signees: Kim King, quarterback, Brown, Atlanta; Tommy Elliott, end, Decatur; Albert Thornton, guard, Robinson, Tampa, Fla.; Marcus Rhoden, halfback, MacClenney, Fla.; Claude Shook, end, East Talahatchie High, Charleston, Miss.; Randy Weaver, guard, University Military School, Mobile, Ala.; Mike Ashmore, guard, Scottsboro, Ala.; Larry Clemmons, center, Red Bank High, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Chris Denney, linebacker, Ramsey High, Birmingham, Ala.; Don Foster, Fullback, Foley, Ala.; George Jackson, fullback, Gainesville; James Lamar Wright, tackle, Dodge County; and David Barber, halfback, Waycross.

Georgia signees: Mark Bowen, end, Willingham High, Macon; Bill Harber, end, Cross Keys, Atlanta; Harry Hudson, end, Tift County High; Jimmy Cooley, end, Avondale; Ken Parson, guard, Murray County High; Pete Gaines, quarterback, Willingham High, Macon; Rich-Lutz, quarterback, Benedictine, Savannah.

Kirby Moore, quarterback, Dothan, Ala.; John Jenkins, halfback, Claxton; Woody Chastain, halfback, Athens; Steve Shiflett, halfback, Cedartown; Mark Holmes, halfback, Warner Robins; Stan Crawford, halfback, LaGrange; Brad Bradberry, halfback, Moultrie; Danny Mitchell, Butler, Augusta; Howard Longshore, fullback, Troup County; Gaines Wilson, fullback, R. E. Lee, Thomaston.

# VHS Plays Robins In 'Home' Opener

## Lowndes To Host Berrien County; Hahira Ready For Duel With Cook

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta, Lowndes County and Hahira cagers are in for a busy weekend of basketball. All three are slated to see action on Friday and Saturday nights.

In fact all but one area team, Lanier County, will have seen action by the time the last of a dozen weekend outings are completed.

On Friday night Valdosta will host Warner Robins; Lowndes will meet Berrien County (Nashville) at the LOHI gym and Hahira will go against Cook (Adel) at Hahira.

In other games tomorrow night, Echols County (Statenville) will be at St. George, Clinch County (Homerville) at Nahunta, Mitchell County (Quitman), Jennings at

Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and Eaglettes will be getting their first taste of Region 1-AA (West) competition when they go against Berrien's Rebels and Rebelettes Friday night at the LOHI gym.

The Eagles have a 2-0 record and the Eaglettes are 1-1. The Berrien boys have a 2-3 record and the sextet from Nashville has a 3-2 mark.

Hahira's Tigers have a 4-2 record and will be going after their third straight win when they meet the Cook Hornets at Hahira Friday night. The Cook boys have a 2-2 record. The Tigerettes are 3-3 and will face a Cook sextet which is unbeaten after four starts.

Clinch's Panthers will be shooting for their seventh consecutive triumph at Nahunta.

Brooks' Tigerettes are another unbeaten team in the area.

The Quitman sextet will be aiming for win number four against Mitchell. The Brooks boys are 1-2 in all games and have ambitions to halt a two-game losing skid.

Jennings' Panthers will be after their second win at Salem. Jasper will be looking for its first triumph at Monticello after an opening loss to Madison.

When Georgia Christian goes into action on Saturday night against Alabama Christian, the Generals from Dasher hope to improve on an already good 5-2 record.

### AREA HOOP SLATE

#### Friday

Warner Robins at Valdosta  
Berrien at Lowndes  
Cook at Hahira  
Echols at St. George  
Mitchell at Brooks  
Jennings at Salem  
Jasper at Monticello

#### Saturday

Valdosta at Echols  
Lowndes at Hahira  
Ga. Christian at Ala. Christian  
Madison at Jennings

Salem and Jasper at Monticello.

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Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will make their first "home" appearance of the 1962-63 season and get their first Region 1-AAA test against Warner Robins here Friday night.

The Kittens are 2-0 after beating Hahira and Tifton. The 'Cats are 0-2 after losses to the same foes.

Warner Robins edged the Kittens in a playoff for the Region 1-AAA crown last season. Their game tomorrow night is an important one since it counts in the standings for the 1962-63 crown.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

Wright Bazemore's charges gained 1,392 yards (116 avg.) through the air. The "enemy" picked up just 623 yards passing (51.0 avg.).

In what you might call an "average" game for the 'Cats they scored 32.1 points, made 14.3 first downs, gained 219 yards rushing and 116 passing while holding the opposition to 2.7 points, 3.4 first downs, 51.9 yards passing and 35.2 yards rushing.

Speaking of the Wildcats, they will be honored by the First National Bank at a supper Monday night. The event is slated for 7 p.m. at Lake Saddle Bags.

The Valdosta football Wildcats piled up some amazing team statistics while winning 12 straight this season and becoming state Class AAA champs for the third consecutive year.

The 'Cats scored 386 points (32.1 average) and limited their foes to 33 (2.7 avg.). Valdosta made 172 first downs (14.3 avg.) and their opponents got just 41 (3.4 avg.). The Wildcats' ground attack accounted for 2,629 yards (219 avg.), and their foes got just 425 yards (35.2 avg.) rushing. In the passing department, coach

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On Saturday, Valdosta will be at Echols, Lowndes at Hahira, Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Alabama Christian (Montgomery, Ala.) and Madison at Jennings.

Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens will be shooting for their third straight win in their crucial test with the Demonettes of Warner Robins here tonight.

The game will be one of only six the Kittens will play which will count in the race for the 1962-63 Region 1 - AAA girls basketball

championship. Last year the Demonettes edged the Kittens in a playoff for the crown.

Coach Joe Wilson's VHS Wildcats have ambitions to halt a two-game losing skid. With several candidates reporting late because of football, the 'Cats are still in the process of organizing. The Demons they will face are led by 6-1 Mike Davis and 6-3 Clarence Channell.

The 1-AAA boys championship is decided in a post-season tournament so the clash between the 'Cats and Demons won't figure in the title race. The Wildcats, however, would like to break into the victory column after losses to Hahira and Tifton.

Coach Carlton Adams' LOHI Golden Eagles will be shooting for their third straight win against a Berrien quintet which has a 2-3 record. Coach Rodney Fain's Eaglettes are 1-1 and the Berrien girls they will meet have a 3-2 chart.

Berrien is the only 1-AA (West) foe LOHI will meet during the regular season.

Coach Mac Manley's Hahira Tigers have a 4-2 record and a two-game victory streak going. The Cook Hornets they are to go

against have broken even in four starts.

Cooks' highly regarded Hornettes will bring a perfect 4-0 record with them to Hahira. Coach Warren Alexander's Tigrettes are 3-3 after a half dozen starts.

There are four other unbeaten teams in the area. Clinch's Panthers have a 6-0 mark, the Brooks County girls have won three in a row and Jennings' and Madison's quintets got their seasons started earlier in the week with victories.



Times Staff Photo

Kitten Forward Lucille Dawson; Ready For Regional Test

## Wildcats, Kittens Rap Echols County

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

STATENVILLE — Valdosta's Kittens kept their winning streak going and the Wildcats got their first taste of victory as they swept a basketball doubleheader with Echols County here Saturday night.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens rolled to a 60-23 win, boosting their unbeaten string to four games. Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats halted a three-game losing skid as they beat the Echols quintet, 58-52.

In the boys' game, Valdosta moved off to an early lead and was never headed. The 'Cats had a 16-point advantage when Wilson sent in his reserves midway the third period. Echols finished with a surge, but couldn't catch up.

Rick Thomas scored 18 points and Stan Reaves got 14 to lead the Wildcats' attack. Randy Woodward, with 14 points, was scoring leader for Echols.

Valdosta made 23 field goals and hit on 11 of 19 foul shots.

The 'Cats were charged with 26 fouls. Echols sank 13 field goals and made good on 24 of 35 tries from the charity line. The Statenville quintet was charged with 12 fouls.

The Kittens finished the first period with an 11-point lead and continued to build their advantage right to the finish.

Betty McClenny scored 21 points and Lucille Dawson got 14 to lead the VHS sextet's attack. Point leader for Echols was Sue Herndon with 10.

### GIRLS

Valdosta	14	34	46	60
Echols	3	13	21	23

VALDOSTA (60) — Dawson 14, Hamill 7, McClenny 21, Smith 8, Potts 4, DeLoach 4, Wisenbaker 2, Kellerman, Quatlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Strobo, Johnson, Bazemore.

ECHOLS (23) — Anderson 8, Herndon 10, Quack, Swilley 5, Corbitt, Raulerson, Roberts, Petty, Prine.

### BOYS

Valdosta	17	26	46	58
Echols	5	16	24	52

VALDOSTA (58) — Thomas 18, Reaves 14, Carter 3, Norwood 3, Holloway 6, Davenport 6, Steele 2, Nichols 2, Eubanks 1, Rigsby 2, Moore 3, Miller, Davis, Wells.

ECHOLS (52) — Pittman 2, Coggins 7, Henderson 9, Woodward 14, Randall Carter 20, Thorn, Hughes, Yawn, McLeod, Clayton.

## Candidates Picked For VHS Pageant

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Miss Valdosta High School beauty Pageant contestants have been named from the junior and senior classes.

The contest, scheduled for Feb. 22, 1963 at the school auditorium, is sponsored each year by the junior class to raise money for the Junior-Senior prom in the spring.

Twenty-five girls from each class were voted upon by the students.

English instructor Jackie Wooten is directing the pageant.

Seniors include Ellen Adair, Bobbie Ellen Blanchard, Dale Browning, Ann Carroll, Jane Crabtree, Catherine Daugharty.

Ginny Davis, Lucille Dawson, Betty Graul, Beverly Gunter, Pat Huff, Sandy LaMontagne, Beth McCrary, Teresa Minchew, Cheryl Pelfrey.

Joy Ratigan, Ruth Ann Seyfried, Ruth Ann Roddey, Genie Rogero, Andy Shenton, Toni Siegrist, Nancy Smith, Susan Stenbridge, Barbara Talley, and Brenda Underwood.

Juniors are Susanne Ball Joy Catoe, Ginna Drumbeller, Norma Flythe, Patti Jo Futch, Patsy Garvin, Bonnie Gerlock.

Carol Harris, Patsy Henry, Starr Howell, Becky Johnson, Lois Johnson, Betty McClenny, Dean Nichols, Karen Nicholson, Nancy Simon.

Margaret Speed, Sandy Stewart, Kay Talley, Marlene Taylor, Susan Todd, Anne Walker, Dian White, Cathy Woodward, and Penny Nichols.

# VHS, LOHI Players Accept College Bids

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Six players from Valdosta and one from Lowndes County have now joined the growing list of prep football stars who have accepted college scholarship offers.

Latest members of VHS' state Class AAA champion Wildcats to "sign" are end Wally Colson with Florida and end Dick Bender with Florida State. They made their decisions Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday, Valdosta center Jimmy Robinson cast his lot with Georgia and halfback Giles Smith, quarterback Rick Thomas and end Danny Hendley were "signed" by Georgia Tech.

Lowndes County tackle Brinson Lane has accepted an offer from Georgia.

Bender was an offensive specialist for Valdosta this past season and one of the Wildcats' most talented pass receivers. Colson was a standout two-way performer for the 'Cats and earned All-State honorable mention.

Robinson, was a "go-team" regular and one of Valdosta's most talented blockers. Thomas and Smith are All-Staters and Hendley was an honorable mention selectee on the All-State squad.

Lane, a talented two-way performer, is the first Lowndes County player in the school's three-year football history to land an athletic scholarship. He was

picked for honorable mention on the Class AA All-State squad.

Other prep stars who have accepted college scholarship offers include the following:

Florida landed Lynn Gammage, Cedartown tackle; Felton Lancaster, Cross Keys tackle; Phil Simpson, Murphy guard; Cary Thompson, Marietta tackle; and Scott McCord, Marist guard.

Alabama signed Columbus tackle Richard Hodges.

Auburn's Georgia signees were Bill Hawthorne, Marietta end; George McKenny, tackle from Northside of Atlanta, and Robert Miller, Cedartown fullback.

Georgia Tech signees: Kim King, quarterback, Brown, Atlanta; Tommy Elliott, end, Decatur; Albert Thornton, guard, Robinson, Tampa, Fla.; Marcus Rhoden, halfback, MacClenney, Fla.; Claude Shook, end, East Talahatchie High, Charleston, Miss.; Randy Weaver, guard, University Military School, Mobile, Ala.; Mike Ashmore, guard, Scottsboro, Ala.; Larry Clemmons, center, Red Bank High, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Chris Denney, linebacker, Ramsey High, Birmingham, Ala.; Don Foster, Fullback, Foley, Ala.; George Jackson, fullback, Gainesville; James Lamar Wright, tackle, Dodge County; and David Barber, halfback, Waycross.

Georgia signees: Mark Bowen, end, Willingham High, Macon; Bill Harber, end, Cross Keys, Atlanta; Harry Hudson, end, Tift County High; Jimmy Cooley, end, Avondale; Ken Parson, guard, Murray County High; Pete Gaines, quarterback, Willingham High, Macon; Rich-Lutz, quarterback, Benedictine, Savannah.

Kirby Moore, quarterback, Dothan, Ala.; John Jenkins, halfback, Claxton; Woody Chastain, halfback, Athens; Steve Shiflett, halfback, Cedartown; Mark Holmes, halfback, Warner Robins; Stan Crawford, halfback, LaGrange; Brad Bradberry, halfback, Moultrie; Danny Mitchell, Butler, Augusta; Howard Longshore, fullback, Troup County; Gaines Wilson, fullback, R. E. Lee, Thomaston.



**SAMMY GLASSMAN**

Wright Bazemore's charges gained 1,392 yards (116 avg.) through the air. The "enemy" picked up just 623 yards passing (51.0 avg.).

In what you might call an "average" game for the 'Cats they scored 32.1 points, made 14.3 first downs, gained 219 yards rushing and 116 passing while holding the opposition to 2.7 points, 3.4 first downs, 51.9 yards passing and 35.2 yards rushing.

Speaking of the Wildcats, they will be honored by the First National Bank at a supper Monday night. The event is slated for 7 p.m. at Lake Saddle Bags.

# VHS Plays Robins In 'Home' Opener

## Lowndes To Host Berrien County; Hahira Ready For Duel With Cook

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

The Valdosta, Lowndes County and Hahira cagers are in for a busy weekend of basketball. All three are slated to see action on Friday and Saturday nights.

In fact all but one area team, Lanier County, will have seen action by the time the last of a dozen weekend outings are completed.

On Friday night Valdosta will host Warner Robins; Lowndes will meet Berrien County (Nashville) at the LOHI gym and Hahira will go against Cook (Adel) at Hahira.

In other games tomorrow night, Echols County (Statenville) will be at St. George, Clinch County (Homerville) at Nahunta, Mitchell County (Quitman), Jennings at

### AREA HOOP SLATE Friday

Warner Robins at Valdosta  
Berrien at Lowndes  
Cook at Hahira  
Echols at St. George  
Mitchell at Brooks  
Jennings at Salem  
Jasper at Monticello

### Saturday

Valdosta at Echols  
Lowndes at Hahira  
Ga. Christian at Ala. Christian  
Madison at Jennings

Salem and Jasper at Monticello.

On Saturday, Valdosta plays at Echols, LOHI and Hahira tangle at Hahira, Georgia Christian (Dasher) meets Alabama Christian at Montgomery, Ala., and Jennings will host Madison.

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will make their first "home" appearance of the 1962-63 season and get their first Region 1-AAA test against Warner Robins here Friday night.

The Kittens are 2-0 after beating Hahira and Tifton. The 'Cats are 0-2 after losses to the same foes.

Warner Robins edged the Kittens in a playoff for the Region 1-AAA crown last season. Their game tomorrow night is an important one since it counts in the standings for the 1962-63 crown.

Lowndes County's Golden Eagles and Eaglettes will be getting their first taste of Region 1-AA (West) competition when they go against Berrien's Rebels and Rebelettes Friday night at the LOHI gym.

The Eagles have a 2-0 record and the Eaglettes are 1-1. The Berrien boys have a 2-3 record and the sextet from Nashville has a 3-2 mark.

Hahira's Tigers have a 4-2 record and will be going after their third straight win when they meet the Cook Hornets at Hahira Friday night. The Cook boys have a 2-2 record. The Tigerettes are 3-3 and will face a Cook sextet which is unbeaten after four starts.

Clinch's Panthers will be shooting for their seventh consecutive triumph at Nahunta.

Brooks' Tigerettes are another unbeaten team in the area.

The Quitman sextet will be aiming for win number four, against Mitchell. The Brooks boys are 1-2 in all games and have ambitions to halt a two-game losing skid.

Jennings' Panthers will be after their second win at Salem. Jasper will be looking for its first triumph at Monticello after an opening loss to Madison.

When Georgia Christian goes into action on Saturday night against Alabama Christian, the Generals from Dasher hope to improve on an already good 5-2 record.

# Kittens Romp; Imps Top 'Cats

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TIFTON — Valdosta's Kittens reached their second win and the Wildcats took it on the chin for the second time in a basketball doubleheader here Tuesday night. Coach Bill Davis' Kittens trimmed Tifton's Angels 52-22, as the Valdosta sextet remained on the victory trail.

A torrid third period scoring

spree carried Tifton's Blue Devils to a 62-47 victory over coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats.

Lucille Dawson 15, Eulouise Hamill 6, Betty McClenny 21 and Margaret Smith 10, produced all of the Kittens' points. The guard trio of Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rogers and Barbara Reaves limited the Angels to just five points in the first two periods.

The boys game was close for two periods. Tifton went out at the half with a slim two-point edge. But the Imps poured in 24 points during a hot streak in the third period, took a commanding lead and went on from there to victory.

Gary Adams hit for 18 points and Ronnie Archer scored 16 to lead the Tifton attack.

Rick Thomas, making his 1962-63 basketball debut, hit for 20 points to become offense leader for the 'Cats.

Next in line was Foy Norwood with 13 points and Jimmy Carter with 11.

The 'Cats made 19 field goals and hit on nine of 20 free throws. Tifton sank 26 shots from the floor and sank 12 of 22 tries from the charity line.

## GIRLS

Valdosta	15	30	46	52
Tifton	2	5	13	22

VALDOSTA (52) — Dawson 15, Hamill 6, McClenny 21, Smith 10, Potts, DeLoach, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Gleason, Strobo, Johnson, Bazemore.

TIFTON (22) — Tucker 3, Hand 2, Skiney 6, Driskell 7, Hare 4, Hall, Taylor, Ellis, McMillan, Daniels, Branch, Hof.

## BOYS

Valdosta	11	28	35	47
Tifton	12	30	54	62

VALDOSTA (47) — Norwood 13, Thomas 20, Davenport 1, Reaves 2, Carter 11, Nichols, Holloway, Steele.

TIFTON (62) — Adams 18, Archer 16, Bruce 10, Aboff 14, Romack 2, Davis 2, Wycliff, Dillaro, Dess.

# Demons Top 'Cats Kittens Post Win

## Valdosta Girls Clear Big Hurdle; Wildcats' Rally Falls Just Short

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Kittens took a step down a road they hope will lead them to the Region 1-AAA girls basketball championship with a 41-37 victory over the Warner Robins Demonettes here Friday night.

In the boys affair of the night's twin-bill, Warner Robins' Demons turned back coach Joe Wilson's battling Wildcats, 70-59, in a game that was much closer than the final tally.

The win was the third in a row for coach Bill Davis' Kittens. It was their first league win and an important one since they play just six regional contests which count in the girls 1-AAA title race. It was the first setback for the Demonettes in six starts and left them with an 0-1 regional mark. The Warner Robins girls edged the Kittens in a playoff for the 1961-62 loop title.

Warner Robins' Demons posted their sixth straight win and handed the Wildcats their third straight loss. After leading by 13 points in the first period, the Demons had to beat down a second half uprising by the 'Cats to win. With less than two minutes to go, Robins' lead had been cut to five points. A last-minute surge gave the Demons their 11-point victory edge.

Valdosta's cagers swing back into action tonight, meeting Echols County at Statenville.

In last night's girls game, the lead changed hands more than a dozen times in the first three periods. Then the VHS guard trio of Dianne Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers and Barbara Reaves, held the Demonettes scoreless for four minutes at the start of the third stanza. The Kittens moved to an eight-point lead and stayed out front to win.

Lucille Dawson got 14 points, Eulouise Hamill accounted for nine and Betty McClenny got 18 to lead the Kittens' attack. The game, however, was a defensive

duel with the VHS guards turning in what coach Davis rated as "excellent" job. Scoring leader for Robins was Vivian Dixon with 18 markers.

The Demons owned a decided height edge over the 'Cats and used it to good advantage while building a big first half lead. In the second half the 'Cats rallied and more than held their own. However, they weren't able to make up all the ground lost in the first two stanzas. Four times in the last period VHS cut Robins' lead to five points, but the 'Cats could come no closer.

All five VHS starters scored in double figures. Rick Thomas got 13 points, Foy Norwood and Mark Holloway, 12 each, and Stan Reaves and Jim Carter, 11 each. Norwood with 12 and Reaves with 11 were rebound leaders for the 'Cats.

The Demons also had five players who hit in double figures. They were Clarence Channell, 14; Davie Moore and Alton Knight, 13 each, and Mike Davis and Jim Taylor, 11 each.

Valdosta hit on 22 of 57 field goals (35 per cent) and seven of 11 free throws (64 per cent). The Demons made 31 fields goals and hit on eight of 17 four shots.

## GIRLS

Valdosta	11	35	38	41
Warner Robins	11	21	21	37

VALDOSTA (41) — Dawson 14, Hamill 9, McClenny 18, Smith, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves.

WARNER ROBINS (37) — Dixon 18, Thompson 16, Fraser 5, Hadaway, Markins, Hutto, Reigel, Smith, Talton, Davidson.

## BOYS

Valdosta	10	26	46	59
Warner Robins	19	39	54	70

VALDOSTA (59) — Thomas 13, Reaves 11, Carter 11, Norwood 12, Holloway 12, Nichols.

WARNER ROBINS (70) — Wilson 8, Tucker 11, Knight 13, Channell 14, Moore 13, Davis 11.

# Valdosta Wins Pair From Echols County

By MARTIN MILLER  
Times Staff Writer

With defense as the password, Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens shot ahead with early leads and then coasted to victory over the Wildcats and Kittens from Echols County in a basketball doubleheader here Saturday night.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens came out on top 48-38, to notch their sixth consecutive win, while the Valdosta quintet of coach Bill Wilson won 70-33 to link three victories together and level off its slate at 3-3.

For the Echols boys, the loss was eighth in a row, leaving the team with a 2 - 8 record. The Echols sextet set its slate at 4-5. After remaining bottled-up for

a half, the Echols girls rallied in the remaining two periods with 34 points against Valdosta reserves, but couldn't overcome the lost ground.

Valdosta's talented guard corp, composed of Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers and Barbara Reaves, yielded only four points in the first two quarters, while their teammates on the other side of the court poured in 26 markers.

Davis, sacrificing a high score for reserve experience, cleared his bench in the second half, playing a total of 27 girls.

In the boys affair the Valdosta quintet scored 18 points in the first stanza while limiting Echols to two. Five minutes of playing time had elapsed in the first period before the Echols cagers could break through the Wildcat defense for a marker.

Using a combination of regulars and reserves for the last three periods, the Wildcats continued the "rain" of points until the final buzzer brought a close to the one-sided battle. Wilson also cleared the Valdosta bench as all three units saw action during the bout.

The Wildcats made good on 14 of 22 free throws and hit 23 field goals. Echols hit on five of 15 attempts from the charity line and scored 14 field goals. Both quintets were charged with 14 individual fouls.

Betty McClenny, swishing the nets for 12 points and Lucille Dawson and Eulouise Hamill, hitting for nine each, were the leaders in the Valdosta scoring attack. Jo Ann Quick, with 20 points and Sue Herndon 16, were the high scorers for the Echols sextet.

Valdosta forwards hit on 10 of 19 free throws and tallied on 19 field goals in the girls event. Echols made the grade on six of

22 from the charity line and sunk 16 field goals. The Statenville girls were charged with 18 fouls while Valdosta was charged with 19.

Three players from the Valdosta bench hit in the double figures during the boys contest. Jim Carter led the way with 17 points; Rick Thomas got 16 and Bobby Steele picked up 10.

San Reaves, Foy Norwood and Carter were stickouts for VHS in the rebound department. Pittman and Randy Woodruff did the honors in backboard coverage for Echols.

## GIRLS

Valdosta	11	26	42	48
Echols	1	4	14	38

VALDOSTA (48) — Dawson 9, Hamill 9, McClenny 12, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, DeLoach 6, Kellerman 3, Wisenbaker, Smith 5, Anderson 4, Harris, Gleason, Strobo, Johnson, Bazemore, Giddens, Mayne, Rigsby, Blanton, Garvin, Jackson, Odom, Shingler, Lastinger.

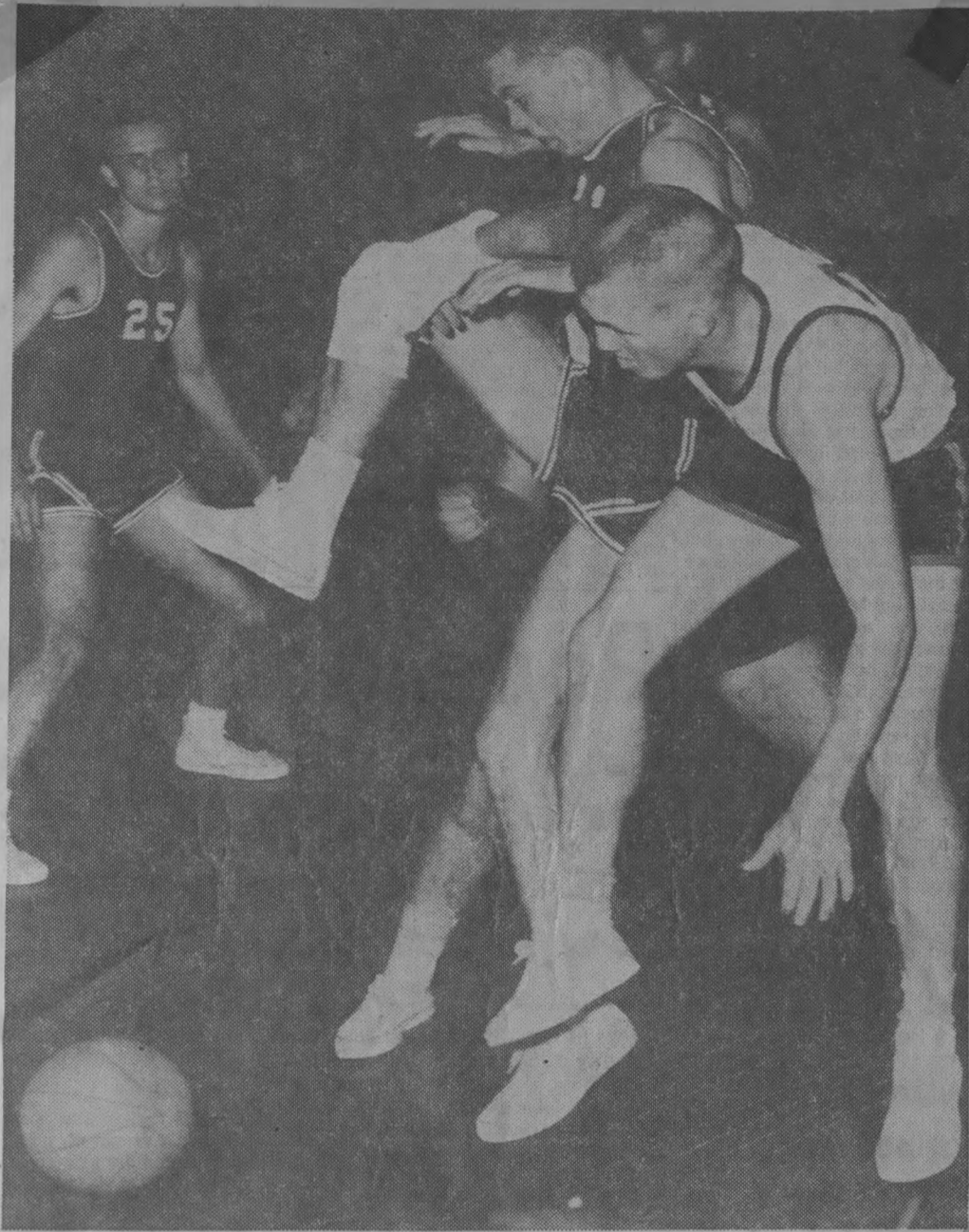
ECHOLS (38) — Anderson 2, Herndon 16, Quick 20, Swilley, Raulerson, Roberts, Petty, Prine.

## BOYS

Valdosta	18	29	50	70
Echols	2	9	23	33

VALDOSTA (70) — Thomas 16, Reaves 4, Carter 17, Norwood 5, Holloway 2, Davenport 1, Steele 10, Moore, Nichols, Eubanks, Miller 3, Gaskins 4, Davis 2, Wells 4, Rigsby 2.

ECHOLS (33) — Pittman 19, Goggins, Hughes 1, Woodruff 3, Herndon, Coleman, Clayton, McLeod 10.



'Cats' Stan Reaves, Demons' Mike Davis In Tangle

TIMES STAFF PHOTOS

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

# Practice Field Sought For Valdosta Wildcats

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Board of Education, remembering the mud and mess of last Friday night, are trying to find a football practice field for the Valdosta High School Wildcats.

Several members of the board expressed this view at their regular meeting Monday night.

City educators said Cleveland Field is always pretty well plowed up by game time each football season. The field is used for physical education as well as for football practice.

"If that ground was well planted we wouldn't have the mess we had last Friday night," said board member Eddie Laws. Valdosta defeated Murphy High School of Atlanta Friday for the state AAA championship on a rain soaked

field, partially covered in sand.

Laws suggested an investigation for the use of Brookwood Park. The park is across the street, just north of Cleveland Field.

"We wouldn't have to cut down any trees if people want them left up. But I don't see why we couldn't use the park," said Laws.

In other matters, the board agreed to set up a committee of teachers from all the city junior high and high schools to meet with the board to try and work out library problems.

For some time the BofE has had complaints that the VHS library is inadequate in some areas. Mrs. Christie Patterson of the board pointed out that the students don't have enough time after school to obtain required material since the library closes at 4 p. m.

"I think the library is one of the most important areas in the school system and it should be kept up," said board member Ruben Yancey.

City School Supt. W. G. Nunn reported that VHS band director Frank Butenscheon failed to raise funds needed to enroll a band member in the All-American Band Corps.

"This is a bad thing to have happen, but perhaps next year we'll have a student represented in the national band. Butenscheon has done an excellent job this year," said Nunn.



Kittens' Betty McClenny (4) Drives For Basket

# Valdosta Bags 10th Grid Title

By The Associated Press

The powerful Valdosta Wildcats captured their 10th state football championship in 23 years with a 39-0 victory over Atlanta's Murphy Eagles Friday night.

The victory extended the Valdosta winning streak to 36 games and gave Coach Wright Bazemore his third consecutive state AAA championship. The Wildcats other titles were in AA.

Wildcat halfback Giles Smith and quarterback Rick Thomas, both named to this year's Associated Press All-State team, led the Valdosta scoring attack with two touchdowns each.

Smith made a spectacular 75-yard punt return in the third period that brought the 9,000 rain-drenched spectators in Valdosta's Cleveland Stadium to their feet. In addition, he gained 87 yards in 6 carries and caught three of three passes for 37 yards.

Thomas completed five of seven passes for 79 yards, gained 29 yards on 13 carries.

The other two Valdosta touchdowns came on 3-yard plunges by halfback Stanley Reaves and fullback Walter Zant. Smith accounted for the other three points with conversion kicks which raised his total to 35 for the season.

The Wildcats' rock-ribbed defense—led by All-State guard Bill Myddleton and tackle Bill Schorer—held the hapless Eagles to only one yard rushing and 63 passing.

Here's how the other championship games ended:

**Class AA**—The Rossville Bulldogs won their first class AA championship since 1955 with a 28-6 victory over the North Clayton Eagles at Rossville.

Backs Eddie Wallin, Doug Flury, Nelson Bowers and Paul Painter each scored a touchdown in leading the Bulldogs to their 14th straight victory.

Wallin, a junior halfback, accounted for 229 of Rossville's 260 yards rushing and Painter completed two passes in five attempts for 75 yards.

North Clayton quarterback

Thurston Taylor got the Eagles' only tally in the closing minutes when he sneaked over from the one after setting it up with a 24-yard pass. He completed 15 passes for 109 yards.

A capacity crowd of 8,000 watched the Bulldogs hand the Eagles their first defeat in 14 games.

**Class A**—The Americus Panthers, sparked by quarterback John Chambliss, handed the Carrollton Trojans a 14-6 defeat to win their first state Class A title since 1944.

Butch Reeves took a 12-yard touchdown pass from Chambliss in the second period to Get Americus' scoring underway. Then Carrollton stormed back with Bobby Morrow plunging over from the one, but the kick failed.

A punt blocked by Bucky Turpin in the third quarter set up Americus' winning score. Three plays later Chambliss hit halfback George Mason with a 28-yard scoring pass. David Reeves kicked both extra points.

**Class B**—The Morgan County Bulldogs won their first state Class B title under Coach Bill Coory with a 39-7 victory over Hawkinsville at Madison.

Halfback Bill McWhorter paced the Morgan attack with three touchdowns and 134 yards in 16 carries. His brother, Bob, scored one TD and gained 88 yards in the same number of tries.

Hawkinsville's lone tally came on a 48-yard dash by David Pierce. Gene Moore added the extra point.

**Class C**—Lincolnton eked out a 26-19 victory over West Point for their third straight Class C championship.

But Lincolnton had to put down a two-touchdown rally by West Point in the final quarter to preserve the victory. Lincolnton led 26-6 midway in this period.

Cliff Goolsby led Lincolnton's attack, scoring twice. A deadly passing attack by Dale King almost enabled West Point to close the gap in the final quarter. Bill Reynolds scored twice for West Point.



'Cats' Rick Thomas: Scoring Leader

# Valdosta, Lowndes Clash On Hardwood

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta and Lowndes County will renew their intense basketball rivalry here tonight.

The Valdosta and LOHI cagers will meet in a twin-bill at the VHS gym.

There will also be teams representing eight other area schools seeing action tonight.

Hahira will be at Echols County (Statenville), Monticello at Jennings, Worth County (Sylvester) at Brooks County (Quitman), Berrien County (Nashville) at Cook (Adel), Nicholls at Clinch County (Homerville), Perry at Madison and Jasper at Ft. White.

The prep basketball wheels will keep spinning Saturday night with Madison at LOHI, Echols at Valdosta, Jennings at Lake Butler, Thomasville at Brooks and Berrien at Cairo.

Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens have a perfect 4-0 record and coach Joe Wilson's VHS Wildcats have a 1-3 mark. Coach Carlton Adam's LOHI Eagles have won three times in five tries. Coach Rodney Fain's Eaglettes have a 2-3 mark.

The 'Dosta and Lowndes County cagers have met two mutual foes, Echols and Hahira. The Kittens beat both Hahira (56-36) and Echols (60-23). The Eaglettes trimmed Echols (44-18) while losing to Hahira (32-23). The 'Cats fell before Hahira (51-33) and turned back Echols (58-52).

The Eagles clipped Echols (52-41) and lost to Hahira (38-32).

But VHS and LOHI are traditional basketball rivals and in the past won-loss records and a comparison of scores has failed to give even a hint of what was going to happen when the cross-town rivals met on the hardwood.

Coach Mack Manley's Hahira Tigers and coach Warren Alexander's Tigerettes will be meeting the Echols cagers for the second time at Statenville tonight.

Hahira swept an earlier twin-bill, with the Tigers winning 73-

38, and the Tigerettes notching a 36-18 triumph. The Tigers have a 6-2 record and ambitions to extend a four-game winning streak they have going. The Tigerettes have a 4-4 mark.

Three area teams will put perfect records on the line tonight. Clinch's Panthers have won eight in a row. The Tigerettes of Brooks County are unbeaten after five starts. Madison's Red Devils have triumph in all three of the games they have played to date.

## Imps Thump

## 'Cats 71-55

### Columbus Breaks Up Close Game With Uprising Just Before Half

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COLUMBUS — Columbus' tall and talented Blue Devils broke up a close ball game with an uprising just before the end of the first half and went from there to a 71-55 basketball victory over the Valdosta Wildcats here Friday night.

The win was the seventh straight this season for the Imps, who are defending state Class AAA champs. The loss leveled the record for coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats off at 5-5. It was the second straight loss to a Region 1-AAA opponent for the 'Cats.

The Wildcats made it close until there was less than two minutes of playing time left in the first half. The Blue Devils closed the second period with a flurry of foul shots and went out at intermission with an eight-point lead.

Valdosta's hopes of catching up went by the boards when the Imps poured in 28 points in the

third period to widen their lead. The 'Cats kept battling, but couldn't make up the lost ground.

Tony Romeo scored 12 points and Jimmy Dunn got 13 markers to lead a balanced Columbus attack. Five other Blue Devils tallied seven or more points.

Rick Thomas, with 15 points, and Jim Carter, with 16, were attack leaders for Valdosta.

The 'Cats made 22 field goals and hit on 14 of 19 free throws. Valdosta was charged with 17 fouls. Columbus made 29 field goals and sank 16 of 24 shots from the charity line. The Imps were charged with 15 fouls.

The 'Cats will stay in Columbus for a meeting with Baker's Lions here tonight. This will be another 1-AAA affair.

Valdosta	15	22	37	55
Columbus	14	30	58	71

VALDOSTA (55) — Thomas 15, Reavea 8, Carter 16, Norwood 5, Holloway 2, Davenport 7, Steele 2, Moore.

COLUMBUS (71) — Romeo 12, Hodges 9, Hatcher 7, Humes 7, Mitchell 4, Robinson 8, Reed 8, Dunn 13, King, Curvin 2.

# Wildcats Shade Lowndes, 41-40

## Kittens Top Eaglettes For 5th Straight Win

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats rode a fourth period rally to a 41-40 basketball victory over the Lowndes County Golden Eagles here Friday night.

The VHS cagers made a sweep in the twin-bill between the cross-town rivals as the Kittens of Valdosta turned back the Eaglettes of LOHI, 59-39.

It was the second straight win for coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats after three opening losses. The setback left coach Carlton Adams' Eagles with a 3-3 chart. Coach Bill Davis' Kittens boosted their unbeaten string to five games. The loss left coach Rodney Fain's Eaglettes with a 2-4 chart.

The Valdosta and Lowndes County cagers will swing back into action tonight. Valdosta will host Echols County (Statenville). LOHI's Eagles will go against Madison's unbeaten Red Devils in a game at the Lowndes gym. Madison does not have a girls team, so the Eaglettes will be idle tonight.

Last night's boys game was a thriller all the way. The lead changed hands 11 times during the contest. With 6:20 to go, LOHI had an eight point lead at 35-27. Then the 'Cats poured in 10 points during a torrid two-minute scoring streak. That made it an even match again.

In the last four minutes the lead swapped hands four times. A field goal by Foy Norwood with 1:15 to go put the 'Cats ahead 41-40. The Eagles tried a shot and missed. Valdosta got possession and "froze" the ball during the final minute of play to make its one-point lead stand up.

The girls game saw the Kittens move off to an early lead and never give up the advantage. The Eaglettes made a battle of it all the way. The issue was settled in the third period when the Kittens got 16 points while the VHS guard trio of Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers and Barbara Reaves was holding the Eaglettes to just three markers.

In the boys game Rick Thomas was Valdosta's attack leader with 12 points. Norwood got 10 and he was followed by Stan Reaves, 8; Jim Carter, 5; Mark Holloway, 4, and Tommy Davenport, 2; Wayne Newham was offense leader for the Eagles with 13 points. Following him were Bruce McKenzie, 11; Jerry Goodson, 10; Bruce Black, 3; Gerald Ryan, 2, and Eddie England, 1.

Reaves picked off 11 rebounds. Carter got six and Norwood five to lead VHS in that department. Goodson was LOHI's top rebounder with 13. After him were Black and Newham with four each.

The 'Cats made 22 field goals and hit on three of six foul shots. Valdosta was charged with 19 fouls. The Eagles made 12 field goals and made good on 16 of 25 tries from the charity line. Lowndes was charged with six fouls.

Scoring leaders for the Kittens were Betty McClenny, 24; Lucille Dawson, 14; Eulouise Hamill, 12, and Margaret Smith, 9. Aimee Hare was attack leader for the Eaglettes with 21 points. Carol Bonner got 12 and Wyomme Swilley accounted for six.

In 'B' team action, Lowndes won the girls game, 36-35, and Valdosta was 7-5.



Times Staff Photo

'Cat Reaves' (23) Guarding LOHI's Goodson (21)



Times Staff Photo

Kittens' Diane Quattlebaum (10), Lowndes Carol Bonner In Tangle



Kittens' Quattlebaum Hangs On



Hahira's David Sorrell Goes High To Snag Rebound

TIMES STAFF PHOTO

# 'Cats, Kittens Notch Victories

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Kittens and Wildcats continued to travel basketball's victory trail after notching hard-earned wins over Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes here Tuesday night.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens chalked up their seventh triumph in as many starts by turning back coach Warren Alexander's Tigerettes 50-40. The Hahira girls now have a 5-5 record.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats made it four in a row and boosted their record to 4-3 with a 55-45 win over coach Mack Manley's Tigers. The setback left the Tigers with a 7-3 record and brought an end to a five-game winning streak they had going.

In the girls game the Kittens jumped off to a 10-point lead in the opening period and then held firm as the Tigerettes made a strong, but unsuccessful bid to catch up. It was an even match in the last three stanzas, with the Kitten's early spurt the difference.

The boys game was a rough and tumble affair which saw each team charged with 25 fouls. Three Valdosta and three Hahira players went to the sidelines before the contest was over via the five-fouls route.

Tempers flared near the close of the second period and Valdosta's Foy Norwood and Hahira's Raymond Tucker engaged in a scuffle which was quickly stopped. Officials ejected Norwood from the game. They allowed Tucker to continue play.

There was some good and fast-paced basketball mixed in with a lot of free throw shooting. After a see-saw start, Valdosta went out front to stay near the close of the first stanza.

The 'Cats nursed a slim lead which ranged from three to six points until the final period started. In the first four minutes of the last period the 'Cats poured in 13 points while the Tigers were getting just two. That staked VHS to a 16-point lead. Hahira got a rally of its own going but had made up just six points when the contest ended.

Lucille Dawson scored 18 points and Betty McClenny got 16. Eulouise Hamill accounted for 12 and Margaret Smith chipped in with four to lead the Kittens' attack. Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers and Barbara Reaves were the defensive stickouts.

Betty Yanconish scored 16 points and Brenda Stubbs got 13 to lead the Tigerettes' attack. Linda Bass, Elaine McNeese and Beverly Weaver were the defense leaders.

The Kittens made 21 field goals and hit eight of nine free throws. Valdosta was charged with 17 fouls. The Tigerettes scored 11 field goals and hit on 13 of 22 tries from the charity line. Hahira was charged with seven fouls.

Mark Holloway, with 15 points

and Rick Thomas with 14, set the scoring pace for the Wildcats. Valdosta used nine players and all but one broke into the scoring column. Norwood and Bobby Steele each scored six points, Jim Carter, Tommy Davenport and Bobby Nichols scored four apiece and Stan Reaves chipped in with two markers.

Tucker led Hahira's point parade with 20. David Sorrell was next in line with 11, followed by Paul Reeves with five.

The 'Cats made 19 field goals and hit on 17 of 34 foul shots. The Tigers made 15 field goals and made good on 15 of 28 shots from the free throw line. As stated earlier, each team was charged with 25 fouls.

Rebound leaders for Valdosta were Reaves and Thomas, eight each and Davenport and Norwood, six each.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	17 29 38 50
Hahira	7 19 30 40
VALDOSTA (50) — Dawson 18, Hamill 12, McClenny 16, Smith 4, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Anderson, Harris.	
HAHIRA (40) — Cavender 7, Cowart 4, Stubbs 13, Yanconish 16, Bass, Fletcher, McNeese, Weaver, LeGette.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	14 26 36 55
Hahira	11 21 31 45
VALDOSTA (55) — Thomas 14, Reaves 2, Carter 4, Norwood 6, Holloway 15, Davenport 4, Nichols 4, Steele 6, Rigby.	
HAHIRA (45) — Tucker 20, Sorrell 11, Reeves 5, Lehman 3, Bass 2, Passmore 2, Parham, Roberts 2, Keele 2.	

Seven former Notre Dame players are with the Washington Redskins. Notre Dame coach, Joe Kuharich, formerly coached the Redskins.

## 'Cats, Rebels To Tangle Friday Night

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta tangles with Berrien County at Nashville Friday night in the only high school basketball action in the area this weekend.

All area teams accept Valdosta and Berrien have suspended hoop action for the Christmas holidays. For some the layoff will be a short one. Many will swing back into action next Wednesday when the Hahira Christmas Invitational tournament gets underway.

But tomorrow night the VHS and BHS cagers will have the area basketball spotlight to themselves.

The twin-bill at Nashville should be a good one. All four teams have earned a measure of success.

Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens will put a perfect 7-0 record on the line. Coach Stanley Simpson's Berrien Rebelettes have a sparkling 7-2 record after winning six of their last seven starts.

Davis' Kittens rate as a strong contender for the Region 1-AAA girls crown. The Rebelettes rate high on the form chart for the girls division of Region 1-AA (West).

Valdosta's Wildcats, coached by Joe Wilson lost in their first three starts this season and then did an about face. They've won their last four to make their record read 4-3.

Berrien's Rebels, also coached by Simpson, have a 5-5 record. They were beaten in their last two outings, but by close margins to undefeated Clinch and highly regarded Cairo.

# 'CATS, KITTENS DROP BERRIEN

VHS Girls Find Going Easy  
Boys Win In Overtime Period,

By JOHNNY FUTCH  
Times Correspondent

NASHVILLE—After fighting a see-saw battle that led to a 58-58 deadlock at the end of regulation play, the Valdosta Wildcats moved ahead in the first overtime period to down the Berrien County Rebels 66-62 in a basketball tilt here Friday night.

In the girls affair of the night's twin bill, the Valdosta Kittens of Coach Bill Davis downed the Berrien Rebelettes 46-33, to extend their victory streak to eight wins.

The win was the fifth consecutively for the Wildcats, giving them a 5-3 record. For coach Stanley Simpson's quintet the loss marked the third in a row and left the squad with a 5-6 mark. The Rebelettes now hold a 7-3 slate.

Though the Berrien girls stuck close behind for three periods, they were never able to overcome the lead. Then in the final stanza the Valdosta sextet hit the mark with eleven points while holding the Rebelettes scoreless to notch the win.

Betty McClenny and Lucile Dawson sunk 21 points each to pace the Valdosta scoring attack. Euloise Hamill made her bid with four markers to round out the scoring for the Kittens. Martha Gaskins hit for 12 points and Betty Jo Sanderson followed with 10 to become high scorers for the Berrien sextet.

The boys game was a tight scrap for four quarters. The Rebels possessed a 10-point lead at the end of the third period, but saw it diminish in the final stanza as Valdosta rallied with 22 points.

The back-to-back affair continued in the overtime period as both teams hit for four points in the first minute and a half to tie the score at 62-62. Then with less than a minute remaining, Valdosta's Jimmy Carter went to the charity line and poured in two foul

shots, setting the score at 64-62. With time almost out, Foy Norwood then "iced the cake" with a field goal as the Wildcats of coach Joe Wilson tucked away their fifth consecutive win.

