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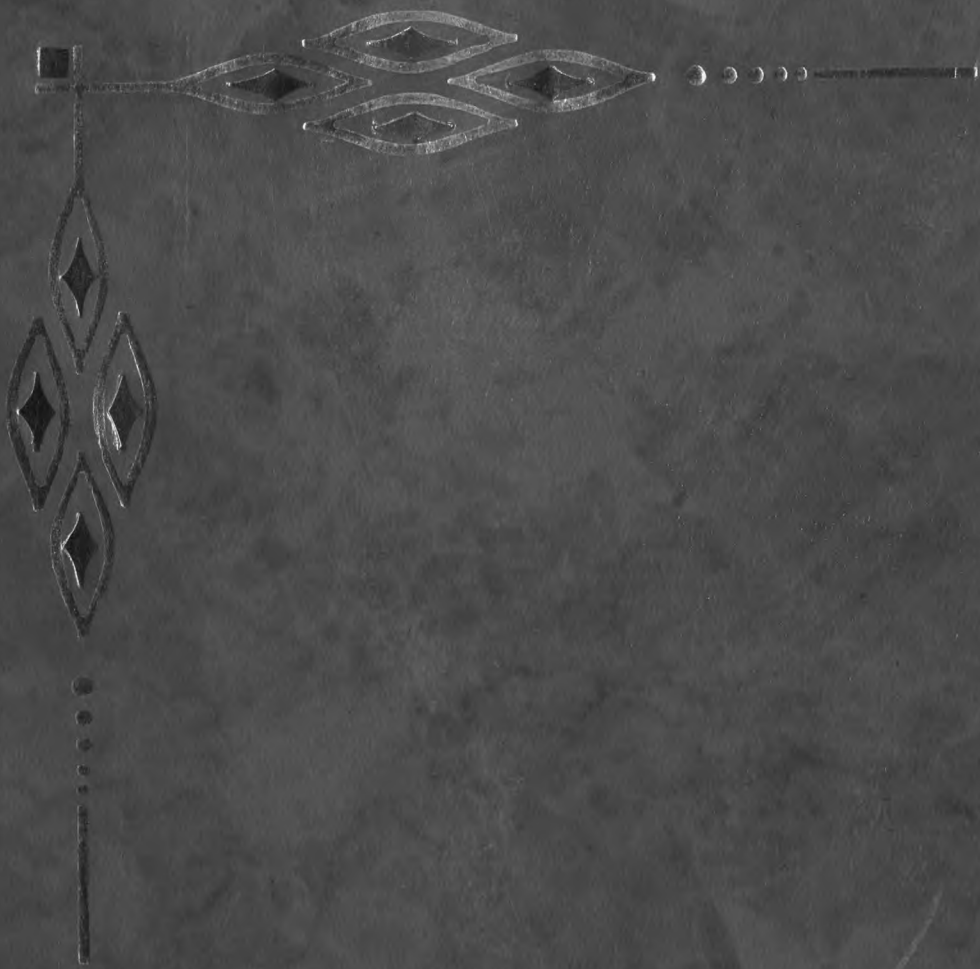
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Campus Roundup

# VHS Grad In Merit Finals

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article is about area students who have distinguished themselves at college campuses away from home.

By **TIMES STAFF WRITER**

A 17-year-old Valdosta freshman at Clemson College in Clemson, S.C., has been named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship program.

Alfred E. "Al" Willis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Willis of 518 Winding Way, became the sixth student from Valdosta High School to be named an NMS finalist.

Valedictorian of the summer graduating class and an early VHS graduate, Willis is



**ALFRED E. WILLIS**  
Now A Clemson Frosh

a member of the French Club and Clemson Players at the

college. Two Barney coeds are among 35 students from Georgia who were named to the first semester dean's list at Bob Jones University at Greenville, S.C.

Rose Mary Hancock and her sister, Virginia Mae Hancock, each had at least a B average during the first half of the scholastic year.

They are the daughters of the Rev. and Mrs. James M. Hancock of Barney.

A cadet from Valdosta has been named to the dean's list at the Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

Mark DiBois, a junior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.J. DiBois of 2307 Sterling Place, maintained at least a grade point ratio of 3.0 in his grades, the equivalent of a B average, at the military school.

DiBois, a junior and an education major, is a sergeant in the South Carolina Corps of Cadets, a member of the Catholic Choir and is enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program.

Kimbell Museum in Fort Worth, Tex., was designed by Louis Kahn, an advocate of showing art work by natural rather than artificial light.

# ABAC Newspaper Is First Again

By **TIMES STAFF WRITER**

TIFTON — The Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College student newspaper, the Station, has won the Georgia College Press Association's highest award for the third consecutive year.

Competing against all other two-year college newspapers in the state, the Station walked off with GCPA's Sweepstakes Award, the general excellence trophy, an announcement said.

In addition to the top prize, the paper won first place bronze plaques for sports, advertising and layout and design categories, said the announcement.

Helen Strickland of Lakeland, Ga., ABAC's college relations director, is the Station's advisor, while two area students, Melita Easters and Mona Darden of Lenox, are among its staff members.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

# 5 Valdosta Seniors Named As Finalists

By **MIKE HILL**  
Times-Union Staff Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — National merit scholarship officials have named five finalists from Valdosta High School in what is probably the largest number of students ever named from this school, said Mrs. Jamie Wisenbaker, director of guidance and counseling.

Mrs. Wisenbaker said the

event was unusual because, "We usually have only one or two finalists and nobody here ever remembers having five before."

The students, who are all seniors, are Richard Dasher, son of Mrs. Don Dasher; Bobby Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Graham; Lisa Groover, daughter of Mrs. Fred Groover; Randy Holloman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holloman, and John Lee

Smart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smart.

The national merit scholarships is based on results of scholastic aptitude tests, explained Mrs. Wisenbaker, who said that being named finalists opens the way for scholarships not otherwise available.

Mrs. Wisenbaker said finalists represent the top half of 1 percent of the nation's seniors.



**BOBBY GRAHAM**



**RICHARD DASHER**



**LISA GROOVER**



**JOHN LEE SMART**

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**RANDY HOLLOWMAN**

## Earn Macon Trip

# Four At VHS Are GHP Winners

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Students from Valdosta High School have landed four of the top 400 positions in the Governor's Honors Program for this year.

Jenny Wisenbaker, guidance counselor at VHS, has announced four students have been selected to be among the 400 picked to attend special education classes at Wesleyan College in Macon this summer.

Picked for the honor were Sheree Valenti, in math, Sharon Gilmore in drama, Bruce Hornbuckle in English, and Rebecca Parker in social science.

Mrs. Wisenbaker explained the students were among 3,240 entered in the contest state-wide. Just 1,620 were chosen as finalists.

"The program is sponsored by the governor and the State Department of Education," Mrs. Wisenbaker explained. "They sent out letters in the fall of the year asking for nominations for the best student from each department.

"It's really an honor to have that many chosen from our school."

Hornbuckle, a 17-year-old junior, said he was surprised to find he had won the honor.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hornbuckle of 416 Baytree Road, he said literature and journalism are his two best areas.

"I've been taking journalism at the high school and plan to be on the 'Outlook' staff next year," he said. "I was on the newspaper staff in Lynchburg, Va., and I worked on the 'Paw Prints' at Valdosta Junior High."

One who admittedly likes to read, he said his favorite authors are Ralph Waldo Emerson and Richard Bach.

He is a native of Houston,



**SHEREE VALENTI**  
Eyes Medicine

Texas, and plans to attend Valdosta State College for a while before transferring to a school in Virginia.

Miss Gilmore, a 15-year-old junior, actually entered competition for the drama award when she tried out for the play "Green Pastures."

Apparently she impressed someone, she earned the parts of Moses' wife, Noah's wife and Eve.

"I'm very interested. She tried out for the program of the FHA and Drama Club member. "I'll probably attend VSC, Florida A&M or Tennessee State."

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Gilmore of 904 Bethune St.

This was actually the second time around for Miss Parker. She tried out for the program last year and didn't make it.

This time the 16-year-old junior was determined to get the honor.

"I was a sophomore last year



**SHARON GILMORE**  
Likes Drama

and I guess it's hard for a sophomore to win it," she said. "I went to Mrs. W.E. Wisenbaker this year and told her I would like to enter it again.

"She put my name in and I won."

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph I. Parker of 2513 Churchill Drive, she said she chose Social Studies because she has always been interested in people. She



**BRUCE HORNBUCKLE**  
Journalism Fan

hopes to put it to use later.

"I'd like to become a psychologist or possibly dean of women at a college or high school," the Erie, Pa., native said.

Miss Valenti has become so enthused with math since the seventh grade, she can't take any more courses in it until she enters college.

"I'm a junior now taking Algebra III and trigonometry," the 17-year-old daughter of



**REBECCA PARKER**  
Second Try

Mrs. Jackie V. Blease of 705 Azalea Cir., said. "The only course left to take here is Math V and they're not offering it next year because they didn't have enough people to sign up for it."

Born at Moody Air Force Base, the Valdosta native said she hopes to attend medical school but doesn't know which one yet.

Three other VHS students were picked as alternates should any of the first four be unable to attend the summer session.

Kathy Dyal, the junior daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Dyal of 116 Star-mountain Drive was selected in English; Raymond Espinosa, also a junior, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Prudencio Espinosa of 2405 Berkley Drive, was an alternate in science. Mary Anna Smith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Smith of Cherry Creek Hills, was selected an alternate in art.

## 3-County Games Planned

ADEL—the "Special Olympic" Games for exceptional children is scheduled for Thursday in three counties.

Phillip Terry, director of the tri-county program for exceptional children, said the games participants come from Cook, Berrien and Lanier counties, sponsored by the Tri-County Association for Exceptional Children.

The event is to be held on the Berrien High football field in Nashville starting at 8:30 a.m.

Terry said he expected some 350 exceptional children, between the ages of 6 and 19, to participate.

Competition in track and field events, basketball, free-throw shooting and volleyball will highlight the games.



General Mills

NOTE: This basic news release may be of interest to your school newspaper. You may also want to add an interview with the winner. We would be interested in clips of any story you do.

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FOR RELEASE AS APPROPRIATE

January 10, 1975

Vicki Ziegler  
(name of student) IS BETTY CROCKER SEARCH WINNER

Vicki Ziegler has been named Valdosta High School  
(name of student) (name of school) 1974-75 Betty

Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. Vicki  
(student's name) won the honor by competing with other seniors in the written knowledge and attitude examination on Dec. 3.

She  
(He or She) is now eligible for state and national honors and will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, Inc., sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program.

State Family Leaders of Tomorrow receive a \$1,500 college scholarship while state second-place winners receive a grant of \$500. The state winner also earns for his or her school, a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America", from Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation.

In the spring, state winners and their faculty advisors will be the guests of General Mills on an expense-paid educational tour which will include Washington, D.C., and Williamsburg, VA. A special event of the tour is the announcement of the All-American Family Leader of Tomorrow, whose scholarship will be increased to \$5,000. Second, third and fourth place winners will receive scholarship increases to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively.

A \$1,000 Nutrition Scholarship is also available again this year from General Mills. The winner of this grant is a participant in the Betty Crocker Search who is planning a college major in nutrition or a related field, ranks among the highest in his or her state on the overall examination and scores highest on the included nutrition questions.

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## Valdosta High STAR

# He's All-Around Scholar

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

An all-around scholar has been named the Valdosta High School STAR student and he's picked a former VHS valedictorian as the STAR teacher.

Richard Dasher, 17-year-old son of Mrs. Don Dasher of Old Clyattville Road, copped the Student Teacher Achievement Recognition award with a 14.50 score on the Scholastic Achievement Test and a high grade average for the first semester of the school year.

Because of her influence on him academically, young Dasher chose Mabel Wolinski, a VHS English teacher, as his STAR teacher.

President of the VHS Marchin' Cats, Dasher said he is eyeing a career as a symphony orchestra conductor.

"I'm really interested in reaching people," he explained, "and music is one way to do this."

He plays clarinet with the band and won the "Star Musicianship Award" this year because of some musical arrangements he did.

Dasher's favorite music is classical but he keeps "an open mind" about contemporary sounds. "I get the most out of classical music," he said, "but I try to understand why others like rock, pop and jazz."