Carter was the "man of the Hour" for the Valdosta quintet, hitting for 24 points to become high scorer from the Valdosta bench. He was followed by Rick Thomas sinking 11 points.

The Valdosta sextet made good on 4 of 12 shots from the free throw line and tallied on 21 field goals during the contest. The Berrien girls hit on 3-11 from the charity line and made 15 field goals. The Kittens were charged with 21 fouls and the Rebelettes were charged with 20.

Pete Griffin made the grade with 20 points to cop the high scoring honors for the Rebels. Felton McClellen with 14 and S. G. Solomon making 12 points also made it into the double figures for the Nashville boys.

The Wildcats dropped in 18 of 30 attempts from the line and hit on 19 field goals. BHS made 21 field goals and hit 20 from the charity line.

BOYS	
Valdosta	15 22 36 58-66
Berrien	16 31 46 58-62
VALDOSTA (66) — Reeves 6, Norwood 8, Thomas 11, Carter 24, Holloway 8, Davenport 7, Nichols, Pafford 2.	
BERRIEN (62) — Griffin 20, Outlaw 7, McClellen 14, Cornelius 7, Solomon 12, Sewell, Fagler 2, Brogdon.	
GIRLS	
Valdosta	12 24 35 46
Berrien	9 19 33 33
VALDOSTA (46) — Dawson 21, McClenny 21, Hamill 4, Quattlebaum, Rogers, Reaves, Smith, Anderson, Harris.	
BERRIEN (33) — Gaskins 12, Sanderson 10, Taylor 7, Jones, Norton, Wood, Whidden 4, Chambliss, Tucker, Giddens, Purvis, Rutherford.	

## Bazemore, 'Cats Gain More Football Honors

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Football honors continued to pour in for coach Wright Bazemore and his Valdosta Wildcats.

Bazemore, who guided the 'Cats to their third straight Georgia Class AAA championship, has been selected to lecture at the American Football Coaches Association's Coach of the Year Clinic at Atlanta in March.

And four VHS players were included on a pair of all-star squads announced over the weekend.

Tackle Billy Schroer was a first team pick and halfback Giles Smith an honorable mention selection on a 33-man prep All-America squad announced by the Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot-News.

Other Georgians on the A-A squad are quarterback Kim King of Brown (Atlanta), first team and guard Tommy Yates of Murphy (Atlanta) and center Bill Keck of Savannah, honorable mention.

Smith and Schroer were two of

five Georgians earning first team status on the All-Southern squad announced by the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel.

Two more Wildcats, quarterback Rick Thomas and guard Bill Myddleton, were tapped for All Southern honorable mention.

Other Georgians' on the All-Southern list are as follows:

First team — King of Brown, Yates of Murphy (Atlanta) and halfback Larry Green of Cairo.

Honorable mention — fullback Bucky Ayers of Cedartown, tackle Lynn Gammage of Cedartown, halfback Roy Jarrett of Murphy (Atlanta) and halfback Paul Painter of Rossville.

A panel of 132 coaches and sports writers participated in the All-Southern poll with college scouts assisting state chairmen in the selections.

The Harrisburg newspaper picked out its All-America squad after receiving recommendations from writers and coaches from all parts of the nation.

Bazemore will be just one of two prep mentors lecturing at the Coach of the Year clinic. The other will be Otis Mooney of Miami (Fla.) Senior High. Their selection recognizes them as two of the most outstanding high school coaches in the nation.

Among others to lecture at the clinic will be Oklahoma's Bud Wilkinson and Michigan State's Duffy Daugherty, the major college coach of the year.



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A Mountain of Food at VHS: Emerson Bell, Beverly Gunter Stack It Up

## VHS PROJECT COLLECTS FOOD FOR 30 FAMILIES

By MARY DICKEY

Students at Valdosta High School are living proof it's more blessed to give than to receive — especially at Christmas.

In a race against time and each other, the teen-agers forgot themselves and collected enough food to feed 30 families each a festive dinner.

The annual VHS Student Council project that started last week yielded 1,777 cans of food alone.

Taking top honors with 739 cans, the freshman will be dismissed from school early today as a reward.

The sophomores were next with 559, juniors, 363 and the sophisticated seniors, 116.

According to VHS Principal Howard Bridges, the amount of food exceeds anything collected by the students previously.

Employing every means possible to outdo each other, the boys and girls brought in everything from English pudding to instant potatoes.

One sophomore came in this week with a bushel of bananas. Another boy showed up with a basket of nuts.

But no matter what each student brought, it was his contribution towards helping someone else, said Bridges.

Knowing they had a deadline for getting the food in, the youth came to school with everything they could bring from home and started on their neighbors.

One class went from house to house with wheelbarrows collecting food, paper napkins and anything else people would give.

Industrious sophomores got up chain communications. One student called another and gave him several names to call for food, he called another, and so on.

As the time drew near, the freshman and sophomores were neck and neck.

Not willing to let upperclassmen get the best of them, the fledglings called grocery stores asking what they had on special. Hearing the situation, the supermarkets let the freshmen have sugar and coffee at a reduced priced.

Even the teachers got into the

act. Mrs. Martha Freeman went all over town taking her students to get more food.

A couple of instructors even called various grocery stores with delivery service requesting that food be sent to the high school.

By Tuesday morning the front hall of the school was overrun with boxes of food.

Student Council President Beverly Gunter said perishable materials such as milk and meat would be bought today for each family.

And this afternoon those 30 families are receiving the gifts from the more than 1,000 young people's hearts at VHS, said Bridges.

# Tigers, Coffee Are Matched For Hahira Tournament Title

## Valdosta Kittens, Cook To Play For Girls' Crown

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

HAHIRA—Championships go on line in the Hahira Christmas Invitational basketball tournament here tonight with the Valdosta and Cook girls and Hahira and Coffee County boys in the title bouts.

In the semi-finals of the girls division Friday night, Valdosta's Kittens beat Hahira's Tigerettes, 54-37, and Cook's Wasps turned back Thomasville Central 66-53.

Hahira's Tigers advanced to the boys division finals with a 50-48 win over the Thomasville Bulldogs in the night's top thriller and Coffee's Comets whipped Lowndes County's Golden Eagles, 52-40.

The Hahira gym was packed for the third night in a row and the tension continued to mount. The Coffee-Lowndes game was followed by a short-lived fight out on the court involving several fans.

The game had been fast-paced all the way and was close for three and a half quarters. When it was over a Lowndes and Coffee player exchanged words, but there was no real trouble. The players had gone to the dressing room when two unidentified fans met in the center of the floor, began to argue and then started to scuffle.

Several more fans came out of the stands, some to join the fight and others to try to break it up. Coaches, Hahira school officials, tournament officials and some peace-minded fans quickly stopped the fracas before serious trouble developed.

Tonight's championship schedule calls for the Valdosta-Cook girls game to be played at 7:30 p. m. and the Coffee-Hahira boys affair to start at 8:45 p. m.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens will carry a perfect 10-0 record into their game and they will be shooting for their fourth consecutive tourney championship. Cook's Wasps have an impressive 9-1 string and strong title ambitions.

The Comets from Douglas also have a 10-0 chart. They will be going after their first tourney crown. Hahira's Tigers are 9-3 and will be shooting for their fourth championship. Previous wins for the Tigers were in 1959, 1957 and 1956.

All four teams which reached the finals ranked high on the pre-tourney form chart. Both title games are rated as toss-ups. Here's the way things went in last night's games.

**COOK 66, CENTRAL 53 — GIRLS**

This was a see-saw affair for three periods with the lead changing hands 11 times. But mid-way the third stanza the Wasps from Adel got their attack in high gear, moved to a seven-point lead and went from there to victory.

It was an offensive duel all the way. Leading the way for Cook were Ouida Tucker, 28, and Gail Powers, 29. Peggy Dollar scored 20 points and Martha Vick accounted for 18 to pace the Central attack.

GIRLS	
Cook	21 30 44 66
Central	14 27 39 53
COOK (66) — Tucker 28, Powers 29, McKinnon 9, Sumner, Nichols, Pettyjohn, Ray, Harris, Twomey.	
CENTRAL (53) — M. Vick 18, Pritchard 13, Dollar 20, Wheeler, Bannister 2, Milam, Graham, McCranie, Griffin, C. Vick, Griner.	

### COFFEE 52, LOWNDES 40 — BOYS

Coffee's heavily-favored Comets had all they could do to stick with LOHI's fired-up Eagles for two periods.

It looked like an upset might have been in the making when the Eagles went out at the half with a 21-20 lead.

But just before the first half ended the Eagles' playmaker Eddie England went to the sideline



Tight Squeeze: Kittens' Susan Rodgers Tries to Pass By Judy Cavender

via the five-fouls route. The LOHI attack faltered in the third period, the Comets quickly reclaimed the lead and went on to nail down their 10th straight win.

In the third period Coffee outscored LOHI, 17-7 and built up a nine-point lead. The Eagles kept battling, but could never make up all the lost ground. With 5:50 left to play the Eagles had cut the Comets' lead to five points. But Coffee finished strong to win by a dozen markers.

Wayne Newham, with 16 points, was the attack leader for LOHI. Scoring leaders for Coffee were Larry Hinson, 12; Donald Harper, 10, and Dickey Lewis, 19.

BOYS	
Lowndes	8 21 28 40
Coffee	12 20 37 52
LOWNDES (40) — McKenzie 4, England 6, Newham 16, Goodson 9, Black 5, Ryan.	
COFFEE (52) — Hinson 12, Davis 8, Vickers 3, Harper 10, Lewis 19, Scott.	

### VALDOSTA 54 — HAHIRA 37 — GIRLS

Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens jumped off to an early point lead and was never in danger of losing the advantage after that.

The Valdosta guard corps of Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers and Barbara Reaves limited coach Warren Alexander's Hahira Tigerettes to just 11 points

in the first two periods. At half-time, the Kittens had a comfortable 18-point lead and any doubt about the outcome of the game had been removed.

Betty McClenny, with 21 points, and Lucille Dawson, with 16, were scoring leaders for the Kittens. Betty Yancovich paced the Tigerettes' attack with 13 markers.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	17 29 44 54
Hahira	5 11 24 37
VALDOSTA (54) — Dawson 16, Hamill 7, McClenny 21, DeLoach, Smith 8, Potts 2, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Gleason, Strobo, Johnson.	
HAHIRA (37) — Cavender 8, Coombs, Cowart 6, Passmore 2, Stubbs 8, Yancovich 13, Bass, Fletcher, McNeese, Weaver, Legette.	

### HAHIRA 50, THOMASVILLE 48 — BOYS

Coach Mack Manley's Hahira Tigers had to beat down a last minute rally by Thomasville to gain a close decision over coach Jerry Studdard's Bulldogs.

After a see-saw first period, Hahira went ahead and began to pull away. The Tigers were nine points up at the start of the fourth period and quickly built their lead to 13 markers.

With four minutes to go the Bulldogs got a rally going. The Tigers bent some, but refused to

break under the pressure. Hahira stopped Thomasville's uprising just in time for the Tigers to claim the victory.

A field goal by Raymond Tucker with 1:45 left to play provided Hahira with the two points which turned out to be the Tigers' victory margin.

The point leaders for the Tigers were Paul Reeves, 13, and Tom Lehman, 14. John Faulkner was attack leader for Thomasville with 11 points.

Hahira came out as a "winner" in the "battle of the boards" and this was a big factor in the triumph.

BOYS	
Thomasville	11 17 32 48
Hahira	9 24 41 50
THOMASVILLE (48) — Seale 5, Franklin 7, Calhoun 6, Faulkner 11, Seale 9, Bailey 6.	
HAHIRA (50) — Tucker 8, Smith 5, Reeves 13, Lehman 14, Crump 2, Bass, Passmore, Parham, Keel 5.	

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# Semi-Finals Set In Hahira Meet

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

HAHIRA — Eight survivors of an original field of 16 move into the semi-finals of the 11th annual Hahira Christmas Invitational basketball tourney here tonight with the title issues still very much in doubt.

The first round was completed Thursday with the tourney attracting a capacity crowd for the second night in a row.

In girls division action, Valdosta's Kittens trimmed Clinch County's Pantherettes, 60 - 29 and Thomasville Central clipped Lowndes County's Eaglettes, 43-37.

The night's top thriller came in a boys division affair which saw Hahira's Tigers surge in the final period to beat Cook's Hornets, 53-48. Thomasville's Bulldogs advanced with a onesided 86-52 win over the Whigham Indians.

Semi-final round pairings in the girls division call for Central to meet Cook and Valdosta to go against Hahira. In the boys division, Coffee County faces Lowndes County and Hahira meets Thomasville.

Starting times for tonight's games follows:

Central (8-2) vs Cook (8-1), girls, 5:30 p. m.; Coffee (9-0) vs Lowndes (5-3), boys, 6:45 p. m.; Hahira (6-5) vs Valdosta (9-0), girls, 8 p. m.; Hahira (8-3) vs Thomasville (5-7), boys, 9:15 p.m.

Finals will be played Saturday with the girls game starting at 7:30 p. m. and the boys contest slated for 8:45 p. m.

Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens are defending champions in the girls division. They are shooting for their fourth straight tourney win. The Hahira, Cook and Central girls all have impressive records and strong title ambitions.

Coffee County's unbeaten Comets trimmed Valdosta's Wildcats, the boys division defending champions, in an opening round game Monday. The Comets were rated as the "team to beat" on the pre-tourney form chart and they enhanced their reputation with a 82-60 win over the 'Cats.

Lowndes' defense-minded Eagles hope to pull off an upset by beating the Comets tonight.

Hahira also ranked high on the pre-tourney rating list. The Thomasville team it plays tonight has a five-game victory streak going and showed surprising offensive power in its romp past Whigham.

Here's the way things went in last night's games:

## CENTRAL 42, LOWNDES 37 — GIRLS

Accuracy at the free throw line in the final stage of a close game gave coach Jerry Alderman's Central sextet a win over coach Rodney Fain's LOHI Eaglettes.

After trailing by as much as seven points early in the third period, Central moved ahead to stay near the close of the game.

Central staved off a LOHI comeback by hitting on seven of eight shots in the final four minutes.

Martha Vick pointed out the key shot for the Kittens.

Central's 48 Keel and 50 Fausett.

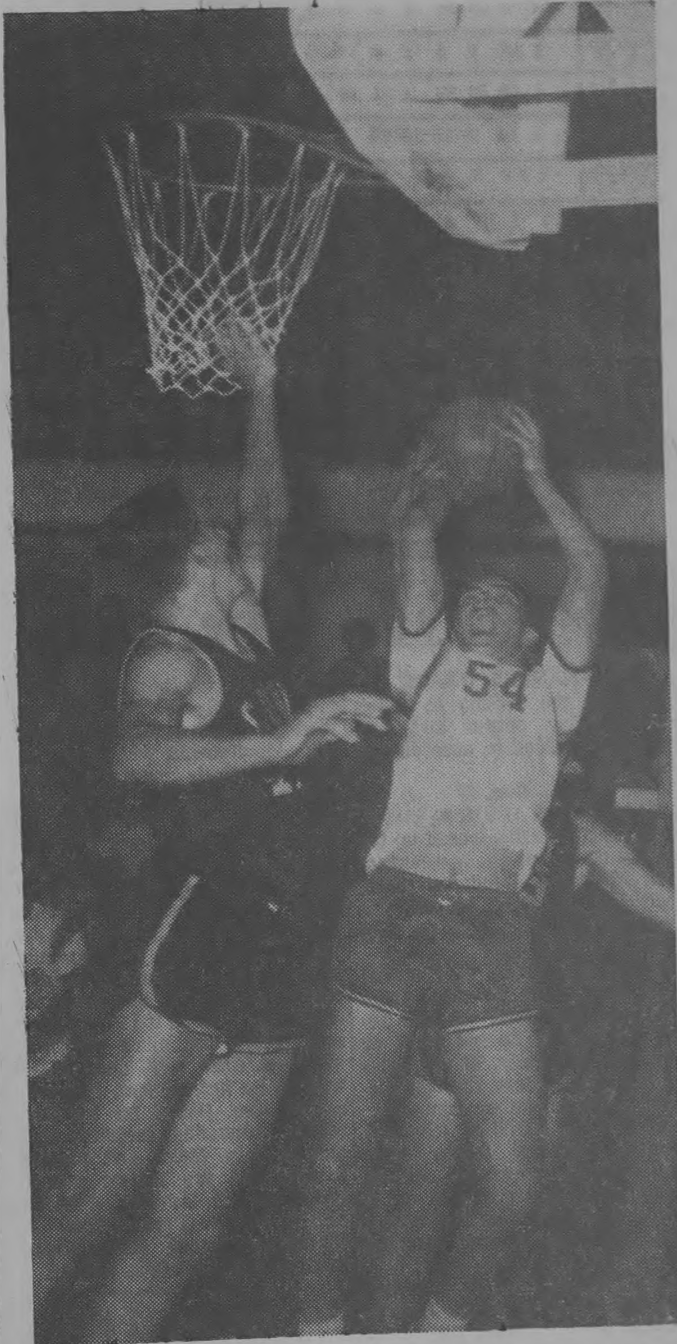
Lowndes' 45 M. Brando and 30 Viva Zapata.

Lowndes' 15 Call Mr. D. and 00 Call Mr. D.

Lowndes' 45 Gunsmoke and 30 Gunsmoke.



Kittens' McClenny (4) Goes High To Shoot



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## Hahira's Tucker (54) Ready To Fire

for coach Jerry Studdard's Bulldogs. They were just two of nine Thomasville players to break into the scoring column.

Coach Kenneth Mannery's Tribe went down to defeat despite a 24-point effort by Bobby Miller.

The Bulldogs sprinted to a 13-point lead in the first half and coasted to victory from there.

### BOYS

THOMASVILLE (86)—Law 2, Kirkley 4, Baldwin 23, Franklin 10, Mathis 3, Ramsey 5, Calhoun, Faulkner 10, Sewell 7, Wimberly, Bailey 17, Chastain. WHIGHAM (52)—Miller 24, Harrison 9, Bishop 7, Harden 8, Baggett 2, Powder, Mobley, Brinson 2.

### VALDOSTA 60, COOK COUNTY 48

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Scoring leaders for the Tigers were Raymond Tucker, 18; David Sorrell, 16, and Paul Reeves, 10.

Tucker and Sorrell were at the best in the final period. The Tigers got 17 points in the last stanza and between them Sorrell and Tucker accounted for 15 of them.

Reeves hit a pair of last-second foul shots which ended Cook's final hope for victory.

The Cook attack was led by Wayne Noles, 12; Richard Dumas, 14, and Ira Powers, 11.

### BOYS

Hahira 11, 24, 36, 53  
Cook 12, 23, 33, 48  
HAHIRA (53)—Tucker 19, Sorrell 16, Reeves 10, Lehman 2, Crump, Passmore 2, Parham 3, Keel.  
COOK (48)—Dumas 14, Powe, Noles 12, Taylor 1, Fausett 6, Sumner 4, Powers 11.

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# Kittens, Comets Tourney Champs

## Wasps, Tigers Finish Second In Hahira Event

By MARTIN MILLER  
Times Staff Writer

HAHIRA — The Coffee County Comets and Valdosta Kittens both extended their win streaks to 11 games here Saturday night as they gained championship honors with victories in the finals of the 11th annual Hahira Christmas Invitational basketball tournament.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens earned the girls division trophy for the fourth consecutive year by defeating the Cook Wasps, 57-55, in a bout with a cliff-hanging finish.

This marks the seventh time the Kittens have ruled as girls division champs since the tourney was launched in 1952.

Coach Ernie Grubbs' Comets from Douglas turned back coach Mack Manley's Hahira quintet, 44-36, in their title show down. It was the Coffee quintet's first triumph in the event and blocked the Tigers' bid for a fourth championship.

Both winners entered the event as favorites with perfect 8-0 records. And both proved their ratings accurate as they pushed past three strong opponents to cop the titles.

The Comets zoomed past the Valdosta Wilcats the defending boys champions, on the first night of the tourney and downed the Lowndes County Golden Eagles in the semi-finals to earn a berth in the title round.

The Valdosta sextet gained their shot at the crown by sailing past Clinch County in the first round and then beating the Hahira Tigerettes in the round of four.

Saturday night's girls game marked the third consecutive time the Valdosta and Cook girls have met in the finals of the Hahira tourney and the third consecutive win for the Kittens. Last year the VHS girls downed the Wasps, 52-39, and in 1960 the Kittens won, 51-37, to enter the throne room.

Both winners shot ahead with early first quarter leads and never trailed thereafter. But in the girls match, a fourth period rally by Cook almost threw the contest into overtime.

Though the Valdosta sextet held the edge for the entire game, it was ever more than seven points in front of the "never-say-die" Wasps. Then in the final stanza Diane Quattlebaum, one of the Kittens' starting guards, left the game via the five foul route. The Cook forwards closed the gap to two points, which proved to be Valdosta's victory margin.

With the clock showing two seconds of playing time left, Cook's Ouida Tucker signaled for a timeout. Then just as the buzzer sounded Gail Powers tried for two on a layup. The ball went in the basket, rolled around the rim and dropped out again to bring 24 screaming VHS players and one nervous coach to the center of the court in a traditional victory "dance."

The boys contest saw the Coffee squad gain a seven-point edge by the end of the first quarter. As the second period buzzer

sounded the lead had grown by five points to put the Coffee quintet ahead 26-14 at halftime.

The two teams gave equal performances in the third quarter. Coffee added six points to their score and Hahira picked up five.

Then in the fourth period the Tigers attack finally began to click and in the first three minutes of the stanza the Hahira team closed the lead to six points. But the Tigers could not overcome the lost ground as the Douglas cagers continued pouring in points to gain the triumph.

Valdosta sharp-shooter Betty McClenny gained high scoring honors for the Kittens with 21 points. Lucille Dawson and Margaret Smith each hit the mark with 18 points to round out the Valdosta scoring.

On the Cook side, Gail Powers did the scoring honors with a total of 28 points. Tucker followed with 18 markers.

The Kittens hit the mark with 23 field goals and sank 11 of 14 tries from the free throw line. The Cook Girls made 21 field goals and dropped in 13 of 23 attempts from the charity line. Valdosta was charged with 15 individual fouls and Cook was charged with 10.

In the boys contest Jerry Vickers paced the Coffee County scoring attack with 14 points. He was followed closely by Andy Davis, who swished the baskets for 10 points. Paul Reaves was the only Hahira boy to break into double figures, with 12 points.

The Coffee quintet finished with 15 field goals and made good on 14 attempts from the line. Hahira sank 13 field goals and hit 10-20 free throws. Coffee was charged with seven individual fouls and Hahira with 12.

**GIRLS**  
Valdosta 17 37 47 57  
Cook 15 31 42 55  
VALDOSTA (57) — McClenny 21, Dawson 18, Smith 18, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Anderson.  
COOK (55) — Powers 21, Tucker 18, McKinnon 9, Summers, Nichols, Pettyjohn.

**BOYS**  
Hahira 3 14 19 36  
Coffee 10 26 32 44  
HAHIRA (36) — Tucker 7, Sorrell 5, Reaves 12, Lehman 4, Passmore 2, Parham 3, Shiver, Keel 2.  
COFFEE (44) — Hinson 6, Davis 10, Vickers 14, Harper 2, Lewis 6, Mixon 6.



BEVERLY GUNTER



CHARLES BARKER

Times Staff Photos

# Barker, Miss Gunter Win Elks Leadership Contest

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The senior class and student council presidents have been named winners of the Elks Youth Leadership Contest at Valdosta High School.

Charles Barker and Beverly Gunter have added these honors to their already bulging list of laurels.

The annual BPOE Lodge No. 728 contest is open to all juniors and seniors and judging is based on leadership in church, school, community, attitude, neatness of scrapbook and academic work, according to youth activities chairman Bill West.

Barker, besides being class president, is head of the Government Club and Science Club, sports editor of the Sandspur, and was third place winner in the Elks contest last year.

While maintaining a straight "A" average in school, the 17-year-old student placed first both in the 8th District science fair and in his division of the state science fair last spring.

His project on cancer in white

mice was lauded throughout Georgia.

He is a member of the Beta Club, Key Club, past president of the Camera Club, explorer scout, and is secretary of Sunday School at Northside Baptist Church.

The son of Mrs. Lucy Barker Carswell, Barker plans to attend Emory University and study medicine.

Winner in the girls' division, Beverly Gunter has one of the top jobs in the school being president of the student council.

And as if that isn't enough to keep her busy, she indulges in tennis. She won the region 1-AAA singles tennis title last year and is a member of the Beta Club.

The popular senior miss was elected homecoming queen last fall and has served as president of the Latin Club, Inter-Club Council, and Beta Club; vice president of the Gamma Tri-Hi-Y and of the junior and senior classes, Valdosta's representative to Girl's State, and chaplain of the Racket Club.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gunter's 18-year-old daughter is active in the first Methodist Church where she is president of the youth fellowship, member of the Delta Chi Delta Junior Cotillion Club, and the Inter-Church Youth Council.

Second place awards went to Darlene Smith, editor of the Outlook, and Key Club president Christie Patterson.

All-state Wildcat quarterback Rick Thomas and DE state historian Joy Ratigan came in third.

# Bazemore To Receive Coach Of Year Award

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High grid boss Wright Bazemore has been rated Georgia's football Coach Of The Year for 1962.

He was picked for the honor by the Atlanta Touchdown Club. Bazemore will be honored at the Atlanta TD Club's Football Jamboree on Jan. 19 at Atlanta.

This past season Bazemore's Wildcats compiled a perfect 12-0 record in a march which carried them to their third straight state Class AAA crown. They boosted their three-season victory string to 36 games.

On one national poll of high school teams the 'Cats ranked

first and on another they were listed seventh. They were a unanimous choice of Georgia sportswriters as the top Class AAA team in Georgia.

Most football experts in the state regard the 1962 'Cats as one of Georgia's all-time great high school teams.

The Atlanta TD Club award is the latest of many for Bazemore. He has twice been named Coach Of The Year, regardless of classification, by members of the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association.

He was the first active football coach voted into Georgia's High School Hall of Fame.

# LIONS STOP VALDOSTA WITH TOUGH DEFENSE

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COLUMBUS — Valdosta's Wildcats were unable to break through Baker's tough defense as the Lions notched a 62-40 basketball triumph here Saturday night.

The setback was the third in a row for coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats and left them with a 5-6 record. It was their third setback against a Region 1-AAA foe. For coach Bubba Ball's Lions,

the win was the second in a row and boosted their record to 7-6.

Baker jumped off to a 19-7 lead in the opening period and the Lions were never in danger of losing the advantage after that.

George Miller set the scoring pace for the Lions with 16 points. Point leader for Valdosta was Jim Carter with 14 markers to his credit.

Valdosta made 16 field goals and hit on eight of 21 foul shots. The 'Cats were charged with 30 fouls.

Baker made 21 field goals and sank 20 of 36 shots from the charity line. The Lions were charged with 17 fouls.

Valdosta	7	15	14	40
Baker	19	33	45	62
VALDOSTA (40) —	Thomas 6,	Reaves 5,	Carter 14,	Norwood 4,
Holloway 6,	Davenport 3,	Steele 2.		
BAKER (62) —	Denny 15,	Cofer 10,	Miller 16,	Davis 7,
Basset 1,	Sewell 4,	E. Miller 3,	Bolan 5.	

# Board Of Education Moves To Hire Speech Therapist

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Board of Education, in cooperation with the Junior Service League, has put in motion the machinery to employ a full-time speech and hearing therapist.

League members presented the proposal to city educators at the board's monthly meeting Monday night.

According to Junior Service League President Mrs. Clarence Paine, the young women's civic organization would also open a speech and hearing clinic if a therapist is employed.

Mrs. Paine said the state would provide funds for the therapist's basic salary but local money would be needed to supplement his salary.

She said the League wants to bring Clayon Speer of Moultrie here to head a full-time speech and hearing service for not only city school children, but adults and others from surrounding areas.

Speer has been working with the city's retarded children's school classes and with speech and hearing problems here on Saturdays.

School Supt. W. G. Nunn said a speech and hearing therapist would be a boost to Valdosta.

Mrs. Paine suggested a plan

whereby the therapist would carry the state-required load of 75 children per day. His work outside the school system would be conducted in a League-sponsored speech and hearing clinic. Preschool children would be tested as well as school children and adults, Mrs. Paine said.

"There is a definite need in Valdosta for this sort of program," Mrs. Paine said. "We would require a slight charge from those adults who are able to pay. School children from surrounding counties will be able to get help also."

Board Chairman S. L. Mason appointed Reuben Yancey, Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton and Dr. F. G. Eldridge to work with the Service League on the project.

"If we can arrange it, the board is in full favor of employing Mr. Speer. This appeals to me and your project is indeed a good one," said Mason.

Mrs. Walton Carter and Mrs. Bill Keller of the League committee said the waiting list on the Saturday classes is already long.

In other matters the board voted to keep the Valdosta High School library open until 5 p. m. each day and on Saturday.

This will become effective probably the last week in January.

Since this to be a trial run, if the library is not used by the students after hours, the privilege will be taken away, the board decided.

The action came after complaints from parents to board members concerning the lack of books in the school library and the closing of the library right after school.

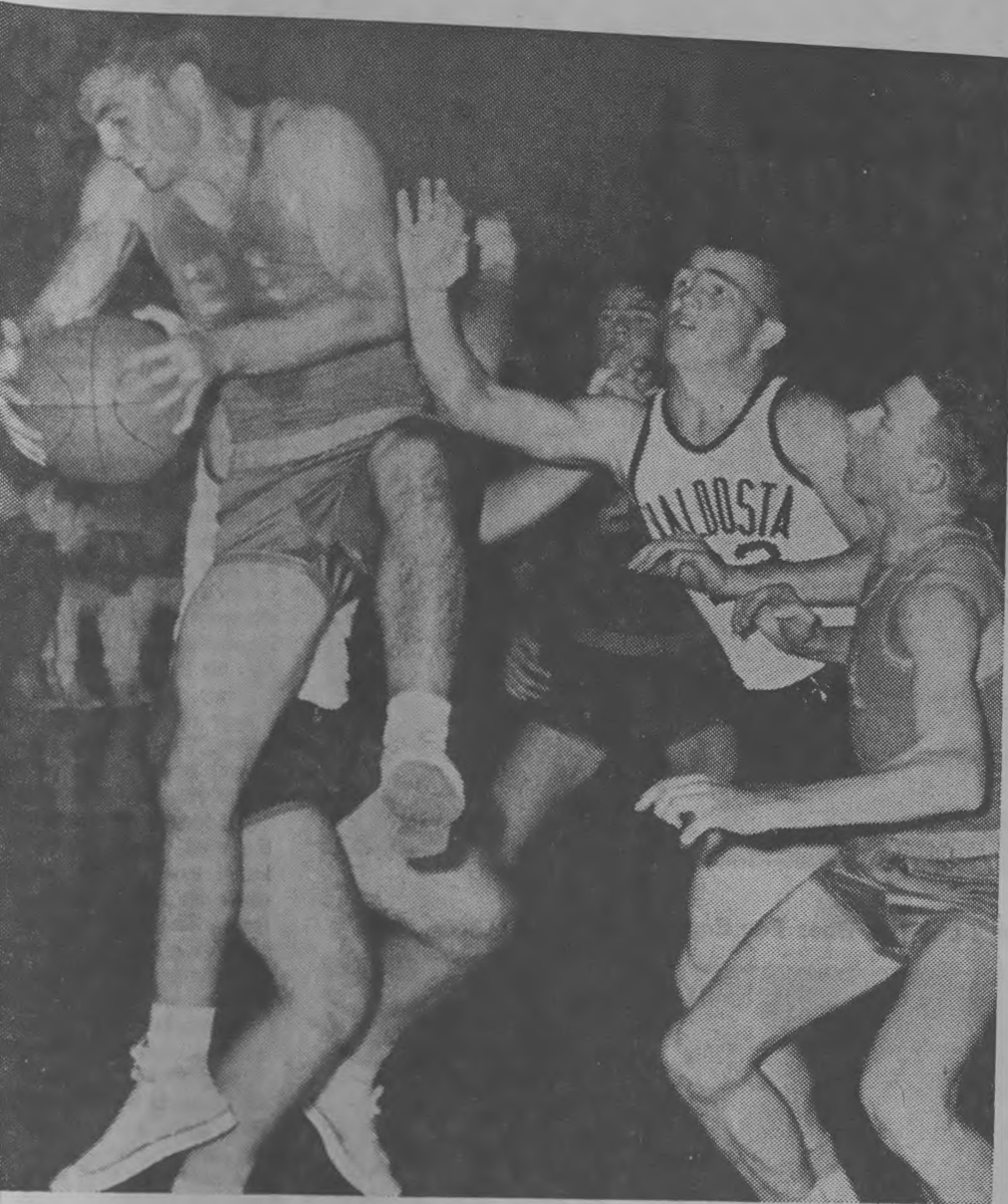
"But we want to impress up-

on the students that they must use the facilities if we are to keep it open, otherwise we'll revert back to closing the library at 4 p. m.," said Nunn.

The superintendent also praised Pinevale High School on a musical program televised Monday.

"Their glee club sounded tremendous and this group has done an outstanding job this year," he said.

A teacher or teachers will be nominated by the board to apply for the six-week workshop on Communism at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.



LOHI's Jerry Goodson (21) Goes High To Grab Rebound

—Times Staff Photo

# Wildcats, Kittens Turn Back Lowndes

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Unyielding defenses were the chief basketball weapons used by Valdosta's Kittens and Wildcats as they swept a twin-bill with Lowndes County's Eagles and Eaglettes here Tuesday night.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens posted a 41-29 win to boost their unbeaten string to 13 games. Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats halted a three-game losing skid with a 43-33 triumph and leveled their record off at 6-6.

The setbacks left coach Carlton Adams' Eagles with a 7-5 chart and coach Rodney Fain's Eaglettes with a 3-7 mark.

In the boys game, Lowndes finished the first half with a 21-16 lead. But a pressing man-to-man defense by the 'Cats limited the Eagles to only a dozen points in the last two stanzas.

Meanwhile, the 'Cats got their attack rolling to come from seven points behind and win by a 10-marker margin. Rick Thomas led the VHS attack with 25 points. He got a total of 18 points in the last two periods, dropping in 12 of them during the third stanza.

The Kittens' guard corps of Diane Quattlebaum, Barbara Reaves, Susan Rodgers and Eulouise Hamill limited the Eaglettes to just 15 points in the first three periods while Valdosta was building a 23-point lead. The Eaglettes got a rally going against the VHS reserves in the final period, but couldn't make up all the lost ground.

Beside Thomas, Stan Reaves, Jim Carter, Foy Norwood, Mark Holloway, Tommy Davenport and Bobby Nichols played a part in the 'Cats' second triumph over their cross-city rival.

Jerry Goodson turned a sparkling performance for the Eagles. He led the LOHI attack with 16 points and picked off seven rebounds. Thomas was the 'Cats' rebound leader with eight to his credit. Team totals showed LOHI with 22 rebounds and Valdosta with 21.

Lucille Dawson scored 12 points, Betty McClenny got 10 and Margaret Smith accounted for 12 to pace the Kittens in the scoring department. Carol Bonner swished the nets for 14 points to set the scoring pace for the Eaglettes.

In the boys game, Valdosta made 14 field goals and hit on 15 of 26 foul shots. LOHI scored 11 field goals and made good on 11 of 27 tries from the charity line. Each team was charged with 18 fouls.

In the girls game, the Kittens made 17 field goals and hit on 7 of 12 foul shots. Valdosta was charged with 17 fouls. The Eaglettes connected on 11 shots from the floor and sank seven of 20 tries from the free throw line. Lowndes was charged with 10 fouls.

#### GIRLS

Valdosta	7	21	34	41
Lowndes	4	9	15	29

VALDOSTA (41) — Dawson 12, Hamill, McClenny 10, DeLoach 4, Smith 12, Potts 3, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Strobo, Johnson.

LOWNDES (29) — Hare 8, Bonner 14, Garrison 4, Harris, Dasher, Rowan, Carter, Atkins, Wisenbaker.

#### BOYS

Valdosta	10	16	31	43
Lowndes	9	21	25	33

VALDOSTA (43) — Thomas 25, Reaves 2, Carter 5, Norwood 3, Holloway 4, Davenport 2, Nichols.

LOWNDES (33) — McKenzie 7, England, Newham 6, Goodson 16, Black 4, Trammell, Ryan.



Kittens' Susan Rodgers Makes Interception

—Times Staff Photo

# Wildcats To Face Two Regional Foes

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Action on the area's high school basketball front continues at a fast pace with tournament time not too many weeks away.

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will be going against strong foes in a pair of home twin-bills this weekend. The 'Cats play Lanier here Friday night and go against Willingham on Saturday. The Kittens face Doerun Friday and meet Thomasville Central on Saturday.

Lowndes County goes to Homerville for a doubleheader with Clinch County on Friday and will then be idle on Saturday.

Hahira will be at home for games with Atkinson County (Pearson) Friday and Irwin County (Ocilla) Saturday.

Other games this weekend involving area teams are as follows:

Friday — Nicholls at Lanier County (Lakeland), Crisp County (Cordele) at Berrien County

## AREA HOOP SLATE

Lanier at Valdosta (boys)  
Doerun at Valdosta (girls)  
Lowndes at Clinch  
Atkinson at Hahira  
Nicholls at Lanier Co.  
Crisp at Berrien  
Brooks at Cairo  
Monticello at Madison  
Thomasville at Cook  
Jennings at Ft. White

## SATURDAY

Willingham at Valdosta (boys)  
Central at Valdosta (girls)  
Irwin at Hahira  
Jennings at Greenville  
Georgia Christian at Norman Park.

(Nashville), Brooks County (Quitman) at Cairo, Monticello at Madison, Thomasville at Cook (Adel), Jennings at Ft. White.

Saturday — Jennings at Greenville, Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Norman Park.

Most area teams are well into the second half of regular season play and are already starting to point for sub-region, region and conference tournaments which will be played late this month or early in February.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats will carry a 6-5 record

into their Friday meeting with Lanier's tall Poets from Macon. Lanier, ranked as a strong Region 1 - AAA title contender, has four returning regulars in the fold. They are Don Briggs (6-5), Al Gerhardt (6-5), Tommy Seward (6-0) and Ken Bonifay (5-11).

The 'Cats will go against another 1-AAA foe when they clash with Willingham's Rams from Macon here Saturday. The Rams are led by Bobby Bryant, who has been averaging better than 18 points a game this season. The 'Cats have lost in three games they have played against region foes this season.

Coach Bill Davis' VHS Kittens will put a 13-game victory string on the line against Doerun's always tough Deers on Friday. They will be going for a second win over the Thomasville Central sextet on Saturday.

Lowndes County's Golden Eagles (7-5) are sure to have their hands full at Homerville Friday night. The Clinch Panthers they will be meeting have a perfect 12-0 record and rank as one of the best teams in South Georgia, regardless of classification. The

LOHI girls are 3-7 and the Clinch sextet is 2-11 one the eve of their meeting.

Hahira's Tigers (12-4) and Tigerettes (7-8) will be playing return matches with Atkinson at Hahira tomorrow night. They met this past Tuesday at Pearson with the Hahira boys winning 56-33 and the Atkinson girls posting a 31-23 triumph.

In addition to Valdosta's Kittens and Clinch's Panthers, there is just one other unbeaten team in the area. It is the Brooks County sextet coached by George Eanes. The Tigerettes from Quitman will be shooting for their 11th straight triumph at Cairo on Friday.

Won - loss records of all area teams follows:

Boys—Valdosta, 6-6; Lowndes, 7-5; Hahira, 12-4; Clinch, 12-0; Berrien, 5-9; Cook, 3-8; Brooks, 2-7; Lanier County, 5-3; Echols County, 2-9; Jasper, 3-4; Madison, 6-1; GCS, 5-4.

Girls—Valdosta, 13-0; Lowndes, 3-7; Hahira, 7-8; GCS, 0-5; Berrien, 8-5; Cook, 11-2; Brooks, 9-0; Lanier County, 1-7; Jasper, 2-0; Echols, 4-8; Jennings, 2-3; Clinch, 2-11.

# TD Club Selects Bazemore

By ROD SPICER

Program plans for the 24th annual Touchdown Club of Atlanta Football Jamboree Jan. 19 began to solidify Saturday with the announcement of Wright Bazemore and the late Gen. Robert Neyland as award recipients.

Bazemore, who coached the Valdosta Wildcats to the 1962 AAA state football crown, will be honored as coach of the year in the state of Georgia. Neyland, who

probably developed more successful coaches during his tenure as head coach and athletic director at Tennessee than anyone else in the country, will be honored in memoriam with the second annual sports figure award.

The Sports Figure Award was instigated last year to recognize the person who has contributed most to college football and building of character in young men.

BOB NEYLAND JR. will accept the award on behalf of his father.

In addition Coach Bowden Wyatt and the entire Tennessee coaching staff have accepted invitations to attend.

Head coaches who played under Neyland also have been extended invitations to attend. Included in this number are Murray Warmath, Minnesota head coach; Phil Dickens, head coach at Indiana; John Barnhill, Arkansas athletic director, and Tech head coach Bobby Dodd.

The TD club will also present the H. J. Stegeman Award to the Southeastern Conference back of

the year and the W. A. Alexander Memorial Trophy to the SEC lineman of the year.

Last year's recipients were Alabama's All-America quarterback Pat Trammell and LSU All-America lineman Roy Winston. This year's winners will be announced at a later date.

Bazemore follows in the footsteps of Robert E. Lee's Jim Cavan, last year's High School Coach of the Year.

Bazemore, frequently referred to as the king of state prep coaches, had what many con-

sidered to be his finest team this year. The Wildcats were ranked as high as seventh nationally in one poll. Tackle Billy Schroer was named to the high school all-America squad.

Bazemore squads have compiled fantastic winning streaks. The current unbeaten string runs to 36. Prior to this Bazemore teams compiled streaks of 40 and 30 games before being stopped. Bazemore is also the first high school coach to annex three straight state championships since the early 40s.

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## Valdosta Winner Again ---Ranked Nation's Best

### Chattanooga, Miami Rated

By CHARLIE ROBERTS

Coach Wright Bazemore's fabulous Valdosta Wildcats, on a 36-game winning tear and class AAA champions of Georgia for three straight years, have been ranked the nation's number one high school football team by National Sports News Services of Minneapolis.

The same news service, of which Art Johlfs is sports editor, picked veteran Red Etter's Chattanooga, Tenn. Central and Coach Ottis Mooney's Florida champions from Miami Senior High fifth and eighth in its season-end "Big 15."

Valdosta, 12-0 for the year and the city's 10th state championship team since 1940, was described as "safely in the lead for top honors," and was followed by Toledo, O. Central Catholic, Medford, Ore., Uniontown, Pa. and Chattanooga Central.

The Wildcats, ranked in a three-way-tie for seventh nationally by Imperial Sports Syn-

dicare in California, and Bazemore are doubly proud of the National Sporting News Service citation because it is about as authoritative as so nebulous a thing can be.

For in rating the teams Johlfs "scouted" game films along with a staff of about 20 Minnesota coaches, interviewed coaches, read articles on every game competing teams played, required statistics on every game and every player.

"We are proud of this team, very proud," says Bazemore, recently selected Georgia coach of the year by The Atlanta Touchdown club, which will honor him at its 24th annual jamboree Jan. 18-19. "I think it is a wonderful honor for us—and for a team in our state—to be named number one in the nation."

Johlfs points out that the 1962 Wildcats allowed just five touchdowns, one by the first team, and that Bazemore, who has 203-24-5 Valdosta credentials for 20 years, employed 42 of 48 boys on his squad in thumping Atlanta Murphy, 39-0, in the state playoff finals.

Neither Murphy nor Richmond Academy, which lost to Valdosta by 32-0 in the South Georgia title playoff, crossed the midfield stripe offensively. Against Murphy, Valdosta had the ball eight times and scored six touchdowns.

The 36-game winning streak of Valdosta is not the longest among the rated teams. Fifteenth rated

Milbank, South Dakota, owns an unbroken string of 42 straight.

Last year Valdosta (12-0) was ranked second nationally after outscoring rivals 389 to 54 points, following a 1960 season in which they were 12-0 and outscored the enemy 292-54.

The 1962 Wildcats tallied 183 first downs to 43 for opponents, had 4,006 yards to 1,029, completed 83 of 168 passes for half of their yardage, shut out eight teams and allowed only one team as much as two touchdowns.

Valdosta at no time trailed in a 1962 game, and while 23 players will graduate, Bazemore will return 25 letter winners in 1963.

Etter's 20-year record at Chattanooga Central is 148-58, and Mooney posted a 53-6-8 record in seven years at Miami Senior (8-0-1 in 1962) before joining the University of Florida staff since the season ended.

# 'Cats Defeat Rams; Kittens Cop 15th

**MARTIN MILLER**  
Times Staff Writer

With Rick Thomas pacing their attack Valdosta's Wildcats made the balance in a see-saw battle drop on the home side to edge the Willingham Rams 54-51 in a basketball tilt here Saturday night.

The Kittens made the evening a double pleasure for Valdosta fans as they gained their 15th consecutive triumph by downing the Central Yellowjackets of Thomasville 43-26.

The win leveled the slate of coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats at 7-7 and gave them their first regional win of the season. Valdosta now has a 1-4 chart against Region 1-AAA foes.

The Rams from Macon had to accept their eighth setback against three wins and set their conference mark at 1-3. The defeat left the Central girls with an 8-4 record.

The Valdosta sextet was never in danger during the contest. The Kittens took an early seven-point lead and then coasted to victory.

The boys affair was a rough,

fast moving, neck-and-neck bout to the end. The Valdosta boys were charged with 23 individual fouls and the Willingham quintet was charged with 13.

After being helped off the court toward the end of the first period with a pulled leg muscle, the never-say-die Thomas returned to action early in the second stanza and in a matter of three minutes hit for five field goals to erase a 19-18 Willingham advantage and put the 'Cats ahead 30-19.

The determined Rams, however, refused to "throw in the towel" and initiated a rally of their own during the quarter to pull within four points at halftime.

The lead changed hands twice in the third period as the Rams continued their uprising during the first four and a half minutes to move out front 39-36.

But Valdosta quickly retaliated with five points in the remaining time to begin the final stanza in possession of a slim two - point lead.

The fourth quarter saw the lead change hands six times. With

only two minutes of playing time left Willingham was ahead 51-48. Tommy Davenport then tied the score by making three points in two trips to the charity line.

In the diminishing time that followed Thomas made good on a field goal and Stan Reaves hit the mark with a free throw to acquire the winning margin for VHS.

Thomas was high scorer from the Valdosta bench with 25 points. Willingham's Billy Hester swished the baskets with 17 points to reap the honors for his team. Valdosta's Jim Carter made 11 points and the Ram's Bobby Bryant sank 15 to also break into the double figures.

Reaves led the 'Cats "stop'em" effort and turned in a defensive performance which was tagged by Wilson as "the best by one of our players this season."

In the girls affair, Lucille Dawson gained 20 points and Betty McClenny hit for 11 markers to pace the Valdosta scoring attack. Central's Peggy Dollar gained 13 points and teammate Martha Vick made 11 to become high scorers for their team.

The Kittens found success on nine of 15 trips to the free throw line and tallied on 17 field goals. The Yellow Jackets made good on eight of 14 attempts from the charity line and hit on nine field goals. The Valdosta girls were charged with 13 fouls and the Thomasville sextet was charged with 11 individual fouls.

The Valdosta boys made good on 14 of 21 trips to the line and sank 25 field goals. Willingham hit on 13 of 24 free throw tries and tallied 24 field goals.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	16 26 34 43
Central	9 13 17 24
VALDOSTA (43) — Dawson 20, McClenny 11, Smith 9, Potts 1, Deloach 2, Hamill, Wisenbaker, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reeves, Anderson, Harris.	
CENTRAL (24) — Vick 11, Prichard 2, Carroll 1, Dollar 13, Massey, Davis, Bannister, Milan, C. Vick.	

BOYS	
Valdosta	16 32 41 54
Willingham	17 28 39 51
VALDOSTA (54) — Thomas 25, Carter 11, Davenport 7, Nichols & Norwood & Reaves 1, Steele.	
WILLINGHAM (51) — Payne 2, Rowan 6, Colson 3, Pulliam 8, Bryant 15, Hester 17, Goss, Goodman.	

## FOR TD BANQUET

# Valdosta Grid Clan Will Gather Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

There will be a gathering of Valdosta's vast and enthusiastic football clan here tonight.

The Valdosta Touchdown Club will hold its annual grid banquet and more than 600 members and guests are expected to attend.

Dinner will be served from 6:30 p. m. to 7:45 p. m. at the Valdosta High cafeteria. Following this will be a program in the VHS auditorium.

The program will be highlighted by a speech by Bobby Dodd Georgia Tech's head football coach, and presentation of a long list of team and individual awards to coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats.

The 'Cats won 12 straight games during the 1962 season and captured Georgia's state Class AAA crown for the third year in a row. They will receive official congratulations from the hometown fans.

Coaches and sportswriters from throughout this section have been invited to attend. College mentors from Florida, Georgia and Florida State and newsmen from Atlanta, Jacksonville and Thomasville are among those who have sent word they will be on hand.

In addition to members of VHS' varsity football squad, guests at the banquet will include Valdosta junior varsity players and cheerleaders.

Individual and team awards to be presented tonight will be given by the TD Club, the Valdosta Jaycees, The Valdosta Exchange Club, Carl Minchew and J. L. Futch.

In the spotlight along with Bazemore, will be VHS assistant coaches J. B. Roland, Bill Davis, Bill Bennett, Joe Wilson and Charlie Greene.

# Students Liked Harper Lee's Book

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the second in a series of articles based on information compiled from a poll taken by the Valdosta Times at Lowndes County High, Valdosta High, and Hahira High schools.

**By MARY DICKEY**

A Pulitzer Prize winning novel, about the Deep South as seen through a pair of children's eyes, was hailed by high school students as the best book read by them in 1962.

"To Kill a Mocking Bird" by Harper Lee was read mainly by juniors and seniors, over 50 per cent of students marked the novel as their choice for the best book. Miss Lee's first attempt in the

novel field proved to be a smashing success and stayed at the top of the bestseller list for months.

In regards to why that particular book was chosen, the answers varied.

One student said he read it because his mother told him to.

A senior said the book was the best she had ever read.

"It was recommended to me by my English teacher," she said.

"I'd been carrying around the pocket-size edition for a year and just got around to reading it when I started cleaning out my locker," explained a 16-year-old.

An outstanding Lowndes County junior said he read the book be-

cause he had heard that the author dealt with modern day problems in the South and treated it with dignity and understanding.

"For once nobody lashed out at the Southern way of living. Instead she showed that we were trying to work out our problems," he continued.

The book had compassion and was beautifully and simply written, one senior replied.

Bringing up a close second was "Gone With the Wind" and there is no need to explain why the students selected Margaret Mitchell's work on the War Between the States.

"A Farewell to Arms" by Ernest Hemmingway, "Travels with

Charley" by Nobel Prize winner John Steinbeck, and "Oliver Twist" by Charles Dickens were next on the list.

There was no outstanding single movie as far as the students were concerned. They named several for the top position.

"Judgment at Nuremberg," "Period of Adjustment," "The Interns," "Manchurian Candidate," "Music Man," and "Flower Drum Song" were termed best by the teen-agers.

Many said "Period of Adjustment" was the most entertaining because the plot was simple and well-acted and "very funny."

"Hatari" made the students laugh but they wouldn't sit

through it again.

One girl said she liked "The Interns" because it made her cry.

"I can't like a movie unless I cry and I did in that. I have just seen "Breakfast at Tiffany's" which I thought was by far the best movie I have seen in a long time. Yes, I cried then too," she went on to say.

A boy wrote he liked the "Manchurian Candidate" after his girl explained the plot to him.

"King of Kings" was termed by a young student as his selection because he was "sick and tired of seeing sex, cold blooded murder and other vice on the screen and it was refreshing to see instead a Biblical picture."



Edward Scriven and Sandy Stewart Talk About Best Books

—Times Staff Photo

Cleon Phillips And Jack Webb Practicing The Art Of Criticizing Club's Work

## ART CLUB REVIVED AT COLLEGE

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

One of the most needed clubs at Valdosta State College has been revived.

Composed of 16 members, the Art Club reorganized this quarter and already has an exhibit up at the Valdosta High School library.

Nine students work is on display and they would have been more had they not been pressed for time, explained Joe Pember of the VSC art department.

Pember, who is acting as an advisor to the group, said he is letting the students run the club as they want.

"I give them advice but mainly I try to give them encouragement," he said.

Pember said co-ordinator of the club is Norvell Spearman of Hahira who is a junior art major. He does most of the work with the club, Pember explained.

Spearman is planning to get a degree from Augusta Medical College in medical art.

The club's main objective is to enable the members to form their own opinions of local art.

The members, many who are not art majors, have planned trips to Florida State University and other colleges to view paintings and sculpture.

They will visit museums and go on sketching trips, Pember said. Although to some this is a struggling group, it will grow and mature, predicted Pember.

The exhibit at VHS consists of sculpture: "Figure Study," Emily Leonard; "Falcon for Sale," Cleon Phillips; "Composition in Black," Johnny McCullom.

Watercolor: "Autumn Leaves," Cleon Phillips; "Boy Alone," Jack Webb; "Head Study," Barbara Walker; and "Landscape," Raymond Giddens.

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## SELECT TEACHERS

# Valdosta Boy And Girl Chosen Star Students

By MARY DICKEY

A Valdosta boy and girl have been chosen Star students at Lowndes County and Valdosta High School and they in turn chose a history and English teacher as their Star teachers.

Miss Sally McIntyre, 17, of Valdosta High School immediately chose Mrs. Harry Wolinski of the English department as her Star teacher.

And for the second year in a row Miss Aspasia Panos of Lowndes County High School received the Star teacher nomination from Star student Dan Smith.

Students become eligible for the Star competition on the basis of the Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores. Of the two seniors having the highest scores, the one having the higher scholastic average in the first semester of his senior year is named Star student in his high school.

The boy or girl winning the recognition in turn selects the teacher on the staff which they think has done the most for them.

The Georgia Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (Star) program.

The 17-year-old LOHI youth said he selected Miss Panos because of her ability to teach and her encouragement in the classroom. Miss Panos is a history teacher.

"I plan to attend Valdosta State College and transfer to the University of Georgia and study to be a veterinarian," said Smith, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Smith, 711 Lakeland Ave.

Smith, LOHI's second baseman on the baseball team, is also a member of the Student Council, and president of the Science Club.

VHS's star student is limiting herself to editing the school annual.

"It takes all my time to be the editor of the Sandspur. I really don't have time for anything else," said Miss McIntyre the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McIntyre, 400 Terrace Blvd.

Her choice as outstanding teacher was the valedictorian of her class at VHS. Mrs. Wolinski also graduated from VSC and received her master's degree from



**SALLY McINTYRE**  
For Valdosta High



**DAN SMITH**  
LOHI's Top Honor

Florida State University.

Smith, Miss McIntyre and their teachers will represent LOHI and VHS in the district competition in February.

Hahira High School will name its Star Student and teacher this week.

# Dodd Says 'Cats 'Greatest Ever'

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

More than 600 of Valdosta High's most enthusiastic football fans found out here Tuesday night that Bobby Dodd shares their opinion about the 1962 Wildcats.

Dodd, head football coach and athletic director at Georgia Tech, rated the '62 'Cats as "the greatest team I've ever seen play."

The Jackets' very successful football boss made this comment

in a speech at the Valdosta Touchdown Club's annual football banquet.

Behind him on the stage of the Valdosta High auditorium was a big "One" denoting the ranking the 'Cats received in state and national polls. Before him were some of the Wildcats' most faithful fans, who came to offer their official congratulations to a team which won 12 in a row and claimed the state Class AAA grid

iron for the third year in a row. "I had always regarded a Montgomery Bell Academy team of my high school days and the 1941 team turned out by old Boys High of Atlanta as the best I'd seen," Dodd said. "Well, this 1962 Valdosta team was better. It's the greatest I've ever seen."

Dodd went on to say that VHS' head coach Wright Bazemore has "done more for high school football in Georgia than any other man."

"Bazemore has taught teams around the state that they must play good, hard football or his boys are going to beat them—and by more than one touchdown," Dodd said.

"Because Valdosta has beaten so many good teams around the state, it is going to result in an improvement of high school football in Georgia. By beating Murphy (39-0) in the state championship game, it's going to help football in Atlanta. They (Murphy) didn't realize what they were getting into. Next time, they will be better prepared."

Outgoing TD Club President Johnny B. Lastinger served as master of ceremonies. Dodd was introduced by Archie Griffin. Others participating on the program were W. G. Nunn, Stan Bishop, Howard Bridges and Bazemore.

In the audience were school officials, high school and college coaches and newsmen from throughout Georgia and Florida. Those introduced are as follows:

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School officials: Sam Burke of Thomaston, executive secretary of the Georgia High School Association; T. H. Wall, principal of Lowndes County High; A. B. (Sonny) Martin, Lowndes County superintendent of schools; Harold McNabb, Albany High principal; L. P. (Buck) Thomas, Valdosta Junior High principal.

College coaches: Head coach Ray Graves and assistants Sterling Dupree and John Donaldson of Florida; Jim Whatley of Georgia; Billy Grant of Valdosta State; Lew Woodruff and W. L. (Dynamite) Goodloe Jr. of Georgia Tech.

High school coaches: Knuck McCrary and Tom White of Moultrie; Pat Field and John Duke of Albany; Spencer Davis and Millard Shealy of Bainbridge; David Barker of Warner Robins; Bobby Rich of Cook (Adel); William Alevander and I. J. Robinson of Hahira.

Newsmen: Bill Baab, sports editor of the Thomasville Times-Enterprise; Ed Miles of the Atlanta Journal; Bill Kastelz of Jacksonville, sports editor of the Florida Times-Union; Arthur Gay and Jerry Williams of Thomasville - Tallahassee TV Station WCTV.

The TD Club elected a new slate of officers as follows:

John Holcombe, president; Archie Griffin and Stan Bishop, vice presidents; Art Koch, secretary - treasurer; directors, Bob Quattlebaum, Joe Lee, Dick Winston, Mike Drumheller and Joe Crane.

## Wildcats Make Sweep In Voting

ATLANTA (AP) — High school football losses last week proved disastrous to the high Class AAA rankings of Moultrie and Griffin.

Moultrie, No. 2 last week, and Griffin, No. 5, vanished from the top ten list in this week's Atlanta Journal-sponsored poll, along with 8th-ranked Athens.

Powerful Valdosta remained in the No. 1 spot, however, receiving all ten first place votes.

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Willingham, LaGrange and Gainesville were the newcomers, creeping into the 8th, 9th and 10th spots in that order.

Moultrie bowed to Baker of Columbus, 21-12, and Griffin was toppled by Marietta, 14-6. The pollsters must not have been impressed with Athens' 19-0 victory over Hart Co., or else the Trojans were overlooked.

Avondale moved up from third to second place while Northside moved from fourth to the No. 3 position. Brown jumped from No. 6 to No. 4 and Westminster and Fulton tied for fifth.

Murphy jumped from No. 10 to No. 7.

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Here's how the experts lined them up:

Class AAA—No. 1 Valdosta, No. 2 Avondale, No. 3 Northside, No. 4 Brown, No. 5 Westminster and Fulton (tie), No. 7 Murphy, No. 8 Willingham, No. 9 LaGrange, No. 10, Gainesville.

Class AA—Rossville, Cairo, Coffee Co., Dalton, Cedartown, Wayne Co., St. Pius, Bainbridge, North Clayton and Campbell of Fairburn tied for 10th.

Class A—Americus, Dublin, Jeff Davis, Screven Co., Tucker, North Habersham, Carrollton, Murray Co., Thomasville and Commerce tied for 10th.

Class B—Morgan Co., Blakely, Fort Valley, Claxton, Manchester, Hawkinsville, Roswell, Bradwell Institute, Washington - Wilkes, Duluth.

Class C—Lincolnton, West Point, Warren Co., Tallapoosa, Bremen and Davis tied for 5th, Jones Co., Pacelli, Putnam Co., McEachern.



Graves, Dodd, Holcombe, Bazemore Swap Football Talk

—Times Staff Photo

# 'Cat, Kittens Thump Moultrie

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

**MOULTRIE** — The Valdosta Wildcats and Kittens both jumped ahead with early first quarter leads and were never headed to win in a basketball doubleheader here Saturday night.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens opened the show with a one-sided 47-19 victory over the Moultrie sextet and the Wildcats of coach Joe Wilson beat the Packers 53-39 in the nightcap.

The victory was the 18th in a row for the Kittens in a string that dates back to the beginning of the season while the Wildcats leveled off their slate at 9-9. In Region I-AAA standings the Val-

dosta sextet is now 3-0 and the 'Cats have a 3-6 league mark.

The Kittens pushed their lead to 26 points by the end of the third stanza and then coasted to victory. A strong defensive performance was turned in by Valdosta's talented guard corps, composed of Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers, Barbara Reaves and Elouise Hamill to keep the Packerettes under control.

The boys game saw Valdosta increase their edge for three quarters. Then a fourth - period Moultrie rally against Wildcat reserves closed the gap.

Rick Thomas hit the mark with 16 points and Jim Carter tallied

17 to pace the Valdosta attack. Bob Passmore was the point leader for the Packers with 10 points.

In the girls game, Margaret Smith was high scorer for Valdosta with 16 points. She was followed by Lucille Dawson with 13 markers and Betty McClenny with 11.

## GIRLS

Valdosta	15	28	40	47
Moultrie	4	10	14	19
VALDOSTA (47) — Dawson 13, Smith 16, McClenny 11, Hamill 1, Potts 2, Wisenbaker 2, Giddens 2, Rodgers, Quattlebaum, Reaves.				
MOULTRIE (19) — Lane 7, Wilder 8, Prince 4, Boyman, McGlamery, Smithson.				

## BOYS

Valdosta	12	31	46	53
Moultrie	8	21	25	39
VALDOSTA (53) — Carter 17, Thomas 16, Davenport 3, Reaves 2, Holloway 3, Norwood 10, Rigsby 2, Steele, Davis, Nichols, Miller, Moore, Gaskins, Eubanks, Wells.				
MOULTRIE (39) — Bradberry 5, Passmore 10, Holmes 2, Tucker 4, Linder 2, Montgomery 2, Holmes, Wells 6, Maye 2.				



Joy Ratigan Points To The Pains Of Writing At Girls Club



Then, Girls Clubbers Cheer Her In Moment of 'Essay Glory'

Times Staff Photos

## VALDOSTA HIGH SENIOR HITS HONORS JACKPOT

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two honors in one week have been bestowed upon the pretty head of a Valdosta High School senior.

Both awards enable her to set her sights on even higher goals.

Miss Joy Ratigan, who has a way with children, was named Distributive Education student of the year at Valdosta High School.

She will compete with representatives from 10 schools in this area next Saturday in the semi-finals at VHS.

If selected, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Best will represent the southern region in

March at the state conference in Columbus.

In addition, Joy has copped first place in the annual Reader's Digest essay contest co-sponsored by the Girls' Clubs of America. Entrants wrote a 250-word theme on "What a Career Means to Me."

The \$500 scholarship and a trip to New York are the top prizes in the region division of the contest.

Joy will exert her talents once more in March when she flies to New York to represent 11 Southern states in the Magazine's National competition.

Winning that, Joy says, will mean more scholarships and national recognition not only for herself but for VHS and the local Girls' Club.

With her heart set on becoming a Girls' Club executive director, the teen-ager has received plenty of experience.

She has worked for two years on a volunteer basis as a locker room attendant at the club. For the past three years, Joy has served as the program director, a swimming instructor and a life guard.

Her work at the club was the main basis for being named DE student of the year.

William Glenn, DE coordinator at VHS, says Joy is a credit to the program at Valdosta High.

She represented the DE club

in the sales demonstration contest last year at the state semi-finals.

This year, besides entering the student of the year division, Joy will be competing in the job interview department. At the nation conference in Chicago in April, the 17-year-old Valdosta High flag corps member, plans to run for national secretary.

At the present time, Joy is serving as Georgia DECA historian and a member of the Future Homemakers of America.

# VHS Players, Coaches Showered With Awards

By MARTIN MILLER  
Times Staff Writer

Like a refreshing stream of water, football awards along with praise and heartfelt thanks, flowed freely here Tuesday night into one shining collection cup which stood in the form of the 1962 Valdosta High football team.

The occasion was the annual football banquet sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club. And receiving both team and individual honors at the affair were the Wildcats, unbeaten and untied for the three consecutive grid campaigns.

"It could never have been accomplished, without the excellent coaching assistants, school spirit and fine brand of football-loving people that hail from our fair city," said the 'Cats' grid boss Wright Bazemore as he accepted a trophy from Touchdown Club President Johnny B. Lastinger.

The presentation was made in recognition of the Valdosta squad being rated the number one high school team in the nation by Art Johlfs, sports editor of the National Sports News Service.

"You people have helped the boys to gain something they can tell their grandchildren about," Bazemore said, "With this I know that the hard work and devotion which they put forth daily could never be in vain. I am sincerely proud to live in and be a part of Valdosta."

Besides their national recognition, the team was also cited for being unanimously chosen by Georgia sportswriters as the top class Triple-A squad in the state. The Valdosta eleven was named by the Albany Touchdown club as the number one team in South Georgia, regardless of classification.

Bazemore prefaced the individual award presentation by personally addressing each of the graduating seniors on the team. He pointed out to the more than 600 guests the way in which each player was an asset to the team.

In appreciation for the "fine job" done by each of these seniors, the Touchdown Club award-

ed all a gold watch bearing the inscription "VHS State Champs".

Also presented by the club and other organizations were 16 individual trophies and awards, going to 13 varsity players, two junior varsity stickouts, and a Warner Robins halfback.

One of the top awards given this year was the Tommy Hardee Memorial Award. It is a new presentation which will be made annually at the banquet to a Valdosta player showing vast improvement and initiative during the football season.

The award, a \$150 college scholarship, was given in honor of one of Valdosta's all-time great quarterbacks. The first recipient was guard William (Bo) Hall, who worked his way up from a third-unit lineman position to the first squad in the course of one grid campaign.

Other varsity players who received trophies were the following:

Stan Reaves — Most valuable and Best Defensive Back; Giles Smith — Most Outstanding and Best Back; Rick Thomas — Most Improved Back; Billy Schroer — Best Lineman; Bill Myddleton — Best defensive Lineman; Wally Colson — Best Offensive Blocking Lineman; Walter Zant — Best Offensive Blocking Back; Jimmy Robinson — Sportsmanship Award; Bill Holtzclaw — Spirit of the Wildcats.

They all received watches along with Frank Haddock, Henry Harnage, Dick Bender, Sirois Barker, Danny Hendley, Neil Bell, Wayne Pearson, Christy Patterson, Bill Holt, Charles Oliver, Randy Hunter and managers Ashley Paulk and David Luke.

Warner Robins' All-State halfback Mark Holmes received the award as the 'Cats' outstanding opponent. Junior varsity players receiving awards were Kenneth Clifton, Best Lineman, and Glenn Davis, Best Back.

An outdoor bar-b-que cooker was presented by the team to Bazemore and special presentations were made to Valdosta assistant coaches. Coaches receiving gifts were line coaches Bill Bennett and Charlie Greene, defensive backfield coach Bill Davis, offensive backfield coach J. B. Roland and Junior varsity coach and scout Joe Wilson.

During the course of the program Bazemore introduced and issued praises to his assistants, the VHS cheerleaders, several TD Club members and junior high coaches Tom Moody and Bill Watson.

Taking part in the award ceremonies were Ellis Clary, Jimmy New, Joe Griffin, Carl Minchew, Sam Register, Lane Renfroe and Lastinger.

Awards presented were given by the TD Club, Mrs. Tommy Hardee, The Valdosta Exchange Club, the Valdosta Jaycees, J. L. Futch and Minchew.



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Oliver (L), Patterson Admire Award Watches



## Birthplace Of Champs

By **BILL KASTELZ**  
SPORTS EDITOR

VALDOSTA, Ga., Jan. 30—Somewhere in this favored land there may be another pleasant and progressive city willing to dispute Valdosta's standing as one of the hottest of high school football hotbeds . . . but it would take a bit of searching.

And, somewhere there may be another high school coach with the same fantastic record as Valdosta's Wright Bazemore. But, then again, finding him might turn into quite a chore.

The football faithful of this South Georgia community turned out by the hundreds last night to honor Bazemore's latest production—a Valdosta High School team which hit the jackpot this past season: No. 1 ranking of all the prep teams in the country.

First, they gathered in the school cafeteria to stuff themselves on roast turkey and baked ham, then they adjourned to the auditorium, where there was on display probably the largest collection of individual and team trophies any high anywhere ever distributed to any one athletic team.

Down from Atlanta came Robert Lee Dodd to make the principal speech and, possibly, to double-check (along with aides Lewis Woodruff and Dynamite Goodloe) on the five VHS seniors who have elected to enroll at Georgia Tech. Up from Gainesville came Ray Graves, John Donaldson and Sterling Dupree to spread good cheer. And, from Athens big Jim Whatley rode in to represent the U. of Georgia.

For the better part of two hours the enchanted citizenry watched and heard the 1962 Wildcats honored with everything from 17 trophies to engraved gold watches for the graduating seniors.

And Dodd said it for everyone when he labeled Valdosta as "the best high school football team I ever have seen."

That covers a span of at least 40 years.

### *Bazemore's Astonishing Record*

Bazemore has been successful right from the start.

The first year he came here (1940 as an assistant to Bobby Hooks), Valdosta won the state football championship for the first time.

Altogether, Valdosta has won the state championship no less than 10 times since that first sweep back in '40, with Bazemore in charge since 1941.

His VHS productions have compiled an overall record of 205 victories, 26 defeats and three ties.

Valdosta teams under Bazemore have turned in winning streaks of 40 games and 30 games since 1951, and the Wildcats currently have a 36-game streak working, dating back to the start of the 1960 season.

The popular VHS mentor has been named Georgia's high school "Coach of the Year" no less than four times.

Exactly how Valdosta manages to hang on to him, with any number of colleges all over the place able to use a coach with his credentials, is more than a little mystifying.

### *Touchdown Club Lists 600*

The Valdosta Touchdown Club, a group of more than 600 members, was responsible for pitching the big party, and after chatting with several dozen of the fellows later in the evening, I began to understand a little about how a community like this can enjoy such phenomenal sports success.

Following the festivities at the high school, quite a few members of the club, plus visiting coaches and newsmen, drove out to Long Pond, where Henry Tart, Bob Quattlebaum and Al Dean, who have adjoining lakefront homes, played host to a session of informal breeze-batting.

John B. Lastinger, current president of the Touchdown Club, along with John Holcombe, elected last night as the incoming chief, helped make the visitors feel right at home. Jamie Carroll supplied the ingredients for a late-evening cookout, and, all in all, it was thoroughly enjoyable.

Early this morning, Graves and Dodd resumed their fishing rivalry, while Whatley, plus several others, took off for some hunting. Still others, with more pressing obligations, reluctantly left for home.

### *Fifteen All-Stars on Squad*

Stars of the show, however, were these VHS players, 15 of whom made some kind of all-star team . . . all the way up to the All-America level.

Tech gets halfback Giles Smith and tackle Bill Schroer, both chosen to the All-America squad. The Yellow Jackets also landed quarterback Rick Thomas and guard Bill Myddleton, both All-Southern selectees, plus end Danny Hendley, an All-Region 1-AAA choice.

End Wally Colson, an All-State player, has accepted a Florida scholarship. All-Region halfback Stan Reaves and center Jimmy Robinson are headed for Georgia. All-Region end Dick Bender will go to Florida State, while end Bill Holtzclaw and back Sirois Barker are due to wind up at the U. of Tampa.

Altogether, it was a night to remember, climaxing a season to remember.

The only one who probably permitted himself an occasional sigh would be Coach Bazemore. After all, when you haven't lost in three years and are the national champ . . . what do you do for an encore?

# VHS Cagers Top Moultrie

## Wildcats, Kittens Face Albany In Doubleheader Here Tonight

By MARTIN MILLER  
Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta Wildcats and Kittens gained a pair of Region 1-AAA victories in a basketball twin-bill here Friday night by dropping the Moultrie Packers and Packerettes in one-sided affairs.

The Valdosta sextet opened the show with a 58-36 victory and the 'Cats finished with a 54-44 win in the nightcap.

With the win tucked under their belts, the Kittens of coach Bill Davis pushed their season winning streak to 19 games and set their region mark at 4-0. Coach Joe Wilson's quintet broke the .500 barrier by setting their season record at 10-9. The Wildcats are now 4-6 against region foe.

The setback left the Moultrie boys with a 5-11 slate and Moultrie's sextet is now 4-9. Neither of the Packer teams have won in a conference encounter this season.

The Valdosta cagers will again see hardwood action tonight when they engage in a couple of return matches with the Albany Indians. The doubleheader, which will be staged in the VHS gym, is an important one for the Kittens. A triumph over Albany's Squaws would insure the Kittens

a berth in the girls state Class AAA tournament.

Last night's contests saw both the 'Cats and Kittens shoot ahead with early leads, and neither of the Valdosta squads was ever in serious danger of losing the advantage.

By the end of the initial quarter the Valdosta girls held a five-point edge and by halftime they had pushed their lead to 11 points. The VHS sextet continued "pouring them in" in the second half and held fast on defense to gain the "walk-over" victory.

The VHS guard corps, composed of Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers and Barbara Reaves, gave a sharp performance all the way in limiting the Moultrie scoring.

In the boys tilt, Valdosta had an advantage of 10 points by the end of the first stanza. The Wildcats' lead ranged from 8 to 15 points from there on.

Three boys from the Valdosta side of the court hit in the double figures. They were Rick Thomas with 13 points, Jim Carter with 12 and Stan Reaves hitting for 10 markers. Moultrie's Bob Montgomery hit the mark with 19 points to pace the scoring attack for the Packers.

Valdosta used a man-to-man defense throughout the affair to keep Moultrie on the shallow end of the score. The Packers' stop-em effort switched back and forth from a zone to a man-to-man, but neither was successful.

The Valdosta quintet met with success on 18 field goals and hit the mark on 18 of 28 free throw attempts. Moultrie made 17 field goals and sank 10 of 24 tries from the charity line. Valdosta was charged with 23 fouls and the Packers were charged with 22 individual fouls.

Margaret Smith was the scoring leader for the Kittens with an 18-point performance. Smith was followed closely by Lucille Dawson, hitting for 15 markers and Betty McClenny accounting for 13 points. Linda Lane with 15 points and Dot Prince with 13 were the high scorers from the Moultrie bench.

The VHS lassies dropped 22 field goals through the hoop and sank 14 of 18 attempts from the line. Moultrie hit on 14 field goal tries and gained points on 8 of 17 free throws.

### GIRLS

Valdosta	15	30	44	58
Moultrie	10	19	24	36

VALDOSTA (58) — Dawson 15, Smith 18, McClenny 13, Hamill 4, Deloach, Wisenbaker, Giddens, Kellerman, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Anderson, Harris.

MOULTRIE (36) — Lane 15, Wilder 8, Prince 13, Smithson, Bacon, Allman, Hortman.

### BOYS

Valdosta	18	33	43	54
Moultrie	8	20	32	44

VALDOSTA (54) — Thomas 13, Davenport, Carter 12, Rigsby, Reaves 10, Steele 4, Holloway 6, Gaskins.

MOULTRIE (44) — Bradberry 7, Passmore 7, Jackson 2, John Holmes 6, Montgomery 19, Jim Holmes 1, Linder 2.



Kitten Guard Carol Harris (13) Moves Ball Down the Court

Times Staff Photo

# Kittens Win 20th; Tribe Edges 'Cats

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Kittens and Albany's Indians were the victors in a spirited basketball twin-bill here Saturday.

Coach Bill Davis' VHS Kittens rolled to a 59-42 win for their 20th straight triumph. The victory boosted the Valdosta girls Region 1-AAA record to 5-0 and assured them of a berth in the state Class AAA girls tournament.

Coach Graham Lowe's Albany Indians posted a 72-62 win over coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats. The heavily favored Tribe had to rally in the final stanza to get by the hustling 'Cats.

The win boosted Albany's overall record to 23-2 and gave them a 9-1 regional mark. The setback leveled the 'Cats' record off at 10-10. They have a 4-6 mark in games that will be used to figure pairings for the 1-AAA boys tourney.

In the girls game Valdosta jumped off to an early lead and the Kittens were never in danger

of losing the advantage. Point leaders were Lucille Dawson 18, Betty McClenny 12 and Margaret Smith 20. Defensive stickouts were guards Diane Quattlebaum, Eulouise Hamill, Barbara Reaves and Susan Rodgers.

The Kittens play at Warner Robins on Friday with a chance to cop the 1-AAA girls crown. Regardless of how things go in the regional race, the VHS girls will be in the state tourney field.

Albany's Indians turned back Valdosta's Wildcats in a rough and tumble affair. The Tribe was charged with 29 fouls. The 'Cats were charged with 22 personal and two technical fouls. Between the many stops for free throw shooting, there was some fast paced basketball.

The Indians moved to an early 23-9 lead and looked for a time as if they were going to rout the 'Cats. But Valdosta rallied in the two middle quarters and Albany owned a slim 50-49 lead, with six minutes left to play.

VHS' Stan Reaves and Mark Holloway went out via the five

fouls route, Albany dumped in four straight free throws and the Tribe had a lead the 'Cats couldn't overcome. Albany lost two players in the five fouls route in the closing stages of the game.

John Chestnut got 28 points and James Benson and Gene Webb each hit for 11 to pace the Indians' attack. Rick Thomas got 23 markers, Jim Carter hit for 15 and Tommy Davenport scored 10 to become offense leaders for Valdosta.

Albany made 27 field goals and the Indians hit on 18 of 30 free throws. They made nine of their foul shots in the final six minutes of play. Valdosta scored 19 field goals and hit on 24 of 45 tries from the charity line.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	15 35 52 59
Albany	3 15 24 42
VALDOSTA (59) — Dawson 18, Hamill, McClenny 12, DeLoach 4, Kellerman, Wisenbaker, Giddens 2, Smith 20, Potts 3, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Anderson, Harris, Gleason, Johnson.	
ALBANY (42) — Jones 4, Lowe 18, Smith 18, C. Martin, L. Martin, Davis, Hughes 2, L. Holman, Tanner, J. Holman, Roney, J. Smith, Lannier, Fordham, Flemming.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	9 24 43 62
Albany	23 33 44 72
VALDOSTA (62) — Thomas 23, Reaves 6, Carter 15, Holloway 5, Davenport 10, Steele 2, Gaskins 1.	
ALBANY (72) — Webb 11, Chestnut 28, Bernard, Calloway 2, Benson 11, Gray 2, Parker 9, Holmes 5, Cannon 4, Yarbrough.	

## Valdosta High's DE Club Sweeps State Semi-Finals

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club placed in every event to sweep the state semi-finals competition here Saturday.

Staged at the school here, the Valdosta club was one of 14 from a wide South Georgia area entered in the DE competition.

The events in the DE contest were speech, job interview, student of the year and sales demonstration. Two finalists were selected in each event.

Joy Ratigan of Valdosta and Elaine Fears of Macon were tops

in the Student of the Year contest.

In speech Buck Paulsen of Valdosta and Patsy Ivey of Jesup were winners.

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Miss Ratigan again was one of the two finalists in the job interview competition with Kirby Bryant of Jesup.

Tops in the sales demonstration were Lila Carlo of Valdosta and Franklin James of Cordele.

The winners will represent their DE clubs at the State Leadership Conference at Columbus on March 10-12.

# VHS Plays Berrien; Bulldogs At Hahira



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**BETTY McCLEDDY**  
Kitten Forward

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

With the regular season string starting to run out and tournament action about to begin, tonight's area high school basketball schedule is a relatively light one.

Valdosta and Hahira will be playing at home while Lowndes County is idle.

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens will face the Berrien County (Nashville) Rebels and Rebelettes

## AREA HOOP SLATE Tonight

Berrien at Valdosta  
Lanier County at Hahira  
Clinch at Nicholls  
Jasper at White Springs

in a twin-bill slated here at the VHS gym.

Hahira's Tigers and Tigerettes will play the Lanier County (Lakeland) Bulldogs and Bulldogettes in a doubleheader at Hahira.

LOHI's Eagles and Eaglettes have already closed out regular season play. They, however, will be seeing action next week in the Region 1-AA (West) tourney at Nashville.

In other games tonight involving area teams, Clinch County (Homerville) will be at Nicholls and Jasper will play at White Springs.

Valdosta's Wildcats (10-10) and Kittens (20-0) will be playing rematches with Berrien's Rebels (8-14) and Rebelettes (13-8).

In an earlier twin-bill at Nashville the 'Cats notched a 66-62 win in overtime and the Kittens chalked up a 46-33 triumph.

This will be the final regular season home appearance for both Valdosta teams. They both will play games at Warner Robins on Friday and the 'Cats will tackle Willingham at Macon on Saturday. After that the 'Cats will play in the Region 1-AAA tourney at Columbus.

Friday night's game between the Kittens and the Warner Robins sextet could settle the 1-AAA girls title issue. The VHS girls



AP Wirephoto

Berrien's David Cornelius Drives Past VHS's Mark Holloway

# Wildcats, Kittens Trim Berrien Co.

By MARTIN MILLER  
Times Staff Writer

Using a balanced attack all the way the Valdosta Wildcats and Kittens unlocked victory's door here Tuesday night with basketball wins over the Berrien County Rebels and Rebelettes.

The triumph was the 21st in a row for the Valdosta sextet of coach Bill Davis. The Kittens downed Coach Stanley Simpson's Berrien girls 77-52. The 'Cats won 78-72 to set their record at 11 wins against 10 losses.

The defeat was the 15th for the Rebels in 23 starts this season. The setback left the Rebelettes with a 13-9 mark.

Both Valdosta teams took early leads and held them all the way. But Berrien gave Coach Joe Wilson's VHS quintet plenty of cause to worry in the boys affair as the Rebels pulled within two and three points on several occasions.

The Rebels ignited one of their short-lived rallies late in the final stanza. With only two and a half minutes remaining, Berrien quickly closed an eight-point Valdosta lead to three markers as they hit two field goals and a foul shot.

The Wildcats held firm, however, as the VHS "drowned the fire" with a fast, five points of their own, to finish with a six-point victory margin.

In the girls affair, VHS owned an eight-point edge by the close of the initial quarter and increased it to possess a 63-41 advantage by the three-quarter mark. Valdosta reserves finished the job in the last period as they continued the rain of points to help gain the one-sided victory margin.

Three girls from the Valdosta side of the court broke the 20-point barrier to become the leaders in the scoring department.

They were Margaret Smith, 26; Lucille Dawson, 21; and Betty McClenny, 20. Beth Taylor swished the baskets with a 25-point total to pace the attack for the Rebelettes.

The Valdosta girls were successful on 30 field goals and hit on 17 of 29 free throws. The Kittens were charged with 19 personal fouls. Berrien hit the mark with 18 field goals and made 16 of 27 attempts from the charity line. The Rebelettes were charged with 21 individual fouls.

Rick Thomas and Jim Carter both turned in 20-point performances to gain high scoring honors from the Valdosta bench. Also hitting in double figures for the Wildcats were Tom Davenport, with 15 points, and Bobby Steele, who accounted for 11 markers.

Stan Reaves and Mark Holloway were valuable assets to the Valdosta cagers in the "stop'em" department. Steals by this combo in strategic moments, accounted for several "much-needed" points.

The Berrien squad received both an actual and psychological setback late in the first quarter when scoring ace Pete Griffin left the tilt via the five-fouls route. Griffin had gained 10 points for the Rebels in the early part of the game to keep his team in contention.

Felton McClellan, hitting for 17 points, and S. G. Solomon, gaining 15 markers, finished with high scoring honors for the Rebels. Wayne Faglier got 10 points and R. E. Outlaw made 10 to follow close in the scoring race.

The Valdosta five found success on 31 field goals and sank 16 of 25 tries from the charity line. Berrien made 26 field goals and hit for 20 of 29 attempts from

the foul line. The 'Cats were charged with 22 individual fouls while the BHS cagers were charged with 18 fouls.

### GIRLS

Valdosta	27	48	63	77
Berrien	19	33	41	52

VALDOSTA (77) — Dawson 21, Smith 26, McClenny 20, DeLoach 4, Wisenbaker 2, Kellerman 4, Reaves, Rodgers, Quattliebbaum, Anderson, Harris, Hamill, Giddens.

BERRIEN (52) — Taylor 25, Whiddon 13, Gaskins 14, Jones, Norton, Wood, Rutherford, Giddens, S. Gaskins, Chambliss, Tucker.
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### BOYS

Valdosta	22	42	59	78
Berrien	18	34	55	72

VALDOSTA (78) — Thomas 20, Carter 20, Davenport 15, Steele 11, Reaves 8, Holloway 4, Gaskins.

BERRIEN (72) — Solomon 15, Griffin 10, Outlaw 10, Cornelius 7, Faglier 11, McClellan 17, Rowe 2, Giddens.
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# Kittens Go After 1-AAA Girls Title

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens will have the girls Region 1-AAA championship in sight tonight when the Valdosta cage teams travel to Warner Robins for a basketball doubleheader.

A win in the affair would clinch the league title for the Valdosta sextet with a perfect region record of 6-0. If the Demonettes win they could gain the right to meet Valdosta again in a playoff by beating Moultrie in a later game on their schedule. The contest will mark the last regular season game on the Kittens' slate.

The regular season will close for coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats Saturday night when they travel to Macon for a bout with the Willingham Rams.

The Tigers and Tigerettes from Hahira will stage a twin-bill in Homerville with the Clinch County Panthers and Pantherettes tonight and will end their regular season Saturday at Dasher with contests with Georgia Christian School.

Other games on the area hoop slate to be played this weekend are as follows:

Friday — Jasper at Greenville, Echols County (Statenville) at Berrien County (Nashville) and Lanier County (Lakeland) at Georgia Christian School.

Saturday — Lanier County at Moultrie.

Besides claiming the league championship, the VHS Kittens could set a perfect season record of 23 games with a victory over the Warner Robins girls tonight. The Valdosta sextet edged past

the Demonettes, 41-37, in an earlier game this season which was played here.

Win or lose, however, the Kittens have already earned a berth in the girls "AAA" State tournament to be played here later this month.

The Valdosta boys team is presently 11-10 and will be trying to end the present season above the 500 mark. By winning either one of the region tilts this weekend the 'Cats would have better than a break-even season. The 'Cats will compete in the boys Region 1-AAA tourney to be held in Columbus later this month.

In earlier games this season, Valdosta beat the Willingham quintet, 54-51, and was downed,

70-59, by the Warner Robins squad.

Both of the weekend games will also be return matches for the Hahira teams. The Tigers will be out to avenge a 49-42 loss to the Clinch County team on Friday night and will be hoping for a repeat of a 62-29 triumph which they gained over GCS. The Tigerettes previously downed the Pantherettes 59-29 and won over GCS 45-37.

The Hahira quintet will play in the Region 1-B (East) boys tournament next week at Pearson and the Tigerettes are slated to compete in the girls tournament of that region in a couple of weeks. Clinch's cagers will also be playing in those same tourneys.



Mrs. Harry Wolinski With Sally McIntyre Of VHS

Times Staff Photos

— STAR TEACHERS' ADVISE —

## LEARN ALL YOU CAN, BE WELL-ROUNDED

By MARY DICKEY

Learn all you can and be a well-rounded student.

This advice has been given to three teen-agers by teachers they look up to and respect. The admiration was so great the students named them as their Star teachers.

The teen-agers in question are the Star students from Hahira High School, Lowndes County High School and Valdosta High School.

These 17-year-old seniors scored highest on their Schlastic Aptitude Tests and maintained a high average on their first semester's work this year.

Local Star students and Star teachers are now eligible to compete for the district title this spring.

Each feels he has studied and done as well as he has because of a certain teacher.

Sally McIntyre of VHS, Dan Smith of LOHI and David Quarterman of HHS all said their teachers have meant more to their academic achievement than anyone they know.

And it is interesting to note that teachers were chosen from three different departments.

Mrs. Harry Wolinski is in the VHS English department, Miss Aspacia Panes is LOHI's U. S. history instructor, while Orvis McNeal teaches physical science, physics and algebra II at HHS.

All three pointed out that students need to be well-rounded when they graduate from high school.

With the addition of the more advanced courses now being offered in the high schools, the scores are higher than ever on the SAT sheets.

And they could even be still higher if the schools offered calculus.

VHS Guidance counselor Miss Marguerite Ford, said several Georgia high schools now have the advanced math courses.

She said VHS had been working on a plan to teach calculus early in the morning to the students who want to be better prepared in math for college.

The Star students are in agree-

ment about that.

"I'm in favor of all the advanced courses we can get," said Sally, who is editor of the VHS annual.

Her Star teacher hopes that another senior English course will be offered soon.

"At VHS we have what is called senior English but we need another one for an elective that deals with composition mainly," said Mrs. Wolinski, who was valedictorian of her class at VHS.

Miss Panes would like to see world history taught for two years.

"We need a course in modern European history. This is the first year we've been required to teach Americanism versus Communism and the students are really going for it," she said.

David said McNeal, who has been with HHS for several years, is in favor of an extensive math program.

"I like math and I want to learn more and more about it," said David, who isn't going argue about that.

# Kittens Cop 1-AAA Crown

## Trip Robins Girls For Clincher; Demons Turn Back Wildcats, 70-53

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

WARNER ROBINS — Valdosta's Kittens are today wearing the 1962-63 Region 1-AAA girls basketball crown.

The Kittens nailed down the title with a 53-47 victory over Warner Robins' Demonettes here Friday night. Robins gained a split in the night's twin-bill as its Demons trimmed VHS' Wildcats, 70-53.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens closed out regular season play last night. Their win was the 22 without a loss and their sixth in a row in regional play.

This is the third time in five tries the Valdosta girls have coped the 1-AAA crown since VHS moved up to the Class AAA ranks in 1958. It is the first perfect season in that span for the Kittens. Their next start will be in the girls state "AAA" tourney at Valdosta on Feb. 28.

The loss to the Demons level the record for coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats off at 11-11. The VHS boys will close regular season play tonight when they go against Willingham's Rams at Macon. Later this month the 'Cats will play in the 1-AAA boys tourney at Columbus.

Smooth team effort carried the Kittens to their all-important triumph over the Demonettes. Lucille Dawson got 25 points. Betty McClenny scored 15 and Margaret Smith accounted for 14. Diane

Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers and Barbara Reaves went all the way at guard and turned in a sparkling defensive effort.

Robins' Vivian Dixon scored 39 points, but that wasn't enough to offset the Kittens' overall team excellence.

Clarence Channell swished the nets for 29 points to spark the Demons to their victory over the 'Cats in a rough and tumble affair. The game produced 56 fouls. VHS was charged with 32 and the Demons with 24.

Rick Thomas turned in a fine, 25-point effort to lead the Valdosta attack. Jim Carter was next in line with 15 markers to his credit.

The Wildcats scored 21 field goals and hit on 15 of 29 foul shots. Robins made 26 field goals and found the mark with 19 of 32 tries from the charity line.

### GIRLS

Valdosta	12	28	36	53
Robins	11	21	35	47

VALDOSTA (53) — Dawson 24, Smith 14, McClenny 15, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves.

WARNER ROBINS (47) — Dixon 39, Frazier 4, Harkins 4, Riegel, Smith, Davidson, Hartaway, Thompson.

### BOYS

Valdosta	14	24	38	53
Robins	18	32	53	70

VALDOSTA (53) — Thomas 25, Davenport 5, Carter 15, Reaves 5, Steele 1, Holloway 2, Rigsby, Gaskins.

WARNER ROBINS (70) — Knight 4, McDavis 17, C. Channell 29, Moore 10, Celline 5, Harris 4, Allen, Wilton 1, M. Channell, A. Willing, Tucker.

# Fast Start Helps Rams Defeat 'Cats

MACON — Valdosta's Wildcats were unable to make up all the ground they lost with a slow start as they dropped a 55-50 basketball decision to Willingham's Rams here Saturday night.

The game, a Region 1-AAA

affair, marked the close of regular season play for coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats. They closed with an 11-12 chart. Valdosta will play in the 1-AAA boys tourney later this month at Columbus.

In Saturday's game, the Rams

jumped off to a 14-5 lead in the opening period. The Wildcats held their own from there to the finish, but couldn't overhaul the Macon quintet.

Valdosta cut Willingham's lead to one point in the third period. But when the final stanza started the 'Cats trailed by eight. They got another rally going, but time ran out with the Rams still leading.

Rick Thomas scored 14 points, Stan Reaves accounted for 10 and Bobby Steele scored 11 to spark the VHS attack.

Billy Hester poured in 23 points and Ralph Pulliam and Bobby Bryant each got 14 to set the scoring pace for Willingham.

Valdosta scored 17 field goals and made 16 of 29 free throws. The 'Cats were charged with 12 fouls. Willingham made 20 field goals and hit on 15 of 23 tries from the charity line. The Rams were charged with 14 fouls.

Valdosta's Kittens closed out regular season play on Friday night, beating Warner Robins' Demonettes to claim the Region 1-AAA girls crown.

Individual scoring in the VHS-Willingham game follows:

### BOYS

Valdosta	5	19	29	50
Willingham	14	24	37	55

VALDOSTA (50) — Thomas 14, Davenport 5, Carter 6, Reaves 10, Holloway 4, Steele 11.

WILLINGHAM (55) — Paine 3, Hester 23, Gaines 1, Pulliam 14, Bryant 14, Clay, Goodman, Colson.