The winner of an Elk Scholarship, the VHS STAR is also a National Merit Scholarship finalist. He said he was considering several colleges but was leaning toward Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.

Dasher is also president of the VHS Foreign Language Club, assistant editor of the school newspaper, the Outlook, and a member of the Beta Club and the VHS math and debate teams.

In addition to the clarinet, Dasher also plays alto saxophone and trombone.

He won the 1971 Georgia Social Science Fair and is a member of Central Avenue Church of Christ.

Dasher's hobbies include painting, reading "and just walking around." "I know that sounds funny," he grinned, "but I really do enjoy just taking a walk in the woods—alone."

Mrs. Wolinski, the wife of



— Times Staff Photo

### They'll Represent VHS in District: STARS Dasher, Mrs. Wolinski

retired civil service employe Harry Wolinski, is a native Valdostan who was valedictorian of her VHS graduating class. She received her AB degree from Valdosta State College here and her Master's degree in English from FSU.

She also holds a teacher's 6-year specialist's certificate from FSU and is president of the Valdosta Association of Educators.

A STAR teacher 10 years ago, Mrs. Wolinski is a member of the Georgia Association of Educators, National Education Association and American Association of University Women.

The mother of a son and a

daughter, Mrs. Wolinski has taught school 21 years, all but three of them in the Valdosta School System.

Mrs. Wolinski is advisor for the school yearbook, the Sandspur, and a member of First Baptist Church.

Her "hobby is teaching school" and her "consuming interest is getting the English program started" at the new Valdosta High School which is to be occupied this summer.

She calls Dasher "the

most outstanding student I've ever come into contact with."

"He belongs to the Renaissance," she said. "He is talented in art and music and writes exceedingly well."

"He has no weak subjects."

Dasher moves on to compete against other students from the district and he and Mrs. Wolinski are to attend a banquet April 13 in Atlanta for STAR selections sponsored by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.



# VHS 'Cracklings' Was A Good Start To Understanding Area

One of the nicer things that happened this past school year is Cracklings, Valdosta High School's entry in the Foxfire field.

Foxfire, as most know, is that North Georgia mountain experiment in teaching English. The students from the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School for the past several years have developed features on the folklore and culture of the mountain people. Foxfire was developed into a magazine and recently the more interesting features were compiled into a highly-successful book.

The experiment in a practical approach to teaching English composition has spread to other schools. Valdosta High is one of these, and this year 46 sophomores and juniors tried their hands at it.

The result is an interesting, but crude or low-budget, compilation of the essays. They cover a wide range of subjects from a rattlesnake recipe to faith-healing to moonshine-making.

Much of it is rather elementary. Some of it is inaccurate. Some is poorly-written. Some, however, is excellent writing.

While at its best, Cracklings is amateurish, as English teachers Emily Carey and Duane Pitts must know, it is a start in a much-neglected area. In fact, it is a darn good start. There are some awfully interesting entries in Cracklings.

The name comes from soap, at least in a roundabout way. Cracklings is what is left after fat is rendered from meat. Such is a part of the home-making soap process. Cracklings has two recipes and a discussion on making soap in one of those big, black, backyard pots.

Also included is a discourse on making candles. At one point the student-author admits he doesn't know exactly what were in the early waxes used in candles. He said it could have been beeswax and kerosene. But he warns any would-be candle-maker, "Do not try the beeswax and kerosene for you may blow yourself to bits."

You can find a few dozen home remedies on almost anything from the common cold to a social disease.

For instance, people with lice can get rid of them by applying kerosene to the scalp, says Cracklings.

Another: "If you have asthma, get a hammer and nail and go to the cemetery. Find



By

TENNEY  
GRIFFIN

an oak tree and have a friend drive the nail in the tree over your head. In two months, go back and if you are taller than where the nail was driven, you are cured of asthma." Presumably the cured asthmatic has followed the next piece of advice: "If a person has asthma, let him drink the juice of a coconut. Then this person should bury the coconut in the back-yard and not look back when he leaves, the asthma will go away."

In some of the Cracklings, there is a feel about it. That's what makes good writing. Take for instance this paragraph on the moonshine trade:

"I can tell you a-plenty 'bout making moonshine. Made it durin' the Depression to get money to feed my family. Well, I've gargled many a drink! First you make a 'dressing' of wheat, corn, oats or rye, and sweeten it with sugar. This has to 'set' awhile and sour. This is what makes the alcohol."

There are five pages devoted

to folk sayings. Some we've heard all our lives, but most were brand new "old" ones.

We never knew, for instance, "It is bad luck to sing in bed." Or, "Do not take garbage out after sunset or you will have bad luck." Husbands, remind your wives! Or, "If you are around a dog when there is lightning, the dog will attract the lightning." Or, "If you run over a possum, stop your car and make sure the possum is dead. If you leave it injured, you'll wake up in the morning with it in your bed."

There is a lot more on possums in Cracklings, including two recipes and a discourse on how to clean one. Other recipes of our country cooking, called "soul food" by some, are also included.

It is going to take many more editions of Cracklings to get a cultural feel of our area. The first edition is the first step.

We can only hope that Mrs. Carey and Pitts of the VHS English department put their students to work again next academic year for another edition, hopefully more, of Cracklings.

Maybe one of the future editions will include a recipe for crackling bread. And one of the best sources would be Ma Groover. Maybe there will also be a story on how Snake Nation got its name.

270 Attend

Summer <sup>Jun 19,</sup>  
Session <sup>1973</sup>

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Summer school conducted by the Valdosta city system is, with 270 students enrolled, down from last year's figure of 322.

F. L. Wilson, assistant principal of Valdosta High School and administrator in the program, said 73 students are candidates for graduation at the end of the semester, July 16. Second session, for about 15 students, begins July 17 and ends Aug. 17.

Wilson said the distance involved in getting those students needing summer school might be part of reason for the drop in enrollment.

There are 60 candidates for graduation with 13 coming from other systems, Wilson said.

Officials had hoped to hold the summer session in the new high school, but building delays forced a decision to start at W. G. Nunn Elementary School, a short distance south of the new school on North Forrest Street.

However, officials plan to move the session to the new building if it becomes available in time.

Wilson said most department heads are teaching, all in their fields.

"The building is comfortable and we are off to a good start," Wilson said.

Each subject lasts two and one-half hours split by a 15 minute break.

Maximum number of units allowed per student is two, Wilson said.

Students begin work at 8 a.m. and finish sometimes as late as 2:15 p.m.

In addition to Wilson, there is a secretary, librarian and a faculty of nine teachers.

# Native Valdostan May Solve Problem

By STEVE ROBERTS

A Valdosta native who wants to come back home may be an answer to the critical student transportation problem facing the Valdosta Board of Education.

Stinson Stokes, who currently is employed at a transit service in New York City, has indicated he would consider operating a franchised bus shuttle service in Valdosta.

The idea was suggested Thurs-

day by Chester Clark at a Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce sponsored public hearing at which several transportation alternatives were discussed.

About 25 persons were on hand for the two-hour session, including several members of the board of education, Mayor-Council, the Chamber and the Black Community Action Group.

Although other alternatives such as a commuter train, car

pool, city school system-owned and operated buses and a law suit against the State Board of Education were discussed, the group decided to take immediate action on Clark's suggestion.

Clark said Stokes had indicated he would bring five buses to Valdosta if he can get a franchise to set up a private shuttle service.

A committee, including board member, Chamber officials and

a council member, was appointed to further discuss the idea. The committee is to meet Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Chamber office.

In the meantime, Clark is to talk to Stokes again and get definite details of Stokes' plan.

Mayor James Beck, who stressed he was not speaking for the council as a whole, said he believed the council would cooperate as far as approving a franchise was concerned.

Clark said he planned to contact Stokes Thursday night and find out when he can come to Valdosta to discuss the plan with city officials.

"He visited here in May and we discussed the transportation problem," Clark said. "He said he could get five buses from Pontiac, Mich., and have a franchise in operation by September if it was approved by the city."

The only other alternative

receiving general support from the group was the filing of a law suit against the state challenging the law which says the state does not have to supply transportation to independent school systems.

The state recently denied the city school system's request for transportation funds.

Beck urged the school board to consider a law suit, and board member Dr. Glen Herrin

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## BofE Tosses In Towel

The Valdosta Board of Education has thrown in the towel. Instead of trying to solve the transportation problem to the new high school, it merely gave up.

It appeared for a few days recently that the board had finally faced the reality of the new VHS being five miles from the residences of many students. Of course, the members waited until about 90 days before school opened to admit they'd placed it so far out that it was beyond reach of many of its pupils.

Still, there was an opportunity through some innovative planning and some pulling and pushing here and there to at least provide some minimum form of transportation to those who couldn't afford to provide their own. Instead of looking for the ways and means to do that, the board has said, "Let's give the system to the county."

It makes us wonder why we have such a board at all if it isn't going to try and solve some of its problems.

The easy way out is the one the board has taken. Instead of seeking solutions, it tossed in the towel.

Meeting Monday afternoon in special session, the board didn't act officially. But its members made it plain they are ready to give up the charter for the independent system so the county can take over. That would

mean school bus transportation for city students, whereas independent city systems aren't funded by the state for transportation.

Giving it up, as the board members have indicated they want to do, means putting that question to the voters of Valdosta. The question would be whether they want to surrender the charter for the independent school system. If the voters say "yes," then the Lowndes County school system would have the city schools.

That's a great way to do things. No planning, no nothing. Just toss in the towel.

In the long run, maybe that's best, because we'd get rid of this city school board. Since it is so unwilling to tackle sticky problems, who needs 'em?

Even if the Valdosta voters decide to kick out the school board and give it all to the county, that wouldn't solve the next term's transportation problems. It couldn't be done that fast. The earliest a referendum could be held is in about six weeks. Then there would have to be a transition period to avoid total chaos.

Actually, the best interests of Valdosta school children would be served by letting Lowndes County take over the city system. There'd be transportation, plus the fact the county board and administration has demonstrated it doesn't merely give up when sticky problems come along.

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said he would be willing to be the plaintiff in such a suit.

"I personally believe a suit filed in federal court by a parent would be successful," Beck said. "It will probably take several months to get a ruling, but at least you'll be moving in a positive direction."

Beck also urged the board to work up a temporary or permanent solution to the transportation problem and bring it to the council.

"I'm sure the council is willing to work with you in any way."

Chamber Executive Director John B. Lastinger presented facts and figures on the commuter train idea.

It was decided the idea was inflexible, unrealistic and too complex to be feasible.

The possibility of the city system operating its own buses is remote because the budget is already about \$175,000 out of balance in the wrong direction.

Board of Education Vice-Chairman Hulyn Smith said the board actually has control of about 10 per cent of the total budget. The remainder is controlled by state and federal regulations.

"Much of this 10 per cent goes for teacher supplements," Smith said. "Money is simply not available to support a transportation system."

The possibility of calling a consolidation referendum was discussed, but a referendum cannot be voted on before August. If it passed, County Schools Supt. Sonny Martin said a transportation plan could not be implemented before school opens in September.

Organizing a car pool system could be a temporary solution in the white community, but cars are not available in the BCAG representatives said south section of at the time children would to

Valdosta Daily Times  
Fri, June 8, 1978

## Questions School Merger Poses

Now that the Valdosta Board of Education has indicated it wants to throw in the towel because it can't find a solution to its new high school transportation problems, some questions immediately come to mind.

There's one on finances and one on political structure. There's also a question of sympathy and that's really what's involved.

At a called meeting this week, the board members said they can't find any kind of solution to the VHS-transportation problem, so they indicated the best course would be to ask the Mayor-Council to call a referendum for Valdosta voters to decide whether they want to surrender the city's independent school charter. A "yes" vote would mean that the city schools would be merged into the county system.

How would the bond financing be worked out in such an event? Valdosta owes \$3.3 million in school bonds. The county has a bond debt of \$2.1 million. It wouldn't be right for those now living outside the Valdosta school district to have to assume an additional bond debt.

Bonds mean more taxes and no one wants that. Whether county property owners would continue to pay on the current debt and city residents continue to pay on theirs, or would it in some way be consolidated and then divided is a question that needs explaining.