HONOR ROLL  
Fall Semester - 1962-63

Seniors

Ellen Adair  
Judy Babcock  
Charles Barker  
Laurice Whitwood  
Bradley Courtenay  
Steve Dasher  
Harry Davis  
Gall-Oger  
Beverly Gunter

Eulouise Essill  
Marilyn Harris  
Susan Hoelt  
Billy Lindstrom  
Sally McIntyre  
Teresa Minchew  
Diane Quattlebaum  
Susan Rodgers

*Danice Odom*

Jan Shelton  
Darlene Smith  
Margaret Smith  
Nancy Smith  
Rick Thomas  
Joe Vailotton  
Kaye Willaford  
Mildred Williams

Juniors

Sandra Anderson  
Ann Bennett  
JoAnn Bennett  
Bunny Bridges  
Tommy Davenport  
Kent Edwards  
Jim Eubanks  
Alwyn Hamill  
Kathy Hansen  
Starr Howell

Molly Huckaby  
Sheila McCoy  
Patsy Middlebrooks  
Donna Miller  
Jimmie Norton  
Elaine Parrish  
Ed Scriven  
Nancy Simon  
Carolyn Stallings

Shirley Stump  
Marlene Taylor  
Lynn Thomas  
Brooks Toland  
Carol Tumlison  
Elizabeth Winston  
Emory Wilson  
Maxine Wilson  
Hiram Wilkinson

Sophomores

Virginia Anderson - 6  
Mark Bargeron  
Linda Blase  
Beverly Boswell  
Joe Crane  
Ray Davidson  
Duck Davis  
Joey Davis  
Toni DiMascio

Mary Joyce Eaves  
Phyllis Giles - 3  
Donna Goldstein  
Larry Harrell  
Kay Koch  
Susan LaMontagne  
Charles Lawrence  
Marshall New - 4  
Betty Potts - 2

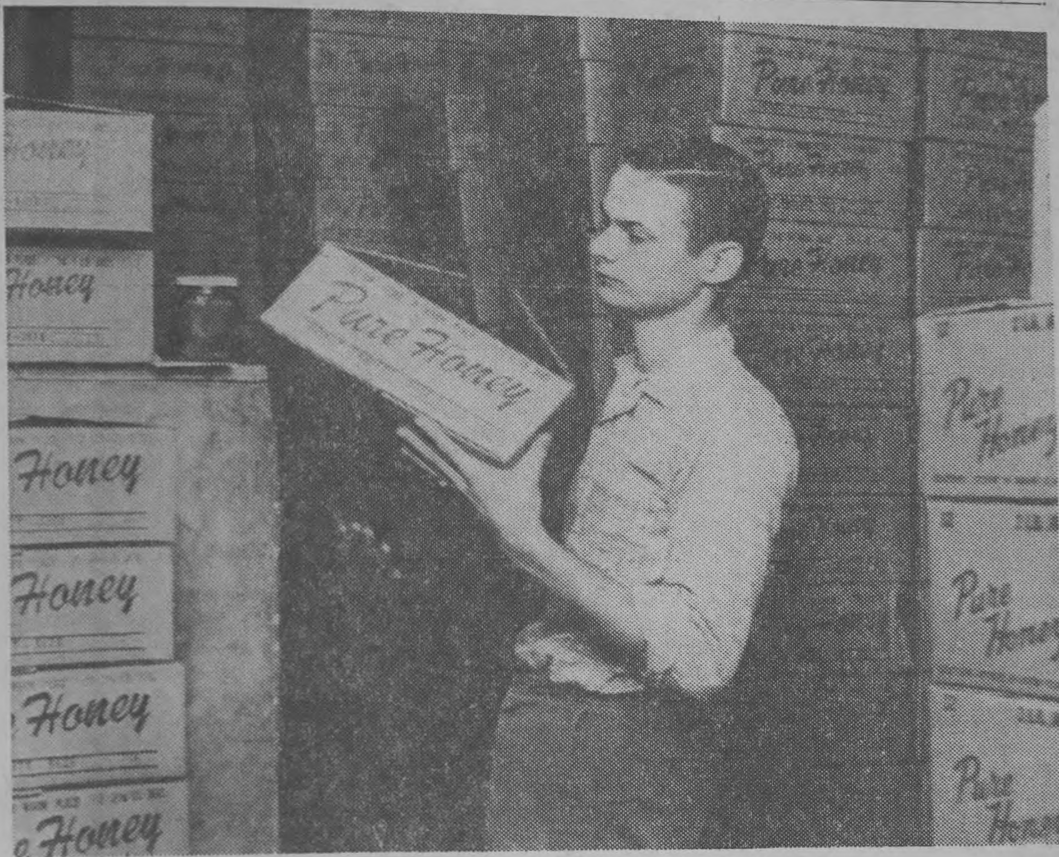
Roger Rampley  
Barbara Reaves - 6  
Vicki Ryan  
Judy Saunders  
Randy Smith  
Benita Thomas  
Fortia Thomas  
Fran Woodward

Freshmen

Andy Ashley  
Mardi Barnes  
Betty Gene Beck  
Emerson Bell  
Cornelia Gauthran  
Stan Christian  
Carol Clary  
Joe Conlin  
Teresa Gullen  
Johnny Bean  
Becky Giddens

Paula Greer  
Julia Groover  
Susan Hoetch  
Elliott Harlip  
Buddy Kilpatrick  
Eileen Kelley  
Sharon Lincoln  
James Mathis  
Linda McLaurin  
Mac McVey  
John Miller

Wayne New  
Janet Odom  
Marcia Owens *Claudette Pearce*  
Linda Peoples  
Sara Ann Rigby  
Sally Shingler  
Shirley Smith  
Robert Strom  
~~Robert Strom~~  
Kathy Wisenbaker  
Gregory Wolinski



Stacking 'em Up: DE Student Register is in a Sticky Business

— BUT LOT OF FUN —

## It's A Sticky, Stingy Business

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Lewis Register, a first-year Distributive Education student at Valdosta High School, has a honey of a job. It's a sticky proposition, but Lewis doesn't mind.

Lewis, a resident of 717 Lakeland Ave., works in the bee and honey business for Robert Y. Dewar, a Valdosta lawyer.

The DE beekeeper, who has been at the sometimes stingy work since last June, said he finds the bee business a "most fascinating one."

"I have learned a great deal about bees and their habits in the short time I've worked here," said Lewis.

"I've been stung a million

times, but it doesn't hurt as it did when I first began working with the bees. I guess I'm immune to the sting."

Referring to the DE program, Lewis said, "It gives us a chance to find out the kind of work we enjoy doing by actual experience and it's a big help in the pocket-book."

## Organization Offers Pupils Wide Variety of Challenges

Quite a challenge is presented to every distributive education member on a local, state and national levels.

Every student participates locally in the various contests: public speaking, merchandise information, area distribution manual, job interview, sales demonstration, and DE Student of the Year.

Four of these contests — sales demonstration, speech, job interview, and DE Student of the

Year — are judged in the semi-final contests in two parts of each state.

Then at the State Leadership Conference the two finalists selected in each of four contests at the semi-finals will compete for state recognition.

The other contests winners, including Reporter of the Year, and Club of the Year, are also selected at the conference. All winners of state contests are given a trip to the National Conference in Chicago, Ill.



W. E. GLENN  
Good-Natured

## SPEEDY GLENN MAKES POINTS WITH HIS DOG

Aside from his DE coordinator duties at VHS, William E. Glenn is a friendly, good-natured person.

He loves hunting, fishing, camping and just plain outdoor activities.

Glenn enjoys working in the yard, but since he is so blessed with nervous energy, he can do one of his favorite pastimes only on rainy days — reading.

Glenn collects and stuffs animals for a hobby which he began while stationed in Greenland with the U. S. Air Force. When he can find nothing else to do, he enjoys making model tanks and cars, and he can be found almost every night on his hands and knees playing with

his young son.

Glenn's favorite foods are broiled steak and "plain old apple pie." At the present time, Glenn is building a boat in the cellar, designed by himself. "Whether of not it will float, remains to be seen," says his wife. "Bill seems to get all his projects in DE and at home going all at the same time."

Howard Bridges, principal at VHS, who goes hunting and fishing with Glenn, says "Mr. Glenn goes at these sports with the same efficiency he exhibits at school; he goes to get them! Glenn deserves the highest compliment that can be paid a man; that is, he is an ideal man with whom to go hunting or fishing. Any unlikable or greedy traits will show on trips such as these; Mr. Glenn has none of these ugly traits."

Dooley, Glenn's bird dog, which is big as most humans, or the "biggest dog in the

world," once picked up a goat in his mouth. Bridges, says, "That dog will bring anything from a goat up and down back to Mr. Glenn."

DCT Coordinator, rival-partner of Glenn, James P. Horn, says, "Mr. Glenn has a tendency to speed, according to Patrolman Barlow from Tifton, Ga. I have only one objection to Mr. Glenn and that is he is a very conscientious, competent and devoted bird hunter, and since Mr. Bridges is also — I sometimes have the feeling he makes more points with the boss than his dogs do towards birds. Of course I'm joking; I have enjoyed the friendship and working relationship with Mr. Glenn at Valdosta High."

Glenn is a devoted DE Coordinator and is recognized as an outstanding leader in DE throughout the state and nation. All students in DE at VHS agree that Glenn is the "best coordinator in the world."

# DE Answers Modern Demands

At one time in the history of the United States the great demand was for factories to produce wanted items but modern time has brought modern trends.

The distributive education program is part of this modern trend.

It is training students in the field of marketing and distribution in answer to the modern demand — sufficient channels to allot these wanted items. DE is producing reliable competent business people to fill the openings produced by this ever-widening field of marketing and distribution.

Distributive education is a vocational course designed to train high school juniors and seniors for jobs in the fields of retail, wholesale and services. As early as 1942, many states were beginning to form their own distributive education clubs.

In 1947 the twelve original clubs banded together and called themselves the Distributive Education Clubs of America, or DECA Inc.

Georgia DECA was formed in 1943, and became one of the charter members of DECA when it incorporated in 1947. A Georgia senator, the late Walter George,

fathered the act which allotted funds for the DE programs in the United States. This was the Georgia-Barden Act.

In 1948 the business minded students of Valdosta High School banded together and formed their own Distributive Education Club. They were 15 in number, and the first coordinator at VHS was Miss Cliff Quarterman.

These initial few began learning the scientific methods of selling and worked in some Valdosta businesses which still employ DE Students.

In 15 years, many changes have occurred. From that first 15, the

number has grown to 60 students in the Valdosta Club.

For the past seven years William E. Glenn has been coordinator.

Nationally, the state membership has grown to 47 states and Puerto Rico. One thing hasn't changed, however, the object of learning.

Instilled into the mind of every DECA student is the desire to fulfill the needs and wants of customers and to serve these customers in the best way possible. All of this is building a greater future for American Business — 30,000 members.

## VHS IS HOST TO SEMI-FINALS

### Local Students Sweep Contests To Decide Participants In State

Valdosta DE Club played host to DE clubs south of Macon for the Semi-Final Contests on Feb. 2. Representatives from 14 schools participated in the four contests: speech, job interview, sales demonstration, and DE Student of the Year.

Two finalists in each contest were selected to compete with the northern area at the State Leadership Conference March 10-12.

The local club entered three contestants and came out on top with four winners.

Valdosta High DE winners were Buck Paulsen, speech; Lila Carlo, sales demonstration; and job

interview and DE Student of the Year, Joy Ratigan. Macon, Jesup, and Cordele shared the other wins.

The members of Dosta DECA began work on these contests at the beginning of school, September, 1962.

The speech contestants were allowed one hour to prepare a six to eight-minute speech on a given topic. They were judged on the basis of their speech contest and the delivery of the speech.

In a sales demonstration, acting customers proved to be rather typical, in that the sales persons had to meet objections tactfully, demonstrate the merchandise effectively and strive to serve these customers in the best manner possible.

The job interview contestants applied for an actual job; they filled out an application sheet, spoke to the receptionist, and had a personal interview with an employer.

DE Student of the Year, the highest award a DE member can obtain, is chosen on the basis of vocational standing, scholastic standing, DE activities, and extra-curricular activities. By a personal interview from a panel of judges and a prepared brochure of the students' work, the best in South Georgia Distributive Education Clubs were chosen.

### Mason Sees DE Valuable Aid

Distribution Education is valuable to both participants and Valdosta's economy, believes the chairman of the city board of education.

Chairman S. L. Mason said, "I think that the Distributive Education program is a good thing, valuable both to the individual student and the town. Employers get well-trained workers and do not have to train employees themselves.

"Students going to college, who have this training in high school, are helped immensely with fundamentals and are able to express themselves fully. I think that DE is an asset to business."

Mason, a honorary life member of the Valdosta DE Club, frequently attends local DE activities.



At Semi-Finals: Joy Ratigan, Lila Carlo, Both of Valdosta; Patsy Ivey, Kirby Bryant, Both of Jesup; Franklin James, Cordele; Elaine Fears, Macon; and Buck Paulson, Valdosta.

## SAY PRINCIPAL, GUIDANCE CHIEF

### Club Is Major Valdosta High Asset

Valdosta High School Principal Howard Bridges feels that the distributive education program at Valdosta High School has "proven itself to be one of the outstanding assets of our school."

VHS guidance counselor Miss Marguerite Ford says DE is one of the most effective programs for preparing high school students for life.

Miss Ford cites a fact close to the hearts of all educators, that there is no drop-out problem among DE students.

Bridges says, DE has given many of our students the opportunity to secure their high school education and at the same time receive supervised training for a job when they graduate.

The principal said, "The money they earn during these two years enables many to stay in school who otherwise would have to drop out.

And Bridges cites DE supervisor W. E. Glenn for many of the advances of the program at VHS. He said, "Under the leadership of Mr. Glenn, our DE department is recognized as one of the outstanding in the nation."

Bridges added, "With an estimated 21 million non-college graduates to enter the labor market during the 1960s, it becomes more important than ever to give our

high school students this type of training."

Miss Ford said, "Alertness and a sense of responsibility are the characteristics found in the DE student at Valdosta High School.

"These students pursue the regular academic courses during their freshman and sophomore years and as juniors and seniors attend classes in the morning and work in the afternoons, filling mercantile and clerical jobs which they continue after graduation."

She said, "On the job training is provided for the period of two years with management of time

and money particularly stressed. These students take pride in learning how to do a job well and they are quick to cooperate in any endeavor aimed at the promotion of Valdosta High School."

She also cited Glenn for outstanding accomplishments.

"Under the capable direction of Mr. Glenn, the students in the Distributive Education classes have won local, state and national honors. Valdosta High School is one of 21 white high schools in Georgia offering training of service and sales occupations," Miss Ford added.



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**BEVERLY GUNTER**

Another Honor

## VHS Senior 2nd In Elks State Contest

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Taking second place in the state Elks leadership contest is one more honor for the Student Council president at Valdosta High School.

Beverly Gunter, a senior who has been winning laurels in every department at the high school, was named second place winner in the state contest, according to Bill West.

West, who is youth committee chairman for the Valdosta Elks Lodge No. 728, said Beverly's scrapbook listing all her activities and her grades cinched the second highest place.

Miss Gunter will receive cash prizes at Honors Day at the school in the spring.

### FRENCH ACTORS TOUR

NEW YORK (AP) — A company of French actors is making its fifth tour of American colleges, with a twin bill of Cocteau's "Orphee" and "The Apollo of Bellac" by Giraudoux.

The leader of the group, Jean de Rigault, launched the venture in 1958, with a tour of 11 universities. The new program is booked for 67 performances in 50 cities.

## AT COLUMBUS

# Wildcats To Play Rams In 1-AAA's First Round

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats will meet Willingham's Rams from Macon in the opening round of the Region 1-AAA boys basketball tournament which starts Wednesday at Columbus.

Pairings for the four-day event were drawn at a meeting Sunday afternoon at Columbus.

Another first-night game calls for Jordan (Columbus) to go against Moultrie.

Four games are on tap for Thursday with the schedule as follows:

Warner Robins vs. Baker (Columbus), Albany vs. Lanier (Macon), Columbus vs. Jordan-Moultrie winner, LaGrange vs. Valdosta-Willingham winner.

Semi-finals will be played Friday and the finals are on tap for Saturday. The top three finishers will earn state tourney berths.

Positions in the tourney field were based on the teams' records in region games this season.

Three teams finished in a tie for first with matching 10-2 records. Coins were flipped to break the deadlocks and Columbus got the top spot, LaGrange second and Albany third.

Other teams finished in the following order:

Warner Robins (8-4), Lanier (7-5), Baker (6-6), Valdosta (4-8), Willingham (3-9), Jordan (2-10), Moultrie (0-12).

Overall records of teams in 1-AAA are as follows:

Columbus, 18-2; LaGrange, 17-2; Albany, 25-3; Warner Robins, 20-7; Lanier, 13-10; Valdosta, 11-12; Baker, 11-14; Willingham, 6-15; Moultrie, 7-16; Jordan, 5-17.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats and Willingham's Rams divided a pair of regular season games. Valdosta posted a 54-51 win in a game played here. Willingham notched a 55-50 triumph in a contest at Macon.

# ABOUT THIS SECTION

The Valdosta Daily Times each year, in cooperation with the distributive education program here, publishes a special section on DE work and activities.

These three pages are devoted to the Valdosta High School DE program and club.

The VHS Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) is one of the outstanding in the nation and has the record to prove it.

In 1960, the VHS unit was picked as the top DE Club in

the nation.

Then just last year Miss Marilyn Rykard of Valdosta was selected the national DE Student of the Year.

Also in 1962, Arthur Baker of Valdosta placed second in the national DE speech contest.

State-wide the Valdosta club has walked away with a trunk-full of honors.

In the years 1958, 59, 60 and 61 the local club was picked tops in Georgia. It has won the outstanding reporter of the year in the state for four years run-

ning and a host of other contest honors such as speech, essay, job interview, spelling, math, manual and scrapbook.

One of the big projects of the DE Club this year is to raise enough funds to start a scholarship loan program for deserving DE students at Valdosta State College. Several Valdosta firms are cooperating in this program by permitting DE students employed by them to sell certain merchandise, the profits from which will go into the loan program.

## Dosta DE Club Sets Sights On Loan Plan

A ray of sunlight is beginning to gleam upon a long awaited project of Dosta DE Club.

For the past three years the advisory board, coordinator, and interested persons here have worked toward a scholarship loan program for deserving DE graduates.

The outcome of the 1963 DE

Day will determine to a large extent whether this scholarship will become a reality.

The DECA Scholarship Loan will be financed through profits derived from products sold on DE Day and contributions to this fund.

The need for a scholarship of this nature is evident in the many deserving students in the DE Program, graduated from Valdosta High School who need financial assistance to further their education.

The loan is to be based on the scholastic standing, vocational standing, DE participation, and the need of the student.

It will be the only loan of its kind in this area since the student must be preparing to go into some phase of marketing of distribution and must plan to attend Valdosta State College.

The DE advisory board, composed of life members of Dosta DECA and civic leaders, will handle the award program. It is hoped that this can be established upon a continuing basis through the efforts of interested parties and loan recipients.

The long range result is to encourage students to remain in our community as successful and productive business men and women. The fact that many DE students are worthy of an award of this type has been pointed out frequently by graduates continuing their DE jobs while attending college in Valdosta.



Jo-Ann Bennett and Butch Clarkeston Do Research In DE Book Room

## CITES VHS CLUB Sanders Salutes DE



Gov. Sanders: 'Place of Prominence'

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Gov. Carl Sanders today cited the Valdosta Distributive Education Club for its outstanding accomplishments through the years.

The governor said, "I congratulate the Valdosta DE Club for its many achievements and wish for it continued success in helping Georgia's school officials mould sound minds and make good citizens."

In his special salute to the VHS Club, Sanders said:

"It is a pleasure for me to join the Valdosta Times in this special salute to the Valdosta High Distributive Education Club.

"Under the guiding hand of Mr. W. E. Glenn and the progressive leadership of student officers, the Valdosta DE club has risen to a place of prominence among clubs throughout the nation.

"Valdosta's outstanding DE Club was named Club of the Year in Georgia in 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961. In addition, the Valdosta Club was DE Club of the Year in the United States in 1960 and received national recognition in 1962 by having Miss Marilyn Rykard named as Outstanding Distributive Education Student in America.

"Georgia's distributive education program has proved to be a great benefit to students by giving them a chance to develop their capabilities. By having an advisory board of businessmen working closely with its coordinator, distributive education programs have brought a closer tie between the school and business community."

## CLUB HELPS COMMUNITY HERE

By JO-ANN BENNETT DE Club Reporter

The Distributive Education Club at VHS this year has participated in a number of projects both civic and fund-raising. Prior to the clash of football champions on Cleveland Field three times this year the DE students sponsored a barbecue dinner for supporters of the clubs and the Wildcat team.

Numerous activities were necessary to put over a business of this nature which required the help and energy of every DE member.

The final result was determined by the effort put forth by each individual, and the profit or loss determined by the purchases, sales and barbeque.

Dosta DE is responsible for all the Wildcat decals sold during the 1962 football season. About 1,500 decals were sold by the members of the club. U. S. No. 1 tags are also sold to Valdostans by the DE'ers.

Top salesmen in these fund-raising projects were awarded by the DE Blazers club. Ten students in the club received blazers, which were made the official DECA uniform in Chicago at the National Leadership Conference in 1962. Valdosta is the only DE program in Georgia which presents students with blazers for their outstanding participation.

The DE Club has also been a civic service to this area for several years. For the past three years students in DE have gone to the home for the aged in Quitman during the Christmas holidays to sing carols there.

Also, this year, working with the executive director of the Girls' Club, the DE members addressed envelopes for the March of Dimes drive. In all, the members addressed an envelope to each person listed in the telephone directory in Valdosta.

"To know that we may have created a delightful spirit in an elderly person, or that we may help a small crippled child to learn to walk, is all the reward a DE member wants for his efforts," says Ellen Squires, secretary of Dosta DECA, who directed.

Every year the DE program sponsors a "register to vote"

campaign, the Kingly Ugly Contest, and the Club of the Year Contest at Valdosta High School.

In the past, Dosta DECA has financed and adopted a child in France, providing for the education of the child.

This year the local program plans to begin a creative mar-

keting project in which we can determine why people do or do not shop in Valdosta. If they don't, we can determine where they do shop. The type merchandise bought most can be determined, and improvements needed, as observed by customers, will be noted; such as parking areas, better service, etc.

The DE program has contributed to the Scholarship Loan Program of DECA, and through promotional projects, such as DE Day, seeks to establish the loan program on a local basis, in which a student repays the loan either as a moral obligation or by continuing to work in businesses in this area.

### Meet Your DE Students

Distributive education students go to school and work in various Valdosta businesses. Here's a roster of Valdosta High School DE students and their employers:

Louise Bailey, Giles Drug Store; Jo-Ann Bennett, Park Avenue Bank; Bobbie Ellen Blanchard, city schools; Ronnie Briones, Snows Laundry; Bill Carswell, Register Clothing; Lila Carlo, Bar Ree Shop; Gale Chadwick, Dairyco; Nancy Clark, Vinson's Drug Store; Butch Clarkeston, Food Fair; Warren Clayton, Southern Stationery.

Anita Courson, Woolery's; Larry Daniels, Bryson's; Allen Graham, Register; Gail Griffin, Barnes; Bill Golden, Dairyco; Larry Grooms, Turner Produce; Benny Hagen, Zant's; John Hall, Dairy Queen; Lynda Hancock, Castle Park Pharmacy; Jean Hennly, Valdosta Green House; Gary Hess, Food Fair.

Herbert Hiers, Giles Drug Store; Marie Hill, Barnes Drug Store; Louie Huff, Brookwood Pharmacy; Diane Knight, Brookwood Pharmacy; Sheryln McKee, Barnes Drug Store; Lillian McKinnon, McCrory's; Judy Mock, Bel-Lile Drugs; Joel Neal, Sterling Curb Store; Ashley Paulk, Holiday Terrace; Buck Paulsen, WJEM radio; Darrell Pearce, Winn-Dixie; Marie Phillips, Good-year Service Store.

Barbara Pike, Ritz Theater; Lougene Prine, Vinson's Drug Store; Pat Prine, E-Z Food Store; Bill Prewitte, Music Box; Joy Ratigan, Valdosta Girls' Club; Lewis Register, Dewar's Bees; Billy Smith, Dixie Service Station; Linda Smith, Goodyear Service Store; Ellen Squires, Bookman's Studio; Anne Walker, Southwell Motors.

Jean Weldon, A&P Store; Mildred Williams, Valdosta Training School; Bobby Young, Sears & Roebuck; Eugene Tucker, Holloway's; Cheryl Marlow, Merle Norman Studio; Billy Holtzclaw,

### DE Reporter's Job Is A Big One

Jo-Ann Bennett is an 18-year-old Valdosta High School student who is enrolled in the school's distributive education program.

She's also the reporter for the Valdosta DE Club.

And as such, Jo-Ann has found there's a lot of work in getting out this special section of the Times.

She contributed much of the material in the section.

Jo-Ann is really Mrs. Bennett. She has been married for the past three years to Rodney Bennett who is a radarman in the U. S. Navy, stationed aboard the USS Compass Island out of Brooklyn, N. Y.

While her husband is at sea, the vivacious red head has only to look after her small child, attend high school, be the reporter for the DE Club and work as a teller at the Park Avenue Bank here.

The daughter of Mrs. O. C. Wilkerson, she and her child live with her mother at 701 Valloetton Drive.

### School Supt. Sees Program As Good For City, System

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta School Supt. W. G. Nunn is convinced that distributive education is a good thing in his schools.

He believes that "distributive education is good for Valdosta. It is good for Valdosta High School," he says.

In a tribute to the VHS DE Club, Nunn said distributive education meets the needs of about 100 students every year.

He said: "Even in a town where a college is located there are many students who do not have a chance to attend. These students must of necessity be concerned with preparing themselves to earn a living while they are in high school. This program provides instruction in distribution and marketing of good and services. It gives many students an opportunity to earn money while attending high school and at the same time prepares them to enter the business world after graduation.

"Every comprehensive high school should have a DE program. Every school can profit by having an active DECA organization. Every student should be proud to wear the diamond shaped emblem whose four points symbolize the close cooperation of student, teacher, parent and merchant in assisting students to get an education.

"Distributive Education is good for Valdosta. It is good for Valdosta High School. We would like to congratulate the local chapter for its effective program of work and activity. We commend you heartily for the major successes you have achieved and the honors you have won."

Coca-Cola plant; Roger Milam, Valdosta Cigar & Tobacco Co.; Dell Maine, Barnes Drug Store; Al Rehberg, A & P Store; and Bill Mizell, A&P Store.

**STUDENT**

**CONTEST**

Come in and register for a free Villager Dress and Blouse to be given away free, on April 6th. All High School and College students are eligible to register. Come in on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. chat with student salesgirls who will model informally some of the new styles . . . and offer you a 'Coke' on the house. . .

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THE STYLE CENTER OF VALDOSTA

**We Salute the D. E. Students on their Special Day SATURDAY, FEB. 16th**

We are particularly proud to have as one of our employees . . . Elizabeth Pritchard Jones, an alumni of the D.E. Program. We ask that you come in on Saturday the 16th. . . which has been set aside as 'your' day and visit with Elizabeth . . . and she has a souvenir for you . . . and she will have a souvenir for all High School students in addition to D.E. Students . . . both girls and boys . . . So, Elizabeth will be looking forward to a visit from 'YOU'.

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**SATURDAY WILL BE D. E. DAY**

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Our Garden Shop will be operated by the D. E. Club of Valdosta High School all day Saturday. They will share the profits. Give them your full support. Open Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.

<b>Indica Azaleas</b> Field grown in gallon containers. Large selection to choose from. 2 year old plants. <b>2 FOR \$1.00</b>	<b>CAMELLIAS</b> Hardy field grown plants in gallon containers. Large selection some with blooms. <b>97c ea</b>
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<b>Each Plant in Gallon Container. Hardy and Beautiful.</b>	
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**Working In Afternoons**

Sheryln McKee, left, finds she's not without plenty to do at her afternoon job as part of the distributive education program. Here Sheryln makes sure the customers are satisfied at Barnes Drug Store.

**'Dress Right, Nothing Too Part Of DE**

The Distributive Education Club presented to the student body on Feb. 1, a program of "Dress, Right, Dress!"

Ellen Squires and Roger Milam, masters-of-ceremonies, introduced in the program several couples contrasting the correct and incorrect ways to dress for different types of occasions.

Other students showed proper and improper acts of receptionists and interviews for a job.

As a special feature, during intermission, the "Nothing Trio" sang a song called "Manners."

This crazy trio, Charles Oliver, Harold Landey and Roy Cannon, gave several pointers worth heeding, while they left the student body with splitting sides from laughter.

Then, everyone held his breath, as the DE President, Bobby Young, was about to announce the most outstanding club at Valdosta High School.

The Future Homemakers of America ranked tops, with second place going to the Latin Club and third to the Beta Club.

For the past several years the DE Club has presented this trophy to the club which best fits the qualifications for Club of the Year.

Attendance at club meetings, participation with state or national organizations, state or national officers, from local clubs, participation in school activities, intra-club council representation, civic projects, installation of officers and members, and socials.



**Learning Advertising Layout**

Learning to make a newspaper advertising layout is a vital part of retail merchandising and distributive education students at Valdosta High School get training in the classroom. Here Benny Hagan, Alan Graham, Beth Odom, Lougene Prine and Joel Neal go over some of their work.

**DCT Is Like DE But Different**

EDITOR'S NOTE — James P. Horn is diversified cooperative training coordinator at Valdosta High School. DCT is a first cousin of distributive education, but they are different. Horn tells how.

BY JAMES P. HORN  
The Diversified Cooperative Training program is a vocational training program for high school juniors and seniors. Through DCT the high school boy or girl earns while he learns the occupation of his choice.

As a student learner in DCT he will divide his time into three parts. In the school schedule consists of three periods of regular academic classes and one period studying material which is directly or indirectly related to his or her job. On-the-job time is spent carrying out a program of job

processes normally performed by new workers in the occupation.

DCT is designed primarily for those students who do not expect to go to college, but prospective college students are not excluded and experience has proven that DCT students are well-prepared for college work.

The DCT program provides many advantages for a high school student. It provides an opportunity for the student to earn while he learns under actual job conditions.

It enables him to gain a minimum of one year of supervised work experience appropriate to his interest and ability before he leaves high school.

It provides a realistic situation for the development of good work habits, thrift, responsibility initia-

tion and the ability to meet and work with people indirectly and directly.

It enables youth to obtain initial employment in their immediate community and to make better progress on the job through the joint efforts of the school and the employer.

The purpose of the DCT program is to provide both general and vocational education for the youth to the end that they may become economic assets and good citizens in their communities at the completion of their school training.

The great majority of youth go directly into the business and industrial work at the completion of their high school work.

It is highly essential, therefore that every opportunity to be provided for a practical education which will benefit the high school youth in the world of work.

Although the primary purpose of the DCT program is to serve this need, many students enrolled in the course may change their plans and continue their educational training in college. The credits earned in this program are acceptable as entrance credits by colleges.

The majority of the public have the idea that DCT and distributive education are the same programs. There is a difference; generally speaking the DE program has students doing sales and office work. While the DCT program prepares a student for a skilled profession.

The DE program is a program in which a student who wants to demonstrate or better his sales ability would enter. Therefore learning to deal with the public directly and becoming a better salesman.

The DCT program is different in that it deals only with students who want to learn a skill.

This enables a student to obtain two years of experience in high school in the skill he wishes to enter after he or she graduates.

DCT offers a wide field of employment for high school students. Some of the jobs are: mechanics, printers, repairmen, nurses' aids, assistant laboratory and X-ray technicians, doctors' assistants, florists, and many other.

This writer has been a DCT coordinator for seven years and has been with the Valdosta High Program for two years.



BILLY Holtzclaw  
Not Much To Do

**A Wildcat Had It Easy Last Fall**

Billy Holtzclaw, who was voted to have the best spirit on the Valdosta High School Wildcat championship football team is also an officer and a first year member of the Distributive Education Club.

How in the world did he do it last fall, playing football, too?

Well, Billy gives this solution. He didn't work! While all other D. E. students have to work, Billy didn't. He got out of working all last fall while all he had to do was practice football six hours every day after school.

But Billy, sergeant-at-arms of the DE Club, participates in all projects of the Club.

Since last fall, Billy has gotten a job at the Coca-Cola Plant and he will receive two units to add to his high school credits.

All students who have jobs through the DE program receive a credit for work experience and one credit for classroom work, provided that they work satisfactorily a minimum of 15 hours a week on the job and make satisfactory classroom grades.

DE is available to juniors and seniors, and Billy's not working was unique among DE members.

To Assist the DE Scholarship Loan Program

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And Milk Or Pepsi-Cola **20¢**

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We are proud of the D. E. students loved at Harvey's, and



**Trade School Opening Nears; To Offer Full Adult Course**

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter Harrison is director of adult education in the Valdosta Public School System. He is a former DE coordinator at Valdosta High School.

By WALTER HARRISON

As the need for adult education as a constant function of the public schools becomes more and more apparent, the Valdosta Board of Education looks forward to the opening of the Valdosta Area Vocational-Technical School next September as the beginning of a truly comprehensive program of adult education in this community.

At the present time, the following classes are being offered to the adults of this area:

1. Full-time preparatory class in electronics technology.
2. Half-time preparatory class in electronics technology.
3. Full-time preparatory class in practical nursing.
4. Part-time extension class in practical nursing.
5. Half-time class in academic education for veterans.
6. Half-time class in business administration for veterans.

While flexibility is expected to be one of the strong points of the area school, it is also necessary that a basic curriculum be established. This has been the job of an advisory committee of local citizens.

Two courses in the area school have been designated for high school students in the high schools

of this area. These courses, automotive mechanics and radio and television repair, will be offered to these students as a part of their regular high school program. All other courses will be for adults and out-of-school youth.

Courses to be offered to adults on a full-time day school basis will include:

Practical nursing, business education, mechanical design and drafting technology, machine shop, diesel mechanics, electrical technology and electronic technology.

Courses to be made available to adults at night will not conform to any sort of pattern. Any course for which facilities are available will be offered any time a sufficient number of persons express interest in it. Some of the courses will be of short duration, while others might require a year or more to complete.

Some of the courses which might reasonably be expected to be offered during the first year of operation would include the following:

Typing, bookkeeping, shorthand, business machines, drafting, heat treating, materials testing, radio and TV repair, rapid reading, blueprint reading, welding, automatic transmission repair, shop mathematics, basic electricity and electronic circuits.

The night curriculum would in any sense be restricted to the courses listed here. Any course study which will enable a group of adults to increase their vocational

competency will be added as the need arises. The sole purpose of the area school is to prepare people for entering employment or for advancing in their present employment.

Volunteer D. E. Students Will Be on Hand

All Day Saturday,

**D. E. DAY**

To give you

**EXTRA GOOD SERVICE**

We invite you to visit with us Saturday, and let these boys service your car. In lieu of pay, money for their day's work will be given to the DE scholarship loan fund.

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**DECA ... Your Business Leaders of Tomorrow**

We join with other Valdosta businesses in paying tribute to the very excellent D. E. C. A. program at Valdosta High School which is equipping so many youngsters to become substantial business people of tomorrow.

We are especially proud of our D. E. Student, Jo Ann Bennett, who is reporter for the Valdosta High D. E. Club. It is an honor to participate in this worthwhile D. E. C. A. program.

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VALDOSTA, GA.



# Rams Defeat 'Cats In 1-AAA Lidlifter

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COLUMBUS — One "hot" period was not enough to offset three "cold" ones as the Valdosta Wildcats dropped a 41-34 decision to the Willingham Rams here Wednesday night.

The setback shuffled coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats to the sideline as the four-day Region 1-AAA boys basketball tournament got underway here last night.

In another first round outing, Jordan's Red Jackets beat Moultrie's Packers, 72-49.

Four second round games were scheduled for this afternoon and tonight with the schedule as follows:

Warner Robins vs Baker, 4 p.m.; Lanier vs Albany, 5:30; Colum-

bus vs Jordan, 7:30 p.m.; LaGrange vs Willingham, 9 p.m.

Semi-finals will be played Friday and the finals are slated for Saturday. Columbus, LaGrange and Albany rank as tri-favorites in the tourney.

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In last night's action, the 'Cats dumped in 23 points in the third stanza and held a brief lead. But in the other three stanzas they managed just 11. They failed to score in the opening period, got just six points in the second and only five in the final stanza.

Willingham scored 16 points in the closing period and with that rally came from behind to win in a game which featured defense all the way.

Jim Carter, with nine points,

and Rick Thomas, with eight, were scoring leaders for Valdosta. Robert Payne, with 12 markers, was offense leader for the Rams.

Valdosta and Willingham had divided a pair of close, regular season games. Their contest last night was rated a toss-up.

Columbus, LaGrange and Albany finished the regular season with matching 10-2 region records. They flipped coins to determine seeding for the tournament. Columbus was top-seeded by this method. The home-standing Blue Devils are defending state champs.

Top three finishers in 1-AAA test this year will earn berths in the state "AAA" meet.

Individual scoring in last night's Valdosta - Willingham game follows:

Valdosta (34) — Thomas 8, Reaves 4, Holloway 6, Steele 7, Carter 9.

Willingham (41)—Hester 8, Pulliam 4, Bryant 7, Gaines 3, Colson 4, Payne 12, Clay 6.



Times Staff Photo

Cited for Tops in DE: Barnes, Miss Ratigan and Young

## Distributive Education Students Honor Bosses

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Distributive education students here honored their employers Thursday night and lots of people honored them.

The occasion was the 15th annual Employer-Employee banquet of the Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club.

Valdosta druggist Charles Barnes was singled out as the employer of the year and presented with a life membership in the DE Club.

Miss Joy Ratigan, the club's DE Student of the Year, presented Barnes' his citation, pointing out he has been a strong supporter of DE work in Valdosta and presently employs four students in his drug stores.

Distributive Education is a

course designed for those students who intend to go into some phase of merchandising, distribution or service when they complete school. DE students attend classes for half a day and work in a business the other half. They earn high school credits for their employment.

Principal speaker at the banquet, retired Emory University official Ed Whisonant of Valdosta, warned the students it is the "little things in life that count."

Whisonant, said, "Sooner or later in life we realize that big issues start with small beginnings."

He urged the students to "read well, write well, spell well, speak well; education after all is made up of the little things."

The retired educator said the two finest jobs education is doing today are in the fields of adult education and distributive education. "There's so much talk about what is wrong with education," he said, "I feel there's a lot right with education."

Miss Marilyn Rykard, of Valdosta, the nation's DE student of the year in 1962, cited Miss Ratigan for her outstanding DE activities and gave her the annual Student of the Year trophy.

DE Club President Bobby Young was cited for top honors, winning the Warren Horton Memorial Trophy. The trophy, given by Salvation Army Capt. and Mrs. Jimmy Horton in honor of their son, is presented to that student who is tops in distributive education work.

Other citations to DE students included:

Coordinator's Award to Miss Ratigan; special citation for aiding DE to Miss Cheryl Parrish; Junior Chamber of Commerce award to Miss Lila Carlo and Mrs. Jo-Ann Bennett; and DE Alumni Club citation to Miss Diane Dugger and Darryl Pearce.

Local and district DE contest winners were cited. They include Miss Ratigan, Miss Carlo, Buck Paulson, Miss Beth Odum, Mildred Williams, Warren Clayton, Miss Dugger, Miss Ellen Squires and Mrs. Bennett.

## 50 Beauties Compete Tonight In Annual Miss VHS Contest

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

It is to be beauties by the score at Valdosta High School tonight—50 of them to be exact.

The Junior Class is staging the annual Miss VHS contest to pick the prettiest to reign over the school.

Scheduled at 8 p. m., the beauty pageant is to be held in the school auditorium with 50 contestants entered.

The juniors, who put on the contest to raise funds for the

annual Junior - Senior banquet, are also providing some top flight entertainment to go along with the beauties.

According to Miss Anne Bennett, a contest official, the Serenaders from Valdosta State College and a folk song group, the Balladiers Two of Adel, will be the backbone of the between-scenes entertainment.

Admission to the contest is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

# Ruth Ann Roddey Is Miss Valdosta High

By SANDRA KESSLER  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Her expressive blue eyes sparkling through tears, Ruth Ann Roddey, a senior, was crowned Miss Valdosta High School for 1963 Friday night.

Andy Shenton, a senior, was named first runner-up, while Carol Harris, a junior, was awarded the second runner-up honor.

Bonnie Gerlock, Betty Grawl, Beverly Gunter, Carol Harris, Patsy Henry, Starr Howell, Pat Huff, Becky Johnson, Lois Johnson, Sandy LaMontagne, Betty McClenny,

Beth McCrary, Teresa Minchew, Dean Nichols, Penny Nichols, Karen Nicholson, Cheryl Pelfrey, Joy Ratigan, Ruth Ann Roddey, Genie Rogero, Ruth Ann Seyfried, Andy Shenton, Tom Siegrist, Nancy Simon, Nancy Smith,

Margaret Speed, Susan Stembridge, Sandy Stewart, Barbara Talley, Kay Talley, Marlene Taylor, Susan Todd, Brenda Underwood, Anne Walker, Dian White, and Cathy Woodward.

Of 50 junior and senior contestants, others in the top ten were Joy Catoe, Patti Jo Futch, Dear Nichols, Cheryl Pelfrey, Nancy Smith, Barbara Talley, and Anne Walker.

"Ice Palace" was the theme with snowflakes surrounding the school auditorium stage. The girls were spotlighted against a blue and silver background of glittering tree forms.

Miss Roddey, a radiant blonde whose makeup was smeared with winner's tears of joy, was crowned by the 1962 Miss VHS, Diane Quattlebaum.

She wore the new jeweled tiara which has been purchased by the junior class and Student Council to be Miss VHS' and the Homecoming Queen's crown each year.

The beauty pageant winner wore a light green full-length gown embroidered with pink and green roses. Both runners-up were attired in white satin dresses.

Eddie Pike, Valdosta pianist, performed as the girls paraded before the judges. The Serenaders from Valdosta State College and the Balladiers, a vocal duo from Cook High School, entertained at intermission.

Sponsored by the junior class as a money-making project for the annual junior-senior dance, the pageant was emceed by Bobby Steele, junior class president. Other officers include Ann Bennett, Libba Winston, and Sheila McCoy who were in charge of decorating and planning the contest.

Jack Wooten, VHS English instructor and junior class adviser, aided the students in the project. Miss Barbara Walker, VSC student and a past Miss Valdosta, directed the pageant.

Contestants were: Ellen Adair, Suzanne Ball, Bobbie Ellen Blanchard, Dale Browning, Ann Carroll, Joy Catoe, Jane Crabtree, Catherine Daugharty.

Ginny Davis, Lucille Dawson, Ginna Drumheller, Norma Flytkie, Patti Jo Futch, Patsy Garvin,



—Times Staff Photo by Robert Winter III

The New Queen At Valdosta High School: Ruth Ann Roddey



Ann and Christie Don't Seem to Know What to Expect; It's Blind



Robinson Gives A Sigh of Relief When Blind Date Is Dean

Times Staff Photo

# Boys Say Blind Dates Can Be Drags

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is another in a series of articles based on the information compiled from a poll conducted at Valdosta High School, Lowndes County High School, and Hahira High School.

By **MARY DICKEY RAWLS**

"Man, like a blind date is nothing but a drag. It's something bad for the nervous system."

At least that is the opinion of more than 60 per cent of the boys polled at three high schools in

the area.

Boys tend to shy away from an unknown date. They contend you never know what you're getting into.

For instance, a boy might think it's all a big joke to fix his friend up with a complete loser for the evening.

A girl knows better, however, than to play that game.

When a female offers to get a girl a date, she uses her head in selecting someone of her type — personality and temperament.

But the unexpected can at times be fun. A shy girl might have the time of her young life with an extrovert who talks constantly, but also tries to include her in the conversation.

Ann Ferguson of Valdosta High School says she doesn't accept blind dates unless one of her good friends is arranging it.

"Then I am confident they know is what I like in a boy and what I don't like," said the pretty VHS sophomore.

Dean Nichols agrees with Ann.

Christie Patterson and Jimmy Robinson say they "sweat it out" each time they have a blind date.

So far they have both had pretty good luck with their dates.

But an evening can be a complete bust if you are not double dating and neither of you knows how to start the conversation rolling.

The best bet is to double or triple date. There is more talk flowing back and forth between couples and everyone is more at

ease.

Don't, for heaven's sake, do as one boy I know did.

He went to the girl's house to pick her up, saw what she looked like and flew.

He said he had made a mistake and never bothered to explain to anybody.

Just go on and have the date and make the best of it. Remember she might not think you are the toughest looking male she's ever met.

## VHS Keeps Up On Cancer

By **TIMES STAFF WRITER**

Valdosta High School is going all out to keep students and their parents up to date on the latest developments in cancer diseases and cures.

Miss Cathi Woodward, VHS junior, outlined the program to the local unit of the American Cancer Society. She said literature is being distributed to all students for them to discuss with their families. She also reported a number of VHS students are planning to aid the cancer drive in April.

Another VHS junior, Miss Valerie Weeks, has developed such an interest in cancer she has written a short story about it. Her story, read to the society meeting this week, tells what goes through a man's mind as he waits in a doctor's office for a verdict on whether he has cancer.

# 'AAA' Field Takes Shape

## Valdosta's Kittens To Play Avondale In Tournament Here

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The 10-team field has been set for the girls state Class AAA high school basketball tournament which will be played here next week.

While it has been determined which teams will be in the field; final pairings can't be drawn until Richmond Academy and Butler, a pair of Augusta teams, decide the Region 2-AAA title issue.

Both Augusta sextets are, however, assured of state tourney berths along with the Valdosta Kittens, R. E. Lee (Thomaston), Avondale, Cherokee County (Canton), Bass (Atlanta), Warner Robins, Russell (East Point) and Murphy (Atlanta).

The four-day tournament will get underway here Wednesday at the Valdosta State College gym. Two games are set for opening night, four are on tap for Thursday, semi-finals will be played Friday and the finals, plus a consolation game will be staged Saturday. Co-hosts for the tourney are VSC and Valdosta High.

In the field will be the winners and runners-up from Georgia's five Class AAA regions.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens, who have a 22-0 record and rule as 1-AAA champs, will get their first taste of action on Thursday night against Avondale, the 2-AAA runner-up.

Coach Jim Caven's R. E. Lee lassies, with a perfect 30-0 record, are the 2-AAA titleholders.

Coming from 5-AAA are winner Cherokee and runner-up Russell. Representing 3-AAA will be titleholder Bass and second place finisher Murphy.

Murphy is the defending state champion. It beat Warner Robins in the 1961-62 finals at Atlanta. The Kittens finished third in last year's state test. They beat Southwest in the consolation game on the final night. Southwest failed to earn a state tourney berth this year.

Starting times for the tourney to be played here next week will be announced as soon as final pairings can be determined.

# Bass Girls Go for Title In Valdosta State Tourney

## Barber, Lance Lead Way

By MICKEY McCARTHY

Scoring balance in girls' basketball is virtually non-existent,

but the Bass High team revived the art this season in a manner sufficient to win the Region 3-AAA championship.

While some teams were cavorting with a scorer in the 30s, the Warriors methodically went about the task of taking the crown with

three girls averaging within a point of one another.

Nancy Barber (15.3), Kathy Lance (14.6) and Susan Eberhardt (14.5) were the trio that promoted the Bass ladies into the AAA tournament opening in Valdosta Wednesday.

"I believe the balance was a big factor for us," said Coach Bud Theodocion. "We decided that this would be the best system for us. The girls worked hard during the season and now they have a chance at the state.

"We're going to Valdosta with a good team," said Theodocion, "and we're hoping for the best."

The Warriors along with Murphy, second-place finisher in 3-AAA, will find the competition exceedingly rugged in Valdosta. The host team, for instance, has a 22-0 record while Robert E. Lee of 4-AAA stands 30-0 for the season.

Theodocion, in his fourth season at Bass, will send the Warriors against the winner of the Warner Robins-Russell game.

This will be the second shot at the state for Theodocion whose team finished fourth in 1961. The Warriors were Region 3's No. 1 representative.

Elaine Ferris, a senior, was the leader of the Bass defensive unit. Like his forward setup, Theodocion has a shuttle system of fine guards he employs. Joining Ferris are Patys McCart, Mary Barger, Dianne Jordan and Helen Pappas.

# State 'AAA' Girls Ready For Action

## 10 Teams With Winning Habits To Seek Crown In Tourney Here

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

A pair of unbeaten sextets plus eight other teams with winning habits will launch play in the 1963 Georgia State Class AAA girls basketball tournament here Wednesday night.

The four-day tourney will be staged at the Valdosta State College gym. The college and Valdosta High are co-hosts for the event. In the field will be the winners and runners-up from Georgia's five "AAA" regions.

The two state title hopefuls with unblemished records are coach Bill Davis' home-standing Valdosta Kittens and coach Jim Caven's R. E. Lee Rebelettes from Thomaston.

Valdosta, the 1 - AAA champ, has a 22-0 record. R. E. Lee has a 29-0 mark after winning the 4-AAA crown.

Other entries and their records are as follows:

Cherokee County (Canton), 24-1; Richmond Academy (Augusta), 22-2; Bass (Atlanta), 26-4; Warner Robins, 18-3; Murphy (Atlanta), 23-7; Avondale, 17-7; Butler, 10-4; Russell (East Point), 14-12.

The tourney schedule follows:  
Wednesday—Murphy vs Butler, 7:30 p. m.; Warner Robins vs Russell, 8:20 p. m.

Thursday — Cherokee vs Murphy-Butler winner, 5 p. m.; R. E. Lee vs Richmond, 6:20 p. m.; Bass vs Warner Robins - Russell winner, 7:40 p. m.; Valdosta vs Avondale, 9 p. m.

Friday—Semi-finals with games at 7:30 and 9 p. m.

Saturday — Playoff for third place 7 p. m.; championship game 8:30 p. m.

Coach Gary Weisner's Murphy Eaglettes are the defending champs. They halted favored Southwest's 27 - game victory streak in the semi-finals of the 3-AAA tourney. The next night coach James Theodocian's Bass Warriorettes trimmed Murphy to cop the 3-AAA crown.

This is the Kittens' fifth straight try for the state "AAA" crown. They won it once (1960-61), finished second another time and third the other two years. This is Davis' 14th season as the Kittens' coach and his first unbeaten team.

Valdosta offers fine team balance with Lucille Dawson, Betty McClenny, Margaret Smith, Diane Quattlebaum, Barbara Reaves, Susan Rodgers and Eulouise Hamill as the regulars.

This will be Lee's 10th trip to the state tourney. Caven's Rebelettes won the title in 1950 and have finished second three times and third three times. The Thomaston sextet is led by Joanne Caven, who owns a 27-point scoring average. She is the daughter of the R. E. Lee coach.

Coach Sid White's Warner Robins Demonettes were runners-up in the state test last year and are back to try for the crown again as the runner-up from 1-AAA. Valdosta won a pair of games by close margins from Robins this season. The attack leader for the

Demonettes is Vivian Dixon, a sharpshooter with a 27.3 average.

Avondale's Blue Devils are tall and talented. They are coached by Mrs. Don Braswell, the wife of the former Albany High and Auburn football star. Avondale is runner-up from 4-AAA.

Richmond's Lady Musketeers rode the crest of a 15-game victory streak into the state tournament. The 2-AAA champs are led by Sandra Smith, who has a 21.5 scoring average. This will be Richmond's 10th try for the state crown. It has never ruled as girls champ before. The Lady Musketeers did set the pace in a field of 25 teams to win the Augusta Invitational this year.

Butler's Bulldogettes, who are coached by Miss Lou Baker, are making their first appearance in the tourney. Butler is a relatively new school but rolled to a second-place finish in 2-AAA.

With Judy Milford and Paulette Richardson both averaging better than 20 points a game, coach Harold Scott's Cherokee sextet captured the Jaycee Invitational in Atlanta and beat out Russell's Pantherettes in the 5-AAA showdown. This is Cherokee's third try for state championship honors in as many years. It failed to get past the first two rounds in its two previous tries but is expected to go much farther this time out.

Coach James Theodocian's Bass Warriorettes lost to Valdosta in last year's semi-finals. They have ambitions to go all the way this year. Bass offers a balanced attack with Nancy Barber averaging 15.3 points a game. Susan Eberhardt 14.5 and Kathy Lance 14.7. In little Elaine Farris (5-3) they have one of the state's outstanding guards.



CHARLES BARKER  
Science Student



DARLENE SMITH  
Tops in Class, Out

## VHS Seniors Place 1st In Scholarship Contest

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two Valdosta High School seniors, who boast outstanding records inside and outside the classroom, have been selected first place winners in the annual Elks Lodge scholarship contest here.

Miss Darlene Smith and Charles Barker won the \$50 prizes awarded by the Valdosta Elks Lodge's youth committee.

Bill West, Elks committee chairman, announced the winning entries today.

Placing second in the contest were Miss Beverly Gunter of VHS and Aubrey Garrison of Lowndes County High School. Miss Wyanne Swilley of LOHI and Steve Dasher of VHS were the third place winners.

Miss Gunter and Garrison won \$25 prizes and Miss Swilley and Dasher are to receive \$10.

Miss Smith, 17, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, 1208 McRee Dr., has already won an Elks Lodge award. She placed second in the local leadership contest earlier this year.

She is editor of the school newspaper, The Dosta Outlook; has won the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship award; been a member of the school Student Council, and has

a host of other honors among her high school activities.

Barker, 17, son of Mrs. C. H. Barker, 2107 N. Charlton St., as a junior at VHS won district and state first place awards in science competition for his project on cancer in mice. He is a first-place winner in this year's local Elks Leadership contest.

Miss Gunter, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gunter, 707 Georgia Ave. Ext., and was a first place winner in the local Elks leadership contest and placed second state-wide.

She is president of the VHS student Council and was the high school's homecoming queen last fall.

Garrison, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Garrison of Lake Park, is president of the LOHI Student Council. He plans to enter the University of Georgia this fall to take a pre-medical course.

Dasher, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Dasher, Rte. 2, Valdosta. He plans to enter Georgia Tech in the fall.

Miss Swilley, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Swilley, Rte. 2, Valdosta. She plans to study mathematics at Valdosta State College and enter teaching when she obtains her college degree.

# Girls 'AAA' Title On Line

## 1962 Champ, Runner-up To See Action Tonight

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor



Coach Bill Davis (R) Talks Over Tourney Plans With Kitten Regulars Rodgers Reaves, Hamill, Quattlebaum, McClenny, Dawson and Smith

Play in the state Class AAA girls basketball tournament gets underway here tonight with last year's champion and runner-up slated for action.

The four-day tourney is being staged at the Valdosta State College gym with VSC and Valdosta High as co-hosts.

Two games are on tap tonight with Murphy's Eaglettes from Atlanta meeting the Butler Bulldogettes of Augusta at 7:30 p. m. and Warner Robins' Demonettes facing the Russell Pantherettes of East Point at 8:20 p. m.

Six more teams will get their first taste of action on Thursday with the slate for that night as follows:

Cherokee County (Canton) vs Murphy - Butler winner, 5 p. m.; R. E. Lee (Thomaston) vs Richmond Academy (Augusta), 6:20 p. m.; Bass (Atlanta) vs Warner Robins - Russell winner, 7:40 p. m.; Valdosta vs Avondale, 9 p. m.

Semi-finals are slated for Friday and the championship game, plus a consolation affair, will be played Saturday.

Coach Gary Weisner's Murphy Eaglettes are defending champions. They have a 23-7 record and made the tourney field by finishing second in the Region 3-AAA tourney. The Butler team they play tonight has a 10-4 record and is making its initial appearance in the state meet. Butler is a relatively new school.

Coach Sid White's Warner Robins girls finished second to Murphy in the 1962 state test. They have an 18 - 3 record and were runners - up in the 1-AAA title scramble this year. In Vivian Dixon, who has a 27.3 scoring average, they have one of the state's most talented forwards.

Coach Buddy Ellerbee's Russell Pantherettes are the 5-AAA runner-up. They have a 14-12 record and are led by Millie Williams, a 5 - 10 forward who is averaging close to 30 points a game.

As far as local fans are concerned the feature game Thursday will be the match between coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens and the Avondale Blue Devils, who are coached by Mrs. Don Braswell.

With Lucille Dawson, Betty McClenny, Margaret Smith, Eulouise Hamill, Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers and Barbara Reaves as regulars, the Kittens won 22 in a row this season in a sweep which carried them to the 1-AAA throne room. This is their fifth straight try for the state crown. They have won it once, been runner-up twice and finished third two times.

The Avondale team they meet tomorrow night has a 17-7 record and is the runner-up from 4-AAA.

Coach Jim Caven's Rebelettes from R. E. Lee also boast a perfect record. The Thomaston sextet has clicked for 29 straight wins and is the 4-AAA champ. Coach Harold Scott's Cherokee County Warriorettes have a 24-1 record and rank high on the pre-tourney form chart.

Bass, the 3-AAA victor, has a 26-4 record and three forwards averaging above or close to 15 points a game. Richmond, the 2-AAA king has an overall record of 22-2 and is currently riding the crest of a 15-game winning streak.

## Davis Coaches Kittens From Long, Long Range

Notes On This And That:

Bill Davis did what you might describe as some long-range style coaching this week as the Valdosta Kittens got ready to play in the state Class AAA girls basketball tournament.

Davis missed a practice session Monday after he came down with flu. He was back at school Tuesday, but stayed up in the stands while his charges went through their drill paces.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

coach on the bench, will get their first taste of tourney action when they go against Avondale at 9 o'clock tonight at the Valdosta State College gym.

When a news photographer showed up and asked Davis to pose for a picture with some of his players, he at first balked. Finally he consented to get in the picture, but there were some conditions.

The players were arranged and then Davis dashed in, held his breath while the camera clicked and then he backed off in a hurry.

If you haven't already guessed, Davis was afraid he might spread flu germs to his players.

"The girls can do without a coach in the state tournament," Davis said, "but our team certainly can't do without any of the players."

The Kittens, with their



Avondale's Kyle (45) Does Long Stretch To Block Shots By VHS' Smith

# VHS, Cherokee Clash In Semis

## Robins Meets R. E. Lee As Title Showdown Nears

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Semi-finals in the state Class AAA girls basketball tournament here tonight will have a North-South flavor.

Valdosta and Warner Robins, a pair of Region 1-AAA delegates from the "South," will go against Cherokee County (Canton) and R. E. Lee (Thomaston), two talented sextets from the northern half of the state.

With action slated at the Valdosta State College gym, Warner Robins meets R. E. Lee at 7:30 p.m. and Valdosta goes against Cherokee at 9 p.m. The finals, plus a consolation game, are on tap for Saturday.

Valdosta, playing before a crowd of approximately 1,200 moved into the round of four with a 40-21 triumph over Avondale Thursday. Cherokee clipped defending champion Murphy (Atlanta), 51-32, R. E. Lee disposed of Richmond Academy (Augusta) 52-30, and Warner Robins whipped Bass (Atlanta), 61-46.

Valdosta, the 1-AAA titleholder, now owns a 24-0 record. Last night's win was the 30th in a row for R. E. Lee, the 4-AAA kingpin. Cherokee, the champ from 5-AAA, now has a 25-1 chart. Warner Robins, the runner-up from 1-AAA, has won 20 times in 23 starts.

Valdosta's Kittens moved down the victory trail by getting off to a sizzling start against Avondale.

When the first half smoke cleared, coach Bill Davis' Valdosta sextet owned a 26-6 lead. Avondale got its attack going in the third stanza and chopped the Kittens lead down to 10 points. Valdosta checked the Blue Devils' surge and played steady to the finish to win by a comfortable 19-point margin.

Betty McClenny, with 18 points, and Margaret Smith, with 17, paced the Kittens' attack. Forward Lucille Dawson chipped in with five points and helped the cause in

other ways.

Susan Rodgers, Barbara Reaves and Diane Quattlebaum, with some late-in-the-game help from Eulouise Hamill, were the defensive heroes. They limited the Blue Devils to just four points in the first 12 minutes of play.

Irene McNeal, with 13 points, set the scoring pace for Avondale. Tall Cindy Kyle turned in a standout defensive job.

Judy Milford, a 5-11 sophomore, swished the nets for 32 points as Cherokee County's Warriorettes upended Murphy's Eaglettes.

Milford sank 10 field goals and hit on 12 of 16 foul shots while coach Harold Scott's Canton sextet broke up a close game with a second quarter surge and went from there to victory.

The tall sophomore got plenty of scoring help from little Paulette Richardson, who accounted for 15 points. Guards Sue Forrester and Ellen Parker led Cherokee's defensive effort.

Point leaders for Murphy were Nancy Perry, 14, and Carole Brown, 11.

Swift Joannie Cavan, daughter of R. E. Lee coach Jim Cavan, stoked in 27 points to spark the Rebelettes from Thomaston to their win over Richmond.

Richmond managed to stick close until mid-way the second period. R. E. Lee put on a scoring rush and went out at the half with a seven-point edge. The Rebelettes padded their lead to 15 points in the third stanza and were never in danger of losing

the advantage after that.

Gwen Murphy hit for 12 points and Helen Middlebrooks got nine to help Cavan with the scoring assignment. Luanne Daniel, Pitta Middlebrooks, Annette Hammock and Donna Wilson led the way on defense.

Sandra Smith sparked the Lady Musketeers' attack with 14 points. She went out via the five fouls route early in the third period. Next in line was Susan Sigman with 11 markers. Guard Barbara Beggs sparked on defense.

Vivian Dixon, hitting with deadly accuracy from all ranges, swished the nets for 42 points as Warner Robins' Demonettes sailed past Bass' Warriorettes.

Dixon made 17 field goals and had a perfect eight-for-eight night at the free thrown line as Warner Robins took an early lead and was never headed.

Closest Bass came to overhauling the Demonettes was eight points. This came early in the final stanza. In the last four minutes Dixon scored 10 points to eliminate any doubt about the outcome.

In a first round victory over Russell, Dixon scored 38 points, giving her a two-game total of 80.

Carol Fraser got 10 points and Ruth Thompson accounted for nine to help the Robins offense keep clicking. Mary Reiger, Elaine Davidson, Sara Harkins, Linda Smith and Sandra Hattaway divided the defensive duty.

Scoring leaders for Bass were Nancy Barker, 25, and Susan Eberhardt, 15. Barker made five field goals and connected on 15 of 17 tries from the foul line.

### GIRLS

Cherokee	11	32	44	51
Murphy	9	21	24	32
CHEROKEE (31) — Milford 32, Richardson 15, Hasty 4, Cagle, Forrester, Palmer, Hendrix, Payne, Westbrook, Lawson, Livingston.				
MURPHY (32) — Perry 14, Brown 11, Walker 4, Hankey, Draper 3, Draughton, Hendricks, Griffith, Hovanec.				

### GIRLS

R. E. Lee	16	22	38	52
Richmond	10	15	25	30
R. E. LEE (52) — Cavan 27, H. Middlebrooks 9, Murphy 12, Daniel, P. Middlebrooks, Hammock, Nelson, Tyler 4, Holloway, Wilson, Bellew, Lifsey.				
RICHMOND (30) — Smith 14, Sigman 11, Crowe 5, Freeman, Beggs, Richards, Gibboney, Dickey.				

### GIRLS

Warner Robins	18	33	48	61
Bass	11	25	34	46
WARNER ROBINS (61) — Dixon 42, Frazer 10, Thompson 9, Reiger, Davidson, Harkins, Smith, Hattaway.				
BASS (46) — Barber 25, Eberhardt 15, Lance 6, McCarl, Jordan, Ferris, Bergeron.				

### GIRLS

Valdosta	16	26	31	40
Avondale	4	6	19	21
VALDOSTA (40) — Dawson 5, Smith 17, McClenny 18, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Hamill.				
AVONDALE (21) — Potterton 4, Riley 4, McNeal 13, Mitchell, Kyle, Pugh, Wooten.				

# Kittens To Make Tourney Debut

## Murphy, Robins Triumph In State 'AAA' Openers

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Six new teams, one of them Valdosta, will join victorious Murphy and Warner Robins in the second round of the state Class AAA girls basketball tournament here tonight.

Action got underway here Wednesday night with Murphy's Eaglettes from Atlanta, the defending champions, beating the Butler (Augusta) Bulldogettes, 43-23, and Warner Robins' Demonettes turning back the Russell (East Point) Pantherettes, 55-46. Warner Robins was the 1962 runner-up.

Four games are on tap for this afternoon and tonight in the tourney which is being staged at the Valdosta State College gym with VSC and Valdosta High as co-hosts.

Today's slate follows:

Murphy vs Cherokee County (Canton), 5 p. m.; R. E. Lee (Thomaston) vs Richmond Academy (Augusta), 6:20 p. m.; Bass (Atlanta) vs Warner Robins, 7:40 p. m.; Valdosta vs Avondale, 9 p. m.

Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens, the 1-AAA titleholders, will carry a perfect 22-0 record into their duel with Avondale. The Blue Devils, who are runners-up from 4-AAA, own a 17-7 mark.

R. E. Lee's Rebelettes are another team with a perfect record. Coach Jim Caven's charges have won 29 in a row. Cherokee owns a 24-1 record, Richmond is 22-2 and Bass is 26-4. With their wins last night, Murphy boosted its record to 24-7 and Warner Robins upped its victory total to 19 in 22 starts.

In the tourney opener coach Gary Wisener's Murphy Eaglettes sprinted to an early seven-point lead, boosted their advantage to

17 markers by half time and coasted home from there.

Carole Brown hit for 18 points, Nancy Perry got 15 and Lynette Walker scored eight to lead Murphy's balanced attack. Guards Lanie Hendricks, Fran Hankey and Gail Daughon were the defensive stickouts. Patsy Draper did her share as a double-duty performer who saw action both at guard and forward.

Martha Lamar, with 10 points, and Glenda Buchanan, with eight, were scoring leaders for Butler's Bulldogettes who were unable to match Murphy's firepower.

Vivian Dixon turned in a sparkling 38 - point performance as Warner Robins offset a slow start with a fast finish to beat Russell's Pantherettes.

The Demonettes' ace sank 15 field goals and hit on eight of 12 free throws. Coach Sid White's charges trailed by as much as 10 points early in the second period. But they moved into the lead as the second half got underway, built up a 12-point advantage and then checked a Russell surge at the finish to win.

Millie Williams got 21 points and Carol Grizzard accounted for 18 to set the scoring pace for

coach Buddy Ellerbee's sextet from East Point.

Carol Frazer, with 12 points, was another attack leader for the Demonettes. Robins' defensive stickouts included Mary Reigel, Ruth Thompson, Sara Harkins and Sandra Hattaway.

### GIRLS

Murphy	12 25 33 43
Butler	5 8 18 23
MURPHY (43) —	Perry 15, Brown 18, Walker 8, Hankey, Draper 2, Daughon, Griffith, Cole, Doster, Hendricks.
BUTLER (23) —	M. Lamar 10, Buchanan 8, Medlin 3, Spivey, Kight, Casady, J. Lamar 2, Sanders, Rabun, Long, Crosby, Bennett, Johnson.

### GIRLS

Warner Robins	8 25 42 55
Russell	14 27 36 46
WARNER ROBINS (55) —	Dixon 38, Frazer 12, O'Neal 4, Reigel, Thompson 1, Davidson, Harkins, Hattaway, Smith.
RUSSELL (46) —	Jeri Johnson 7, Grizzard 18, Williams 21, Judy Johnson, Harkey, Newsome, White, Brown, Barnes.

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# 'Cats Open Spring Drills

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

With few recognizable parts to work with coach Wright Bazemore today starts the task of trying to put a difficult football jigsaw puzzle together.

Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats open a month-long spring practice session and the VHS girdiron leader and his aides face a staggering "rebuilding" job.

The 'Cats have dominated the state Class AAA football ranks for three years. In that span they've won 36 games in a row, hauled in three state crowns and earned the rating as the nation's number one prep eleven.

But only a handful of players who helped carry the 'Cats to the top of the ladder will be returning for the 1963 campaign. In fact, you can count the number of returning regulars who will be available for duty this spring on the fingers of one hand.

There are just five of them. They are tackle Foy Norwood, (210), guards Bill Henry (170)

and Jack Martin (160) and quarterbacks Hank Lee (160) and Terry Godwin (145). Norwood and Lee will be seniors next fall and the other three will be juniors.

Norwood is a standout two-way performer who made All-Region 1-AAA and All-State honorable mention in 1962. Henry was an offensive specialist and Lee, Godwin and Martin were defensive regulars in the 'Cats very successful two-team system.

Halfback Clyo Blanton, a 160-pound rising senior, is another defensive specialist with another season of eligibility. A knee injury sidelined him during most of the '62 campaign. He's undergone an operation on the knee and won't take part in spring drills. It is hoped Blanton will be ready for duty in September.

The list of regulars who won't return is a long one and it is as follows:

Ends Danny Hendley, Wally Colson, Bill Holtzclaw, Dick Bender and Frank Haddock; tackles Billy Schroer, Charles Oliver, Randy Hunter and Henry Harn-

age; guards Bill Myddleton, Christy Patterson, Bill Holt, William (Bo) Hall and Greg Jones; center Jimmy Robinson, quarterback Rick Thomas, halfbacks Stan Reaves and Giles Smith and fullbacks Walter Zant and Sirois Barker.

Bazemore is looking for no more than 40 to 50 candidates to report for today's opening session. It will be Valdosta's smallest squad in four years.

"We plan to continue with our two - team system," Bazemore said. "That means we have 22 starting positions up for grabs and I really mean they are up for grabs."

"This will be our smallest squad in both the number of players and their weights in four years. It will be our least experienced squad in four years," the VHS coach said. "We have a staggering job before us. We don't have a second of time to waste."

Helping Bazemore put the 'Cats through their spring paces will be Bill Davis, Bill Bennett, J. B.

Roland, Charlie Greene and Joe Wilson.

The 'Cats will climax their off-season football session with a game against a star-studded "Has-Beens" squad.

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VHS' Quattlebaum (10), Rodgers (11) Try To Stop Richardson

# Lee, Cherokee In Title Duel

## Valdosta, Warner Robins Defeated In Semi-Finals

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Undefeated R. E. Lee of Thomaston and once-beaten Cherokee County (Canton) will battle it out for the state Class AAA girls basketball crown here tonight.

In semi-final round action Friday at the Valdosta State College gym, R. E. Lee trimmed Warner Robins, 59-51, and Cherokee shaded Valdosta's Kittens, 45-41.

Valdosta and Warner Robins will meet at 7 p. m. in a game to decide third place and the R. E. Lee-Cherokee title duel is set for 8:30 p. m.

A crowd of approximately 1,500 was on hand last night as Cherokee knocked Valdosta from championship contention and ended the Kittens' 23-game victory streak.

The Warriorettes from Canton now own a 26-1 record. The Region 5-AAA titleholders will be shooting for their first state "AAA" crown tonight.

With their triumph over Warner Robins, R. E. Lee's Eaglettes boosted their unbeaten string to 31 games. The Thomaston sextet ruled as state champion in 1950 and will be going for its second "AAA" crown tonight. R. E. Lee set the pace in 4-AAA this season. Last night's setback was only the fourth in 24 starts for Robins.

While the spotlight will be on the championship game tonight, the battle for third place also promises to be a good one. Valdosta trimmed Robins by very close margins in two regular season games.

Tall Judy Milford, a 5-11 sophomore, and little Paulette Richardson, sparked Cherokee County to its triumph over Valdosta last night.

Milford scored 25 points and kept the Canton sextet in contention in the first three quarters while the lead was changing hands 21 time.

Richardson got 16 points and accounted for eight of them, all on foul shots, in the final stanza. Guard Sue Forrester was the defensive leader for Cherokee.

The Kittens offered balance in the scoring department with Margaret Smith and Betty McClenny each getting 15 points and Lucille Dawson scoring 11. Diane Quattlebaum, Susan Rodgers and Barbara Reaves played most of the way at guard. Both Rodgers and Reaves went out via the five-fouls route mid-way the final stanza.

After a see-saw battle Cherokee went out front to stay just before the close of the third period. The talented lassies from Canton had a nine-point lead with 4:10 to go.

McClenny hit for four quick field goals and the Kittens pulled within three points at 43-40. But two free throws by Richardson stretched Cherokee's lead to five points again. McClenny sank a foul shot, but it wasn't enough and Scott's charges claimed the victory.

Last night's opener featured a scoring duel between R. E. Lee's Joannie Cavan and Warner Robins' Vivian Dixon. Cavan, like her team, finished with a slight edge. The daughter of R. E. Lee coach Jim Cavan hit for 33 points. Dixon got 29. Each made 12 field goals. The R. E. Lee star hit on nine of 15 foul shots and the scoring ace from Robins connected five of six tries from the charity line.

The Rebelettes from Thomaston took an early lead in the game. Robins pressed hard all the way and pulled within four points several times but could come no closer. With two minutes left to play Lee owned a 55-51 lead. The Rebelettes added two more field goal before the final buzzer to win by a six - marker margin.

While Cavan was the leader, R. E. Lee's victory was not a one - girl show. Helen Middlebrooks got 12 points and Gwen Murphy accounted for 14 to help the offensive cause. Guards trio of Luanne Daniel, Pitta Middlebrooks and Annette Hammock were sharp on defense all the way.

Carol Frazer dumped in 15 points to help spark the Robins attack and guard Mary Reigel sparkled on defense for the losers.

### GIRLS

R. E. Lee 18 28 46 59  
Warner Robins 8 24 40 51

R. E. LEE (59) — Cavan 33, H. Middlebrooks 12, Murphy 14, Daniel, P. Middlebrooks, Hammock, Wilson.

WARNER ROBINS (51) — Dixon 29, Frazer 15, Thompson 7, Reigel, Smith, Harkins, O'Neal, Hattaway, Davidson.

### GIRLS

Valdosta 11 21 32 41  
Cherokee 9 21 35 45

VALDOSTA (41) — Dawson 11, Smitt 15, McClenny 15, Quattlebaum, Rodgers

Reaves, Anderson, Hamill, Harris.  
CHEROKEE COUNTY (45) — Milford 25, Richardson 16, Hasty 4, Cagle, Forrester, Palmer, Middlebrooks.

# Lee Tops Cherokee In 'AAA' Showdown

## Kittens Miss In Their Bid For 3rd Place

By **SAMMY GLASSMAN**  
Times Sports Editor

R. E. Lee's Rebelettes are back home in Thomaston today with a perfect season and the 1963 state Class AAA girls basketball championship to talk about.

Coach Jim Cavan's Rebelettes beat Cherokee County's Warriorettes from Canton, 69-62, in the state tourney title showdown here Saturday night.

Warner Robins' Demonettes, led by scoring great Vivian Dixon, claimed third place in the tourney by edging Valdosta's Kittens, 64-63.

Both games on the final night were scoring duels from start to finish. Both R. E. Lee and Warner Robins followed similar paths to victory. They broke up close games with late surges.

R. E. Lee's victory was the 32nd this season without a loss. The current 4-AAA champs claimed the state title for the second time. Their previous state crown came in 1950. The setback for coach Harold Scott's Canton sextet was only the second after 26 triumphs.

Joannie Cavan, daughter of the R. E. Lee coach, led the Rebelettes' attack with 29 points. She was followed closely by Helen Middlebrooks, 22, and Gwen Murphy, 18. Paulettes Richardson and Sara Hasty each got 22 points to lead the way for Cherokee. Judy Milford scored 18.

The lead changed hands 11 times in the first two quarters and the count was deadlocked at 35-35 at the half. R. E. Lee went out front early in the third period, built up an eight point lead



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### Kittens' Betty McClenny (4) Takes Aim

and maintained it to the finish. In the battle for third place, Warner Robins' Dixon staged her fourth straight dazzling offensive performance. She gunned in 44 points, running her four-game total to 153. Dixon got offensive help from Carol Frazer, who accounted for 17 markers.

Lucille Dawson, with 26 points, and Betty McClenny, with 26, led the Kittens' attack. ins; Frank Hankey, Murphy Pitta Middlebrooks, R. E. Lee; Cindy Kyle, Avondale.

The lead changed hands 14 times during the first three periods in this one. The Demonettes began to pull away in the third period and had built up an eight-point lead with only 55 seconds of playing time remaining.

The Kittens, refusing to go down without a battle, got a rally started. They scored seven points in the few seconds left and came within a whisker of pulling the game out of the fire.

Valdosta ended its campaign with an overall record of 23-2. Robins closed with a 21-4 mark.

An all-tournament squad, picked by newsmen and broadcasters, was announced as follows:

Forwards — Vivian Dixon, Warner Robins; Joannie Cavan, R. E. Lee; Gwen Murphy, R. E. Lee; Judy Milford, Cherokee; Paulettes Richardson, Cherokee; Betty McClenny, Valdosta.

Guards — Sue Forrester, Cherokee; Annett Hammock, R. E. Lee; Mary Reigle, Warner Rob-

Honorable mention — forwards — Lucille Dawson, Valdosta; Nancy Perry, Murphy; Carol Frazer, Warner Robins; Helen Middlebrooks, R. E. Lee; Sarah Hasty, Cherokee; guards — Luanne Daniel, R. E. Lee; Nina Cagle, Cherokee; Susan Rodgers, Valdosta.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

R. E. Lee	16	35	52	69
Cherokee	17	35	44	62

R. E. Lee (69) — Cavan 29, H. Middlebrooks 22, Murphy 18, Daniel, P. Middlebrooks, Hammock, Wilson.

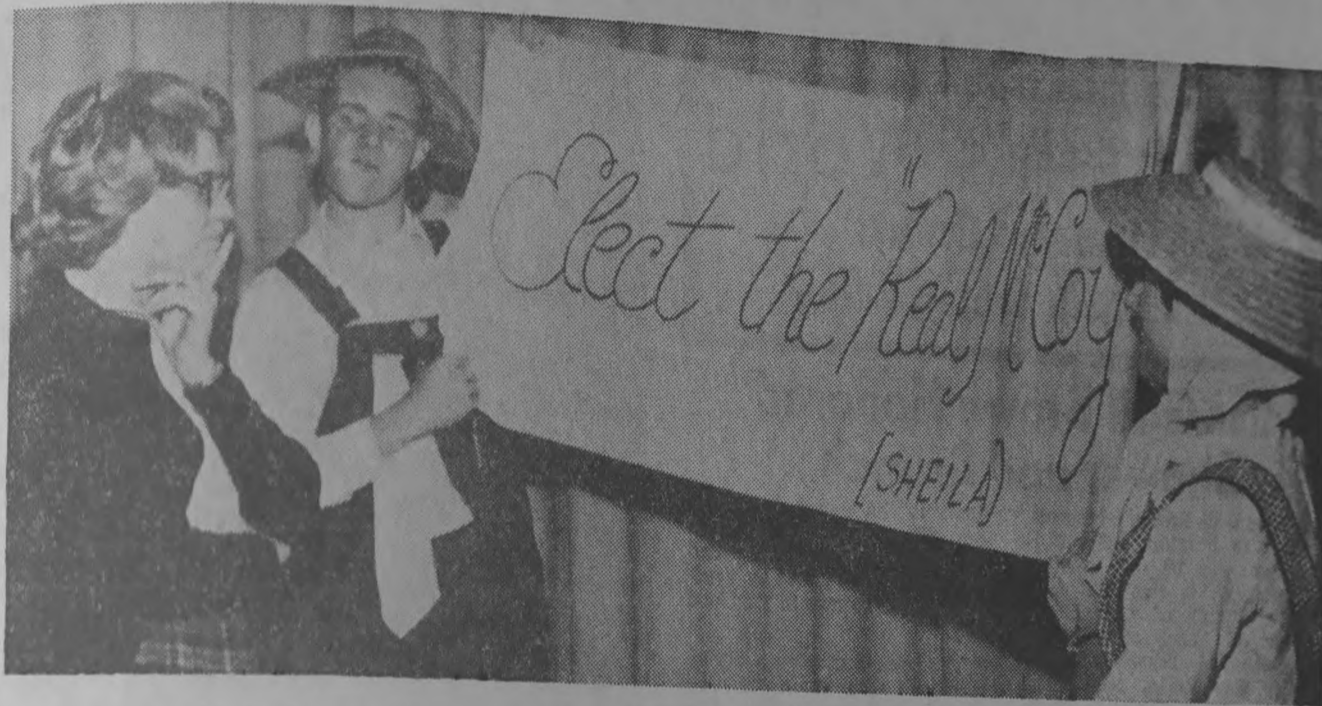
CHEROKEE (62) — Milford 18, Richardson 22, Hasty 22, Cagle, Forrester, Palmer, Middlebrooks.

#### CONSOLATION GAME

Warner Robins	13	29	46	64
Valdosta	13	31	42	63

WARNER ROBINS (64) — Dixon 44, Frazer 17, O'Neal, Reigel, Thompson 3, Harkins, LaRoche, Hattaway, Smith, Bush.

VALDOSTA (63) — Dawson 28, Smith 9, McClenny 26, Quattlebaum, Rodgers, Reaves, Hamill, Anderson.



Sheila Studies Banner For Atlanta Held By Marshall New and Fran Woodward —Times Staff Photo

# Sheila's The Real McCoy

By DARLENE SMITH  
Valdosta High School

Politicking to the tune of "The Real McCoy," the Valdosta High Beta Club members will invade Atlanta on Thursday.

For the first time in three years, the local club will sponsor a candidate for state office. Sheila McCoy, who was selected by unanimous approval, is the club's nominee for state secretary.

At VHS, Sheila is a junior serving as treasurer of her class, secretary of the Student Council, and secretary of the Beta Club. She also actively participates in

the youth program of her church. Sheila was chosen on the basis of leadership, high scholastic standards, unselfish service, and dependability.

If elected, Sheila will be responsible for most of the state correspondence and will serve as a presiding officer for the next convention. Her main duty will consist of representing the Georgia convention at various meetings over the state.

In support of Sheila, the Valdosta delegation is centering its campaign around the theme, "The Real McCoy."

Members will dress in backwoods apparel as they solicit votes during the campaigning on Friday.

As delegates to the annual convention, the group will participate in seminars, conferences, and general assemblies planned by the state committee. The climax of the four-day meeting will be the banquet held on Saturday night when the new officers will be announced and installed.

# Baze Starts Search For Cats' Best 22

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

"We're looking for 22 boys who want to play football."

That's the way coach Wright Bazemore summed up the Valdosta Wildcats' major objective during their month long spring grid

practice.

The 'Cats got their off-season football session underway this week with 56 candidates in the fold. Only five of them are returning regulars from a 1962 team which was ranked as the nation's

best prep eleven.

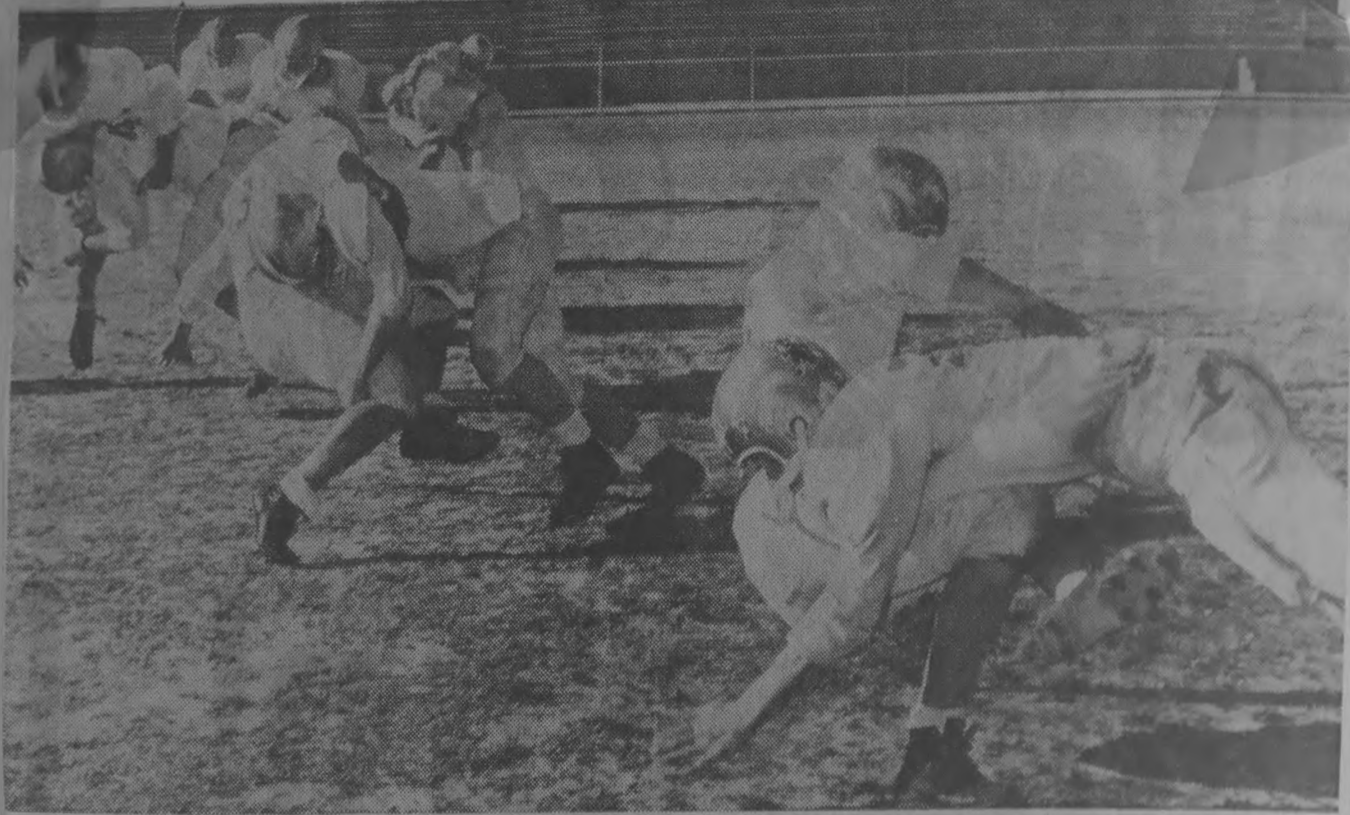
The 'Cats have used, with success, a two-team system for three seasons. With it they won 36 straight games and three state Class AAA Crowns in a row. Bazemore says VHS plans to again have an offensive unit and a defensive unit in 1963. That's where the number 22 figures in the search for front-line players.

"You can count our returning regulars on the fingers of one hand," Bazemore said. "Almost half of the players on our squad haven't even had junior varsity experience. I said the other day this was our 'greenest' squad since 1959. I'd like to amend that. This is our 'greenest' squad since I've been coaching here, and that goes back to 1940.

"I'll say this, every boy who wants to play football has a chance to earn a berth for himself on one of our units. No boy can say he won't be given a chance. Every position is wide open.

"We're going to shuffle, juggle, trade, swap or what ever else you want to call it. We're looking for the best 22 players among those out for the team. A lot of different boys are going to be tried at a lot of different positions before spring practice ends. It's going to be a tough grind."

Bazemore said the 'Cats will end their first week of practice with "some type intra-squad game" on Friday. They'll close the full session with their traditional game with the "Has-Beens."



—Times Staff Photo

Wildcats Make 'Leather Pop' As They Go Through Tackling Drills

## BAZE SENDS WILDCATS THROUGH TOUGH DRILL

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's football Wildcats are going to have a new look in the fall, but they are following a familiar course right now in spring practice.

Coach Wright Bazemore, a man who contends that hard work is the secret to football success, already has his youthful 'Cats "knocking head."

He sent them through a long scrimmage Wednesday, which was only the third day of their month-long spring session.

"There are no short cuts in football," Bazemore said. "We have no time to waste this spring."

Bazemore released a roster of players taking part in the off-season practice. It points up the major "rebuilding" job he and his aids face.

There are a total of 62 candidates and 34 of them, more than half, will be sophomores in 1963. He has just seven returning regulars in the fold and one is sidelined with a knee injury and another is out with the flu right now. A total of 39 players, again more than half, are joining the varsity squad for the first time.

Before spring drills opened Bazemore forecast a lot of players would be tried at a lot of different positions. In one early move he's giving Hank Lee, a 160-pound rising senior, a try at fullback. Last fall Lee's offensive position was quarterback. He was a defensive regular, holding down a linebackers post.

"I recommend the boys don't miss a single practice," Bazemore said. "We're going to do a lot of moving and a boy better be here every day if he wants to make sure which position he's playing."

Candidates, their weights and the class they will be in next fall are as follows:

Ends — Bruce Buie (145, sr.), Robert Goff (145, jr.), Mike Garwood (140, soph.), Charles Holtzclaw (135, soph.), Mike Ireland (160, sr.), Daniel Douglas (125, jr.), Emerson Bell (125, soph.),

Ronnie Daniel (125, jr.), James Giddens (160, soph.).

Tackles — Foy Norwood (210, sr.), Jay Perryman (185, sr.), Alfred Spencer (165, jr.), Kendall Varndoe (175, soph.), Ronnie Cannon (185, soph.), Mark Hollis (155, jr.), Johnny Gunter (155, jr.), Ricky Rogers (155, soph.), Jerry Coleman (180, jr.), Wayne Young (135, soph.), Carl Walden (125, soph.), Allen Davis (145, soph.).

Guards — Bill Henry (170, jr.), Jack Martin (160, jr.), Alex Courtart (150, jr.), Joe Crane (140, jr.), Bobby Moore (165, soph.), Jimmy Miller (140, soph.), Wayne New (135, soph.), Ken Clifton (140, soph.), Bill Welch (150, soph.), Butch Pipkin (115, soph.), Richard Jones (135, soph.), Jimmy Ross (135, soph.), Jay Hinkson (135, soph.), Jimmy Anderson (135, soph.).

Centers — Tommy Dove (155, jr.), Billy Joseph (155, jr.), Clay Freeman (170, soph.), Stuart Mullis (185, jr.).

Quarterbacks — Hank Lee (160, sr.), Terry Godwin (145, jr.), Glenn Davis (120, soph.), Larry Colson (110, soph.), Robert Strom (150, soph.).

Halfbacks — Clyo Blanton (160, sr.), Ronnie Stevens (150, jr.), Gene Seago (135, soph.), Bill Paramore (145, soph.), Gary Beck (174, sr.), James Buckner (125,

jr.), Billy Bray (150, jr.), Kenny Brannen (130, soph.), Jimmy Clyatt (145, soph.), Charles Leonard (135, jr.), Raymond Smith (135, jr.), Larry Spell (135, soph.), Jack Morgan (135, jr.).

Fullbacks — Albert McLeod (165, jr.), Jimmy Neal (150, soph.), Bobby King (135, soph.), Jimmy Ricks (160, soph.).

## Two 'Cats On 1-AAA Star Squad

BY ELWOOD MOYER

COLUMBUS — Two Valdostans were included on a 33-man, All-Region 1-AAA basketball squad picked by sportswriters and broadcasters around the league.

The Wildcats' Rick Thomas was picked on the All-Region second team and Jim Carter was selected for honorable mention.

Named to the first team were Randy Mahaffey of LaGrange, Richard Hodges of Columbus, Clarence Channell and Mike Davis of Warner Robins and Don Biggs of Lanier.

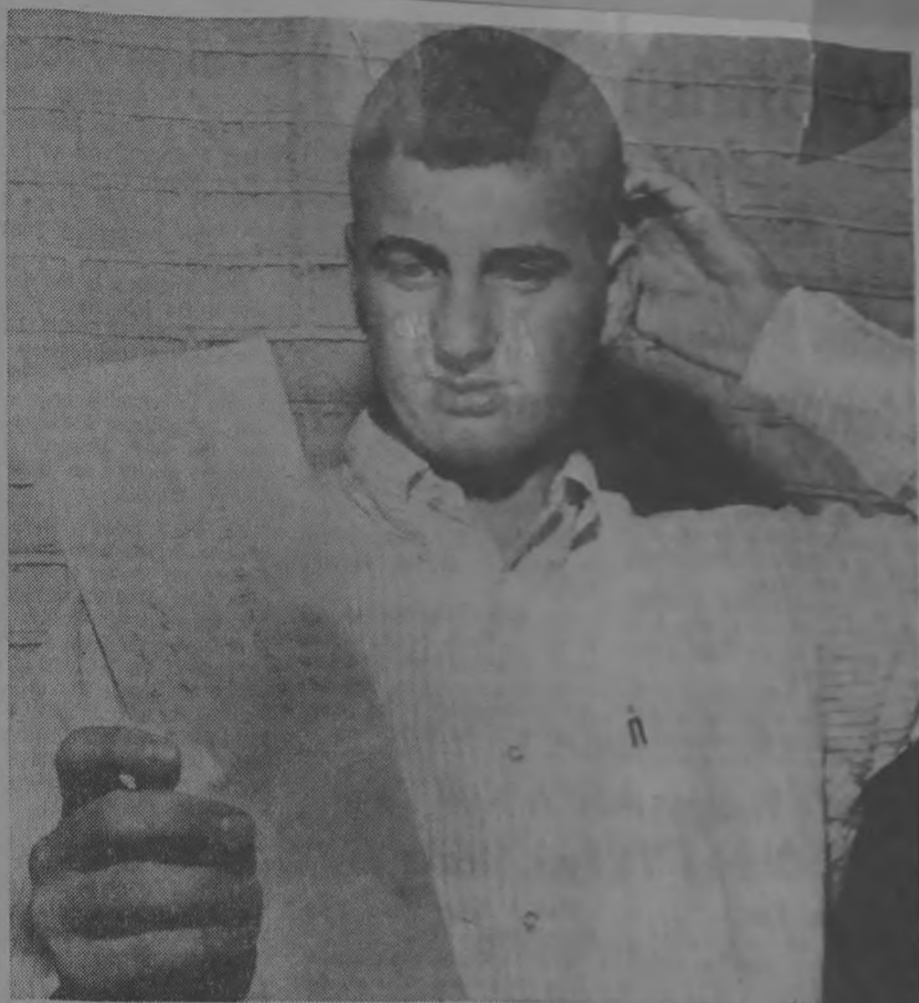
On the second team with Thomas were Barry Mitchell of Columbus, Wayne Gilliam and Richie Mahaffey of LaGrange and James Benson of Albany.

Seven players were picked for the third team. They are Ken Bonifay of Lanier, Bill Denny of Baker, Bobby Bryant of Willingham, Larry Goodman of Jordan, John Chestnut of Albany and Jimmy Foster of LaGrange.

Selected for honorable mention along with Carter were Jack Romeo, Pinky Hatcher, Jim Hunes and Richard Reed of Columbus, John Knight of Warner Robins, Ed Cannon, Tod Holman and Gene Webb of Albany, George Miller and Phil Cofer of Baker, Brad Bradberry of Moultrie, Ralph Pulliam of Willingham, Al Gerhardt of Lanier, Ben Garnto of Jordan and Hawley Smith of LaGrange.



Wilbur Johnson and Lucille Dawson Out On Date



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Wilbur Poses With Failing Paper Which He Says Can Result From School-Night Dates

# You Pay For Extra Dates With Grades

**EDITORS NOTE:** This is another in a series on information compiled from polls taken at Valdosta High, Hahira High, and Lowndes County High schools by the Valdosta Daily Times.

By **MARY DICKEY RAWLS**

Taking his test paper gingerly in his hand the youth cautiously peeked inside.

Breathing a sigh of relief, he opened it when he saw the grade was passing. He had been out on a date the night before the quiz and as a result was uncertain about the

material.

"Boy, I didn't know whether I would pass it or not," he said to nobody in particular as he stuffed the paper in his locker.

He was lucky. Most students who date during the week fall down in their studies.