As for the political structure, the five-man county school board operates on a ward basis. The law does not permit election of more than one person at any one time from the same militia district.

A merged system would mean that a little more than half the children and more than half the local financing would come from the city. Would it be fair for the city not to have any representation, or at most only 20

per cent on the board?

Then there's the question of administration. Presently the city board hires its superintendent. In the county, though, the superintendent is an elected official. Is that the set-up people want continued with a merged school system?

In addition, there has been some speculation that the city school board in tossing in the towel is really asking for sympathy. That line of reasoning is that by saying it is defeated on the VHS-transportation problem for lack of funds, it can later appeal to Valdostans to vote another tax increase for schools. Is that what is coming if the school merger referendum is called and then defeated?

These are just a few of the questions raised by the school board saying it can't hack the transportation problem. They are questions that should be answered if Valdostans are to vote intelligently when, and if, the merger referendum is called.

Since Mayor-Council must call such a vote, it might not be a bad idea for the city fathers to get the school board to answer such questions before it issues the call. It is apparent that the city school board hasn't given much thought to the many problems that a school merger will pose.

Such solutions can be equitably worked out. In the long run children in both the city and county will be better served by consolidating the systems.

Who knows, maybe our ineffective school board just may have done us all a favor by forcing the issue. It will never come to pass, however, unless there is a concerted positive effort to that end. Such starts with public discussions of the many questions the school merger will pose.

## ... Then, There's Busing

And then there's the question of busing. There won't be any definite answers to that one, because it is a legal question and is also in the hands of the Department of Health Education and Welfare.

If the city and county school systems are merged, then bus transportation would be available to those city students who live one-half or more miles from the school they attend. Presently there is no school bus transportation for city students and that was one of the underlying factors which permits the operation of neighborhood schools at the elementary level in the city.

With a merged system, there is a very good possibility under present federal laws and HEW policy the neighborhood school concept in the city would be abolished. That could mean busing first graders from one side of town to the other, or to one of the

county schools.

The county schools operate as a completely integrated system. There are no neighborhood schools and the black ratio is smaller than in the city system. Merger of the two systems would lower the ratio in the city, but would increase it in the county. Whether students at Hahira, for instance, would be bused into Valdosta would depend on how the per school ratios work out and HEW policy and/or a court order.

While the new Valdosta High School transportation problem has led to the school board's indicating Valdostans should decide on a merger with the Lowndes County system, a lot of people could get more transportation than they want. At least it would appear that way with all the anti-forced busing sentiment from both blacks and whites in other cities.



**BUDDY GOODSON**  
Former Valdostan

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**Three Area  
Teachers  
Are Cited**

VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES  
BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Three area educators have been chosen Outstanding Secondary Educators of America for 1973.

Charlotte Smith, Mildred Wisenbaker and Mabel Wolinski were nominated by their principals earlier this year for the honor.

They were selected by the Board of Advisors for the program on the basis of their professional and civic achievements.

Miss Smith was chosen from Georgia Christian School at Dasher and Mrs. Wisenbaker and Mrs. Wolinski from Valdosta High School.

These educators are now eligible to receive the Outstanding Secondary Educator of the Year Award Trophy.

Five \$500 unrestricted grants are to be awarded to the schools represented by America's five Outstanding Secondary Educators.

Distinguished judges, along with the Board of Advisors, are to be awarded to the secondary teachers to be honored.

Outstanding Secondary Educators of America is an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women for their exceptional services, achievements and leadership in the field of secondary education.



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## Gym-Dandy

An unidentified workman walks along a row of bleacher seats which are ready for installation at the gymnasium of the new \$4.5 million Valdosta High School. It appears to be a

far cry from the ancient structure at the existing school used by Wildcat cage teams over the years. The new school is to be occupied no later than the fall.

# 'Cracklings' A Success

By JIMMY BROOKS

A folklore project called "Cracklings" looks like the most successful project two Valdosta High School English teachers have ever done.

"The students are ready to go to work on another issue of 'Cracklings' next year," said Emily Carey, one of the teachers. "They were very enthused about the project."

Cracklings is folklore in words, pictures, experiences, and philosophy of old-time South Georgia inhabitants.

The project here is similar to one in Rabun Gap in North Georgia called "Foxfire."

The VHS project is headed by Mrs. Carey and Dwayne Pitts and was written by their sophomore and junior English classes.

The students named the folklore book. Cracklings are leftovers after fat is rendered from meat.

The book was mimeographed at a cost of about \$150 for 500 issues of the 61 page volume.

"I never would have believed the books would sell so well," said Pitts. "We have sold almost all of them."

They sold the books for 50 cents to students and \$1 to anyone else.

"Cracklings is filled with unusual folklore and stories from the past in Lowndes County and the surrounding area.

One student told about her experiences of interviewing a waterwitch, one who finds water with a forked stick called a divining rod.

The information includes a wide range of subjects from rattlesnake hunting to old-time medicine remedies.

Some sections aren't folklore. One story had such information as the first hospital and doctors in Valdosta.

Another told about Doc. John Holliday, who spent his boyhood years in Valdosta prior to going west.

Cracklings contains 12 pictures the students took themselves.

Mrs. Carey said plans are already underway to have a second issue for the next school term.

"We hope to have it professionally printed too," said Mrs. Carey. "There is a lot of information in areas we haven't even touched."

The students were urged to write stories and the information was graded as a regular English assignment.

"These students found there is a wealth of folklore information right here in Lowndes County," Mrs. Carey added.



Mrs. Carey and Pitts With Book of 'Cracklings'

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## Three Educators In County Designated As Outstanding

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Three Lowndes County educators have been chosen Outstanding Secondary Educators of America for 1973.

Mildred W. Wisenbaker and Mabel Wolinski of Valdosta High School and Charlotte Smith of Georgia Christian School are to receive the honors.

These educators are now eligible to receive the outstanding Secondary Educator of the Year award trophy.

Five \$500 unrestricted grants are to be awarded to the schools represented by America's five outstanding secondary educators.

A group of judges, along with the board of advisors, are to select the five individual secondary teachers to be honored.

The guidelines for selection of an outstanding educator is the educator's talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administration abilities, civic service, and professional recognition.

The award program is an annual program honoring distinguished men and women for

their exceptional services, achievements and leadership in the field of secondary education, an announcement said.

Each year, the biographies of those honored are featured in the awards volume, "Outstanding Secondary Educators of America."

Dr. V. Gilbert Beers, director of the education awards program, said the men and women chosen for this honor are exceptional teachers.

"They have explored new paths, developed new insights and effectively communicated their knowledge to their students and colleagues," said Beers.

Monday, June 11, 1973

## The Valdosta Daily Times

### Editorials, Opinions

#### DAILY BIBLE VERSE

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2.

## Will Cavalry Save BofE

The nine wagons are drawn up in a tight circle. The Indians are charging around the defensive perimeter. The odds are overwhelming.

All appears lost. The wagon-masters are ready to give up. But suddenly from the distance is heard the faint sound of a bugle. Is the cavalry coming? Will it get there in time? There is, at last, a faint hope.

The analogy translates: Wagon-masters, Valdosta Board of Education members. Indians, transportation problems to the new high school. The bugle sound, a former Valdostan who works for the New York City transit authority.

At a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored meeting to discuss the VHS transportation problems, it was revealed that Stinson Stokes wants to come home from New York. He's worked for the transit system there, and he would like to operate a bus service here.

Stokes has indicated that if he could obtain a franchise from Mayor-Council, he could have a bus company operating by September. He discussed the idea with City Manager Phin Horton and Chester Clark of the planning commission.

When Clark explained that at the Thursday

meeting, there was a positive response. The Chamber, Mayor-Council and Board of Education all agreed to get some people together to further discuss the bus franchise operation with Stokes.

If they can all work it out, who knows, Stokes may bring the cavalry to save the wagon-masters from a massacre by the Indians. Maybe the wagon-masters will continue to fight on. Maybe they won't have to throw in the towel.

We can only hope that this former Valdostan who wants to come home will provide a solution to the VHS transportation problem. It is a fine new school, but it is located beyond reach of many pupils.

If the bus plan can be worked out, then maybe the board can open school in about 90 days without the turmoil that could come when hundreds of students find they have no way to get to school. Then the board could work in an orderly way to bring about the merger of the Valdosta and Lowndes County school systems.

Merger of the systems in the long run would be in the best interests of all the students involved. But it can't be done merely because a board of education has a sticky problem and throws up its hands and quits.

## Letters To The Editor

### Doesn't Need City Schools

Sir:

I am writing you regarding an article in the June 5 edition of the Valdosta Daily Times concerning the Valdosta schools ability to function independent system.

If all its affairs are handled in the manner that the transportation problem to the new high school is being handled, all can see that it should shut

down, but the county school system should not have the city's problem dumped on its shoulders.

I don't see where the men in Atlanta or Milledgeville of anywhere else can say that the county assumes the responsibility of the city school system when it can't or ceases to function independently.

It seems that every time the city gets in a bind it turns

on the county for help, but when the county needs help, the city turns its back. The county always gets the worst end of the deal.

I am a graduate of Lowndes High School and I know that my feelings on this subject are shared by neighbors and friends.

The city just can't give this burden to the county.

The city had better get the lead out of its pants and try and work out its own problem without the county having to hold its hand with every move.

As Supt. A. B. "Sonny" Martin of the Lowndes County System said, "Where is the city's choo-choo train?"

Tommy K. Bussey  
Clyattville

VALDOSTA Daily Times  
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## School Consolidation Vote Isn't Realistic

Any attempt to solve the new Valdosta High School transportation problems by merging the city school system with the county is politically unrealistic.

When members of the city school board last week admitted they couldn't find a solution to the distance problem, they indicated they'd ask Mayor-Council to call a referendum on merging the two systems. The question in such a vote would be whether Valdostans want to give up the city's independent school charter.

If the voters said "yes," then under state law the Lowndes County system would take over the Valdosta schools. The trouble is the voters would say "no."

Such a major decision isn't made by a community on the spur of the moment. There'd be no one for it, or



By  
**TENNEY  
GRIFFIN**

any group or organization pushing for the merger.

To change an age-old practice when the decision must be made by the electorate takes a major campaign to sell the idea. There is nobody around to sell that kind of idea to Valdosta voters.

For one thing, there wouldn't be time to mount the political campaign it takes on such an issue. If the board goes through with its merger vote call, then the

vote would probably come in about six weeks.

When the call went out to vote the bonds for the new Valdosta High School, the board made an all-out effort to win, and it did. A well-organized and well-oiled campaign was mounted to convince Valdosta voters to okay the tax increase additional bonds would mean.

That was a case, though, of convincing a majority of the voters to approve something that would improve their high school facilities. The need was plain.

To ask the voters, however, to undo a long-standing tradition and method of operation is another matter. An even more elaborate campaign than on the bond issue would have to be mounted. And there's no one around now to do that. The board members and the school ad-

ministration certainly wouldn't do it. They'd keep hands off to "let the voters decide."

There would be no positive campaign to counter all the thousands of rumors and misinformation that would be storm the community.

For one thing, some of the stalwart football fans would see any kind of merger with the county schools as "breaking up the Wildcats." That in itself, since the football Wildcats are so dear to so many, would be issue enough for defeat.

Then there's the question of busing. Merger would mean bus transportation for city children. It could also mean a breaking up of the neighborhood school concept of the city's elementary schools.

Regardless of the merits, the busing question would be raised and it would become as emotional as a cry of

"Don't let 'em break up the Wildcats." Forced busing for integration purposes hasn't become an issue here, because there are no buses and the courts so far haven't said the city must bus its elementary children. But it is a highly emotional issue in other communities and it would probably become that during any school merger campaign.

Add to these factors the feelings of Lowndes County school parents, and a merger vote at this stage of the game is doomed. Lowndes school patrons feel their system is far superior to the city system. They see the merger as diluting the quality of the county schools.

Then there's the black-white ratio. In the city schools it is almost 50 per cent. In the county it is much less. Merger of the systems would raise the ratio in the county and the white patrons don't want that.

So what difference does it make how the residents of the county feel? They've got friends and relatives who live in town and they would work them over to vote against a merger.