In a poll conducted at the three local high schools, the students agreed that dating other than on weekend tended to pull down grades.

The Times asked should seniors be allowed to date and the reply by more than 1,600 students was 80 per cent against with 10 per cent for.

The remaining 10 per cent approved school-night dating on special occasions.

Valdosta High School cheerleader Lucille Dawson said she wasn't allowed to date on school nights.

"And even if I could I wouldn't," she added.

The attractive senior said she didn't think seniors should date except on weekends.

Wilbur Johnson of VHS was of the same opinion.

"Grades are effected by all that dating," he said.

Wilbur, who is also a senior, said he had never dated except on the weekends.

"I'm going to college and I need to keep my grades up and dating won't let me do that," he said.

A student gets involved with dating and lets studies slide, he said, and it's a habit a high school student doesn't need to get into.

Other students who thought it was all right for seniors to date said as long as they could maintain decent grades parents shouldn't mind.

## NOTHING DEFINITE

# VHS Football Chief Looking For Answers

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Anyone who asks coach Wright Bazemore questions about his Valdosta football Wildcats these days shouldn't really expect a definite answer.

The youthful 'Cats have finished the first week of their month-long spring practice session and Bazemore says he's still "very much in the dark."

"I'm not sure who's going to be playing where or even what kind

of offensive system we might try next season," Bazemore said. "We're going to keep moving players around until we find 22 who want to play football. Then we'll decide on the type offense and defense that might go best with the personnel available."

Bazemore, although in a grim mood most of the time, hasn't lost all of his sense of humor yet.

"We might try a Green Bay-style running attack next year," he said, with tongue in cheek, "if we had a fullback like Jim Taylor."

Green Bay, the 1962 National Football League champ, often sent All-Pro fullback Taylor up the middle where Green Bay's offensive line was the strongest.

The 'Cats have just four returning linemen with front line experience. They are Foy Norwood, Bill Henry, Jack Martin and Bobby Moore. Norwood can play either center or tackle. The other three are guards. That gives the 'Cats a limited amount of experience at the interior portion of their line.

But with 1962 stickouts Walter Zant and Sirois Barker departing, no experienced fullback is available for duty.

Hank Lee, a quarterback last fall, is being tried at the deep spot in the backfield. At 165 pounds Lee, a rising senior, is one of the heaviest backs on the squad.

Other fullback candidates include Albert McLeod (165, junior), Jimmy Neal (150, soph.), Bobby King (135, soph.) and Jimmy Ricks (160, soph.).

McLeod was on the varsity squad last year, but sat out most of the campaign because of injuries. Regarded as a back with potential, McLeod is also being tried at halfback.

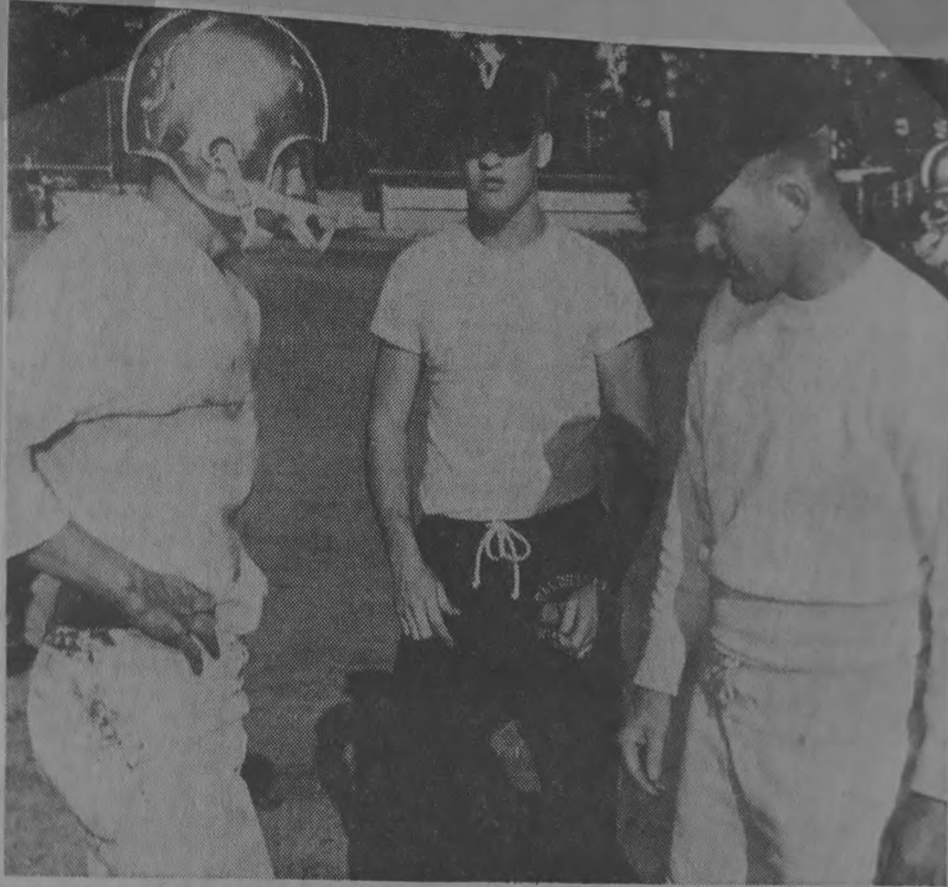
And it just might be that some players now assigned to other positions will be given a test at fullback.

"We're going to keep shuffling our deck and hope we can come up with a winning hand," Bazemore said.



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All That's Left: Bazemore Talks to Few Returning Regulars Henry, Martin, Lee Norwood, Moore.



Coaches J. B. Roland (R), Charlie Greene (C) Discuss Play With Glenn Davis -AP Wirephoto

## TWO SOPHOMORES HEAD 'CATS' QB CANDIDATES

By **SAMMY GLASSMAN**  
Times Sports Editor

Present indications are that a pair of sophomores will draw the assignment of trying to uphold the Valdosta football Wildcats' outstanding quarterback tradition next fall.

The 'Cats are in the second week of their month-long spring practice and right now Glenn Davis and Robert Strom, both rising sophomores, top the list of offensive QB candidates.

Davis stands just 5-7 and tips the scales at 130 pound. He played on the junior varsity last season. Strom is a 150 pounder who was a varsity squadman in '62, but saw no front line action on offense.

Davis and Strom are players with potential," VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore said, "but they are very young and they lack experience. They simply aren't Bruce Bennett and Rick Thomas and the fans shouldn't expect them to be."

Bennett and Thomas, the quarterbacks mentioned by Bazemore, are regarded as two of the 'Cats' all-time great signal callers.

In 1961 Bennett gained 983 yards

rushing and hit on 54 of 105 passes for 1,099 yards. He scored 138 points. Last season Thomas stepped in and gained 738 yards rushing and connected on 80 of 138 passes for 1,229 yards. He scored 118 points. Bennett set a new Region 1-AAA total offense mark and then Thomas broke it.

Both harvested a bushel basket full of all-star honors and both landed college scholarships. Bennett is a rising sophomore at Florida. Thomas will go to Georgia Tech next September.

"We were fortunate to have two great quarterbacks in a row," Bazemore said. "The string, however, can't be expected to go on forever. Davis and Strom have a lot to learn. Both are hard workers who give it all they have. But until they have a chance to get some experience, well, they are going to be playing under a hand-

cap."

Other quarterback candidates include Terry Godwin, a 145-pound rising junior, and Larry Colson, a 110-pound rising sophomore.

Godwin was a defensive regular last fall and is being counted on for extensive duty with the "stop'em" crew again next season. He was linebacker in '62, but is being tried at safety this spring.

Hank Lee, a 165-pound rising senior, was a member of the QB corps last fall. He was a defensive regular, but saw little offensive duty. He's working at fullback and halfback this spring and it now appears he will stick at half.

But as Bazemore has said often since the off-season drill session began, he's going to keep moving players around until he finds the best combination.

## Even Baze Can't Answer Questions About 'Cats

Football fans here and throughout the state are wondering what Valdosta's football Wildcats will have to offer next fall.

From a team which was rated first on one national poll in '62, coach Wright Bazemore and his assistants have just six returning regulars around which to build for next season.

The 'Cats are now in their third week of spring practice and if coach Bazemore has any definite ideas about the strength of his team he's not ready to disclose them just yet. All the evidence points to the fact that the '63 team is going to be a question mark outfit.



**SAMMY GLASSMAN**

sometimes a mistake can keep you from scoring or allow the opposing team to score.

"Here's something else you can expect from a young team. Some nights they will do okay. Other nights they will have their troubles. And everyone knows if you have a bad night against a strong team you get your hide nailed to the goal post.

"I would say our defense is a little ahead of our offense. Frankly, we have a great deal of room for improvement in all departments of play.

### Players On The Move

"A lot is going to depend on how quickly our young players improve. We're still moving players to new positions as we look for 22 boys who can show us they really want to play.

"I've always followed this rule when I start evaluating players. If a boy shows he has the right kind of determination and really wants to play then there's a place for him on the team regardless of his size, age and previous experience."

The returning regulars in the VHS fold are Foy Norwood, Hank Lee, Bill Henry, Bobby Moore, Jack Martin and Terry Godwin. Bazemore says all in this group are doing well so far.

To better understand the "juggling" which is going on, take the case of Norwood and Lee. Norwood has seen duty at center, tackle and guard on offense and played at tackle on defense so far this spring. This week the veteran linemen is being tried at offensive end and Bazemore said Norwood might even work some at halfback and fullback. Lee started spring drills at quarterback, was moved to halfback, and is now back at the signal calling post.

"Hank and Foy are our two most experienced players," the VHS grid boss said. "We want to find the place where they can help us the most."

### Has Kind Word For Some

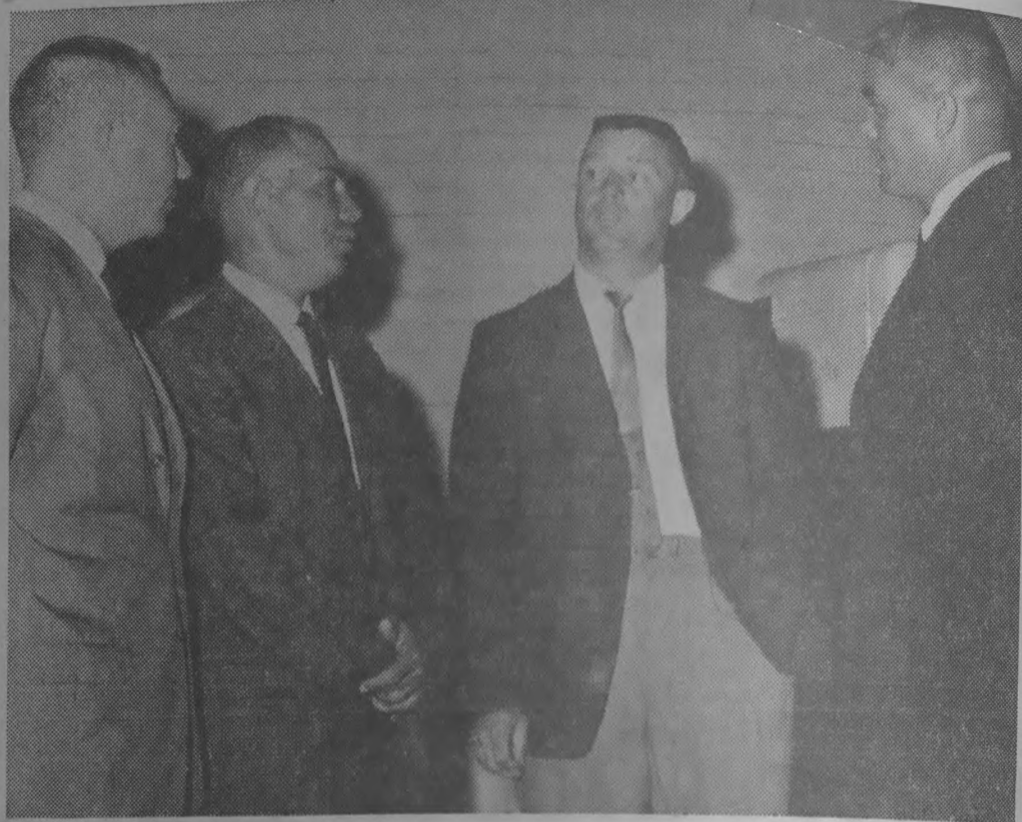
Bazemore listed eight of the 'Cats' less experienced players as those he thinks "deserve a kind word or two, but still have a whole lot to learn."

In the group are ends James Giddens (160, soph.), Johnny Gunter (155, jr.), and Jimmy Neal (150, soph.), quarterbacks Glenn Davis (130, soph.) and Robert Strom (150, soph.), halfback Bill Parramore (145, soph.), fullback Albert McLeod (165, jr.) and guard Ken Clifton (140, soph.).

Gunter, Clifton, Neal and Parramore have seen the most duty this spring on defense. Giddens, Davis, Strom and McLeod have seen most of their action on offense.

"I'm looking for all of our younger boys to be a few pounds heavier by next fall than they are now," Bazemore said. "There is one thing which really worries me and that's a lack of speed in the backfield. You can get by with small backs if they have good speed. But our backs are both small and relatively slow. A boy can improve his running speed, but there is a limit. Exceptional speed is something a boy either has or doesn't have."

So, what is the outlook for the Wildcats in 1963? As you can tell Bazemore isn't sure. And if he can't answer the question no one else can.



Talk Football: Landrum, Bazemore, Crook, Cone

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## SPRING GAME RIVALS SWAP VERBAL BARBS

By **SAMMY GLASSMAN**  
Times Sports Editor

Rival coaches for Friday's spring football game between the Valdosta Wildcats and "Has-Beens" swapped verbal barbs at a meeting here Tuesday night.

The occasion was the Valdosta Touchdown Club's annual "kick-off" supper. Approximately 350 Touchdowners and guests were on hand as the TD Club opened its new "season" and launched its 1963 membership drive.

They heard VHS grid boss Wright Bazemore and Bill Crook, who will coach the "Has-Beens," swap good natured kidding and some serious remarks about a game which will mark the end of the 'Cats spring practice.

The "Has-Beens" squad is well stocked with players who were stickouts on VHS' powerful and unbeaten 1962 team. The veterans haven't won the game since 1959, but are favored this time out.

"The 'Has-Beens' are going to have to do more than just show up for the game," Crook said. "They had better come out there Friday night prepared for a tough battle."

Bazemore and his assistants are working with a squad which is one of the "greenest" in Valdosta's football history.

"We've got lots of problems," Bazemore said. "But all the

coaches and the boys have worked hard. We've made progress, but we still have a long, long way to go.

"Our team has potential, but it now looks as if it is a season or more away. But young boys can come through quicker than expected. We'll just have to wait and see."

Looking ahead to the '63 season, Bazemore had this prediction: "These boys are going to make you proud of them at times, but they are also going to make mistakes. They will need your help and support all the way."

Guest speaker was Spec Landrum, an assistant football coach at Georgia Tech.

"It is an inspiration for us college coaches to see Valdosta play," Landrum said. "Valdosta plays football as it should be played. I want to offer my con-

gratulations to your coaches and your players."

Bill Gibbons, a state representative from Lowndes County, presented Bazemore with a copy of a resolution passed by the Georgia General Assembly.

The VHS mentor got a standing ovation as he went forward to accept the resolution which commended him, the Wildcats and Valdosta High.

In addition to Landrum, the college coaching rank was represented at the meeting by Fred Cone of Clemson.

TD Club president John Holcomb urged all Touchdowners to attend the spring game Friday. The duel between the 'Cats and "Has-Beens" is slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field. It will be co-sponsored by the Touchdown Club and the V Club, an organization of VHS athletic letter winners.

# Cats Start Search For Kicking Talent

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Coach Wright Bazemore has four players working hard these days hoping their combined talent will at least partially offset the loss of one of the Valdosta Wildcats' brightest 1962 stars.

The four players are guard Bobby Moore, halfback Robert Strom, fullback Albert McLeod and quarterback Robert Strom.

They are being groomed during the current spring practice session to take over the punting and extra point kicking duties handled by prep All-America halfback Giles Smith.

In 1960 Smith set a new state class AAA record for extra points. Averaging close to 40 yards a boot, he was Region I-AAA's leading punter for two years in a row. But Smith won't be returning next fall and his powerful and accurate toe will be missed.

"Smith did so many things well not too many people realized his value to the team as a kicker," Bazemore said. "He won some games with the extra point kicks.

He helped win many games with his punts.

"If Smith had done nothing but kick, he would still have been one of the most valuable members of our team. But he's gone and we've got to try to find someone else to do the job next season. Right now our kicking game doesn't look too good. Like the other phases of football, a kicker gets better with experience. We don't have an experienced punter or PAT man."

Moore, according to Bazemore, has shown the most talent so far as a placement kicker.

"Bobby has the power, but lacks consistency," Bazemore said. "He's going to have to work very hard."

McLeod, Strom and Parramore are currently the leaders in a race to see who will do most of the punting next fall.

"McLeod has good power as a punter, but he also lacks consistency. He'll get off one good, long punt, then he may follow it with a short one. Strom and Parramore are more consistent, but they lack McLeod's power. All have a long, long way to go."

With All-America guard Bill

Myddleton departing the scene the 'Cats must also turn up someone else to kickoff. Myddleton did this job in excellent fashion for three seasons.

McLeod and tackle Foy Norwood are currently the leading candidates for the kickoff assignment.

Like almost everything else concerning the "rebuilding" Wildcats, Bazemore might change his mind several times about who will be called on to handle the various kicking duties.

"A good kicking game is important for football success," Bazemore said. "Like our young team in general, our kicking game at present is a question mark."



## Scholarship for Joy

A trip to New York and a \$500 scholarship from the Reader's Digest Foundation. That's what Miss Joy Ratigan of Valdosta, center, got this week. The Valdosta High School senior was presented with the scholarship in New York on Tuesday by Mrs. John J. McCloy, left, chairman of the board of Girls Clubs of

America. At right is Mrs. Fred D. Thompson of the Readers Digest Foundation. The scholarship was presented to Miss Ratigan for a winning essay on Girls Club work. She is employed on a part-time basis at the Valdosta Girls Club.

—Photo Special to Times

# 'Cats Get Ready For 'Has-Beens'

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Asked for a football progress report on his Valdosta Wildcats, coach Wright Bazemore's answer was, "We're still teaching fundamentals."

The youthful 'Cats finished the third week of their month-long spring practice Friday and Bazemore says "progress is as we expected — very slow."

"The boys have, for the most part, worked hard," the VHS grid boss said. "But after three weeks we are still having to teach fundamentals. That's just how inexperienced most of our boys are."

Next Friday the 'Cats will close their off-season session in a game with the "Has-Beens." This is a traditional spring contest. The "Has-Beens", who will be coached by Bill Crook, haven't beaten the 'Cats since the spring of 1959, but the veterans are heavily favored this time out.

Crook's "Has-Beens" squad will be well stocked with players who were standout members of VHS' 1962 team, an outfit rated first on one national prep poll.

The Valdosta Touchdown Club has scheduled its annual "Has-Beens" supper for Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. here at the National Guard Armory. Bazemore and Georgia Tech assistant coach Spec Landrum will be the speakers.

Members of the Wildcat and "Has-Beens" squad will be guests at the supper which marks the opening of the TD Club's new "season" and launches its 1963 membership drive.

Club dues are \$10 a year. Present members may pay their '63 dues and new members will be welcomed at the Tuesday night affair which will feature a chicken supper.

Meanwhile, Bazemore continues to shuffle his player deck as he and his aides keep looking for their "best combination."

Two experienced hands, Hank Lee and Foy Norwood, made position changes this week. Lee started spring drills at fullback, was moved to halfback and then back to quarterback.

Bazemore says present plans now call for Lee to run at either halfback or fullback, while Glenn

Davis and Robert Strom, a pair of rising sophomores, are groomed for the signal calling post.

Norwood, who has played tackle, guard and center in past seasons, was tried at both offensive end and fullback this week. Where the 210-pound rising senior will windup playing next fall still hasn't been determined.

Bazemore had a verbal pat on the back for several players for their showing in practice this week. They included tackles Bill Henry, Mark Hollis and Ricky Rogers, guards Jack Martin and Ken Clifton, quarterbacks Davis and Strom and halfbacks Albert

McLeod, Terry Godwin and Bill Parramore.

"Some of our boys are showing improvement, but I'm afraid they aren't going to be ready for a team like the one we will face in the 'Has-Beens' game," Bazemore said. "During that game the fans shouldn't be surprised if we move players from position to position and try many on both offense and defense."

"On Monday we are going to start looking for the players who will start next Friday night. The boys will determine who gets the starting assignment by the way they perform in practice during the week."

# Team Baze 'Built' Back To Haunt Him

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Valdosta High football coach Wright Bazemore is plenty worried these days as he tries to figure out ways to at least slow down a powerful football machine he helped build.

Bazemore's Wildcats will close out a month of spring practice on Friday night when they play their annual game with the "Has-Beens."

The "Has-Beens," who will be coached by Bill Crook, are seniors at VHS who have used up their football eligibility. On Friday night they will play their final prep grid contest.

Last victory for the "Has-Beens" in the spring game series came in 1959 by a 24-13 score. For this year's game the veterans are being rated as a two to three touchdown favorite.

Crook released the "Has-Beens" roster today and it is well stocked with players who had major roles in a 36-game VHS victory string which included three state Class AAA crowns. On the 20-man squad are 17 players who were regulars on a VHS team which was ranked first on one national poll in 1962.

The "Has-Beens" roster follows:

Ends Danny Hendley (185), Wally Colson (218), Bill Holtzclaw (165), Dick Bender (175) and Frank Haddock (175); tackles Charles Oliver (185) and Henry Harnage; (221), Bill Myddleton (210), Christy Patterson (165), Bill Holt (180) and William (Bo) Hall (175), center Jimmy Robinson



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## RICK THOMAS 'Has-Been' QB

(210); quarterback Rick Thomas (170); halfbacks Stan Reaves (170), David Luke (150) and Wayne Pearson (170); fullbacks Walter Zant (150), Sirois Barker (195) and Neil Bell (175).

Three more players eligible to see action for the "Has-Beens" will be forced to miss the game. They are halfback Giles Smith and tackles Billy Schroer and Randy Hunter. Smith and Schroer recently underwent operations. Hunter has just had the cast removed from a broken foot.

"Even with Smith, Schroer and Hunter out this is going to be one of the strongest 'Has-Beens' squads ever assembled" Bazemore said. "Our current squad is young and inexperienced and it's going to be in for a rough time."

"For three years 36 different football foes tried to beat these boys (the 'Has-Beens') and couldn't. We (the Wildcats) may not make a first down and with Thomas at quarterback you can bet they (the 'Has-Beens') are going to move that football."

Last season Thomas gained 737

yards rushing and hit on 80 of 138 passes for 1,229 yards as he shattered the Region 1-AAA total offense record. One of his favorite passing targets was Smith. While Smith won't be in action Friday night, such other talented pass receivers as Reaves, Bender, Holtzclaw, Hendley and Colson will.

The "Has-Beens" line will average close to 200 pounds per man and will be anchored by Myddleton, a prep All-America selectee last fall.

The game will be co-sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club and the V Club, an organization composed of VHS athletic letter winners.

Touchdowners will launch their new "season" and kickoff their 1963 membership drive with a chicken supper slated for 7:30 p. m. today at the National Guard Armory.

Georgia Tech assistant coach Spec Landrum will be guest speaker at the supper-meeting and Bazemore and Crook will be on hand to give their views of the coming game.

## VHS Girls Beat Tennis Foe From Jax

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's tennis Kittens notched a 9-3 victory over a team representing the San Jose Country Club of Jacksonville here Saturday.

The Kittens, coached by Mrs. Herman Johnson, will swing back into action Tuesday when they go against Region 1-AAA foe Moultrie here at the VHS courts.

The team the Kittens beat Saturday had players from three different Jacksonville high schools. Results of that match are as follows:

Singles — Nancy Simon (V) beat Pat Cole (SJ), 6-1, 6-0; Maxine Wilson (V) beat Reba Bray (SJ), 6-0, 8-6; Joy Smith (V) beat Tommy Broach (SJ), 6-0, 11-9; Linda McLaurin (V) beat Pat Malone (SJ), 6-1, 6-2; Judy Lawson (V) beat Julla Cann (SJ), 9-7, 6-1; Toni MIMascio (V) beat Jannett Nordisick (SJ), 8-1; Nordisick beat Elaine Clements (V), 8-6. Doubles — Wilson - Simon (V) beat Bray-Broach (SJ), 6-1, 6-1; McLaurin-Smith (V) beat Cole-Malone (SJ), 6-2, 6-3; Linda Blase-Susan LaMontagne (V) beat Cann-Broach (SJ), 7-3; Bray-Broach (SJ) beat Mary Pale-Claudette Pearce (V), 8-1; Cole-Malone (SJ) beat Cecelia and Cornelia Carswell (V), 8-5.

# Youthful Wildcats Face Serious Test

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Much like an average fan, coach Wright Bazemore is anxious to see how his youthful Valdosta football Wildcats are going to react when they get their first serious test on Friday night.

The test will come in the form of a game with the "Has-Beens." The contest, which marks the close of four weeks of spring football practice, is slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

The 20-man "Has-Beens" squad will be coached by Bill Crook. It will include 17 regulars from a 1962 VHS team which is classified by many as one of the best ever in Georgia.

In the Wildcat fold will be just six returning regulars from '62. The other posts on the starting offensive and defensive units will be manned by players Bazemore classifies as "young and untested."



—Times Staff Photo  
**HANK LEE**

**Wildcat Halfback**

The "Has-Beens" haven't won the spring game since 1959, but are being rated a two to three touchdown favorite this year.

"Fans keep asking how things have gone with our team this spring," Bazemore said. "We'll all have a chance to find out Friday night."

"On the other hand I'm not sure we'll know too much after the game. The team we will play is so strong, our young boys may not really have a chance to show what they can or can't do. As I said, we'll have to wait and see."

Bazemore announced the Wildcats' probable starters and as a footnote said there may be some changes before the game and there are sure to be a lot of changes during the contest.

The probable starters with current weights and the grades the players will be in at the start of the 1963 season next September are as follows:

Offense—ends Robert Goff (145, jr.) and Jimmy Neal (150, soph.), tackles Alfred Spencer (165, jr.) and Bill Henry (170, soph.), guards Bill Welch (150, soph.) and Jack Martin (160, jr.), center Stuart Mullis (185, jr.), quarterback Glenn Davis (130, soph.)

halfbacks Hank Lee (165, sr.) and Terry Godwin (145, jr.), fullback Albert McLeod (165, jr.).

Defense — ends Tommy Dove (155, jr.) and Bruce Buie (145, sr.), tackles Foy Norwood (210, sr.) and Ronnie Cannon (185, soph.), middle guard Kendell Varnadoe (175, soph.) or Larry Wainwright (215, soph.), outside linebackers Godwin and Billy Bray (150, jr.), inside linebackers Bobby Moore (165, soph.) and Ken Clifton (140, soph.), safeties Lee and Robert Strom (150, soph.).

Only Martin, Moore, Henry, Norwood, Lee and Godwin were regulars last fall and most in this group have been moved to new positions since the start of spring drills.

The game will be co-sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club and the V Club, an organization of Valdosta High athletic letter winners. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Two 'Cats are sure to miss the game because of injuries. End Mike Garwood is sidelined with a broken collar bone and guard Jimmy Ross is out with a cracked bone just above his right knee.

The injury jinx hit the "Has-Beens" camp Wednesday. End Dick Bender suffered a hand injury which may or may not force him to miss the game. Bender is an excellent pass receiver and figures big in the veterans' offensive plans for the tilt.



**TERRY GODWIN**  
'Cats Halfback



**BILL MYDDLETON**  
Veteran Lineman

# 'Cats, Veterans Ready For Duel

## 'Has-Beens' Given Nod In Spring Grid Contest

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A football game here tonight is expected to give at least a partial answer to a question grid fans throughout the state have been asking.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Wildcats have ruled Georgia's Class AAA football roost for three years. He must "rebuild" for the 1963 season and many across the state want to know what the next VHS gridiron edition is going to be like.

The Wildcats, called by Bazemore the "greenest" squad he's had in his long coaching career, will meet the "Has-Beens" in a game slated for 8 p. m. at Cleveland Field.

With the contest, the 'Cats will end four weeks of spring practice.

The 20-player "Has-Beens" squad, which will be coached by Bill Crook, is well stocked stars of the 1962 season during which Valdosta swept in its third straight state Class AAA crown and earned the ranking by many as Georgia's all-time great prep eleven.

Last victory for the veterans in the spring game came by a 24-13 score in 1959. They are favored to end a three-year victory drought tonight by a two to three touchdown margin. But fans long ago found it's never wise to count out a Bazemore-coached team before the opening bell.

Actually victory or defeat isn't the most important issue at stake for the 'Cats tonight. The duel with the "Has-Beens" will be a test of what they've learned this spring and is expected to give an indication of what needs to be done for improvement at the start of fall drills.

Fans hope the game will give a hint of what to expect from the 'Cats next fall. Bazemore fears his young charges might get "overtested."

"This 'Has-Been' squad is so strong we will probably get overtended," Bazemore said. "We do hope, however, that our boys get

a chance to show a little of what they can do. We're going to do a lot of lineup juggling during the game. We're planning to play a lot of different boys. How things will go for us is anybody's guess."

Expected to see action for the "Has-Beens" are Danny Hendley, Wally Colson, Bill Holtzclaw, Dick Bender, Frank Haddock, Charles Oliver, Henry Harnage, Bill Myddleton, Christy Patterson, Bill Holt, William (Bo) Hall, Jimmy Robinson, Rick Thomas, Stan Reeves, David Luke, Wayne Pearson, Walter Zant, Sirois Barker and Neil Bell. Seventeen in this group were regulars in '62.

Giles Smith, Billy Schroer and Randy Hunter are three other '62 stickouts who are eligible to play in the game, but will miss the contest because of injuries.

Bazemore has announced the 'Cats probable starters as follows:

Offense — ends — Robert Goff and Jimmy Neal, tackles Alfred Spencer and Bill Henry, guard Bill Welch and Jack Martin, center Stuart Mullis, Quarterback Glenn Davis, halfbacks Hank Lee and Terry Godwin, fullback Al

bert McLeod.

Defense — ends Tommy Dove and Bruce Buie, tackles Foy Norwood and Ronnie Cannon, middle guard Kendell Varnadoe, linebackers Godwin, Billy Bray, Bobby Moore and Ken Clifton, safetymen Lee and Robert Strom.

Only Martin, Moore, Henry, Norwood, Lee and Godwin were regulars last fall.

The game is being co-sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club and the V-Club, an organization of VHS athletic letter winners.

# 'Has-Beens' Rap Wildcats, 33-0

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's young Wildcats absorbed a 33-0 football licking at the hands of the "Has-Beens" and heard their coach Wright Bazemore proclaim "I told you so" here Friday night.

The game marked the close of spring drills for a VHS squad which is one of Bazemore's youngest and least experienced groups. Approximately 3,000 fans saw the "Has-Beens" give the 'Cats an expert demonstration of the finer points of the game.

With the triumph the "Has-Beens", who were coached by Bill Crook, ended a three-year victory drought in the spring game in convincing fashion.

The veterans' passing combo of quarterback Rick Thomas and Stan Reaves clicked for a pair of 49-yard touchdown passes, fullback Walter Zant scored on romps of 53 and seven yards and center Jimmy Robinson moved to the backfield in the final seconds to score from five yards out.

Displaying the kind of defense which carried Valdosta to championship honors three years in a row, the "Has-Beens" stopped the 'Cats' offense cold.

The Wildcats made just three first downs, finished with minus

ended.

Score by quarters follows:  
"Has-Beens" 6 14 0 13—33  
Wildcats 0 0 0 0—0  
Scoring TD's — "Has-Beens" —

Reaves 2 (both 49 yard passes from Thomas), Zant (53 yd. 7 yd. runs), Robinson (5 yd. run). PAT's — Myddleton 3 (2 place-ments, 1 run).

#### STATISTICS

	'Cats	H-Beens
First Downs	3	10
Yards Rushing	-10	185
Yards Passing	28	146
Passes	3-14	6-9
Passes Intc. By	0	2
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Punting	7-35.7	5-31.2
Penalties	2-10	10-67

10 yards rushing and only 28 passing. They got within about six inches of the 50 yard line in the second period, but never moved the ball across the mid-field stripe.

"Maybe folks will start believing me now," Bazemore said after the game. "The fans and our boys now know for sure what a long, long way we have to go."

"The game went as I expected. We did pretty well on defense most of the way. We made several bad mistakes and it cost us touchdowns."

"I was encouraged by the fact that some of our boys showed a willingness to strike. We passed out some hard licks. I was disappointed that our offense didn't go any better than it did. We hit hard at times on defense, but didn't show the same fire on offense."

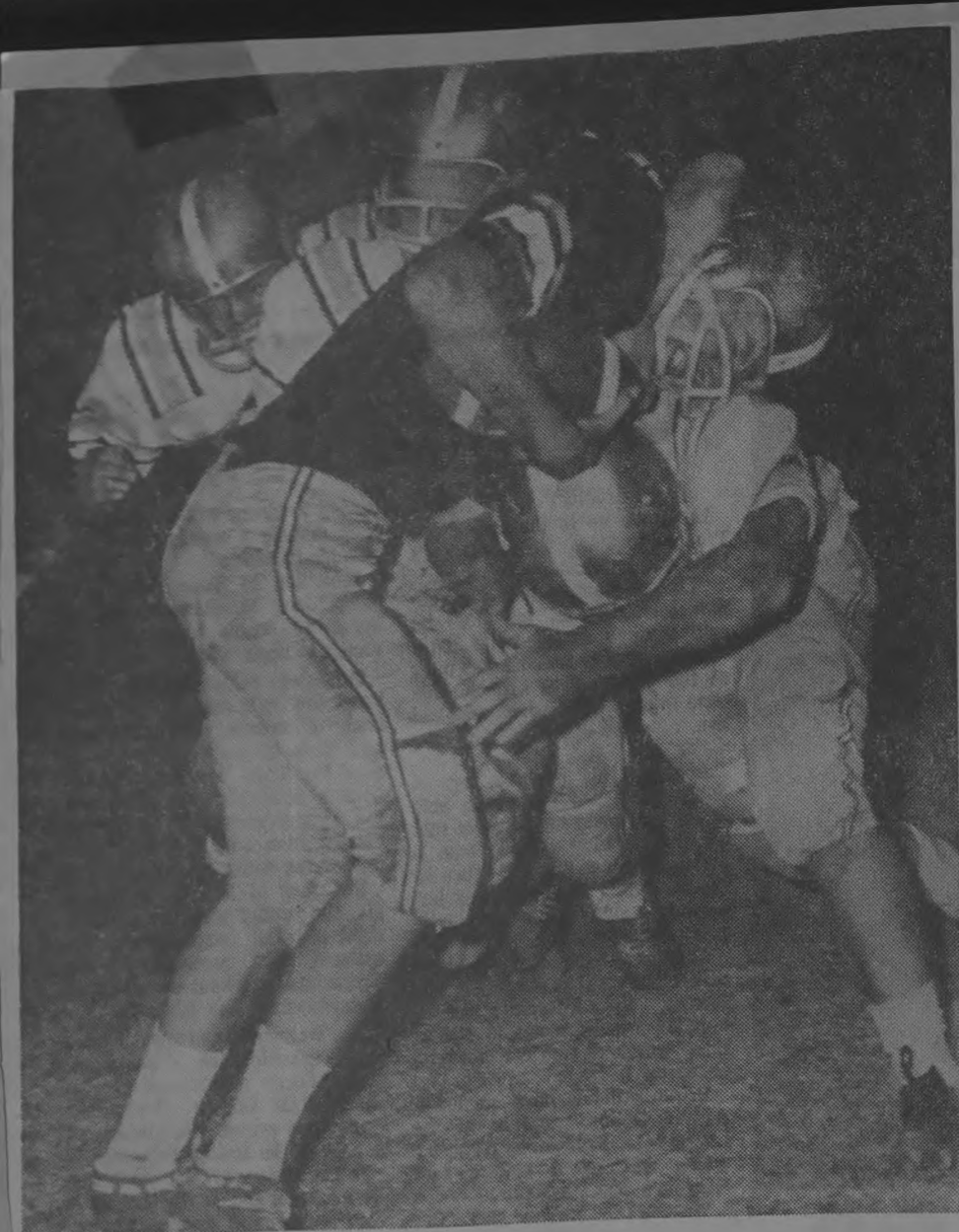
"As I've said all along, we have some boys with potential. These boys have good spirit and they showed me tonight they are coachable. But, we have such a long, long way to go."

Bazemore thought the Wildcats' six most experienced players "showed well at times." In this group are guards Bobby Moore and Jack Martin, tackles Bill Henry and Foy Norwood and halfbacks Hank Lee and Terry Godwin.

He also had a verbal pat on the back for end Bruce Buie and quarterback Robert Strom.

"Buie did one of the best jobs among our linemen," Bazemore said. "Strom showed well on defense. Our other young quarterback Glenn Davis proved he has a lot of grit for a little guy. There were some other boys who didn't do as well as we expected. But that's one reason for playing this game. We want to find out who really wants to play."

The "Has-Beens" Thomas hit on



Jar Of Impact Shows In Face of 'Cats' Hank Lee

—Times Staff Photo

## Youths Here Impressed By Potential Of UN

By MARY RAWLS

As long as we keep talking and making an effort then we can avert war.

But, the teen-ager said, the real hope for peace lies in the United Nations.

Pausing to catch her breath, Valdosta High School senior Beverly Gunter went on to say, she hoped people every where would realize the UN is not cut off from the world but is a part of it.

Beverly and classmate Diane Quattlebaum were among several Lowndes Countians who attended the two week UN seminar in New York City.

It was sponsored by the South Georgia Conference for Methodist Youth Fellowship Miss Betty Griffin, religious education director at the First Methodist Church in Valdosta; Valdosta State College student Jim Walker and Kay Dennis of Hahira High School took part in the seminar.

Beverly says the local group is ready to speak at any civic organizations.

The attractive president of the

VHS student council said they are anxious to tell other young people and adults what they have learned.

We hope that by our experiences at the UN seminar we can encourage people to become better American citizens.

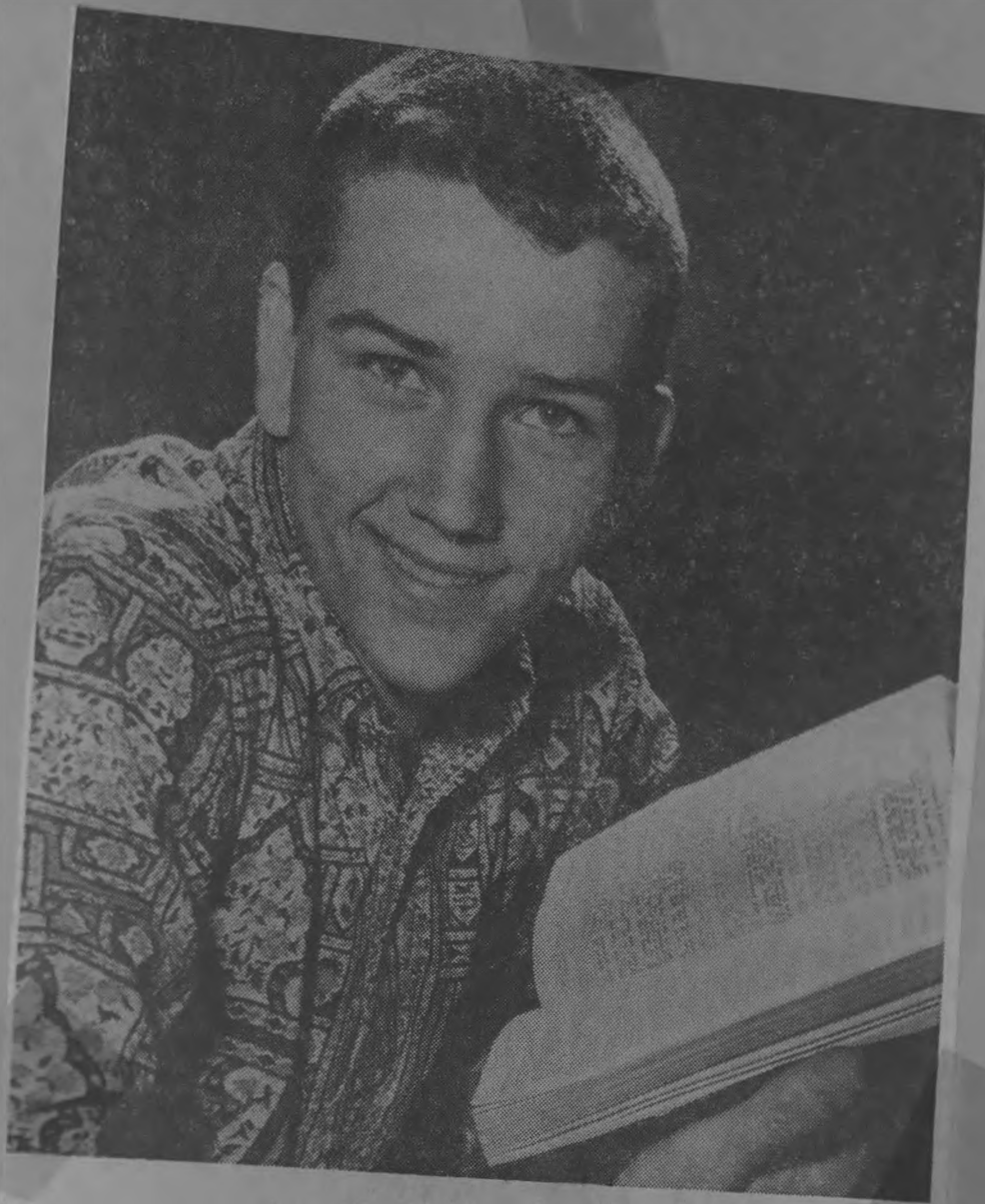
"We as young people want others to realize that the UN is a safeguard to the world and we are supporting the UN in any way possible," she said.

Beverly said they had talked Thursday night at the sub-district Methodist Conference at Remerton with 15 churches represented.

"Sunday night we will be talking to our own local MYF at the First Methodist," she said.

The four Valdostans said they were given tours of New York City, took in a couple of plays and went through Greenwich Village.

For Beverly's group, the first three days in New York were the hardest. They forgot to take their luggage off the train and had to wait several days before it was recovered.



Young Jordan: 'The Lord Said Children Will Lead Other People to God' —Times Staff Photo

## CALL TO PREACH

# 'God Did The Rest'

By TENNEY GRIFFIN

Fifteen-year-old Gregg Jordan says he "really doesn't know" how he was called to tell the word of God.

"I don't know what it was really. I started going back to church, it was something inside. All I had to do was take the first step and God did the rest," Gregg said.

The Valdosta High School sophomore has just been elected an associate pastor of his church, Gordon Street Baptist Church.

To this reporter's question of how did he get interested in becoming a preacher, he replied:

"It's not that you really get interested, the Lord called me to preach the Gospel. I can't tell you exactly how it happened or when it did; all I know is that it did."

Gregg said a good while back his church attendance began to slack off, that he in a way had lost interest.

His grandmother, Mrs. Fred Jordan Sr., talked with him about it and he started attending Sunday school and church services on a regular basis.

"I'd gone about three Sundays in a row. I became in-

terested in church and the more I went the more interested I became," he said.

Pretty soon, Gregg says, he felt the Lord had called him to preach the Gospel.

"I talked with my preacher (the Rev. James D. Young) about it. We were riding around in his car and he told me that before he'd become a preacher, he'd done a lot of other things. He told me how he'd become a preacher and that he was more content doing God's work.

"I feel the same way, I'm more content doing God's work," Gregg said.

The slightly built youngster, who had to give up football and baseball because of a bum knee which gives him a slight limp, has a quiet manner.

Although his attitude is a humble one, he is positive about what he wants to do in life.

Gregg says he spends most of his time now boning up on his school work. "I'm no honor roll student; I have to work with the books pretty hard."

When he finishes high school, he plans to enter Mercer University, a Baptist school at Macon, and after Mercer he wants to go to a Southern Baptist

seminary.

"What can I do as a teen-ager in my work," he asked; replying, "As a teen-ager, I think the greatest thing I can do is lead the right kind of life, a Christian life, to set a proper example for other teen-agers."

He continued, "The Lord said children will lead other people to God; he said you have to be like little children to enter the Kingdom of God. I think we as teen-agers can help lead others."

Gregg has had one opportunity to preach at Gordon Street Baptist Church. That came on a recent youth Sunday program.

That day he shared the preaching honors with another teen-ager of the church who is an associate pastor, Cecil Pierce, 19.

"From time to time, if I can get a chance, I can preach to help tell the word of God," Gregg said.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Jordan Jr., 526 Brookdale Drive and he believes his call to the Lord has helped his parents too.

"They had slacked off some and now they are more interested," Gregg said.



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**Pouting Has-Beens And Flying Will Bes**

Andy Shenton, Cheryl Pelfry, Diane Quattlebuam, and Lucille Dawson (above) need not have looked so remorseful. Their Valdosta High School Has-Been team won 33-0 over the younger Will-Bes Friday night at Cleveland Field in the annual spring football tilt. As the graduating cheerleaders, these girls kept enthusiasm high for the State AAA foot-

ball champs. At left, newly elected football cheerleaders leaped with joy at practice sessions this week. Co-captain Betty McClenny sails through the air. Her shock troops on the bottom row: Patsy Garvin, Co-captain Starr Howell, Dean Nichols, and Betty Potts; top row: Kay Koch, Kay Barker, and Jenifer Schroer.

## LIDLIFTER NEAR

# VHS Pins Baseball Hopes On Six Vets

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

With a very limited amount of pre-season practice, Valdosta's baseball Bulldogs will open their 1963 season on Tuesday.

Lidliifter for coach J. B. Roland's diamond 'Cats will come against Berrien County's Rebels at Nashville.

With spring football just ended at VHS, Roland's baseball crew has drilled on a hit-or-miss basis up to now. The 'Cats will, however, have three games before their first official Region 1-AAA test comes on April 19.

"We are just now at the point where I and all the players can turn their full attention to baseball," Roland said. "The fact is I haven't had time to make up my mind about who will be playing some positions. We'll do some experimenting and see how things go."

The 'Cats compiled a 5-3 record last season and pulled what is regarded as a major surprise by tying for second place with Lanier behind 1-AAA champ Willingham.

Lost from that team are outfielders Bud Bridges and Tommy Johnson via the graduation route and third baseman Heywood Moore, a scholastic casualty.

Six regulars, all seniors, are back in the fold. They are pitcher Bill Myddleton, pitcher - outfielder Mark Holloway, first baseman Wally Colson, second baseman Rick Thomas, outfielder Stan Reaves and catcher Billy Schroer. Also returning are pitcher

Charles Leonard, a sophomore, and outfielder Jimmy Robinson, a senior. They saw limited front-line action last spring.

Myddleton compiled a 4-2 hill record and batted at a .295 clip. Holloway's 1962 mound record was 1-1, and hit hit mark was .222. Last season's batting averages for some of the others were Colson, .486; Thomas, .282; Reaves, .321 and Schroer, .386.

"We will have a measure of experience this season," Roland said. "The same can be said about a lot of other teams in our region. Willingham, Lanier and Moultrie are three which are sure to be very strong."

Other games on the VHS slate after the opener Tuesday are as follows:

April 8, Thomasville, there; April 12, Moultrie, here (exhibition, won't count in 1-AAA standings); April 19, Baker (Columbus), there; April 23, Berrien, here; April 26, Jordan (Columbus), here; April 30, Lanier (Macon), there; May 3, Albany, here; May 4, Columbus, here; May 6, Thomasville, here; May 10, Moultrie, there; May 14, Willingham (Macon), here; May 16, Warner Robins, there.

## Bazemore Thinks Fans Will Believe Him Now

"Maybe people will believe me now."

That was coach Wright Bazemore's first remark Friday night after the "Has-Beens" trimmed his youthful Valdosta High Wildcats, 33-0, in a game marking the end of spring football drills.

Bazemore has been telling his players and the fans throughout the month-long drill that his inexperienced crew "has a long, long way to go."

Some of the fans, thinking Bazemore was only "crying wolf" as he has done in some past seasons, failed to take the coach's warning seriously.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

This was the "Has-Beens" first victory in the spring game since 1959. It was the first time Bazemore has seen one of his teams lose since the final regular season contest of '59.

But the onesided loss won't be recorded against the 'Cats since this was an off-season, "family" affair.

Let's keep in mind that this was a big, strong and experienced "Has-Beens" team. Many of its players starred during a three-year span in which VHS established undisputed superiority in Georgia's prep football ranks.

You can say, with justification, that the 'Cats won't meet too many teams next fall as strong as the "Has-Been" crew which trounced them. But the point is this, they will play more than one tough team and some of them are sure to be almost as talented as the VHS veterans of '62.

Bazemore has never liked to lose and he's never tried to disguise his feeling after a setback. If he doesn't like the way his charges have performed—he says so.

"We really got laced," Bazemore said. "This, however, was just as I expected. I've been trying to tell everyone, maybe people will believe me now."

"I was afraid we'd be overmatched to the point we wouldn't be able to tell too much about some of our younger boys. This was partially true. We never got a chance to get our attack going."

### Some Bright Spots

"There were some bright spots in our defense. But we also made some mistakes, and they cost us touchdowns."

"I was encouraged to see we have some boys who will strike. I was glad to see we have some boys who wouldn't back away from bigger and more experienced players. I was encouraged to see we have some boys who will give it all they had all the way, even after the score becomes onesided and it becomes obvious a defeat is coming."

"I was disappointed in other boys who didn't show as well as expected."

"These boys are young and inexperienced, but they are coachable. It is, however, going to take time to learn. Our win-loss record next season is going to depend on how hard they want to work and how quickly they can learn."

"Our defense is ahead of our offense right now. Offensive improvement will be a major objective at the start of fall practice. There is a limiting factor. We lack speed in the backfield. We're going to have to try to offset this with determination and play perfection. My plans right now are to relax and do a little fishing. Next season's going to be rough and the boys better be ready for some hard work."

### Speed Lacking

My non-expert evaluation of the Wildcats on the basis of what I saw in the spring game are these:

They showed enthusiasm, defensive potential and like all of Bazemore's teams, there are some boys who can pass out some hard football licks. Against the "Has-Beens" tough defense, the 'Cats showed little on offense. Speed appears to be lacking, especially in the backfield. Improvement is sure to come, but it's going to take time.

Last season Bazemore faced the problem of trying to keep a veteran team from becoming overconfident. Next season he must work toward getting his players to strive for continued improvement and to give that 110 per cent effort he often talks about. The fans, with the right kind of attitude and encouragement, can help Bazemore with this latter assignment.

Spring practice is over, and the Wildcats still loom as a question mark. Their coach says they are "at least one season away from being a good team." Perhaps the 'Cats can upset that time table and "arrive" sooner than expected. The answer lies in the future.

SEE ACTION TODAY

## New VHS Track Coach Must 'Rebuild' Team

By MARTIN MILLER  
Times Staff Writer

Under new coach Charlie Greene, the Valdosta Wildcat track team was to open its 1963 season this afternoon competing in a meet at the Lowndes County track.

Taking part in the meet along with the Valdosta team will be LOHI's Golden Eagles, Moultrie's Packers and Berrien County's Rebels. The meet is also the first of the season for coach Lamar Drew's Eagles.

According to coach Greene, all of the home events for the 'Cats will be staged at LOHI. Valdosta High does not have a track.

In this afternoon's affair, the Wildcats will field a squad with only three returning regulars. The majority of the team is composed of freshmen and sophomores, who number 22.

"We just started practice Monday," Greene said, "and it is a little hard to tell just what we will have, but I can tell right now that this is not going to be our year. We are going to have a very young squad that has a lot to learn."

The three boys that are returning from last season's track team are David Henry, Bobby Willis and Bill Holt. Henry, slated to run the 880 for the Valdosta squad is the only returning track contender, while Holt and Willis are field event men. Holt will put the shot and toss the discus. Willis is a pole vaulter.

"We are doing a rebuilding job this time out," Greene commented, "but I do think that we will be strong in some events. Holt has experience and he should be able to compete well in the shot put and the discus events."

"I also think the team will be strong in other phases," he continued, "but the fans might not be able to realize it. Because our

boys are so young we are going to meet opponents whose slowest man is faster than our best man. This will make us look pretty bad.

"However the boys now out for track seem to be enthusiastic. All in all, I would say that we are going to take our lumps this year and be a contender next season."

After today's opening meet the Wildcats are again slated to see action Friday at the LOHI track. The team will also travel to Cairo for a meet on April 20. According to Greene the squad will compete in approximately seven or eight other meets during the season.

Besides Henry, Willis and Holt, other Valdosta squad members are as follows:

Bill Welch, Billy Bray, Bill Parramore, Glenn Davis, Evon McLaurin, Danny Lefiles, Ken Clifton, Robert Strom, Ronnie Daniels, Paul Cowart, Richard Bland, Tom Pierce, Melvin Flail, Pat Taylor, Wayne Young, Dick Jones, Marlin Noles, Bill Henry, Jack Martin, Stuart Mullis, Gene Seago and Ray Davidson.

## VHS Tennis Wildcats Open Drills

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

According to coach Bill Bennett, the Valdosta tennis Wildcats will be going through a full scale rebuilding campaign this season.

The Wildcats began practice Monday in preparation for their first match against Albany on April 8. The VHS opener will be staged on the Albany courts.

"A total of 19 boys turned out for the opening day practice session," Bennett said, "but the majority of them are freshmen and sophomores who have never played on a team before. We have only three boys who have seen any previous action."

The three returnees from 1962 are Bradley Courtney, Andy Larsen and Tommy Davenport. As a team, Courtney and Larsen were runners-up in the Region 1-AAA doubles competition last spring. Davenport, now a junior, played for the first time last year.

"We are going to be very young and inexperienced," Bennett said, "We are going to be counting heavily on the three boys who are returning from last year. The way things look right now we won't have too much this time out, but the outlook for future teams looks bright."

After next Monday's match, the VHS netters will stage a return bout with the Albany squad, slated to be held on the Valdosta courts. The game is scheduled for April 24.

Squad members other than Courtney, Larsen and Davenport are as follows:

Tommy Burroughs, Raleigh Elliot, Dick Lassiter, George Newburn, Steve Coleman, Mack McVey, Bill Brandon, Jimmy Cruze, Larry Webb, Nick Balanis, Douglas Samuels, Greg Wolinski, Johnny Bishop, Lyn McIntosh, Henry Sherman and Butch Wiggins.

# VHS Baseball Crew Tops Berrien, 13-2

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NASHVILLE—Valdosta's baseball Wildcats got their season underway here Tuesday with a 13-3 triumph over Berrien County's Rebels.

Coach J. B. Roland's 'Cats spotted the Rebs an early 3-2 lead, went ahead with a two-run outburst in the fifth and iced the game with a nine-tally uprising in the sixth.

Valdosta used 16 players in the game with several playing more than one position.

Three Wildcat hurlers, Mark Holloway, Charles Leonard and Bill Myddleton, combined efforts to limit the Rebs to just one hit.

Giles Smith collected three singles; Billy Schroer rapped a double and Danny Hendley and Myddleton clouted triples to pace the Valdosta attack.

Schroer and Myddleton each drove in a pair of runs during the uprising in the sixth.

Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbi
Thomas, ss	4	1	0	0
Smith, 2b-3b	4	3	3	0
Hendley, lf-rf	3	0	1	1
Robinson, c-rf	4	2	1	0
Dasher, rf	2	0	0	0
McLeod, 3b	4	0	0	0
Godwin, cf	1	0	0	0
Colson, 1b	2	1	1	1
Holloway, p-ct-lf	3	2	1	0
Schroer, c	2	1	1	2
Bentley, rf-2b	0	0	0	0
Reaves, cf	1	2	0	0
Pitcock, lf	0	0	0	0
Leonard, p	1	0	0	0
Myddleton, p	2	1	1	2
Carter, rf	0	0	0	0

TOTALS	ab	r	h	rbi
Berrien	34	13	9	4
Avera, ss	4	0	0	0
Hancock, rf	3	1	0	0
Bostick, c	2	1	0	0
Perkins, cf	3	0	0	0
Webb, 1b-p	1	0	0	0
Harrell, 3b	1	1	0	0
Spells, 2b-p	3	0	0	0
Bush, lf	3	0	1	0
Solomon, p	2	0	0	0
D-Jones	1	0	0	0
E-Walker	1	0	0	0
Rogers, 2b	0	0	0	0
Navarro, 1b	1	0	0	0

TOTALS 25 3 1 0  
 D — grounded out for Webb in 6th.  
 E — filed out for Harrel in 6th.  
 Valdosta 002 029 0—13-9-3  
 Berrien 200 100 0—3-1-5  
 Errors — Harrell 2, Bush, Spells, Webb, McLeod 2, Bentley.  
 Left on Base — Valdosta 5, Berrien 5.  
 Two-Base Hits — Schroer.  
 Three-Base Hits — Hendley, Myddleton.  
 Stolen Bases — Smith 4, Holloway.  
 Sacrifices — Colson (fly).  
 Pitchers ip h r bb so  
 Holloway 2 0 2 4 4  
 Leonard 2 1 1 0 1  
 Myddleton (W) 3 0 0 0 4  
 Solomon (L) 5 2-3 8 10 2 3  
 Webb 1-3 1 3 2 0  
 Spells 1 0 0 0 2  
 Passed Balls — Bostick 3, Robinson 3.  
 Schroer 1.

## VHS Linksmen Post Victory Over Lowndes

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's golfing Wildcats rolled to a 12-0 victory over Lowndes County's Golden Eagles in a match here Thursday.

The victory leveled the record for coach C. B. O'Neal's 'Cats off at 1-1. The match marked the golfing debut of coach Ben Williams' Eagles.

Seeing action for VHS in the match, which was cut to 12 holes by mutual agreement, were Kenyon Wells, Bobby Steele, Jimmy Rigsby and Rusty Clark. Playing for LOHI were Jamie Freeman, Bruce McKenzie, Bryan Peters and Bobby Dickey.

Valdosta was to meet Lanier and Warner Robins in a three-team match today at Macon.



—Times Staff Photo

## Miss Gum Turpentine

Pretty Miss Diane Quattlebaum will retire as the Miss Gum Turpentine for the American Turpentine Farmers after this year's convention. The Valdosta High School senior was selected for the title last year. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bob Quattlebaum of Valdosta.



—Times Staff Photo

Thaxton, Horn Congratulate Miss McBride on Outstanding Awards

# DCT Club Holds 8th Annual Banquet

By MARTIN MILLER

Payday is part of survival but is not the most important part of life, says Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton, president of Valdosta State College.

Thaxton was speaking to the eighth annual employer-employee banquet of the Valdosta High School Diversified Cooperative Training Club. About 100 student-workers and employers were on hand for the banquet Thursday night.

The VSC president termed as keys to a successful payday and a full life four things — dedication, communication, celebration and meditation.

“Do an honest day’s work for an honest day’s pay,” Thaxton said, “Don’t do a makeshift job in any of your undertakings with payday your only goal.”

The speaker expressed his feelings on the importance of communication and celebration to the men and women of tomorrow’s day.

“You’ve got to be able to communicate with your peers to get along in our busy world,” Thaxton commented, “and you have to work hard at it now to attain success later.”

Thaxton said the study of English and speech are two of the main tools in reaching the goal of communication. He advised the

members of the VHS student body present to work diligently toward scholastic achievement.

“But by the same token,” the speaker continued, “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.”

The VSC administrator advised the young people to realize the importance of thinking about world problems and goals.

“Read editorials in newspapers,” the speaker advised. “Find out what other people are saying about what’s happening in the world, form your own ideas and then do something about them. Don’t sit back and let things happen. Make them happen.”

During his lecture, Thaxton also cited the work done by such organizations as the DCT Club.

“You are now gaining important experience in the type of work you intend to do in adult life,” he said, “and experience is the best teacher I know of.”

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At the banquet, Gail McBride, the club’s historian, was presented the DCT Outstanding Award.

Miss McBride was cited by James P. Horn, the DCT coordinator for her work and enthusiasm for the past two years.

James Greer was recognized for his participation in the state essay and speech contests.

# VHS GIRLS NOMINATED IN ENGLISH CONTEST

TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School girls have been nominated for the annual Achievement Awards program sponsored by the national Council of Teachers of English. Teachers Sandra Anderson and Libba Winston were chosen by a selection committee on the basis of their writing abilities and literary awareness. Libba and Sandra will be judged on these same merits along with other nominees for finalist consideration.

The council is conducting the awards program throughout the nation to grant recognition to outstanding high school seniors for excellence in English.

Both students are taking junior English under Mrs. Oliver Googe.

Finalists will be announced at the annual NCTE convention and their names will be sent to every U. S. college and university with the recommendation that these students be considered for scholarship assistance.

"Colleges and universities welcome the announcement of these superior students in English each year and honor the recognition extended to them," said Mrs. Googe.

According to a survey just completed by the Achievement Awards

program, 86 per cent of the institutions polled take into consideration the award announcement

when inviting, accepting, and recommending program finalists for scholarship aid.

Mrs. Googe said reports of finalists from previous years show that 99 per cent of them attend colleges of their choice and more than 70 per cent of the total students honored receive scholarship aid averaging almost \$1,000 a year.

"Libba and Sandra are exceptional students and work hard on any assignment I give them. They are the type pupils NCTE is looking for," said Mrs. Googe.

The NCTE is a professional, non-profit organization of teachers of English at all levels.

## Net Kittens 8-3 Victor Over Crisp

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta tennis Kittens posted an 8-3 win over Crisp County here Friday afternoon to set their record at 2-1-1.

The Kittens led all the way, holding a 7-2 lead at the end of play in the singles matches.

The VHS netters are slated to see action again Monday afternoon. The Valdosta boys and girls teams will travel to Albany for a twin-bill with the Indians.

Results in yesterday's matches are as follows:

**SINGLES** — Linda McLaurin (V) beat Jo Ann Holly (C) 6-2, 6-0; Joyce Smith (V) beat Marian Culpepper (C) 6-3, 4-6; Mildred Culpepper (C) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; Mildred (V) 6-4, 7-5; Judy Lawson (V) beat Elaine Dixon (C), 6-2, 6-2; Charlotte Williams (C) beat Claudette Pearce (V) 6-3; Janie Spence (C) defeated Mardi Barnes (V) 6-1; Carol Kellerman (V) beat Spence 7-5.

**DOUBLES** — Nancy Simon — Maxine Wilson (V) beat Culpepper twins (C) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; Toni DiMascio — Susan LaMontagne (V) beat Dixon — Spence (C) 6-1, 6-1; Sandy LaMontagne (V) — Katherine Dennis (V) beat Harley — Williams (C) 6-4, 8-6; Cornelia and Cecelia Carswell (V) tied Williams and Spence, 1-1.

## VHS Golfers Take Pair

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MACON — Valdosta's Wildcats chalked up a pair of golf victories here Friday.

Coach C. B. O'Neal's 'Cats beat Lanier and Warner Robins in a three-team, medal-play duel over the Idle Hour Country Club course. The double victory boosted the VHS linksmen's record to 3-1.

Jimmy Rigsby was the individual scoring leader for the match with a 77. Posting the best score

of the day was Lanier's Boone Smith. He carded a 75.

Results follow:

Valdosta (327) — Kenyon Wells, 82; Jimmy Rigsby, 77; Rusty Clark, 87; Bobby Steele, 81. Lanier (323) — Jewett Tucker, 85; Boone Smith, 75; Ben Bussee, 81; Danny Gibson, 87.

Warner Robins (336) — Richard Estes, 85; David Moore, 85; Ronnie Shumate, 82; Eddie Wiggins, 84.



—Times Staff Photo

Dan Thompson and Genie Rogero Confer On Stage Lighting

## VHS Seniors Present: 'Mighty Mouse'

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Promising to be a night of delightful entertainment is the Valdosta High School's production of "The Mouse that Roared."

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The comedy by the seniors is to raise money for the annual junior-senior dance and banquet April 26 at the Valdosta Country Club.

Scheduled for Friday at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium, Darlene Smith and Genie Rogero are the co-directors.

A lot of fun has been experienced by the seniors in getting the production ready for the public.

After school hours are dedicated to the art of practicing for the performance and parts are switched and lines cut as directors Smith and Rogero ready their characters.

Mrs. Harry Wolinski and Mrs. Clyde Connell of the VHS faculty are supervisors.

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Characters include Diane Quattlebaum, Glorianna; Mike Greene, Tully Dascom; Andy Shenton, Ann, the peasant girl.

Barbara Talley, Brenda Underwood, Margaret Ann Smith, and Ruth Ann Siefried, four college girls; Toni Siegrist and Susan Rodgers, ladies in waiting.

Ruth Ann Roddey, page; Genie Rogero, Mrs. Johnson; Dale Browning, Mrs. Wilkins; Cheryl Pelfry, Mrs. Reiner; Dean Nichols and Teresa Minchew, two WACS.

Darlene Smith, Mrs. Bascom; Dick Bender, Count Mount Joy; Christie Patterson, David Bender; Jimmy DeCesare, Mr. Beston; Steve Dasher, Prof. Kokintz.

Joe Vallotton, president of the U. S.; Jimmy Robinson, General Snippet; Wally Colson Will Tatum; Walter Zant, Charles Oliver, David Talton, and Bill Holt, four soldiers; and Maywood Lawrence, Tom Mulligan.



'Onward Men,' Shouts Mike Green As Jimmy Robins, Charles Oliver and Walter Zant Leave Sobbing  
Diane Quattlebaum.

—Times Staff Photo

## VHS Golfers Will Meet Hawkinsville

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School golf team will take to the links Saturday for a match with the Hawkinsville High School group.

Scheduled for 9:30 a. m. at the Valdosta Country Club, links men Bobby Steel, Kenyon Wells, Rusty Clark and Ansel Clark hope to chalk up another win for VHS.

# 'Cats Edge Packers 6-4 In Exhibition

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

two-run single by Mark Holloway in the bottom of the fifth gave the Valdosta Wildcats their victory margin in a 6-4 baseball exhibition over Moultrie's Packers here Tuesday.

The game was between a pair of Region 1-AAA members, it was an exhibition affair and won't count in the league standings.

The win was the third with a loss for coach J. B. Roland's Valdosta. The setback left Moultrie with a 2-3 record.

The game was a see-saw affair with lead changing hands four times.

The 'Cats iced it with a home run in the fifth. A one-bagger by Holloway

brought in two runs and broke a 4-4 deadlock.

In the second inning Holloway hit a solo homer. That gave him a total of three RBI's for the game. Giles Smith singled home two runs in the fourth. An automatic single by Kenny McLeod gave the 'Cats their first run in the fifth.

With the bases loaded, McLeod hit a grounder between first and second. Umpires ruled the ball hit Stan Reaves, who was going from first to second. It was scored as an automatic hit for McLeod and Bill Schroer tallied from third on the play. Holloway followed with his game-winning safety.

Holloway, Charles Leonard and Bill Myddleton shared the hill assignment. They gave up a com-

bined total of six hits. Myddleton worked the last three frames. He was nicked for three hits and as many runs in the fifth. In the last two stanzas he blanked the Packers on one hit. Myddleton got credit for the hill win to boost his record to 2-0.

The 'Cats managed six hits against Moultrie lefthander Monty Montgomery and made most of them pay scoring dividends.

Moultrie	ab	r	h	rbi
Kerce, 2b	4	1	1	0
Cummings, ss	2	1	0	0
Brown, cf-ss	4	0	2	0
Cobb, 1b	4	0	1	1
Linder, c	4	0	0	0
Lawson, 3b	3	0	1	0
Montgomery, p	3	0	0	0
Floyd, rf	2	0	0	0
Taylor, lf	2	1	0	0
Robinson, cf	2	1	1	2
Poole, rf	0	0	0	0

TOTALS	30	4	6	3
Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbi
Smith, 2b	4	0	1	2
Thomas, ss	4	0	0	0
Schroer, c	2	1	0	0
Colson, 1b	0	1	0	0
Reaves, cf	3	0	1	0
McLeod, 3b	3	2	2	1
Holloway, p-lf	3	1	2	3
Dasher, lf-rf	2	0	0	0
Hendley, rf	1	0	0	0
Leonard, p	0	0	0	0
D-Myddleton, p	1	1	0	0
Lee, rf	1	0	0	0

TOTALS 24 6 6 6  
D — Walked for Leonard in 5th.  
Moultrie .000 130 0-4-6-3  
Valdosta .010 230 x-6-6-3  
Errors — Thomas, Smith, Schroer, Montgomery, Kerce, Cummings.  
Left On Base — Valdosta 6, Moultrie 7.

Two-Base Hits — Kerce.  
Home Runs — Holloway.  
Stolen Bases — Myddleton, Smith, McLeod, Lee.  
Pitchers ip h r bb so  
Holloway 2 1 0 0 0  
Leonard 2 1 1 0 2  
Myddleton (W) 3 4 3 2 2  
Montgomery (L) 6 6 6 5 10  
Hit By Pitcher, By — Montgomery (Colson).  
Passed Balls — Linder.

## Baseball Coaches Here Still Asking Questions

Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes County's Golden Eagles are winning, but their coaches are still uncertain. Valdosta State College's Rebels are losing, and their mentor is wondering what will happen next.



SAMMY GLASSMAN

The Wildcats compiled a 5-3 record in 1962 and tied for second in the 1-AAA title scramble. Valdosta has six returning regulars from that team.

"We've done very well so far," Roland said. "But our region is loaded with strong teams this year. We've got gaps to fill at second and third. I've tried several different players at those spots and I'm still not sure who will get the job."

"Our pitching is still a question mark. I've used Bill Myddleton, Mark Holloway and Charles Leonard in both games we've played. They've done okay, but we'll have to wait until we start region play to find out just how strong our pitching staff is."

The VHS squad is top-heavy with seniors. This is the fourth year in a "building" program launched by Roland in 1960. Valdosta has a good team, but as Roland said, 1-AAA is loaded with strong teams this time out.

That's the situation for three local high school and college baseball teams with the diamond season still young.

Coach J. B. Roland's VHS Wildcats now boast a 2-0 record after beating Berrien County (Nashville), 13-3, and Thomasville, 15-4.

Roland thinks he has the makings of a good team, one that will be a contender in the Region 1-AAA title race. Still, he's not sure.

His charges were to meet region foe Moultrie in a game here this afternoon which won't count in the 1-AAA standing. The contest, however, should be the 'Cats' toughest test so far.

## 'CATS WIN SECOND

# Valdosta Powers Way Past Thomasville, 15-4

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

THOMASVILLE—Valdosta High's baseball Wildcats blasted out 23 hits as they romped to a 15-4 victory over Thomasville's Bulldogs here Monday.

The win was the second in as many starts for coach J. B. Roland's 'Cats. Among Valdosta's 23 hits were three homers, a triple and four doubles.

Catcher Billy Schroer rapped two homers and a triple and finished with four RBI's to his credit. Shortstop Rick Thomas collected four singles in five official trips to the plate. The other homer was accounted for by second baseman Giles Smith.

Three VHS hurlers combined efforts to limit the Bulldogs to four hits. Sophomore Charles

Leonard got credit for the hill win. He shared the pitching assignment with Mark Holloway and Bill Myddleton.

The Wildcats swing back into action on Thursday when they meet Region 1-AAA foe Moultrie at 4 p. m. at Valdosta. The game will be an exhibition contest and won't count in the regional standings.

Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbi
Smith, 2b	4	1	2	1
Thomas, ss	5	3	4	0
Schroer, c	5	4	4	4
Colson, 1b	4	1	1	0
Reaves, cf	4	3	3	1
McLeod, 3b	3	2	1	0
Dasher, lf-rf	4	0	2	1
Hendley, rf	1	0	0	0
Holloway, p-lf	5	1	3	1
Neal, 3b	0	0	0	0
Carter	1	0	1	0
Leonard, p	0	0	0	0
Bentley	1	0	1	0
Myddleton, p	2	0	1	0

TOTALS	ab	r	h	rbi
Thomasville	39	15	23	8
Sewell, ss	3	0	0	0
Maddox, 2b	3	0	0	0
Murphy, rf-lf-p	4	1	1	0
Carney, p-rf	4	1	1	0
Collins, 1b	3	0	0	0
Thornton, 3b	2	1	0	0
Johnson, lf-rf	2	1	0	0
Gulledge, cf	3	0	2	0
Bradner, c	2	0	0	0
Lawlor	1	0	0	0

TOTALS	ab	r	h	rbi
Valdosta	27	4	4	0
Thomasville	204	113	4	15-23-6
Thomasville	021	010	0	4-4-6

Errors — Smith 3, Thomas, Colson, Reaves, Sewell 2, Maddox, Murphy, Bradner 2.

Double Plays — Thomas to Smith to Colson.

Left On Base — Valdosta 9, Thomasville 6.

Two-Base Hits — Colson, Dasher, Reaves 2, Gulledge.

Three-Base Hits — Schroer.

Home Runs — Schroer 2, Smith.

Stolen Bases — Reaves 2, Thomas 2, McLeod, Hendley, Holloway, Neal.

Sacrifices — McLeod (fly).

Pitchers	ip	h	r	bb	so
Holloway	2	1	2	3	2
Leonard (W)	2	1	1	0	1
Myddleton	3	1	2	0	5
Carney (L)	3	10	6	1	1
Murphy	4	13	9	1	!

Wild Pitches — Carney, Murphy.

Hit By Pitcher, By — Holloway (John son).

Passed Balls — Bradner 5.

Balk — Carney.

## Kittens Win, 'Cats Bow In Net Duels

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ALBANY — Valdosta High's girls triumphed and the boys took it on the chin in a pair of Region 1-AAA tennis matches here Monday.

The VHS Kittens, who are coached by Mrs. Herman Johnson, notched a 3-2 win and boosted their overall record to 3-1-1. They are unbeaten so far in high school competition.

Coach Bill Bennett's tennis Wildcats were playing their season opener and they dropped a 5-0 verdict to Albany's Indians. Results follow:

### GIRLS

Singles — Janet Henrikson (A) beat Linda McLaurin (V), 6-4, 7-5; Joy Smith (V) beat Patty Downs (A), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; Helen Lawson (V) beat Connie Dodgen (A), 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

Doubles — Maxine Wilson-Nancy Simon (V) beat Henrikson-Pickering (A), 6-3, 6-4; Dodgen-Carol Smith (A) beat Susan LaMontagne-Toni DiMascio (V), 6-1, 6-0.

### BOYS

Singles — Buddy Smith (A) beat Butch Wiggins (V), 8-6, 6-1; Buddy Parker (A) beat Tommy Davenport (V), 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles — Smith-Ray Hodges (A) beat Tommy Burroughs-George Newbern (V), 6-1, 6-0; Parker - Billy Brinson (A) beat Bradley Courtney - Andy Larsen (V), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; Charlie Long-Barry Cohen (A) beat Greg Wolinski-Rollie Elliott (V), 6-3, 6-3.

## Seniors Here To Present Annual Play

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Mouse is not the only thing that will probably roar Friday night as the Valdosta High School seniors present their annual play.

With curtain time set for 8 p.m. in the school auditorium the production is sure to bring lots of laughs.

The seniors who are trying to raise money for their Junior-Senior banquet later this month decided to present "The Mouse That Roared" because its comical aspects appealed to practically everyone.

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Students taking part are Diane Quattlebaum, Mike Greene, Andy Shenton, Barbara Talley, Brenda Underwood, Margaret Ann Smith, Ruth Ann Siefried, Toni Siegrist, Susan Rodgers.

Ruth Ann Roddey, Genie Rogero, Dale Browning, Cheryl Peyfry, Dean Nichols, Teresa Minchew, Darlene Smith, Dick Bender, Christie Patterson, Jimmy DeCesare, Steve Dasher.

Joe Vallotton, Jimmy Robinson, Wally Colson, Walter Zant, Charles Oliver, David Talton, Bill Holt, and Maywood Lawrence. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

## VHS Kittens, 'Cats Win Tennis Duels

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's boys and girls tennis teams rolled past Region 1-AAA foe Moultrie in a pair of matches here Tuesday.

VHS' Kittens, who are coached by Mrs. Herman Johnson notched an 11-2 win to boost their record to 5-1-1. They are unbeaten in high school competition.

Coach Bill Bennett's Wildcats triumphed 7-0 and now have a 2-1 record.

The Kittens will play Waycross here Thursday at 2:30 p. m. while the 'Cats are at Tifton that same afternoon for a match with the Blue Devils.

Complete results of yesterday's matches follows:

### GIRLS

Singles — Linda McLaurin (V) beat Jackie Kennedy (M), 6-1, 6-2; Joy Smith (V) beat Nell Conger (M), 6-0, 6-1; Dot Price (M) beat Judy Lawson (V), 6-3, 6-0; Carol Kellerman (V) beat Cassandra Davidson (M), 6-3, 6-0; Becky Alligood (M) beat Claudette Pearce (V), 8-6; Mardi Barnes (V) beat Sally Tucker (M), 8-1.

Doubles — Maxine Wilson-Nancy Simon (V) beat Prince-Davidson (M), 6-0, 6-1; Smith-McLaurin (V) beat Kennedy-Conger (M), 6-4, 6-2; Helen Lawson-Toni DiMascio (V) beat Tucker-Alligood (M), 8-1; Sandy LaMontagne-Katherine Dennis (V) beat Tucker-Alligood (M), 8-4; Cecelia and Cornelia Carswell (V) beat Becky Henry-Fran Smith (M), 6-1; Linda Blase-Susan LaMontagne (V) beat Henry-Smith (M), 6-1; Mary Pate-Sandra Overby (V) beat Henry-Smith (M), 6-4.

### BOYS

Singles — Butch Wiggins (V) beat Steve Sherling (M), 6-2, 6-3; Tommy Davenport (V) beat Billy Baxter (M), 6-0, 6-3; Richard Lassiter (V) beat John Friedlander (M), 6-1, 6-1; Andy Larsen (V) beat Donnie Bittinger (M), 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles — Bradley Courtney-Tommy Burroughs (V) beat Sherling-Baxter (M), 8-6, 6-2; Tommy Newbern-Larsen (V) beat Bittinger-Larry Blanton (M), 6-1, 6-0; Larry Webby-Nicky Balanis (V) beat Friedlander-David Perkins (M), 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.

## VHS Golfers Turn Back Thomasville

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

THOMASVILLE — Valdosta's golfing Wildcats trimmed the Thomasville's Bulldogs by a slim, three-stroke margin in a match here Tuesday.

The win was the fifth in a row for coach C. B. O'Neal's 'Cats since a loss in their season opener. Valdosta's team total in the medal play match yesterday was 345 compared to 348 for Thomasville.

Bobby Steele led the way with an 81. The Wildcats swing back into action on Thursday meeting Coffee County (Douglas) at Valdosta.

In a junior varsity match yesterday Chip Story carded an 85 to lead VHS to a 359-416 win.

Complete results in the varsity match follow:

Valdosta (345) — Bobby Steele (81), Ansel Clark (86), Kenyon Wells (87), Jimmy Rigsby (91).

Thomasville (348) — Jack Turner (84), Mason Hawkins (89), Billy Calhoun (91), Al Bowers (84).

## Giles Smith, Which One?

Raymond Malham, a Valdosta Wildcat fan in New York City, came across an article about the Kentucky sophomore end in one of the city's newspapers last week and mailed it to the Times.

According to the article Kentucky's Smith suffered an injury in spring football practice at the school and was taken to the university hospital where he was later reported "serious but improved."

An attack of appendicitis sent Valdosta's Smith to the hospital for an operation a couple of months ago. As a result of the operation Smith was unable to play in the VHS annual "has-been" game. Of course he would have been valuable had he been in condition to compete, but he was really not needed. The veterans walloped the 'Cats 33-0 in that one.

Speaking of the Valdosta spring football game, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my personal congratulations to the girls selling programs at Cleveland Field for the event. They proved to be a determined group of business ladies.

With the traditional "has-been" encounter less than two minutes from starting time, reporters in the press box discovered that no programs were available. (During the regular grid season, programs are furnished to members of the working press.)

## Girls Tennis Tourney Slated Here Saturday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Players from four cities are scheduled to take part in a girls invitational tennis tournament here Saturday.

The annual event is being sponsored by the Valdosta Tennis Boosters Club.

Entries will come from Valdosta, Cordele, Albany and Moultrie.

The field will be divided into "A" and "B" divisions with singles and doubles champions to be crowned in each bracket.

Play is slated to get underway

at 9 a.m. Saturday with action at the McKey Park and Valdosta High courts. Contestants will eat lunch at McKey Park, with the finals to be played at the courts there Saturday afternoon.

Valdosta High's girls tennis team will be well represented in the tourney. The Kittens, who are coached by Mrs. Herman Johnson, have a 5-1-1 record and are unbeaten in high school competition.

In the tourney, however, all players will compete on an individual basis.

## Schroer Used Unusual Grid Ducat Sales Pitch

Notes On This And That:

Charlie Greene, a member of the Valdosta High coaching staff, likes to tell about the sales pitch Billy Schroer used recently.

Schroer, a prep All-America tackle for the Wildcats in '62 was selling tickets for the recent VHS spring football game. Keep in mind that the "Has-Beens" were heavily favored.



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American and World Games.

Pinholster, hoop boss at Oglethorpe University, says his team will participate in the Pan Am games April 25 through May 5 at San Paulo, Brazil, and then move to Rio, Brazil, for the World Games. Always confident, Pinholster says he hopes his charges get a chance to play Russia in the World event.

This is the latest in a long string of honors for Pinholster and brought this tongue in cheek remark from Valdosta State basketball coach Gary Colson: "Garland and I are good friends, but after he makes that trip to Brazil he may not want to talk to a 'dirt farmer' like me again." You can be sure the Latin American tour won't change Pinholster one bit and he will keep right on speaking to all of his friends.

"Billy asked this young freshman if he wanted to buy a ticket for the game," Greene says. "The youngster replied, 'But Billy, I play for the Wildcats and I don't need a ticket.'

"Then Schroer came back with, 'You better buy one anyway, you might need it to get back in in case you get knocked all the way out of the stadium.'"

The "Has-Beens" didn't knock any of the young Wildcats out of the stadium, but they did win the game 33-0.

In case you haven't heard, Garland Pinholster, a native of Clyattville, will serve as the head coach for the basketball team the U.S.A. will enter in the Pan-

## Coffee Halts VHS Golfers' Win Streak

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Coffee County (Douglas) ended Valdosta High's golf winning streak, but it took a "sudden-death" playoff for the Comets to trip the Wildcats.

In a match here Thursday, Coffee and Valdosta finished the medal-play test with identical 312 totals. To break the tie a playoff between VHS' Bobby Steele and Coffee's Larry Hinson, was staged. They are number one men on their teams.

On the first extra hole Hinson carded a par four and Steele, who caught a trap with his second shot, took a bogey five. This tipped the scales in Coffee's favor.

In the match Steele took medalistic honors for the day with a sub-par 70. He had nine-hole scores of 36 - 34. Hinson matched the Valdosta Country Club course's par 72 to pace the Douglas linksmen.

The setback left Valdosta with a 5-2 record and halted a five-game victory streak it had going. The Wildcats will meet Albany here next Thursday.

Complete results in yesterday's match follows:

Coffee County (312-4) — Larry Hinson (72), Larry Moorman (76), Richard Mixon (79) and Danny Daniels (85).

Valdosta (312-5) — Bobby Steele (70), Pen Wells (80), Ansel Clark (80) and Jimmy Rigsby (82).

## VHS Girls Tennis Team Ties Waycross 2nd Time

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

It's now safe to assume that the Valdosta and Waycross girls tennis teams are an even match.

The Kittens and the Waycross netters played to a 7-7 tie in a match here Thursday. A match earlier in the season at Waycross also ended in a 7-7 tie.

Mrs. Herman Johnson's VHS court team now has a 5-1-2 record and remains unbeaten in high school competition.

Many of the VHS players will take part in a girls invitational tournament to be staged here Saturday by the Valdosta Tennis Boosters. Other players in the field will be from Cordele, Moultrie and Albany. Action is to begin at 9 a. m. at the VHS and McKey Park courts.

Results in yesterday's match follows:

**SINGLES** — Janie Daniels (W) beat Linda McLaurin, 6-3, 6-0; Mary Beth Strickland (W) beat Maxine Wilson (V), 6-1, 6-1; Nancy Simon (V) beat Rossie Hendry (W) 6-3, 6-1; Carol Kellerman (V) beat Janice Craven (W), 6-2, 6-2; Joyce Smith (V) beat Kitty Stephens (W), 7-5, 6-1; Helen Lawson (V) beat Connie Arnold (W) 7-5, 6-1; Sherrie Anderson (W) beat Katherine Dennis (V) 6-4, 6-4; Toni DiMascio (V) beat Helen Hood (W) 6-4; Shelia Johnson (W) beat Marti Barnes (V), 6-4, 6-0.

**DOUBLES** — Simon-Wilson (V) beat Strickland-Hendry (W), 8-6, 6-4; Judy Hall-Ann Daniels (W) beat Smith-McLaurin (V), 6-4, 6-4; DiMascio-Helen Lawson (V) beat Judy Johnson-Craven (W), 6-2, 6-3; Arnold-Anderson (W) beat Susan LaMontagne-Linda Blase (V), 6-1, 6-2; Maria Stephenson-Hood (W) beat Cornelia and Cecelia Carswell (V), 7-9, 6-4, 6-4; Judy Lawson-Claudette Pearce (V) tied Marie Glasscock-Johnson (W), 6-2, 7-5.

## MOCK CASE

### Students To Sit As Jurors At Valdosta Murder Trial

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Twelve local high school students will sit as jurors for a murder trial in Valdosta next Thursday.

Only a theoretical life will hang in the balance, however.

The Valdosta Bar Association will stage a mock murder trial at 1 p. m. Thursday in the Lowndes County Superior Courtroom to promote better understandings.

Twelve students each from Valdosta High and Lowndes County High schools will make up the jury panel. Twelve trial jurors will be selected from the 24-member panel.

The courtroom will be open to other high school students and

spectators, said Gus Elliott, who is secretary of the Valdosta Bar Association.

The judge will be a real one — Judge George R. Lilly of Quitman who holds superior court regularly here.

Representing the state prosecutors will be Valdosta lawyers Reuben Yancey and James Hall.

Defense attorneys will be Valdosta lawyers Tom Young and Oris Blackburn.

Walton Carter, a Valdosta insurance man, will serve as the mock defendant.

Elliott said the case will be based on a real trial held in Austin, Tex., where a man was accused of killing his wife

# 'Cats Thump Baker In Region Opener

By MARTIN MILLER  
Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta High baseball Wildcats took an early lead and made it stick here Friday as they downed the Baker Lions of tilt.

The triumph was the fourth of the season for coach J. B. Roland's VHS nine against no losses, and it was the 'Cats first region win. The Lions now have a 2-3 chart.

Valdosta increased a slim, one-run lead in the bottom of the fourth inning when Jimmy Robinson and Bill Myddleton each clouted doubles to drive in runs.

Jimmy Loftis avoided a shut-out for the Lions in the top of the third frame when he homered over the left field fence to account for the lone Baker score.

Valdosta's Stan Reaves then answered Loftis' challenge in the bottom of the sixth with a home run of his own.

Myddleton held the mound all the way for the VHS squad to be credited with his third win. Myddleton allowed only four hits, struck out five and issued only three walks.

Baker pitcher Paul Ferguson also went the distance on the hill. He yielded 10 hits and struck out three, but did not issue a walk.

Baker	ab	r	h	rbi
Vega, ss	4	0	1	0
Loftis, 2b	4	1	1	1
Chesser, c	3	0	0	0
Turgeon, rf	3	0	1	0
Denny, 3b	2	0	0	0
Davis, 1b	3	0	1	0
Short, cf	2	0	1	0
Cofer, lf	2	0	0	0
Ferguson, p	3	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbi
Smith, 2b	4	1	2	0
Thomas, ss	3	1	1	0
Schroer, c	3	0	0	0
Colson, 1b	2	0	0	0
Holloway, cf	3	2	2	0
Reaves, lf	3	1	1	1
McLeod, 3b	3	0	0	0
Robinson, rf	2	2	2	1
Myddleton, p	3	0	2	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>

Baker — 001 000 0—1-4-2  
Valdosta — 110 212 x—7-10-4

Errors — Smith, Colson, McLeod, Myddleton, Loftis, Turgeon.

Left on base — Valdosta 3; Baker 8.  
Two-base hits — Robinson, Myddleton.

Home runs — Loftis, Reaves.

Stolen bases — Short 2, Thomas 2, Smith, Holloway.

Sacrifices — Colson (fly), Cofer.

**PITCHERS** ip h r er bb so

Myddleton (W) 7 4 1 1 3 5

Ferguson (L) 6 10 7 4 0 3

Hit by pitcher, by — Ferguson (Robinson)

Passed balls — Schroer, Chesser.

## Kittens Top Crisp, 10-4

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High tennis Kittens gained a 10-4 triumph over Crisp County (Cordele) here Friday.

The youthful VHS girls, still unbeaten in high school competition, now have a 6-1-2 record.

Mrs. Herman Johnson's Valdosta netters were scheduled to play in a girls invitational tournament here today. Action in the Valdosta Tennis Boosters Club-sponsored event was to begin this morning. Competing in the meet along with the Kittens were Moultrie, Albany and Cordele.

Results in yesterday's matches follow:

**SINGLES** — Miriam Culppepper (C) beat Linda McLaurin (V), 6-4, 6-3; Mildred Culppepper (C) beat Joyce Smith (V), 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; Helen Lawson (V) beat Elaine Dixon (C), 6-3, 6-3; Carol Kellerman (V) beat Charlotte Williams (C), 6-3, 6-3; Toni DiMascio (V) beat Jo Ann Holley (C) 6-3, 6-4.

**DOUBLES** — Maxine Wilson-Nancy Simon (V) beat Culppepper twins (C) 6-2, 6-2; H. Lawson-DiMascio (V) beat Dixon-Spence (C), 11-9, 6-1; Katherine Dennis-Sandy LaMontagne (V) beat Holly-Williams (C), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; Susan LaMontagne-Judy Lawson (V) beat Carol Thomas-Jean Moore (C) 5-0; Kellerman-Mardi Barnes (V) beat Thomas-Moore (C), 6-2; Cecelia and Cornelia Carswell (V) beat Thomas-Moore (C), 3-2; JoAnn Seago-Vickie Smith (V) beat Linda Chapel-June Thompson, 3-1; Chapel-Thomas (C) beat Sue Davis-Mickie Copeland (V), 3-2; Chapel-Thomas (C) beat Julie Groover-Marcia Owens (V), 3-1.



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'A' Division Champions: Simon, Wilson McLaurin

## 'Dosta Makes Sweep In Girls Net Meet

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta trio of Linda McLaurin, Nancy Simon and Maxine Wilson captured top honors in a girls invitational tennis tournament here Saturday.

McLaurin was the singles champ and Simon - Wilson captured the doubles crown in the "A" division of the Valdosta Tennis Boosters Club - sponsored event.

In the field besides a 16-player Valdosta delegation were contestants from Moultrie, Cordele and Albany.

Valdosta also made a sweep of top honors in the "B" division with Carole Kellerman winning the singles crown and the team of Helen Lawson and Toni DiMascio capturing the doubles crown.

Trophies were awarded to winners and runners-up in singles and doubles in both divisions.

Complete results follow:

### "A" DIVISION

**SINGLES** — first round — June Pickerson (A) beat Jo Ann Holley (C), 6-1, 7-5; Joy Smith (V) beat Jackie Connady (M), 8-6, 6-4; Janet Henriksen (A) beat Nell Conger (M), 6-2, 6-3; Linda McLaurin (V) beat Charlotte Williams (C), 6-0, 7-5; semi-finals — Smith beat Henriksen, 6-1, 6-0; McLaurin beat Henriksen, 6-1, 6-0; finals — McLaurin beat Smith, 6-4, 6-3.

**DOUBLES** — first round — Mildred and Miriam Culpepper (C) beat Patty Downs — Sissy Roney, 6-1, 6-1; Sandy LaMontagne — Judy Lawson (V), beat Dot Prince-Cassandra Davidson (M), 6-2, 6-2; Connie Dodgen-Jane Smith (A) beat Becky Allgood-Sally Tucker (M), 6-4, 6-1; Nancy Simon-Maxine Wilson (V) beat Elaine Dixon-Janie Spence (C), 6-0, 6-0; semi-finals — Culpeppers beat LaMontagne-Lawson, 6-4, 6-4; Simon-Wilson beat Dodgen-Smith, 6-0, 6-1; finals — Simon-Wilson beat Culpeppers, 6-1, 6-0.

### "B" DIVISION

**SINGLES** — first round — Carole Kellerman (V) beat Fran Smith (M), 6-0, 6-0; Mardi Barnes (V) beat Carla Thomas (C), 6-4, 6-4; Katherine Dennis (V) beat Bernadette Johnson (V), 8-6, 6-3; Claudette Pearce (V) beat June Moree (C), 6-0, 6-2; semi-finals — Kellerman beat Barnes, 6-1, 6-0; Pearce beat Dennis, 8-6; finals — Kellerman beat Pearce, 6-1, 6-2.

**DOUBLES** — first round — Linda Blase-Susan LaMontagne (V) beat Sandra Overby-Mary Pale (V), 6-8, 6-2, 6-2; Cecelia and Cornelia Carswell (V) beat Carol Clay-Geta Wilkinson (V), 6-2, 6-2; Susan Southwell-Mickey Copeland beat Linda Chapel-Junes Thompson (C), 6-2, 7-5; Helen Lawson-Toni DiMascio (V) beat Jean Anderson-Vickie Smith (V), 6-1, 6-1; semi-finals — Blase-LaMontagne beat Carswells, 8-3; Lawson-DiMascio beat Southwell-Copeland, 8-1; finals — Lawson-DiMascio beat Blase-LaMontagne, 7-5, 6-2.



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It's Piano, Tennis, Journalism and Now Northwestern University for Nancy

## FOR JOURNALISM STUDY

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Valdosta High School junior is one of two Georgians who will be attending a journalism workshop at Northwestern University this summer.

Nancy Simon, daughter of Mrs. B. F. Simon, will fly up to the university at Evanston, Ill., the last of June for the five week course.

Nancy, who is interested in the field of magazines, is next year's

editorial editor for the Dosta Outlook, the VHS newspaper.

She became interested in applying for the workshop through her journalism instructor Mrs. Larry Moncus.

"I had to write an autobiography and a letter giving the reasons I wanted to attend," said Nancy.

She also had to send in her grades and all standardized test results.

Nancy was notified she was one of the 100 students from across the nation who had been accepted.