Merging the two school systems can be effected. But not on the spur of the moment as the city school board members have indicated they want to do. To bring it off will take a concerted effort on the part of both school systems as well as many who live inside the city limits as well as out.

Such isn't mounted in a few weeks. That's the political reality of the board's asking for a merger vote on the spur of the moment.

It would be defeated and the school would be still out there five miles or more from hundreds of students. The board would be back where it started and then the inevitable would come.

The board would ask Valdostans to go to the polls and vote themselves another tax increase to finance buses for the high school.

Jun 12, 1973

## Not All Writer's Criticisms Valid

Sir,

The recent letter to the editor on the voucher school plan was read with much interest. The writer of the article was well informed as he has been on many issues in the past.

However, certain criticism of public school systems certainly do not apply in Valdosta, particularly at the elementary level of education. Both of my children attend

S. L. Mason School and there appears to be no lack of disciplinary standards. The classrooms are kept under control by some fine teachers and an excellent principal, Hadley McDuffie.

The content of the material taught is certainly at the level of the children being taught and there is an advanced program for students qualifying through testing.

Much of the success of the private schools stem from the small number of students being taught. It is easier to maintain discipline when the number of students is small. However, if everyone received money from the government to give to the school of their choice as under the voucher plan, and people elected to send their children to private schools, then these schools would have the same problems as the large public schools.

It is time that everyone gave their wholehearted support to the public school systems and quit being so critical. There are many fine teachers and administrators who deserve our thanks, gratitude and encouragement.

Unfortunately, most people cannot afford to choose where their children can attend school. Our attention must be given to the large number of people who must attend public schools. There are many fine private schools and this letter is not meant to be critical of them; but only to take issue with some of the criticism of the public schools.

William M. Eanes,  
member, city Board of  
Education

William E. Gandy D D S  
Wood Valley Drive

## Cooperation Needed More

Sir:

With the customary help of "friends" like your editorial staff, it's no wonder that the city Board of Education would be accused of throwing in the towel.

If this were true — you take it for granted that we are quitting — you are again calling the shots in your typical anti-everything way.

What our community really needs is a newspaper that will present the truth instead of its own biased views and the half-truths one finds in a daily perusal.

Thank heavens there's no Sunday edition. At least that day remains sacred — free from the tainted word that comes from the chip-on-the-shoulder crowd over your way.

Why not try a little more cooperation in place of mud slinging for some top community improvement?

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## County Intends To Pave Lot

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

County officials are still promising to have the parking lot paved for the new \$4.5 million city high school by fall...if.

"If the weather doesn't stop us completely," said County Manager Buford McRae, "we'll have it finished.

"But we have to hedge that much."

McRae said county crews, stymied much of the time by rains which have drenched the area recently, have almost completed installation of drainage tile under the parking area.

County officials said the tile would be necessary if the asphalt surface was to hold up. County engineer Julian Dupree said the natural slope of the land was not adequate to carry off the water which collected.

Dupree contended if the lot was paved without adequate drainage, the under-surface would soften in the rain and potholes would develop.

School officials were cautioned by architect Zeb Lackey not to use the building without first having the lot paved. Lackey said the floors would absorb tracked-in clay and cleaning would be near impossible.

"We can still have it ready," McRae said today. "We have

already had some paving contractors looking over the work that has to be done."

While some of the work will be done by county crews, he added, much of the actual paving must be done through contractors.

Rain is a double hindrance, according to McRae.

"You see, our first commitment is to maintaining the county roads," he explained. "When it rains, it washed them out and we have to stop whatever else we may be doing and get them passable again.

"That's our first priority."

In addition to the drainage tile installation, county employees are also leveling the site of the proposed athletic field.

The new school was first proposed for use at the beginning of the last school year. However, delay after delay has pushed back the tentative occupancy date to the beginning of the next school year this fall.

City school officials first postponed the date of occupation to December of last year, then pushed it back to this month in hopes of using it for summer sessions.

That was not to be either. The summer sessions are being conducted at W. G. Nunn Elementary School.

## VHS Valedictorian

# She Doubted Her Ability

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The valedictorian of Valdosta High School's summer session didn't think she would get the honor.

But despite her doubts, Debbie Brown, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brown, attained the highest average among students in the summer session graduating class and delivered the feature address to her classmates and guests at graduation exercises Friday night.

The 16-year-old Miss Brown is a native of Sherman, Tex., but has lived in Valdosta since 1965.

"Being an Air Force family, we've lived in Georgia, Oklahoma, and Massachusetts," she said. "But we moved back here in 1965 to stay."

Miss Brown said she frankly didn't think she would get the honor.

"I thought someone else was going to get it," she said. "I'm real excited about it."

Miss Brown said she pushed herself extra hard all last year to get the top honor in the graduating class this summer.

"I worked even harder this summer," she said. "I pushed myself right on, and although I thought it just might kill me to get through summer school, I made it."

Prior to Friday's ceremonies Miss Brown said she was both nervous and happy, but wild horses wouldn't keep her away.

A tall, brown-eyed blonde, Debbie said her favorite subjects are perhaps the harder ones, but she likes Latin, United States history, and chemistry.

The honor graduate said she disliked English grammar, but literature was among her better subjects.

Miss Brown is a member of Distributive Education and the Latin Club.

She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, and is a Certificate of Merit Winner from the University of Georgia.

Debbie won second place in the Literary Meet in Home Economics last year and received third place honors in the state Distributive Education program for her marketing and distribution manual.

Miss Brown said God, her parents, and her boyfriend are the inspirational ones behind her and are the main reasons she worked so hard for the valedictorian honor.

She is a member of Park Avenue United Methodist Church.

Miss Brown says she is not really active in church activities, but she hopes to become more active. "I'm working on it," she said.

Debbie will attend Valdosta State in the fall where she plans to enter the pre-med program.

After graduation from VSC, Miss Brown wants to go on to Emory University to major in medicine . . . "If the Lord's willing, the creek don't rise and my grades stay up," she added with a grin.



Debbie Brown: Top Of Her Class

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# City Schools To Operate Kindergarten

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

When school bells ding-dong here Aug. 24, some of the city's pre-schoolers can expect to hear a ting-a-ling in there for them.

The first city-operated kindergarten program is to take in at South Street Elementary School on that same date, according to Assistant Supt. Ralph Brandon.

"We expect between 200-220 students," he said, "and we'll have a staff of 11 or 12 teachers."

Registration for the kindergarten program, which is funded by the federal government's Title I program and by the Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc., is Aug. 21, said Brandon.

Parents are to bring eligible pre-schoolers to West Gordon Elementary School cafeteria, Leila Ellis Elementary School cafeteria or to South Street School between 9 a.m.-noon, he said.

To be eligible for enrollment, a child must be five years old by Dec. 31 and must live in the neighborhood of one of the Title I federally subsidized schools.

Brandon listed them as Leila Ellis Elementary, West Gordon Elementary, Southeast Elementary and Lomax-Pinevale Elementary schools.

Those persons living in the Southeast Elementary or Lomax - Pinevale Elementary areas are to register at the South Street School.

According to Brandon, parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate with them. However, registration is possible without one.

"We'll accept the registration without a birth certifi-

cate," he added, "provided the parent is willing to secure one after registration."

The 180-day operation replaces Head Start, an Office of Economic Opportunity program for disadvantaged youngsters.

Earlier this year, the board of education approved putting its Title I Head Start money into the kindergarten along with about \$82,000 from EOA.

Brandon said the cost of the project is expected to run between \$200,000-220,000.

Transportation is to be furnished for students who live in the West Gordon and Leila Ellis neighborhoods.

"We still have a Title I bus we used for our Head Start program," Brandon explained. "We'll just transfer its use to the kindergarten."

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# 'Cats May Have To Recruit For Three Teams -Bazemore

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Having almost a fourth of the usual number of players out for football may force Valdosta High School to something it doesn't like. But Athletic Director Wright Bazemore said he still plans to have a three-team football system.

Bazemore told the Valdosta Board of Education VHS Athletic Association meeting at Twin Lakes Monday night the 75 players out for the team this year are not enough for a varsity, B' team and ninth grade team.

But for the first time since he has been in Valdosta he said he may allow some players, who could not attend the pre-season football camp now being held at Twin Lakes, to go out for football.

Bazemore explained he didn't like the idea of letting players go out after all the others had worked so hard in camp for two weeks.

But he believes there are quite a few younger players who couldn't attend the camp or "didn't want to take the punishment of a two weeks of camp."

He added there are only 3-sophomores and 10-11 freshmen players out this year. Usually the varsity carries 60-70 players with 30-40 on each of the younger teams.

In other activity the Association:

-Voted unanimously to charge admission to the practice scrimmage game to be held at Cleveland Field Friday night to help try to raise money for new equipment for the school's

weight room.

Principal Lloyd Mims made the suggestion after explaining Head Coach Charlie Greene had told him he needed about \$1,500 for the weight room equipment.

Among the equipment needed, he said, were bench presses, dead weights, leg lifts and a climbing peg board to go along with a weight machine the school has had about six years. Mims was to check with the Georgia High School Association today to find out if it would be legal to charge at the Practice game.

-Heard a report from Chairman and Board of Education member Hulyn Smith about the progress of the New Valdosta High School Building.

Paving is still holding up its completion, he said, but expected the Board of Education to be able to set final plans, again, this week.

-Heard a report from head coach Charlie Greene about the progress of his football Wildcats.

He told the meeting the team would be young but are enthusiastic but lack depth at some positions:

-Had a report from George Hart, Chairman of the season ticket sales committee that this year would be a sellout.

So far he said 1,800 of the 2,500 season tickets have been sold and he expected to have almost all of them sold. He added however he has plenty left at this time.

-Learned the school has cut out some \$6,000 worth of free tickets to the games but still

maintains a VIP list.

-Heard a report from Valdosta Recreation Department Director Dave Christian that bids are to be sent out again this week for a park at the new high school, which will include practice areas, tennis courts and a track.

Under an agreement with the Athletic Association, the school put up \$50,000 for a local match to get about \$140,000 worth of work done at the school under a government grant.

No one responded to the bids the first time they were requested, he reported.

-Heard a report from school system Finance Director Jack Kent about how the field had been moved 10 yards to Cleveland field to allow an additional 1,500 seats to be installed.

Hart explained the moving will have no effect on the vision of season ticket holders.

# Sept. 4 Opening Of School Hoped

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By WINK DeVANE

The Valdosta Board of Education is still shooting for Sept. 4 as the target date for opening the new \$4.5 million high school.

However, if the shot goes awry, Supt. Foster Goolsby is to fire the next round.

Board members voted unanimously Thursday night to allow Goolsby to name the opening date if he feels the new facility is not ready for the 2,200 pair of student feet to tromp in. Vice-Chairman Hulyn Smith told the board the grading for

part of the parking should be completed by Friday morning and paving crews could put a sealer coat on it at that time.

The actual paving could be done on Aug. 29-30, Smith said, after the sealer coat had "cured" for five to seven days.

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"I'm just saying let's not set a firm deadline which might get us into an unnecessary delay. Let's turn Mr. Goolsby loose to do his job.

"Let him have the authority to decide this thing."

He pointed out, for example, that if the board set an opening date of Sept. 10 and it was ready on the sixth or seventh, students would lose two days of attendance which would have to be made up later.

Smith also said he had been assured by County Manager Buford McRae and paving contractor Alex Wainer that, weather permitting, the work could be completed on time.

The board also officially voted to begin teacher pre-planning Aug. 28 regardless of whether the high school opened as planned.

"That would be an inconvenience to the teachers if the school opening is delayed again," said board member Joella Blackburn.

"Well, I've been inconvenienced this whole damn summer," retorted Smith, who has been liaison man between the contractors and the board.

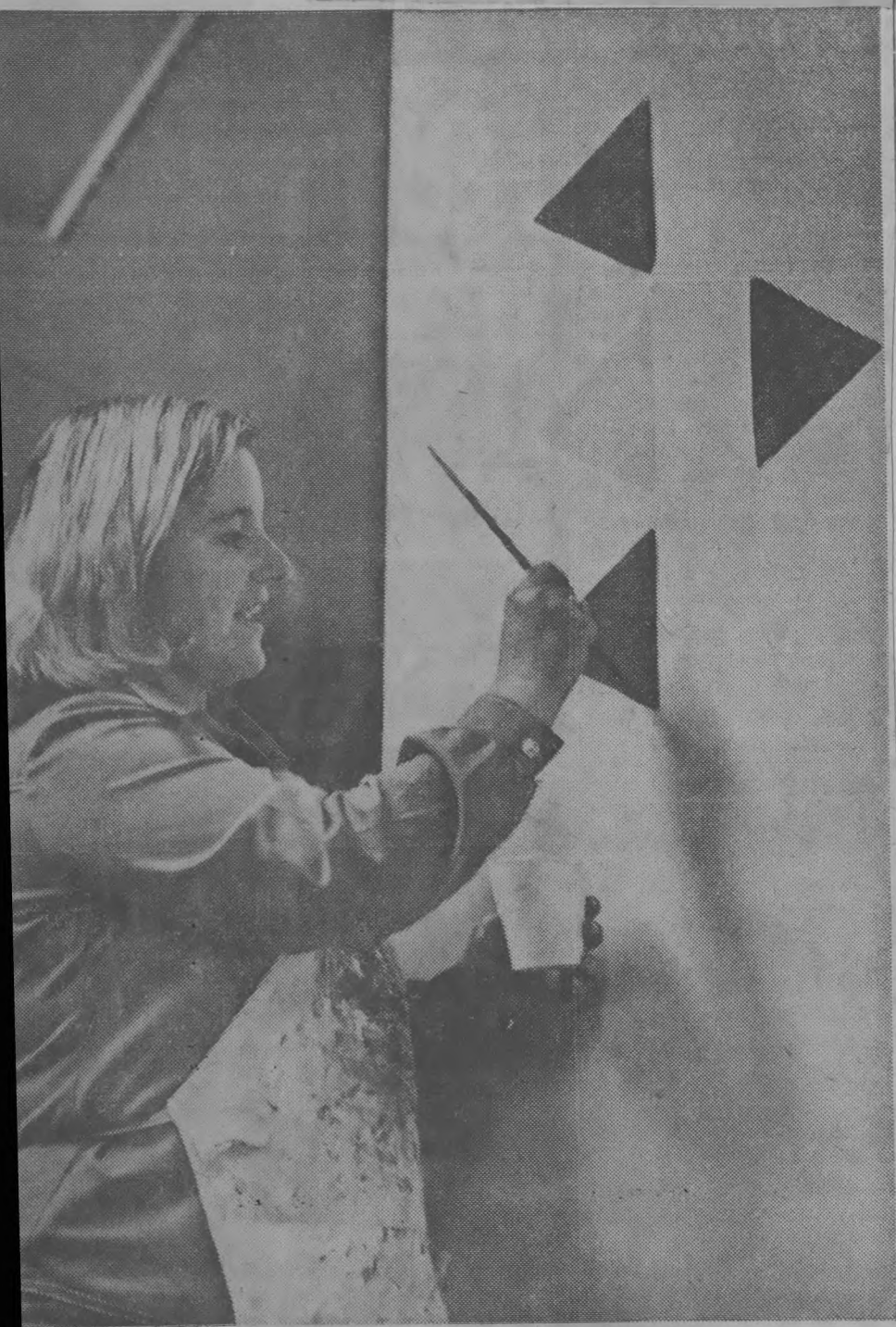
The parking lot has not been the only bugaboo in opening the school.

Originally scheduled for fall of 1972, the opening was delayed until mid-term of the last school year by slow construction.

When it still was not completed, the board decided to give the new building a "test run" during summer school this year.

That was not to be either and the board delayed the opening until the start of the imminent school year. That opening was also delayed from Aug. 24, however, because of the paving problems.

Schools other than VHS are definitely to begin classes Sept. 4.



-Times Staff Photo

## The Color Coding

's hard to come up with a road for a high school, but then it be almost as hard for a new student to find his way in the ultra-modern Valdosta High School building to be opened this year. That's why

Smith, an art teacher at the school, to help out with color coded directions. Under the system, different colored arrows point the way to different areas. Now all a student must do is learn the colors.

# 'Cats Elect Co-Captains

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Six members of the Valdosta High School football Wildcats, three black and three white, have been elected co-captains for the 1973 season.

Head Coach Charles Greene announced Wednesday night Bruce Hilton, Stan Rome, David Mitchell, Jack Sullivan, Arthur Massey and Charles Christian were elected by a team ballot.

All six, including three linemen and three backs, have been standout performers for the Cats in the past and are returning starters for the team this year.

Hilton is a 190-pound quarterback who led Region 1-AAA in total offense last year as a junior. He has put on another 20 pounds and grown almost two inches taller this year, Greene said, and is more powerful.

Rome, a 205-pound end, has already shattered pass receiving records all over the state. He has been a starter on the team since his freshman year.

Charles Christian, a 190-pound guard, is the only other offensive starter returning to the team this year. He was a mainstay on the offensive line as a junior.

Arthur Massey, a 210-pound defensive tackle is one of the quickest linemen in the state, Greene said. At the other tackle position, Mitchell, a 260-pounder, seems to have taken the starting spot and held it well.

Greene has credited Sullivan, a 190-pound linebacker for taking the responsibility of pulling the defensive backfield together.



BRUCE HILTON



STAN ROME



DAVID MITCHELL



CHARLES CHRISTIAN



JACK SULLIVAN



ARTHUR MASSEY

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back.

"I'm just saying let's not set a firm deadline which might get us into an unnecessary delay. Let's turn Mr. Goolsby loose to do his job.

"Let him have the authority to decide this thing."

He pointed out, for example, that if the board set an opening date of Sept. 10 and it was ready on the sixth or seventh, students would lose two days of attendance which would have to be made up later.

Smith also said he had been assured by County Manager Buford McRae and paving contractor Alex Wainer that, weather permitting, the work could be completed on time.

The board also officially voted to begin teacher pre-planning Aug. 28 regardless of whether the high school opened as planned.

"That would be an inconvenience to the teachers if the school opening is delayed again," said board member Joella Blackburn.

"Well, I've been inconvenienced this whole damn summer," retorted Smith, who has been liaison man between the contractors and the board.

The parking lot has not been the only bugaboo in opening the school.

Originally scheduled for fall of 1972, the opening was delayed until mid-term of the last school year by slow construction.

When it still was not completed, the board decided to give the new building a "test run" during summer school this year.

That was not to be either and the board delayed the opening until the start of the imminent school year. That opening was also delayed from Aug. 24, however, because of the paving problems.

Schools other than VHS are definitely to begin classes Sept. 4.

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## The Color Coding

It's hard to come up with a road map for a high school, but then it could be almost as hard for a new student to find his way in the ultra-modern Valdosta High School building to be opened this year. That's why school officials have asked Patsy

Smith, an art teacher at the school, to help out with color coded directions. Under the system, different colored arrows point the way to different areas. Now all a student must do is learn the colors.

# 'Cats Elect Co-Captains

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Six members of the Valdosta High School football Wildcats, three black and three white, have been elected co-captains for the 1973 season.

Head Coach Charles Greene announced Wednesday night Bruce Hilton, Stan Rome, David Mitchell, Jack Sullivan, Arthur Massey and Charles Christian were elected by a team ballot.

All six, including three linemen and three backs, have been standout performers for the Cats in the past and are returning starters for the team this year.

Hilton is a 190-pound quarterback who led Region 1-AAA in total offense last year as a junior. He has put on another 20 pounds and grown almost two inches taller this year, Greene said, and is more powerful.

Rome, a 205-pound end, has already shattered pass receiving records all over the state. He has been a starter on the team since his freshman year.

Charles Christian, a 190-pound guard, is the only other offensive starter returning to the team this year. He was a mainstay on the offensive line as a junior.

Arthur Massey, a 210-pound defensive tackle is one of the quickest linemen in the state, Greene said. At the other tackle position, Mitchell, a 260-pounder, seems to have taken the starting spot and held it well.

Greene has credited Sullivan, a 190-pound linebacker for taking the responsibility of pulling the defensive backfield together.



BRUCE HILTON



STAN ROME



DAVID MITCHELL



CHARLES CHRISTIAN



JACK SULLIVAN



ARTHUR MASSEY

er. "He's the quarterback of the defense," Greene said.

The coach said the co-captains will represent the team at all functions this year.

"They're all a fine bunch of players," he said.

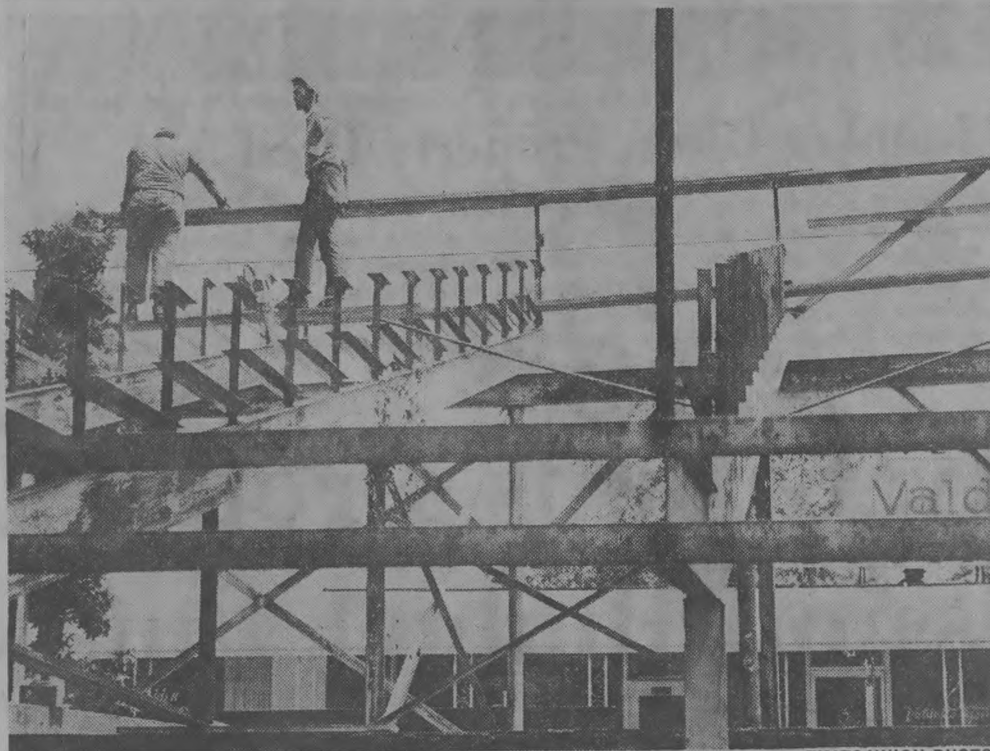
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Workmen Are Busy Adding 1,250 Seats to Stadium

## Valdosta Stadium Seats Being Added

The Times-Union Bureau

VALDOSTA, Ga. — The Valdosta Athletic Association is increasing seating capacity in Cleveland Field by about 1,250 more seats, but it took a one-day trip across town to do it.

The stands used to increase seating capacity for the Valdosta Wildcat stadium were on the old Pine-

vale High School campus and the school system had to hire a house-moving firm to get them across town.

The stands had not been used in four or five years, according to Hulyn Smith, chairman of the Athletic Association. He said the metal structures will have to be cleaned of rust and wooden parts of the stands replaced before they can be used.

The new stands will be placed in the east endzone of Cleveland Field. Stands which previously occupied the east endzone were moved to the west endzone where more room was made available earlier this year when the field was moved east ten yards, Smith said.

"The new seats will be strictly general admission," Smith said, "and should increase seating capacity in the stadium to around 12,000 persons."

Smith said the expense of moving the stands should be offset completely the first time the stadium is filled to capacity.

"We do something a lot of people don't do," he said. "We don't oversell the stadium, so the new seats will mean additional revenue."

"A lot of places oversell their stadiums for each game and end up with a lot of people milling around. That's when your trouble starts," he added.

"We just order so many tickets per game and when those are gone, we quit selling."



"Coach Bazemore went 8-2 the next year (Bazemore's second as Valdosta head coach), but I'd better not have an 8-2"—Charlie Greene, Valdosta head coach.