There are four divisions at the special summer session for high school juniors. Students who are interested in such a workshop could apply for the science, journalism, education or speech division.

"I'm really looking forward to going because I know I'll learn an awful lot," said Nancy.

She said she is interested in attending Northwestern after graduation from VHS.

But Nancy is not a student who keeps just to her books.

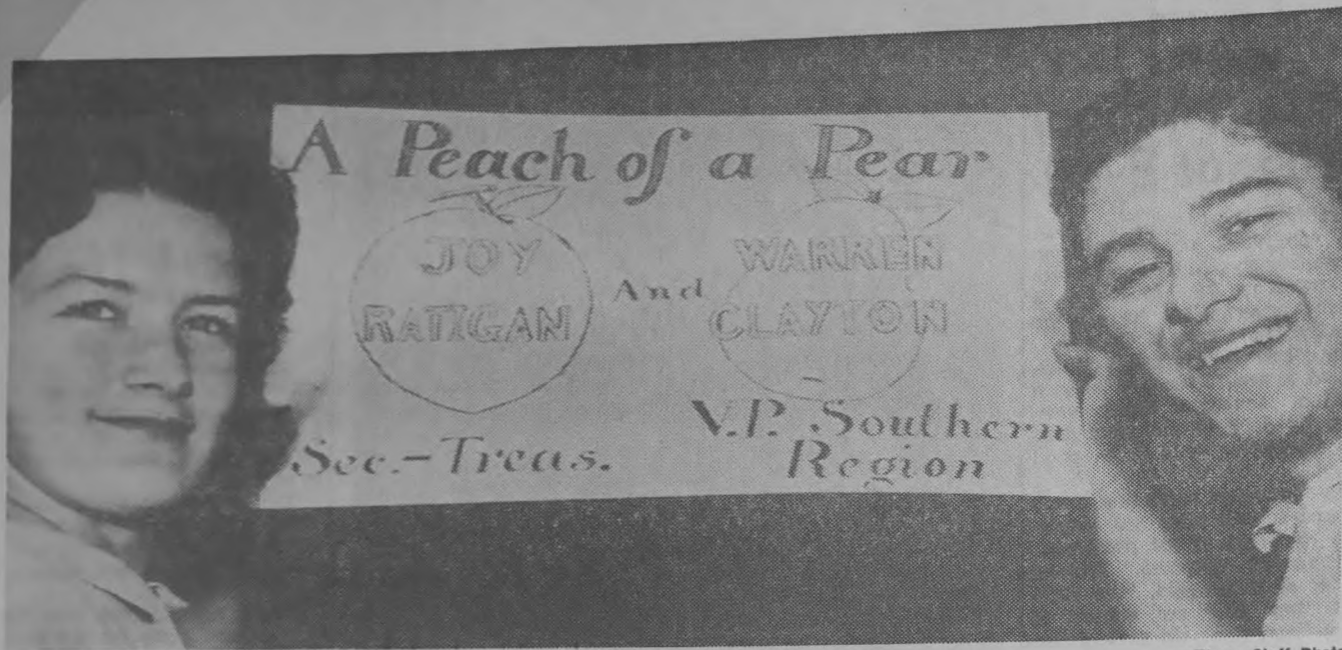
Besides maintaining an A average, she is last year's State Class AAA champ in tennis doubles.

This year she and Maxine Wilson teamed up to become state runners-up in the doubles competition.

She has been playing only for the past three years but has won a Valdosta invitation tennis tournament, the Georgia-Carolina Open doubles at Augusta and was runner-up in the Crackerland tournament in Athens last year.

Even though she is a devoted tennis player, she doesn't neglect her piano lessons. For the past 10 years, Nancy has been faithful to her keyboard.

Mrs. Simon says that is one of ways her daughter can really relax.



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This 'Pear' Has Their Sights on National Officers; Joy Ratigan and Warren Clayton

## CHICAGO NEXT WEEK

# DE Club Eyes National

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Jo-Ann Bennett is reporter for the Valdosta High School DE Club. Mrs. Bennett this year won the coveted Georgia reporter of the year contest.

By JO-ANN BENNETT

"Let's put Joy in DECCA!" That's the battle cry next week in Chicago.

At least it will be the battle cry of a bunch of Valdosta High School Distributive Education students going to the national convention of DE Clubs of America (DECA).

Three members of the VHS club are entering national contests and two are running for DECA offices.

Carrying a slogan reading "This peach of a pear," Joy Ratigan and Warren Clayton have their eyes on national offices.

Miss Ratigan, who is the Valdosta club's DE student of the year, is seeking the national office of secretary, and Warren Clayton, past president of Georgia DECA, has his eye on vice president for the southern region.

Competing in the national contests will be Miss Ratigan, job interview; Gail Griffin, activities manual contest, and Ellen

Squires, area of distribution manual contest.

Others going to the Chicago convention of May 2-5 will be this reporter; Bobbie Ellen Blanchard, and Bill Glenn, DE coordinator.

Miss Blanchard will be representing the club president who is unable to attend.

She will have the honor of receiving the national DE club of the year award, if the VHS club wins it. The local club has entered the national club of the year competition which Valdosta won in 1960-61.

DE students going to Chicago will also be trying to uphold the reputation the Valdosta club has won on a national scale. In addition to the national club of the year award, Marilyn Rykard of Valdosta was the national DE student of the year last year and Arthur Baker placed second in the public speaking contest.

Distributive education is a cooperative program in high schools where students attend classes and also work in businesses in the fields of marketing and distribution.

## VHS Trackmen Held Back By Lack Of Facilities

Notes On This And That:

Interest in track in this section of the state continues to build while a lack of facilities holds Valdosta High back in the sport.

The plain and simple truth is that VHS trackmen have no track. Trying to conduct a track program at a school without a track is much like trying to play baseball without a diamond or basketball without a gym. It can be done, but not very well.



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they've entered this season.

Greene has launched a "rebuilding" program and his squad this year is top-heavy with freshmen and sophomores. With or without a track, Greene figures the Wildcats' will improve in future seasons. The advancement would be both quicker and greater if the 'Cats had adequate facilities for the sport.

The 'Cats now must go to Lowndes County High for both practice and meets. It involves a 10-mile round trip every time they want to get in a drill session.

LOHI has an excellent track. It also has an excellent coach in Lamar Drew and a lot of boys who are willing to work hard to make the Eagles' track program a success.

Having good facilities does not mean a school will have automatic success in any sport. But I don't think the LOHI track would be where they

A couple of years ago work was started on a track at Valdosta Junior High. No curbs were installed and a hard rain actually washed out the track before a meet could be held on it. Far as I know there has been no work done on the track since. The Wildcats have never been able to hold a meet there.

The Valdosta City Recreation Department held a junior track meet recently. It had to be staged at Pendleton Park on a baseball field. Our city is without a track.

This is not offered as an excuse for coach Charlie Greene's VHS thinclads, who have been consistent last place finishers in every meet

## 'Cats Are Now Seniors, But Coach Still Worries

Some very wise man once said a fellow must have confidence in himself to become a good baseball player. For three years coach J. B. Roland worked hard to boost the confidence of his Valdosta High baseball Wildcats. Now he's working just as hard trying to get his 'Cats to keep their feet planted firmly on the ground.



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us. Region 1-AAA is a tough league in any sport you can name, and that certainly includes baseball. If we get cocky and underestimate our opposition we're going to get knocked out of the race quickly."

The 'Cats have certainly started well, winning five in a row. Three of those wins, however, came against non-region foes. And a narrow 6-4 decision over Moultrie came in an exhibition tilt here which didn't count in the standings. The 'Cats must meet the Packers again, and next time they will be playing at Moultrie.

### What About Next Year?

While the 'Cats' lineup is subject to change, it now appears the regulars will be as follows:

Billy Schroer, catcher; Wally Colson, first base; Giles Smith, second base; Rick Thomas, shortstop; Kenny McLeod, third base; Mark Holloway, left field; Stan Reaves, center field; Jimmy Robinson, right field and Billy Myddleton, Charles Lenoard and Holloway, pitchers.

In this group all except McLeod and Leonard are seniors. It's a lineup, as you can see, which offers experience.

"I waited a long time for these boys to become seniors and now I've started worrying about next season," Roland said. "After this season we are going to graduate just about all of the regulars. It's going to make it tough in '64, but that's the way it goes."

A quick glance at the standings proves Roland's point about the fact that the 'Cats can expect plenty of trouble in the future.

Coach Billy Henderson's Willingham Rams won the 1-AAA diamond crown in '62 and the Macon nine is loaded again. Last I heard the Rams had won nine in a row, beating two region foes in the process.

In Bobby Bryant, Willingham has one of the state's most talented high school pitchers.

Four years ago Roland took a young bunch of boys and launched a baseball "re-building" program at VHS. Those same boys are now seniors and Valdosta has one of its best baseball teams in many years.

The 'Cats must be regarded as Region 1-AAA title contenders, but Roland is afraid they won't make the grade if they get too cocky.

"For three years I worked trying to get the boys to believe in themselves," Roland said. "Confidence is necessary in baseball.

"But being confident and being cocky are two different things. We've gotten off to a good start, but our hardest games are still before

# 'Cats Shade Jordan, 5-4

## Stan Reaves' Three Run-Homer Tip Scales In 'Dosta's Favor

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Timely hits by Rick Thomas and Stan Reaves and some sparkling relief pitching by Bill Myddleton were key factors in the Valdosta Wildcats' 5-4 baseball win over the Jordan Red Jackets here Friday.

A three-run homer by Reaves in the fourth and a double by Thomas, which produced a pair of tallies, accounted for all of the 'Cats' markers. Reaves' circuit blow over the left-center field fence wiped out a 4-2 Jordan lead.

Myddleton took over for starter Charles Leonard in the fifth and the stocky-built righthander blanked the Red Jackets from Columbus without a hit the rest of the way.

In the three frames he worked,

Myddleton faced the minimum of nine batsmen and struck out seven as he got credit for his fourth hill win without a loss. Leonard allowed just three hits during the four frames he worked and a pair of Valdosta errors figured in three runs Jordan scored in the third. A homer by Don Horton in the fourth accounted for the Jackets' other tally.

The win was the sixth straight for coach J. B. Roland's Wildcats and boosted their Region 1-AAA record to 2-0. The loss left Jordan with a 2-5 mark for the season and a 1-2 chart in regional play.

Valdosta collected a total of eight hits. Mark Holloway and Myddleton, each with a pair of singles, were attack leaders along with Reaves and Thomas.

Jordan	ab	r	h	rbi
Garnto, rf	3	1	0	0
Barfield, ss	3	0	0	0
Cason, lf	3	0	0	0
Mitchell, 2b	3	0	0	0
Priester, 1b	3	0	0	0
Horton, c	3	1	1	1
Powell, cf	3	0	1	0
Donahwell, 3b	2	1	0	0
McLemore, p (rh)	3	1	1	0
Posey, 2b	0	0	0	0

TOTALS	ab	r	h	rbi
Valdosta	27	4	3	1
Smith, 2b	4	0	0	0
Thomas, ss	4	0	1	2
Schroer, c	3	0	0	0
Colson, 1b	2	1	0	0
Holloway, lf	3	1	2	0
Reaves, cf	3	1	1	3
McLeod, 3b	2	1	1	0
Robinson, rf	2	0	1	0
Leonard, p	0	1	0	0
d-Myddleton, p	2	0	2	0

TOTALS 25 5 8 5  
 d — Singled for Leonard in 4th.  
 Jordan 003 100 0-4-3-0  
 Valdosta 002 300 x-5-8-2  
 Errors — McLeod 2.  
 Left on base — Valdosta 6, Jordan 2.  
 Two-base hits — Thomas.  
 Three-base hits — Powell.  
 Home runs — Horton, Reaves.  
 Stolen bases — McLeod.  
**PITCHERS**  
 Leonard ip h r bb so  
 Myddleton (W) 4 3 4 1 4  
 McLemore (L) 3 0 0 0 7  
 Passed balls — Schroer.



Headed Home: VHS' Kenny McLeod (L) Rounds Third and Streaks For the Plate —Times Staff Photo

# VHS Girls Notch 8th Net Victory

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

MOULTRIE — The Valdosta High tennis Kittens added another victory to their record here Friday with a 9-4 win over the Moultrie Packerettes.

With the triumph the VHS netters set their slate at 8-1-2. The VHS girls are unbeaten in high school competition.

The VHS squad owned a 5-3 lead when singles play ended and then increased the edge in doubles competition.

Complete results follow.  
 Singles — Nancy Simon (V) beat Jackie Cannady (M), 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; Maxine Wilson (V) beat Nell Conger (M), 7-5, 6-0; Joyce Smith (V) beat Cassandra Davidson (M), 8-6, 6-3; Linda McLaurin (V) beat Dot Prince (M), 6-2, 6-2; Carol Kellerman (V) beat Becky Alligood (M), 6-1, 6-3; Sally Tucker (M) beat Claudette Pierce (V) 8-4.  
 Doubles — Sandy LaMontagne-Judy Lawson (V) beat Prince-Davidson (M), 6-1, 6-3; Helen Lawson-Toni DeMasco (V) beat Cannady-Conger (M), 7-5, 6-0; Susan LaMontagne-Linda Blaze (V) beat Alligood-Tucker (M), 6-1; Alligood-Tucker (M) beat Catherine Dennis-Marti Barne (V), 8-4; Cornelia and Cecelia Carswell (V) beat Alligood-Tucker (M), 6-2; Tucker-Fran Smith (M) beat Mary Pate-Sandra Overby (V), 3-0, Tucker-Smith (M) beat Brenda Smith-Joe Ann Seago (V) 3-0.

# VHS, LOHI

## Players On Star 'List'

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Nineteen area gridders, including 16 from Valdosta, have been nominated for the Georgia high school all-star football game to be played in Atlanta Aug. 8.

A total of 180 players have been nominated for the Georgia High School Association-sponsored tilt. From this group 60 will be picked to play.

Beside the 16 VHS players, Lowndes County landed two and Cook (Adel) one on the list of "South" squad nominees.

Area gridders nominated are as follows:

Valdosta — Wally Colson, Danny Hendley, Dick Bender, Billy Holtzclaw, Billy Schroer, Charles Oliver, Randy Hunter, Bill Myddleton, Bill Holt, William (Bo) Hall, Jimmy Robinson, Rick Thomas, Giles Smith, Stan Reaves, Sirois Barker, Walter Zant.

Lowndes — Brinson Lane, Jerry Goodson.

Cook — Vern Alderman.

## VHS Golfers 8th At Hawkinsville

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HAWKINSVILLE — Valdosta finished eighth in the Hawkinsville Invitational high school golf tournament here Saturday.

Team winner in the 27-hole, medal-play test was Avondale with a 459 total. Valdosta's team total was 522.

Tommy Barnes Jr. of Avondale took the individual crown with a 104 total and Eddie Wiggins of Warner Robins was second with 110. VHS' Bobby Steele was 11th on the individual list with 39-38-40 for a 117 total.

Scores of other Valdosta golfers were Rusty Clark 46-44-46-136, Kenyon Wells 43-47-46-136 and Ansel Clark 46-42-46-134.

## DOWN JORDAN, 5-4

# Unbeaten Cats Rack Up Sixth

Special to The Atlanta Journal

COLUMBUS, Ga.—The undefeated Valdosta Wildcats picked up their sixth win of the season as they turned back the Jordan Red Jackets 5-4 while the Columbus Blue Devils stopped Woodlawn High of Birmingham, 2-1, here Tuesday.

Stan Reaves hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning to wipe out a two-run Jordan lead and plate the winning run for the Wildcats. Reaves' homer was his third in the last three games.

Bill Myddleton picked up his fourth win of the season in relief for the Wildcats while Ronnie McLemore was charged with his third loss. Jordan is now 2-5 for the season.

RICHARD HODGES scored his first win of the season for Columbus as he turned back the Birmingham nine on three hits in the 2-1 Columbus win, the fifth victory for the Blue Devils against four losses.

Woodlawn scored a run in the first, but Hodges blanked the losers the remainder of the distance. Columbus scored twice in the fourth.

The line scores:

Woodlawn	100	000	0-1	3	3
Columbus	000	200	x-2	6	1
Jordan	003	100	0-4	3	0
Valdosta	002	300	x-5	6	3

McLemore and Horton; Leonard, Myddleton and Schroer.

## Wet Weather Delays VHS, Lanier Duel

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MACON — Rain here Tuesday delayed an important baseball date Valdosta's Wildcats have with Lanier's Poets.

The battle between the two teams, both regarded as Region 1-AAA title contenders, was rescheduled for this afternoon.

Coach J. B. Roland's Wildcats have a 6-0 record for the season and a 2-0 regional mark. They share first place in the standings with Willingham's unbeaten Rams.

Lanier is 7-1 for the season and holds down third place in the 1-AAA standings with a 3-1 league chart.

Willingham, the defending loop champ has won nine straight, licking three 1-AAA opponents in the process.

## VHS, LOHI Teams Go For Titles

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Championship honors will be at stake this weekend for five spring sports teams representing Valdosta and Lowndes County.

Region and sub-region titles will be involved in track, golf and tennis competition slated for Friday and Saturday.

LOHI's trackmen and VHS' golfers will go on the firing line Friday.

Coach Lamar Drew's Lowndes thincads will take part in the Region 1-AA(West) track meet at Cairo along with host Cairo, Bainbridge, Berrien County (Nashville), Crisp County (Cordele) and Tifton.

Host Cairo, winner of the 1-AA title nine years in a row and the state "AA" crown the past three seasons, is heavily favored.

In seven dual meets this season the Eagles from Lowndes captured six events and tied for first in the other. They were third in the Cairo Invitational, finishing behind winner Cairo and runner-up Albany.

The two-day, Region 1-AAA golf tourney opens Friday at Columbus with coach C. B. O'Neal's Valdosta Wildcats in the field for that one. The VHS shotmakers compiled a 7-3 record in regular season matches. Representing VHS will be Bobby Steele, Jimmy Rigsby, Pen Wells and Kenyon Wells.

On Saturday VHS will send its boys and girls tennis teams to Columbus for the 1-AAA tourney in that sport.

The tennis Kittens, coached by Mrs. Herman Johnson, will be shooting for their fifth straight region crown. Freshman Linda McLaurin will represent Valdosta in the singles while juniors Maxine Wilson and Nancy Simon have been picked to play in the doubles. Joy Smith, a sophomore, is an alternate.

Simon teamed with Barbara Knoll in 1962 to win the 1-AAA and state "AAA" doubles championships.

The Kittens compiled an 8-1-2 record this season, with the only loss coming at the hands of the Florida State University Racket Club team.

Valdosta's tennis Wildcats were to windup regular season play with a match at Albany this afternoon. Then coach Bill Bennett's charges will head for the region tourney at Columbus.

Coach Charlie Greene's youthful Valdosta track team will go to Macon on Saturday for a sub-region meet with Willingham, Lanier, Warner Robins, Moultrie and Albany.

## 'Dosta 7th In Region Golf Field

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COLUMBUS — Valdosta's Wildcats were in seventh place in the team standings but had a strong challenger for the individual title as the final round of the Region 1-AAA golf tournament got underway here this morning.

In Friday's opening round of the 36-hole medal test host Columbus took the team lead with a 321 total. Coach C. B. O'Neal's Wildcats had a 342 total and stood seventh.

Danny Gibson of Lanier set the pace in the battle for the individual crown with an opening 74. Second was Columbus' Jack Middleton with a 76 and third was Valdosta's Bobby Steele with a 77.

State tournament berths are at stake in today's closing round.

Individual scores of other Valdosta golfers yesterday were Jimmy Rigsby, 88; Pen Wells, 88, and Kenyon Wells, 89.

Complete list of team scores follows:

Columbus, 321; LaGrange, 327; Albany, 330; Lanier, 333; Warner Robins, 338; Baker, 340; Valdosta, 342; Moultrie, 344; Willingham, 346.

The golfers will share the spotlight with tennis players from around the region today.

Valdosta has entries in both the boys and girls region net tournaments which were slated to start this morning. The VHS girls were shooting for their fifth straight 1-AAA crown.

## VHS Singers To Give Spring Concert

The Valdosta High School Choraliers and Girls' Chorus will present selections from Rogers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" and "The Sound of Music," at their annual spring concert.

The concert will be given Friday at 8 p. m. in the VHS auditorium.

The "South Pacific," theme will be carried out in the stage decorations.

This spring concert is the second in a series of annual programs presented by the Glee Clubs of VHS.

Tickets are being sold by members of the Choral groups and will be sold at the door Friday night.

Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

Funds derived from the program will be used for Glee Club expenses.

## VHS Netters 4-1 Winner Over Moultrie

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's tennis Wildcats headed for the Region 1-AAA tournament today after licking Moultrie 4 - 1, at Moultrie, in their final regular season match Thursday.

The win boosted the 'Cats record to 3-2. Representing VHS in the region tourney at Columbus Saturday will be Tommy Davenport, singles and Andy Larsen and Bradley Courtney, doubles.

Results in yesterday's match follows:

Singles — Davenport (V) beat Friedlander (M), 6-3, 7-5; Shirling (M) beat Wiggins (V), 6-1, 6-4; Burroughs (V) beat Baker (M), 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles — Larsen-Courtney (V) beat Baxter-Shirling (M), 6-0, 6-1; Burrough-Newbern (V) beat Blanton-Bittinger (M), 6-3, 6-4.

## VHS Linksmen Turn Back Thomasville

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's golfing Wildcats rang down the curtain on their regular season with a triumph over Thomasville's Bulldogs here Wednesday.

Coach C. B. O'Neal's 'Cats finished with a 326 total in the medal-play test. Thomasville had a 337 total. The win boosted Valdosta's record to 7-3.

VHS' Bobby Steele took individual medalist honors in the match with a 74.

Valdosta also won a junior varsity duel. Emerson Bell carded a 92 to pace the Junior Wildcats. The VHS total was 379 compared to 394 for the Junior Bulldogs.

Individual scoring in the varsity match follows:

Valdosta (326) — Bobby Steele (74), Jimmy Rigsby (81), Pen Wells (85), Kenyon Wells (86).

Thomasville (337)—Justin Baldwin (83), Jack Turner (82), Mason Hawkins (84), Al Bowers (88).

## TRIBE MOVES UP

# Albany Starts Fast And Raps 'Cats, 5-4

By SAMMY GLASSMAN  
Times Sports Editor

Albany's Indians combined a fast start with good pitching and clutch defensive play to hand Valdosta's Wildcats a 5-4 baseball licking here Friday.

The setback was the second in a row for the 'Cats and left coach J. B. Roland's charges with a 6-2 overall record and a 2-2 Region 1-AAA mark.

With their win the Indians boosted their overall record to 4-3 and

their region chart to 2-1, which moves them past Valdosta into third place in the region standings.

Valdosta was slated to swing back into action here this morning meeting Columbus in another regional test.

In yesterday's game, Albany scored five runs in the first two innings and made the lead stand up to the finish.

Jackie Mathis went the distance on the hill for the Tribe. Valdosta nicked him for three hits and three runs in the second inning, but the little righthander limited VHS to three scattered safeties and one more tally in the last five frames.

Albany made three errors, but played almost flawless defensive ball in the closing stages of the game to block the Wildcats' hopes of a game-winning rally.

The Indians did all of their scoring damage against Valdosta hurlers Mark Holloway, who was tagged with the loss, and Charles Leonard. Bill Myddleton took over in the third frame and didn't allow a run in the five frames he worked.

Wally Colson doubled and Billy Myddleton blasted solo homer to account for VHS' only extra-base hits.

Albany batsmen accounted for a double and nine singles.

Albany	ab	r	h	rbt
Green, lf	4	2	2	0
Bradley, 2b	4	2	2	0
Evans, rf	4	0	1	1
Martin, cf	3	0	1	1
Barfield, c	3	1	1	1
Toole, 3b	3	0	2	1
Turner, 1b	3	0	0	0
Harris, ss	3	0	0	0
Mathis, p	3	0	1	0

TOTALS	31	5	10	4
Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbt
Smith, 2b	4	1	0	0
Thomas, ss	3	0	1	1
Schroer, c	3	0	0	0
Colson, 1b	3	1	1	0
Holloway, p-lf	3	1	1	0
Reaves, cf	3	0	0	0
McLeod, 3b	2	0	1	0
Robinson, rf	0	0	0	0
Dasher, lf-rf	2	0	0	0
Leonard, p	0	0	0	0
d-Myddleton, p	3	1	2	1
Bentley, rf	1	0	0	0

TOTALS	27	4	4	2
d — homered for Leonard in 2nd.				
Albany	320	000	0-5-10-3	
Valdosta	030	010	0-4-6-1	

Errors — Leonard, Barfield, Toole, Harris.  
Left on base — Valdosta 3, Albany 4.  
Two-base hits — Toole, Colson.  
Home runs — Myddleton.  
Stolen Bases — Green, Evans, Bradley, Thomas.  
Sacrifices — McLeod (fly).

PITCHERS	ip	h	r	bb	so
Holloway (L)	2-3	4	3	0	1
Leonard	1-3	2	2	0	1
Myddleton	5	4	0	0	2
Mathis (W)	7	6	4	0	3

Wild pitches — Mathis.

# VHS WILL DEDICATE COLLEGE FIGHT SONG

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta State College will have its fight song dedicated next Friday night at the annual Valdosta High School spring band concert.

Set for 8 p. m. in the school auditorium, Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton, WSC president, will accept the "Hail Rebel" score. Written by VHS band director Frank Butenschein, the song will become the college's official fight song.

"They've been without one long enough and I hope they like this," said Butenschein.

The band director said the fight song will start off with a yell, pick up a few bars of "Dixie" and will be a tune anyone can sing.

Another feature of the concert will be the appearance of Prof. I. R. Gooney. Gooney, who holds a NUT degree from Adel University, was a former soloist with the Spike Jones Philharmonic String Band.

It's all a gag, of course, and a senior member of the band will play the part of Prof. Gooney.

"Gooney is just one of the many variations we're offering this year," said Butenschein.

"The school dance band, composed of 14 students, is scheduled to give out with a few numbers including 'My Funny Valentine,' 'Limbo Rock,' and 'Last Night' with a drum solo by Ivy Plair," said Butenschein.

Other numbers to be given at the concert include "Clarinet Escapade," "I'll Remember April," "For Sentimental Reasons," in a Latin tempo, and "Military Symphony in F".

Themes from Tchaikowsky's Sixth Symphony and Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" will finish

the program.

Butenschein is especially proud of the Mozart effort.

"To my knowledge this is the first time a young group like this has tried to present it. They've done a tremendous job," he said.

## Holloway Leads Region 1-AAA's Batting Parade

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

COLUMBUS — Valdosta outfielder Mark Holloway continues to lead the way in the Region 1-AAA batting race.

Latest figures shows Holloway has hit safely 12 times in 23 official times at bat for a .521 average.

Sharing second place with matching .500 averages are Valdosta's Bill Myddleton and Albany's Bill Mathis.

Other Valdosta players in the top-32 are the following:

7. Stan Reaves, .454; 9. Jimmy Robinson, .400; 18. Giles Smith, .333; 26. Rick Thomas, .320.

Bobby Bryant, hill ace for Willingham's league-leading and unbeaten Rams, is setting the pace for the region in the pitching department with a 5-0 record. Tied for second with 4-0 marks are Willingham's Wayne Slaton and Lanier's Bubba Adams.

Valdosta's Bill Myddleton, 4-2, and Charles Leonard, 3-0, are up among the leaders.



Times Staff Photos

Wally Colson Ponders Two-Piece Job; Charles Oliver Models Gown

Rick Thomas and Neil Bell Climb Into Their Beauty Pageant Dresses

— IT'LL BE A MOCKERY OF BEAUTY, ALL RIGHT —

# They Need Bikini To Fit 40-34-38

By MARY RAWLS

Some of Valdosta High School's finest athletes will compete for the crown of fairest of them all Sunday night.

During the beauty pageant sponsored by the Inter-Church youth council at the Lee Street Baptist Church, one of these boys will walk away with a new title.

And just who will be named Valdosta's newest bathing beauty is anybody's guess.

But the Valdosta High School boys are willing to lend their

charms to the mock beauty contest scheduled for 8:45 p. m. at the Lee Street Church.

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There are just a few minor problems involved with the event. Such as getting a girl's two-piece bathing suit to fit Wally Colson.

Colson, a strapping 6'2", 220 pound senior, was an all-region end for the VHS Wildcats last fall. One girl suggested making one for the popular football player but couldn't find the right shade of pink.

It seems Jimmy Robinson and

Charles Oliver, also Wildcat stand-outs, have been having some difficulty getting their size in formals for the evening gown competition.

And they want dresses with straps.

Oliver and Rick Thomas said they didn't go in for these strapless deals.

Thomas, all-state quarterback, said he hoped his hair would be all right for Sunday night's appearance.

"Girls are supposed to worry about those things during beauty

contests so I guess we will too," he said. Thomas has obtained a platinum blonde wig for the occasion.

The talent among the boys has thus far remained a secret.

Most of the contestants can sing, play the guitar or dance.

Kay Koch, VHS cheerleader and chairman of the beauty pageant, said the boys had been real good sports.

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"We want to stimulate more interest in the youth council and to encourage more teen-agers to

come," said Kay.

She said all the contestants had gone to a lot of trouble in getting ready their outfits and talent.

Other contestants scheduled to compete include Emerson Bell, Neil Bell, Bruce Buie, Sammy Dutton, Foy Norwood, Jimmy Adams, Hank Lee, Tim Tart, Jimmy Robinson, Tommy Davenport, Ted Minnick, Marshall New, Wayne Childree, Frankie Coan, Jimmy Giddens, Randy Smith, Larry Harrell, Hiram Wilkerson, and Chip Storey.

# Valdosta's Simon-Wilson Win Region Tennis Title

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The doubles team of Nancy Simon and Maxine Wilson today owns the Region 1-AAA girls tennis championship after a busy weekend by Valdosta High netters, golfers and trackmen.

With their triumph at Columbus last Saturday, Simon-Wilson earned berths in the state Class AAA girls tennis tournament to be staged Thursday at Atlanta.

And there is a chance that VHS linksman Bobby Steele will be in the field when the state "AAA" golf tourney is played on Friday and Saturday at Griffin.

Steele tied for second on the individual list in the 1-AAA links meet which ended Saturday at Columbus. He lost on the second hole of a "sudden-death" playoff with Jack Littleton of Columbus. Since Littleton earned a state tourney berth as a member of the winning Columbus team, Steele may still make the trip to Griffin. The Georgia High School Association has been asked to rule on the situation. VHS was sixth in the 1-AAA team competition for golfers.

In boys Region 1-AAA tennis at Columbus and a sub-region track meet at Macon, Valdosta failed to qualify anyone for state and region competition.

Simon - Wilson marched to the 1-AAA girls doubles crown by



Region Champs: Nancy Simon (L), Maxine Wilson —Times Staff Photo

beating Kitty Miller-Linda Daniels of Baker, 6-1, 6-0; Kay Dance-Ann Wright, LaGrange, 6-1, 6-0 and Dot Prince - Cassindra Davidson, Moultrie, 6-2, 6-2.

Last year Simon teamed with Barbara Knoll to win the 1-AAA and state Class AAA girls doubles crown.

In girls singles competition, Valdosta's Linda McLaurin drew a first round bye then lost to Janet Henrickson of Albany, 6-4, 6-3. Henrickson went on to claim the

singles championship, beating Vivian Dixon of Warner Robins, 6-4, 6-3, in the finals.

Pinky Hatcher of Columbus won the boys singels title and the Baker team of Randy Scott and Steve Lynn claimed the doubles championship.

Valdosta's Tommy Davenport scored a first round win over Moultrie's John Friedlander, 6-4,

6-3, then lost to T. G. Boyd of LaGrange in the second round. And the VHS' doubles team of Bert Courtney and Andy Larsen was a 6-1, 7-5 victor over Willingham in the opening round, then lost to the Baker duo of Scott-Lynn, 6-4, 6-3, in the second round.

In golf, Columbus nailed down the team title with a 641 score, followed by Albany 652, LaGrange 657, Warner Robins 672, Lanier 673, Valdosta 678, Baker 692, Willingham 697 and Moultrie 702.

The individual champ was Darry Gibson of Lanier with 74-82-156. Tied for second were Steele 77-80-157 and Littleton 76-81-157. Steele then lost in a playoff and is awaiting a GHSA ruling to see if he will play in the state tourney.

Individual scores of other Valdosta golfers were Jimmy Rigbsby 88-82 - 170, Pen Wells 88-84-172 and Kenyon Wells 89-87-176.

A fifth place finish in the pole vault by Bobby Willis gave Valdosta two points in a sub-region track meet at Macon.

Setting the pace in the track event was Willingham with 178½ points, followed by Albany 142, Lainer 136, Moultrie 37½ and Valdosta 2.

# Valdosta Duo Gains State Tennis Finals

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ATLANTA — Valdosta High's hard-working girls doubles tennis team of Nancy Simon-Maxine Wilson was slated to go after state Class AAA championship honors here this morning.

The Valdosta duo advanced the hard way into the finals where they were to meet Heida Ager and Lucille Yow of Atlanta Westminster who got there the easy

way.

Simon-Wilson, the Region 1-AAA doubles champs, beat Jo Ann Williams-Flo Winshop of Richmond Academy (Augusta), 3-6, 8-6, 7-5 in a first round duel which lasted two hours and 40 minutes.

In the semi-finals, the Valdostans battled their way past the highly regarded Atlanta Dykes team of Nan Young and Ellen Weinstein in another three - set

match, 2-6, 9-7, 6-1.

The Westminster team was to get its first taste of action in today's finals. Ager-Yow drew an opening round bye then won on a default by Griffin in the semi-finals.

Girls singles action saw Ethel Robertson of Atlanta North Fulton defeat Janet Hendrickson of Albany, 6-0, 6-1, to reach the finals where she will meet Eleanor Howell of Westminster.

Miss Howell's brother, Richard, was to meet Pinky Hatcher of Columbus for the boys championship.

Hatcher trounced Lansing Lee of Richmond Academy 6-0, 6-0 and Jim Hunter of North Fulton 6-3, 6-1 to reach the boys finals. Richard Howell drew a bye in the quarter-finals before ousting Ricky Howard of Decatur 6-2, 6-0.

Andy Scott of Baker of Columbus defeated Dickson Darby and Tom Clark of Richmond Academy 6-1, 6-2 and ousted Bob Mitchell and Ricky O'Callaghan of Dykes 6-4, 7-5. They will play John Neely and Tom Benedict of Westminster for the championship. The Neely-Benedict team had a quarter-finals bye before downing Mike Miller and Charles Orth of Decatur, 6-3, 6-3.



—Times Staff Photo

Lots of Pride on Both Sides: Top Senior Miss Gunter and Supt. Nunn

# VHS Queen Best All-Around Senior

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High School's student council president, who was named homecoming queen this fall, is the best all-around senior at that school.

Smiling Beverly Gunter received her watch for the honor from an equally smiling city school superintendent, W. G. Nunn.

Miss Gunter's award was one of many bestowed upon VHS students at Honor's Day this morning.

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The outstanding senior has taken part in practically every phase of activity at the school. She was this year's winner of the Valdosta Elks Lodge leadership award and placed second in the state contest.

Merit scholarship finalist Jan Shelton was named top honor graduate with an average of 96.175. Although VHS has abolished valedictorians and salutatorians during graduating exercise, Miss Shelton and second honor graduate Susan Hoeft were recognized this morning for maintaining the highest averages while in high school.

Other honor graduates included Eulouise Hamill, Darlene Smith, Sally McIntyre, Rick Thomas, Susan Rodgers, Jo-Ann Bennett.

Marilyn Harris, Charles Barker, Ellen Adair, Beverly Gunter, Diane Quattlebaum, Harry Davis, Susan May, Judy Babcock.

Laurice Chitwood, Bradley Courtenay, Steve Dasher, Margaret Smith, Danice Odom, Nancy Smith, Russell Martin, Mildred Williams, Brenda LaMontagne and Joe Vallotton.

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Special awards for freshmen and sophomores with the highest academic average were presented by VHS principal Howard Bridges.

Bridges said this was another step toward honoring high scholastically inclined students.

Johnny Dean copped the freshman award and the sophomores had a three-way tie among Virginia Anderson, Benita Thomas and Mary Joyce Eanes.

Ted Minnick, Donald Allen and Gary Zeigler were cited for the all state marching band awards.

Other Valdosta High School students honored and not previously announced include:

American Legion Auxiliary; Girls' State Leadership School — Ann Bennett, Libba Winston.

Betty Crocker Homemakers of Tomorrow — Beth Odum.

Civitan Club Citizenship essay contest — 1st Jan Shelton, 2nd Harry Davis, 3rd Russell Martin.

Daughters of the American Revolution history award — Kent Edwards.

'Dosta Outlook Award — certificate of distinction to staff; Editor Darlene Smith; faculty sponsor, Mrs. Ann Moncus.

Literary Guild: James Graham.

National High School math contest — 1st Shirley Stump; 2nd Teresa Minchew, 3rd Tommy Davenport.

National High School Poetry Association — Roger Martin and James Graham.

National Merit Scholarship — finalist, Jan Shelton; letters of commendation, Sally McIntyre and Steve Dasher.

Northwestern Summer Institute of Journalism — Nancy Simon.

Soil Conservation essay awards — 1st Eulouise Hamill; 2nd Mark Barger and 3rd Gail Geer.

United Nations Contest Awards — 1st Beverly Gunter; 2nd Laura Resch.

Scholarships — Dell Maine, Georgia Baptist Hospital; Lindsey Wisenbaker, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music; Gordon Shaw, music scholarship, University of Georgia; Jan Shelton, Emory; Charles Barker, Langdale Foundation to Emory University; Harry Davis, Mercer; Sally McIntyre, Tulane scholar, Sandy LaMontagne, Wesleyan; Darlene Smith, Stetson scholar; Warren Clayton and Jo Ann Bennett, Valdosta State College.

University of Georgia award for upper five percent of boys and girls in junior class — Sandra Anderson, Tommy Davenport, Jim Eubanks, Kent Edwards, Alwyn Hamill, Kathy Hansen, Sheila McCoy, Jimmie Norton, Edward Scriven, Nancy Simon, Carolyn Stallings, Shirley Stump, Marlene Taylor, Lynn Thomas, Brooks Toland, Carol Tumlinson, Hiram Wilkinson, Libba Winston, Emory Wilson, Maxine Wilson.

All state music choral and piano awards — Bunny Bridges, Bonnie Gerlock, Larry Adams, Gordon Shaw, Nell Bell.

Piano festival ratings — Ann Bennett, Alwyn Hamill, superior; Gary Zeigler, excellent.

Band festival awards — Ted Minnick, Mike Tyson, James Zager, Eddie Hoeft, Donald Allen, Harry Davis, Bill Mathis, Gary Zeigler.



## Superintendent For A Day

—Times Staff Photo

Pretty Carolyn Stallings tries out Valdosta School Supt. W. G. Nunn's job for a few minutes. She was elected school superintendent at Valdosta High School in the annual youth city election. Miss Stall-

ings — along with a student mayor, council, police chief, fire chief and a board of education — get first-hand experience in the governmental jobs each year.

## 'Cats Thump Packers With Uprising In 4th

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOULTRIE — A five-run outburst in the fourth inning carried the Valdosta Wildcats to a 9-6 baseball victory over the Moultrie Packers here Friday.

The win was the second in a row for coach J. R. Roland's Valdosta crew. It boosted the Wildcats' overall record to 8-3 and leveled VHS' Region 1-AAA chart off at 3-3.

Valdosta mixed singles by Rick Thomas, Bill Myddleton, Giles Smith and Billy Schroer with a hit batsman and a pair of walks to score five tallies in the fourth. This broke a 4-4 tie and started the 'Cats down the victory trail.

Roland's charges collected 11 hits off three Moultrie pitchers. Myddleton went the distance on the hill for Valdosta. The hard-throwing righthander was nicked for 9 hits, but helped offset it by striking out 10. The win boosted Myddleton's pitching record to 5-2.

Next start for the Wildcats will be against Willingham's unbeaten Rams at Valdosta on Tuesday. The Rams from Macon are the current 1-AAA leaders.

Jake Wood of the Detroit Tigers had a fine stolen base average last season—24 for 27.

Bobby Richardson of the Yankees stole 11 bases in 1962. He was caught nine times.

Valdosta	ab	r	h	bi
Thomas, ss	4	1	2	0
Reaves, cf	4	2	1	1
Myddleton, p	4	2	2	2
Holloway, lf	4	1	2	2
Smith, rf	3	0	1	0
McLeod, 3b	2	1	0	1
Colson, 1b	3	0	0	0
Schroer, c	3	1	2	2
Bentley, 2b	2	1	1	0

TOTALS	ab	r	h	bi
Moultrie	29	9	11	8
Kearce, 2b	2	0	0	0
Cummings, ss	3	0	1	0
Linder, cf	4	0	0	0
Cobb, rf	4	2	2	0
Montgomery, p-1b	3	2	2	3
Poole, lf	4	0	0	0
Lawson, 3b	2	1	1	1
Sumner, 1b-2b	3	1	2	0
Taylor, c	3	0	1	2
Tucker, p	0	0	0	0
Bradley, p	1	0	0	0
Brown, ss	1	0	0	0
Robinson, cf	0	0	0	0

TOTALS	ab	r	h	bi
Valdosta	112	500	0-9-11-2	
Moultrie	022	020	0-6-9-0	

Errors — Holloway, Bentley.  
Left On Base — Valdosta 8, Moultrie 6.  
Two-Base Hits — Cummings, Holloway, Myddleton.

Three-Base Hits — Montgomery.  
Home Runs — Montgomery.  
Stolen Bases — Myddleton, Reaves, Sumner.

Sacrifices — Smith (bunt), Thomas (bunt), McLeod (bunt).

Pitchers	ip	h	r	bb	so
Myddleton (W)	7	9	6	3	10
Montgomery	3	6	5	2	0
Tucker (L)	1-3	3	4	0	1
Bradley	3-2-3	2	0	2	3

Wild Pitches — Myddleton.  
Hit By Pitcher, By — Myddleton (Bradley), Tucker (Schroer).  
Passed Balls — Taylor 2.

## VHS Golfers Trim Leon And Lowndes

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's golfing Wildcats saved their best for last.

Coach C. B. O'Neal's VHS linksmen turned in their lowest team score of the season. 305, as they swept to victory in a three-way match with Leon (Tallahassee) and Lowndes County here Friday.

It was the Wildcats' final match of the season and they finished with a 9-3 dual-match record.

Leon was second in yesterday's outing with a 335 total and LOHI had a 364 mark. The Lowndes linksmen have also ended their season.

Valdosta's Bobby Steele and Kenyon Wells shared medalist honors with matching 73's. Jimmy Rigsby, with a 77, and Pen Wells, with an 82, helped the VHS cause.

Individual scores for the LOHI golfers were Bruce McKenzie, 83; Bobby Dickey, 92; Jamie Freeman, 86 and Bryan Peters, 103.

# Wildcats Face Rams In Key Region Game

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Willingham's Rams from Macon were to meet here today in a crucial Region 1-AAA baseball game.

The tilt was slated to begin at 4 p. m. at Pendleton Park.

Willingham, the pre-season title favorite, was upset by Albany 5-4, last week. Despite the loss, coach Billy Henderson's Rams still own a share of first place.

They and Lanier's Poets are tied for the 1 - AAA lead with

matching 5-1 region charts. Willingham is 11-1 for the season.

Coach J. B. Rolands' Wildcats are 8-3 for the season and 3-3 in league play. Their 1-AAA title hopes are gone, but they are still within striking distance of second place.

Columbus currently holds down third place with a 4 - 2 league mark. Valdosta is tied with Baker and Albany in the fourth spot.

Willingham was expected to start Bobby Bryant (5-0) on the hill and Valdosta was scheduled to counter with Bill Myddleton (5-2).

Latest region statistics shows Albany's Bill Mathis is now heading the batting race with a .478 average. In second place is Myddleton with a .476 mark.

Valdosta's Mark Holloway, the leader in recent weeks, has slipped to sixth place with a .406 mark. Other Valdostans among the top-30 are Jimmy Robinson .400, Rick Thomas .350 and Steve Reaves .322.

Valdosta will close when it goes against Robins Demons at W on Thursday.



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Youth Recommend: Lawrence, Patterson, Woodward and Zant Address Big Council

## MOCK COUNCIL MEETING

# Youngsters Sound Off

By MARY RAWLS

City fathers sat up and took notice this week as Valdosta teenagers commended and recommended.

Mock municipal officials met with their elders in council chambers and advocated several points strongly.

Composed of Valdosta High School students who have an annual election to select a Mayor-Council, the group urged construction of a city auditorium.

Headed by youth mayor Maywood Lawrence, they appealed for adequate library facilities, more money for education, crackdown on gambling and the illegal selling of whisky to minors, and a teen-age recreational program this summer.

Lawrence said the young people were in need of something to do this summer.

"We commend you on the fine arts, music and ceramics programs. The square dancing and such are needed but we want something to do," he said.

Lawrence said a teen center that is free of alcohol with a place to dance would be sup-

ported by the Valdosta youngsters.

Christie Patterson charged the council had failed the young people.

"Our parents have failed us because we do not have enough money to operate the schools," he said looking directly at his elders.

"The schools will operate in the red this year. Each year because of inadequate funds, subjects have to be dropped because teachers can't be paid," he said.

"We need shop, art and public speaking, but the high school hasn't got them any longer because there is not enough money for teachers," he said.

Walter Zant spoke up and said the Carnegie Library is not adequate and should be enlarged.

"We have been using the Valdosta State College library, because we can't find the material for our research in the high school or public library," said Zant.

The VHS senior said there was not enough working space in the present public library and little current literature.

"There are no current best sellers and research material is limited," he said.

Susan Rodgers picked it up saying the council should crackdown on gambling devices and the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

"It is common knowledge around school that there are several spots in Valdosta where a teen-ager can buy and get beer and whiskey," said Susan.

The daughter of the Rev. J. P. Rodgers, First Baptist church pastor, reported VHS Principal Howard Bridges said drinking among high school students was at an all-time high at the school.

"He said there is more drinking now than since the first year he came here," said Susan.

It is illegal to sell alcohol to a person under 21 years old in Georgia.

Fran Woodward recommended that all vacant lots be cleared as a health and beautification measure.

Teresa Minchew said a system needs to be worked out in the new additions and extensions of the water department. She said new sub-divisions in the city would be made to pay the full cost of providing water and sewage for their sections, so people already paying water bills won't have to help provide their facilities.

City Manager Bill Holt said the railroad crossings were in bad shape and should be looked into.

"Let's clear this debt up, it's costing the city money," said Holt, referring to the city's \$330,000 operating debt.

Mayor Maxwell Oliver thanked the group and city fathers answered questions posed by the young people.

In response to the city debt problem, Councilman Tom Young said the city is doing all it can to pay it off.

Oliver told Patterson the board of education should come before the council and ask for a referendum to raise the millage for schools, which it has never done.

"Then it's up to the people to vote on it," said the mayor.

Oliver explained present policy on water-sewer extensions call for developers to lay all lines within their subdivisions. The city runs the truck lines to developments, then it is up to the subdivider to provide lines to building sites.

"We've been given excellent coverage on such matters by the press. I don't see how people can think we are making a few folks rich on this," he said.

Dr. Harry Mixson told Susan Rodgers the reason gambling devices are here is because parents want them.

"We are strict on selling liquor to minors; we suspend the liquor store owner's license if he is caught," he added.

Oliver said the young people have a moral obligation also.

They too have to obey the laws, he said.