## Valdostans Put Heat on Greene

By JOE LITSCH  
Atlanta Journal Staff Writer

## Valdosta History Threatened

By JOE LITSCH

No one remembers the last time Valdosta lost an opening football game.

If it ever did happen, it had to have been before Wright Bazemore began coaching there, and that dates back to pre-World War II days.

However, Thomasville hopes to end that streak Friday night when it hosts Valdosta. It will be the sixth straight year that the two South Georgia powers have opened the season, and if Thomasville is ever to beat Valdosta again—last time was back in the mid 1950s—this is the year.

Thomasville enters the 1973 season ranked No. 1 and picked to go all the way. A loss to Valdosta could ruin the season early, and one can't imagine all the things a loss to Thomasville would do to Valdosta.

Defending AAA champion Lakeside opens with Clark-

ston, which should be no trouble for the Vikings. The Vikings already are planning for their Sept. 8 meeting with Henderson, expected to be the only team in 8-AAA capable of stopping Lakeside.

There will be several coaches getting a look at their teams in game situations for the first time: Weyman Sellers sees his Jonesboro team for the first time against Morrow; Prescott Forsyth will determine how much rebuilding has to be done at Bainbridge when his team meets Cairo; Tom Simonton will find out how far his Dublin team has to go against Swainsboro; and

French Johnson will see what's left at Forest Park when his team takes on Chamblee.

Defending AA champion Southwest DeKalb gets into the 1973 act Saturday night against Columbia at Panthersville Stadium. The Panthers are preseason picks to finish second in AA this time around.

A couple of intersectional games may give a preview of what's ahead for the season. Washington of Atlanta goes to Columbus for a Thursday game with Kendrick; then, Laney of Augusta visits Grady Stadium for a Friday night game with Murphy.

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# Paper Has To Be The Last Straw

By ARCHIE McKAY

South Georgians have demonstrated their ability to cope with shortages of gasoline, food, energy, money, honesty, liquor, winning football seasons and droughts — but duplicating paper may bring them to their collective knees.

Lanier County school Supt. Richard B. Young says its the only problem he has that can interfere with the operation of the school.

Young is one of many wanting to duplicate but can't because he has no paper.

Several area school systems banded together this year and consolidated their needs. Valdosta city system put the items in one lump package and sought bids. It was the first time the purchasing had been done this way and apparently is working out well.

However, Xerox, the firm which bid low on 36,000 reams of duplicating and mimeograph paper, has had its problems.



**BOB WILLIAMS**  
Joint Purchasing

There apparently is no paper shortage, just a delivery problem for the company.

"Xerox has the paper . . . I

assume it is a delivery problem. I talked with their representative about 1½ weeks ago and he said the paper should be here this week," Williams said.

If the paper bargain has created some problems, most of the school systems participating in the joint purchasing of instructional and janitorial supplies feel it is a good idea.

"We got together this year for the first time. Each system submitted their list of needs and we consolidated these into one request for bids," Williams said.

He pointed out that when items are purchased in large quantities the price is often better. "It helped some of the smaller systems get things at

But, as Supt. Young put it tongue-in-cheek: "You can't run anything without paper."

Bob Williams is purchasing agent for Valdosta's school system. He has helped in the joint purchase system, coordinated by Jack Kent, finance director of the system.

the same price as we do."

Systems participating in the "group plan" of purchasing included Valdosta, Lowndes County, Tift County, Lanier County, Echols County, Berrien County, Cook County, Brooks County, Clinch County and the shared services program.

Williams feels the point venture has helped Valdosta as well as the smaller systems. "However, it is difficult to tell how much has been saved since things have gone up so much. . . I think we have saved quite a bit, perhaps with the smaller systems getting more

help than us."

There probably will be a repeat next year. Williams said there might be a change with only those items desired by all systems submitted for bid.

"This year not all the items were wanted by all the systems. . . some items were wanted by only two or three systems."

Paper was in fact the largest item on the giant purchase list.

Xerox submitted a bid of 96 cents per ream of 8½ by 11 inch paper and \$1.22 on 9½ by 14 inch paper.

## Attempt To Stop Vandalism

The Valdosta Daily Times, Fri., Aug. 31, 1973 —5—

# Security Force To Patrol City Schools

By **Members of**

They can tell the student or whoever is there if there isn't a lot of planned activity.

when you meet someone at night and it's in a dark area, you don't know what you're up against. It's different," he said.

He doesn't think all the vandalism is caused by students.

They're not faced with plain vandalism. These people steal things they can turn over for cash," he said.

Students wouldn't know as much about selling or pawning stolen goods as an older person," said Kent.

The board has put steel bars in some areas of the schools, like the band rooms, in an attempt to make the buildings more secure.

But the vandals are still getting in through windows. And placing window glass and stolen band instruments is an added expense the board wants to eliminate.

"We can not stress strongly enough to parents and kids alike that the schools are closed after classes unless there is some scheduled activity. There-

fore, people should stay away from the campuses," said Kent. "Kids roaming around at night could get themselves in trouble and we don't want that to happen," he said.

Any school better There loaded camp night. The an at vanda system financ doste Ken are volv pro wil sai gi de . . . "At some future date, hope- al years. But the vandals are still getting in through windows. And noting the auditorium this year. The department doesn't plan d programs. and recreation relat- om gets year round use with auditorium. The multi-purpose ore people use the 1,200 seat p. Christian said he wants to see did not." ment director. "Last year maintaining it," said the de-

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#### DAILY BIBLE VERSE

"Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" Matthew 7:10, 11.

## Prisoner Of The White House

President Nixon has been described as a "prisoner of Pennsylvania Avenue" who should break out and talk to people "hand to hand and face to face."

That might sound like something from some anti-Nixon Democrat. But it isn't. The statement was made by Gov. Daniel Evans of Washington. He's a Republican.

Evans, Republican chairman of the National Governors Conference, is pointing up a problem of the system, not one just for

a Watergate on top of the White House, and the bottom.

Probably a President of the United States will never leave the prison that is the White House because there's always too little time for the people. Maybe the problem is not a new one.

"I'm proud of this. The people of Valdosta have something they can really be proud of, too," he said. "There isn't another one like it, that's for sure."

Nichols, tall and lean with a boyish expression, is young for a building superintendent on a job this size. He came to the VHS project after supervising a \$3.5 million hospital facility at Hiawassee.

C. C. Builders of Vidalia which got the contract for the new Valdosta High, sent him here as soon as he finished the hospital.

He was put directly under Otis Johnson. But as soon as Johnson felt Nichols could handle the VHS job he went to another one of C. C. Builders' projects.

Nichols has been with the company for five years. He started out as a laborer.

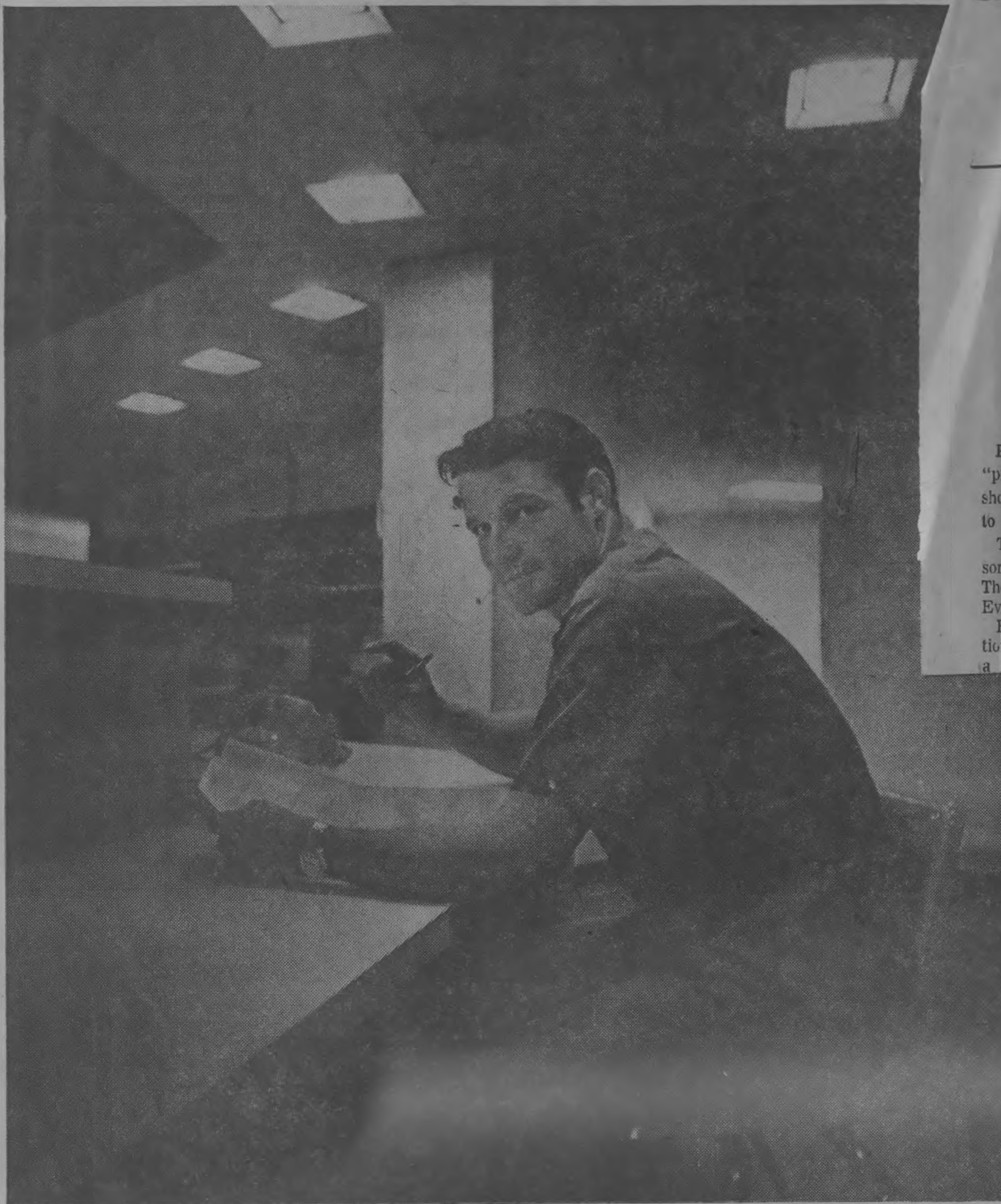
"I had me a pick and shovel just like the other laborers. I worked my way up from that," he said.

Nichols said he was apprehensive about taking on the VHS project.

"I was nervous about this one. Had it been a rectangle or square building it would have been a lot easier and gone faster, but not as pretty or useful," he said.

The school, which is about five acres in size, is the shape of two half diamonds.

The roof over the gymnasium was like a jigsaw puzzle," he said. Each piece of steel had to



—Times Staff Photo

Construction Supt. Nichols: Started Out With a Pick and Shovel

JULIAN

# Miller

Times Sports Editor

## Greene Unhappy With 'Cats' Win

Charlie Greene seemed to be anything but happy with Valdosta Wildcats' 20-13 victory over Dougherty's Trojans here Friday night.

Ironically, the 'Cats had looked as bad against the team they have never lost to, as they looked good against tough Thomasville in their 6-0 season opening loss.

"We just sat back and waited for someone else to do our job," Greene mused after the victory. "We couldn't get our linemen to go through the line and get the runners.

"And then when we did, they couldn't find the ball carrier. Dougherty was just so quick."

Were they quicker than the 'Cats expected?

"They sure were," Greene said, "a lot quicker."

The head coach in his sophomore year in that position knew exactly what was



MILLER

along with his 'Cats.

"They knew they played a good game in Thomasville last week and they were living on last week's game, a loss," he said.

From Dougherty's point of view however, the Trojans proved their 25-0 victory over Monroe the preceding week was no fluke.

Leroy Hunt and Mack Green kept up with their ad-

To Aid Traffic *Val. Times*  
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**School Officials**

## Eye New Schedule

By MARY CROUSE

Valdosta school officials are discussing the possibility of starting classes at W. G. Nunn Elementary about 20 minutes earlier in an effort to eliminate some of the traffic congestion on North Forrest Street.

The traffic bog is a result of the opening of the New Valdosta High School which is located about two miles north of the elementary facility on North Forrest.

City School Supt. Foster Goolsby said this morning he plans to talk with members of the Valdosta Police Department about a change in the timetable at W. G. Nunn.

Goolsby said Nunn principal L. P. (Buck) Thomas suggested the earlier starting time about two weeks ago.

"But I told him I wouldn't be willing to entertain this idea until parents of children at his school had adequately viewed the real problem," said the superintendent.

They had to see first hand what the traffic situation is, he said.

Traffic was bumper to bumper on Forrest again today but it wasn't backed up as far as on opening day Tuesday, said Capt. J. T. Copeland, head of the traffic division of the Valdosta Police Department.

Many motorists approached the new \$4.5 million high school from Northside Drive this morning.

"And I believe that helped some. Those that live in the Northside Drive area would do better to come in that way I believe now after seeing two mornings of this," said Copeland.

At 7:30 a.m. Forrest Street was thick with automobiles, but by 8:30 the road was clear.

It's that hour of traffic which has school and police officials concerned.

Copeland favors the idea of opening W. G. Nunn 20 to 30 minutes early and dismissing early on school days.

"The chief and I talked about this yesterday. We haven't talked with the school people about it, but we believe it would really be better for all concerned if that elementary school started early and got out early," said the traffic coordinator.

Thomas said the earlier time schedule on his campus would not be a problem because most of his students...

W. G. Nunn rings its bell earlier, VHS will still have a traffic problem until the paving of the parking lots is complete.

Only half of the north parking lot has been completed. The entire lot is designed to accommodate less than 500 cars. The south parking area is designed for about 300 automobiles.

But while traffic is a major concern with the school officials, late registration at all the campuses is a big internal headache.

"I get upset every first day of school by parents who evidently all of a sudden realize, 'well, well, I understand school is starting so we might as well ease over there and make arrangements'," said Goolsby.

The superintendent said even though the school system opened later this year than usual the same thing would have occurred in October or November.

Most school personnel spent all day Tuesday registering students and arranging schedules.

"This ties up so much of our time we could be doing other things" said John Morris, principal at Valdosta Junior High School.

George Duckworth, principal at Lomax - Pinevale Elementary, expressed similar feelings.

"We had just 39 first graders to pre-register for school. But 101 first graders showed up. You can imagine what kind of confusion that caused," said Duckworth.

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-Times Staff Photo

## A School No More

Lynda Haddock, a member of Action Travelers, installs new alarm tape to the glass doors of the old Valdosta High School building on Williams Street. The old school building, being leased to the travel club and Arts Inc., two non-profit organizations, has been

the target of burglars and vandals since it was abandoned by the Valdosta School System. Club members have closed most of the doors and wired the others and installed two alarm systems to cut down on the breakins.



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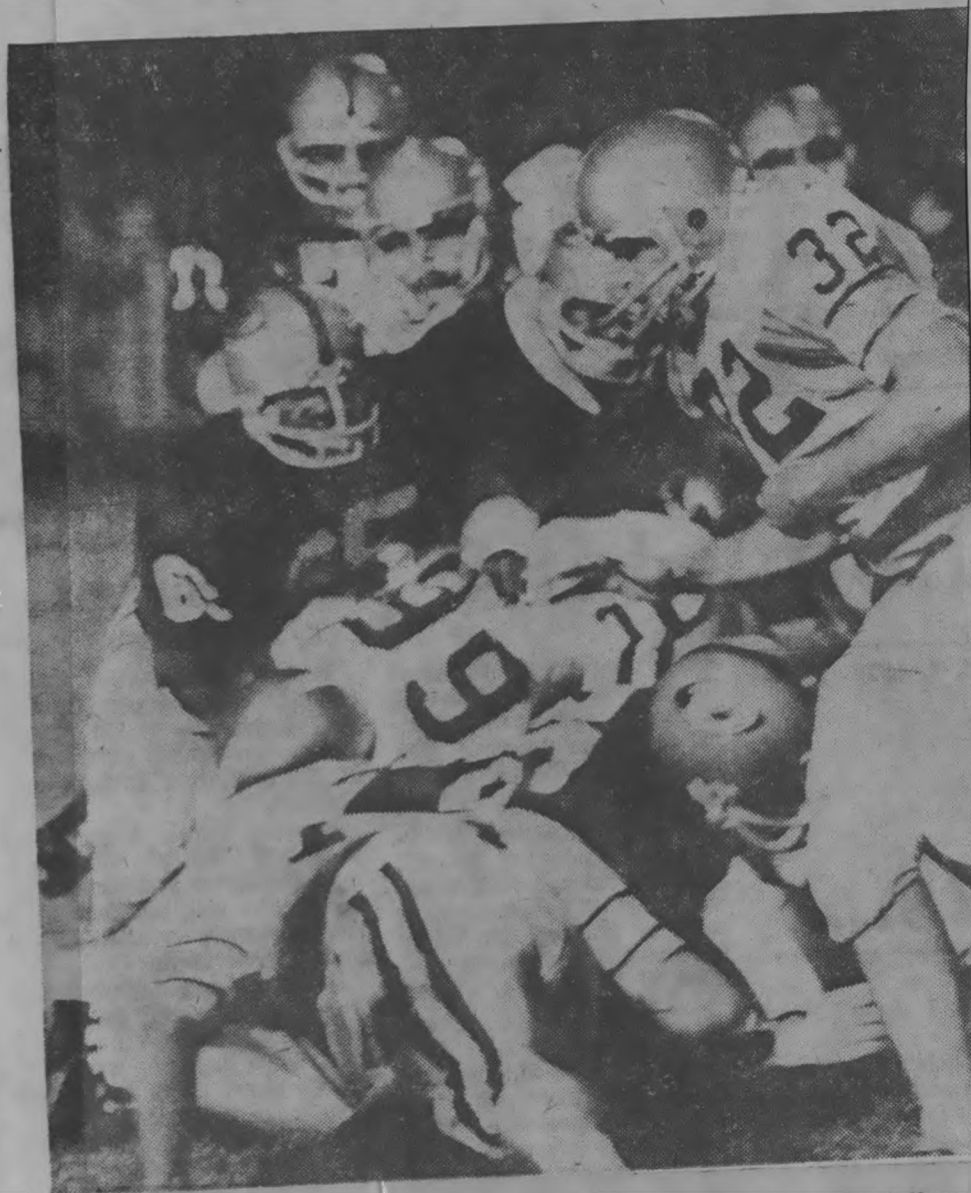
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For an 85-yard touchdown pass with 7:57 left.  
The second and third quarters were mostly a defensive battle for both teams.  
With just 1:40 gone in the fourth period, Brooks' Charlie Owens recovered a loose football on Coffee's 19-yard-line. Seven plays later quarterback Donald Rich crossed the goal line on a two yard plunge. Andy Eng-land's extra point was good and the score was tied up 7-7.

# Rome Repeats



The Sophs Take Over: Valdosta's Luther Joiner (12) Follows

# Ga. Recep

By E. RANDALL FLOYD

On the one side there was heat. On the other there were two Georgia girls, cast out of their native environment and sweltering in temperatures often soaring about 100 degrees.

In the middle was that all-time favorite Georgia heat-beater-iced tea.

"But it was thousands of miles away," lamented Charla Edmundson, one of two Valdosta girls who returned Tuesday from taking part in the Canadian National Exposition

in Toronto, Canada.

Charla and Cassandra Collins spent two weeks in that Canadian city representing Georgia along with six other Georgia girls employed by Georgia Welcome Centers scattered through the state.

Both girls said they had a "great" time, but added rather woefully they were astounded when they could find no iced tea at restaurants, hotels or "anywhere."

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Overall View of Valdosta's New \$4.5-Million High School

# DIRECTIONS NEEDED I

Story and Photos

By MIKE HILL, Times-Union Staff Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Walk around in the new \$4.5 million Valdosta High School like you know where you're going and invariably, somebody asks directions. It's that big, compared to last year's Valdosta High.

Around 2,000 students have been spreading out in the new building for the past week, after being cramped up in the old high school building. The old building was built to

handle about 1,300 students and ended up last year about 2,000.

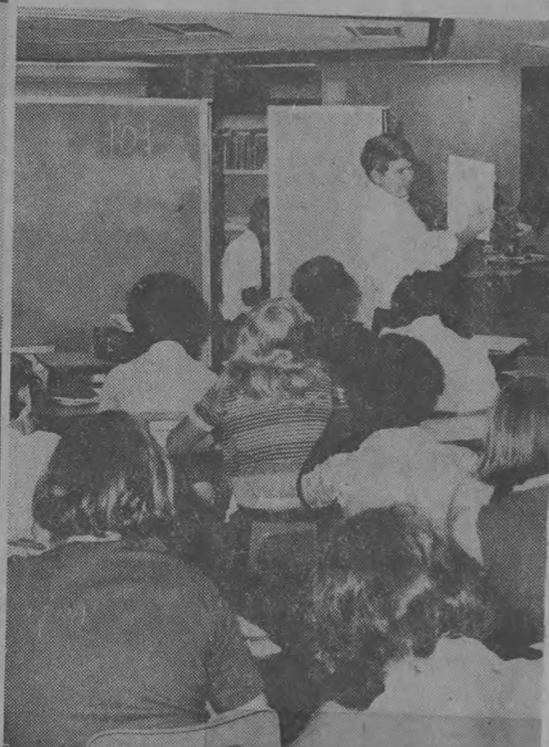
"We had them in every nook and cranny," a school official said.

The new building has a capacity of about 3,000, about 500 more than the number occupying it right now. "That's still a lot of kids," one teacher said, "but we have more room for them."

There are lockers for every student, and a c



Principal Lloyd Mims at 'Control Central'



Partitions Partially Separate 'Op

# 'Trust' Is

Story and Photo

By CAREY CAMERON

T-U Georgia News Editor

VALDOSTA, Ga. — James

Dewar feels that he is what he is because people trusted him.

People have apparently "trusted" Dewar enough to support him three times for Lowndes County school superintendent, in the organization of a private bank, in the establishment of an insurance and real estate agency, in the conversion of the bank to a State Bank and as a member of the Georgia State Board of Education. They have also made him a church leader.

As a result of these things Dewar has been in a position to help shape many of the changes that he has seen in Georgia since he was graduated from Emory Junior College in the depression year of 1933.

DEWAR ADMITS being satisfied with his 61 years of life and while he knows some things he would do dif-

ferently he would probably follow the same general course if he had it to do over.

"If I have been successful it was because people trusted me and were willing to participate with me in things. Also I think all success depends on being in the right place at the right time," Dewar said while enroute to a meeting of the morning coffee club which he and several other well-known Valdostans attend faithfully.

Dewar served six years on the State School Board with his name seldom getting in print outside of board meetings although he was considered one of the more astute members.

"That's all right. I didn't want publicity. It won't make me unhappy if you write a story about me but it won't make me unhappy either if you don't," he said when asked for an interview.

CURRENTLY DEWAR is



Russ Webb, 2, Mimics Mouth of Hand Puppet

## Officials Satisfied

# VHS Opens On Sunny Day, Forrest Heavily Crowded

By MARY CROUSE

The new \$4.5 million Valdosta High School opened this morning with the expected bumper to bumper traffic as 2,000 students attempted to reach the campus before the late bell rang at 8:30 a.m.

But many didn't make it on time. They got caught in the traffic snarl on Forrest Street and the other roads which empty onto the main access in front of the new comprehensive facility.

And while it was a 45 minute job for some - including a Times photographer and reporter team - to get from Park Avenue to the new building, the traffic congestion was at least orderly.

Members of the Valdosta Police Department, Lowndes Coun-

ty Sheriff's Department and the Georgia State Patrol saw to that.

Students who walked or rode their bicycles to the new plant arrived at the campus before their car riding classmates. This prompted more than one educator and observor to comment that bicycle and walking lanes along either side of Forrest would probably help the congestion.

One of the main problems with the traffic problem was the fact many parents failed to form carpools as school and police officials encouraged them to do.

Ralph Brandon, assistant school superintendent, said it is important for students and parents to form carpools until the remaining parking lots are

completed.

Only half of the north parking has been paved and there is only space for about 220 cars in that area. The entire lot is to hold less than 500. Another parking lot is to accommodate about 250 vehicles.

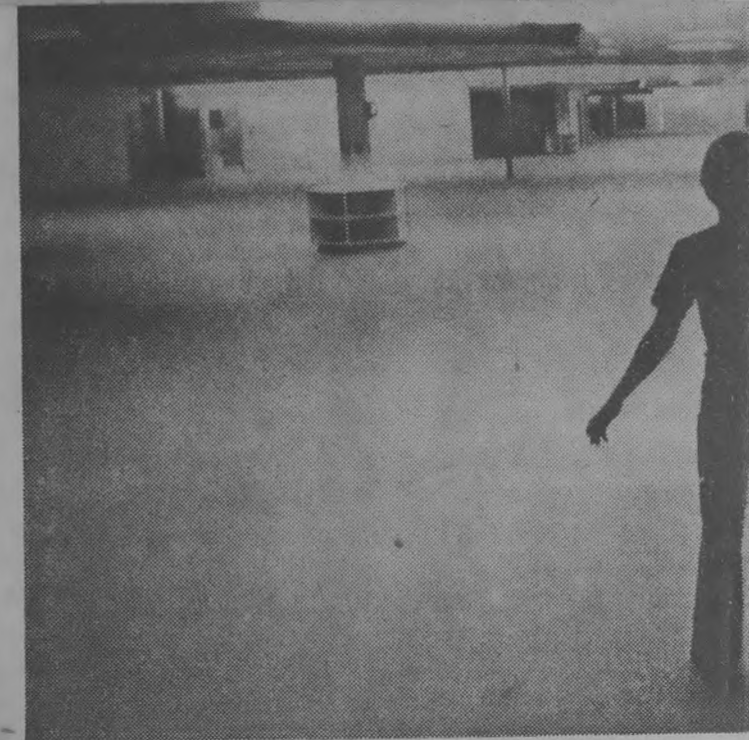
VHS principal Lloyd Mims said the reason the traffic outside went as smooth as it did today was because of the law-enforcement officials directing the flow of cars.

"I don't know what can be worked out, I'm not a traffic engineer but they'll come up with something for us," said Mims.

Supt. Foster Goolsby also thought the traffic problems could have been worse.

"Regardless of what the traf-

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The Little Red School House

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## DAILY BIBLE VERSE

"But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57.

### Give A Child A Ride

Valdosta school Supt. Foster Goolsby says the city's big new high school is going to open Tuesday if the rain'll stay away. About the time Goolsby was making that forecast, the clouds were gathering in the southwest.

Since he announced that the new VHS will be opened on Sept. 4, there has been a few showers about. So far, though, it hasn't been enough to stop the vital paving work at the school.

The \$4.5 million physical plant has been completed and is ready for the more than 2,000 students that will be going to school when the doors open. The delay has been getting the access drives and parking lot paved.

We can only hope, along with Goolsby, that the rain will stay along enough to get the paving work completed and the school open next Tuesday. There has already been a one-week delay in the opening of the city schools because of the VHS paving.

The Board of Education made the decision to postpone the school bells for one week. Then it said regardless of what happens with the VHS parking lot, the elementary and junior high schools of the city system will open Sept. 4. Goolsby will decide when the high school will open.

Children in the Lowndes County system and most of the other systems in Georgia are al-

ready back in school. They went back with only a minimum amount of confusion.

Next it is the city's turn and those youngsters will be back in the classroom next Tuesday, except maybe the VHS pupils. That still hinges on the elements.

The opening of any new school building, despite the detailed planning, makes for confusion. There'll be more probably than normal at the new VHS when it opens.

That's because there will be a major traffic jam along East Park Avenue, North Forrest Street and the other streets leading to the school site on the extreme northeast edge of the city. In addition, there'll be the physical problem for so many who live so far from the new school to get there.

There will be no additional public transportation to the school site. The Board of Education copped out on trying to find a way to get the students to the new school. Instead, it has started what will be a long legal battle with the state over the question of city school systems getting bus transportation funding. State law now prohibits bus funds to an independent, or city, school system.

Meanwhile, when the new VHS opens, every motorist in Valdosta might keep in mind that it is a good idea to give a child a ride to school.

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## Cleveland Field

### Moves For Seats

Don't look now, but just because you had season football tickets on the 50-yard line for the Valdosta Wildcats' home games, it doesn't necessarily mean you have seats on the 50-yard line now.



MILLER

While other schools have been boasting about their expensive additions to football stadiums lately, the Valdosta school system has quietly and inexpensively added another 1,500 seats to Cleveland Field.

Trouble is, they had to move the field to get them in.

Before anyone gets into a rage about being moved from their prime spot between the 45's, school system finance director Jack Kent has explained the move will affect only a very few season ticket holders and will benefit all the others.

"We had these grandstands out at the old Pinevale High School stadium," Kent explained. "We never have organized games on that field any more so they were just going to waste.

"Since we did all the work of moving them over to Cleveland Field, the only cost involved was some \$600 for new two-by-eight-inch planks someone had removed from them. It should give us some 1,500 seats that will pay for themselves in just one big ball game."

School officials figure a normal Valdosta-Moultrie game crowd would pay for the new seats in one night.

About the season tickets, Kent said only half of one section of season-ticket holders had been placed on the west side of the 50 yard line before the move.

"All the rest of the seats were on the other side," he explained. "We moved the field down 10 yards which means anyone sitting on the east 45-yard line will now be on the west 45. But it will only put those in that half section on each side about 10 yards down while it will help all the other ticket holders."

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## That Clean Sheen

The life of a Sousaphone player is no easy one. He not only has to carry that big horn around with him, he's got to clean it too. That's how a Times photographer caught James Plymel, a

freshman member of The Valdosta High School Marchin 'Cats at the band's summer camp in Douglas this week. A freshman classmate, Tim Turner, threw in a helping hand.

# 'Cats Look For Answers

By JULIAN MILLER

Can speed effectively take the place of size? And can Valdosta's Wildcats show the same enthusiasm and togetherness they showed in pre-season football camp last week, when they have to start pounding each other.

Those were just two of the questions head coach Charlie Green hoped to start answering when his Wildcats begin their second week of camp today.

Beginning at 10 a.m. today, the 'Cats were to don pads for their first time since the spring jamboree for hard hitting scrimmages.

The Georgia High School Association had taboored anything but practice in shorts for all its member schools until today.

Of course the 'Cats won't be the only team to begin hitting today. Lowndes High's Vikings began their camp last Monday in Hahira while the Cougars of Madison, Fla., High School have been practicing in shorts since Wednesday at their school.

Berrien's Rebels from Nashville, Ga., were to begin their traditional week of camp at Moultrie's Spence Field today while Cook High's Hornets from Adel don pads at their school for their second week of practice.

The Brooks County Trojans from Quitman, Clinch County Panthers from Homerville, and Hamilton County Trojans from Jasper, Fla., also plan to don pads today at their school gyms.

Greene confirmed earlier fears his Wildcats, who went 9-1

in his first year as head coach last year, would be inexperienced, smaller and fewer this season last week.

But he found a pleasant surprise waiting for him when the 'Cats showed a togetherness and spirit that topped most previous Valdosta camps for quite a while.

However, the cut in number from the usual 100 to 74 players has started showing up in depth, he said.

"When we get a boy bruised it really hurts us on depth," he admitted.

On the whole, the head coach said the first week of camp was a "a good one. But we've got about three weeks of practice to squeeze into about four days.

"We start in pads today and we'll find out who wants to play. We're not as big as we have been in the past. But we may have more quickness. Either way we need a lot of improvement."

The Valdosta Touchdown Club, the booster organization which sponsors the camp, is scheduled to hold its annual scrimmage and supper in an attempt to bring in new members Tuesday. The scrimmage was to get underway at 4 p.m. at the A-H camp at Twin Lakes with the supper following.

Thursday afternoon, the 'Cats are to pack up and head to Valdosta in preparation for their first game under the lights at Cleveland Field beginning at 8 p.m. Friday.



CHARLIE GREENE  
'Best Togetherness'

## School Bus Route Is Set

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A morning school bus route from the northwest area of town to Valdosta High School has been established by Clarence Price, who operates a private bus line.

It was reported the bus leaves the junior high school at 7:45 a.m. and covers several areas.

Those areas include south on Oak Street from the school to Alden, then to McLeod Road to Bay Tree. From there it goes along Jerry Jones to Gronto to Berkley to Northside where it turns onto Forrest.

A spokesman said the bus would operate only in the morning until the route is established.

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## At VHS, A Matter Of Pride

To say the least, it is disappointing to hear reports from the new Valdosta High School that students can't be made to control litter and that some of the vast carpeted areas look as though they are two years old.

Principal Lloyd Mims made that report at a city Board of Education meeting last week. He told the board members that is it "a disgrace and a shame because the students come into the facility through ankle deep paper."

Asked why the students wouldn't pick up the paper, Mims gave the answer to both the specific litter problem at his school and to litter problems in general. He said the students "tell me they don't do it (pick up litter at home) at home and they say they won't do it (at school). They think it's beneath them and that we are trying to make janitors out of them." He added that some of the parents object to the children bending down and picking up a piece of paper.

Principal Mims in defining the problem for the board, didn't offer a solution. The solution, however, was offered by board chairman Bob Quattlebaum. He asked why school officials can dictate how students dress and how long boys wear their hair and not dictate to them they'll keep the campus clean. The answer lies in the question.

That, though, is not the best answer. Actually, the only way the school can be maintained and the litter problem cured is through pride.

A student body proud of its new \$4.5 million facility will see the campus isn't littered. They will wipe their feet before entering the building. They will show concern for their fellow pupils, their teachers and administrators.

Building pride is something that must start at the top. It can't be forced on a student body as can a dress code or a hair-length code. Pride is infectious. The infusion process begins with the administration and works down through the faculty to the lowest freshman. It works the other way, too, from the bottom to the top. Valdosta High School is nationally recognized as a football power. It has the finest band in the land. It did all that in an old building that was just a step beyond the one-room school.

Now to go with its great traditions, VHS has probably the finest single physical facility of any high school in the state. There wasn't a lot to be proud of about the old building. Now there is. The job for the school administrators and students is to instill the pride.

When the spirit is generated; Principal Mims won't have to worry about asking students to pick up litter. There won't be any to pick up. The students won't leave it there.

## VHS-T'Ville Tickets

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Here's How It's Done: Coach Butch Brooks Shows Several Wildcats A Few Blocking Techniques

## 'Cats Show More Spirit

By JULIAN MILLER

Valdosta's Wildcats are going to be young, inexperienced, smaller and fewer, head coach Charlie Greene has discovered during his first week of pre-season football camp.

But they're also going to be one of the most spirited and enthusiastic teams, Valdosta has had in quite a while, he says. And that makes him happy.

"The spirit, enthusiasm and togetherness these 74 boys have shown is great," he said as the camp broke up for the weekend.

"I feel like all 74 boys have formed one unit. That's probably the biggest thing out of this week."

Otherwise Greene said the team has been making progress both offensively and defensively, but not as much as he would have liked them to.

"We had some problem in some of the passing drills but about half were players just not catching the ball," he said. "Bruce Hilton has been doing a good job passing. He's put on another 80 pounds and that extra weight and strength are helping him."

Replacements made in the defensive secondary seem to be working out well, he said but it's hard to tell in shorts. The defense has the advantage. All the offense can really do now is throw the ball."

Under Georgia High School Association rulings, the first week of camp is spent in shorts. Monday, the 'Cats are to don pads and begin four days of heavy scrimmage at the 4-H Camp in Twin Lakes.

Thursday they plan to leave the camp to prepare for a

scrimmage game under the lights at Cleveland Field Friday night.

"We've still got about three weeks worth of practice to cram in next week," Greene said. "The offense and specialty teams are not like we would like to have them."

Standouts during the camp included Hilton (190, sr.) who led the team to their 9-1 record last year, and Standord Rome (200, sr.) the top pass receiver in VHS history.

"Billy Berrien (175, soph.), and Harold Renninger (175, soph.), have worked real hard at the fullback and halfback positions."

On defense, he praised tackles Arthur Massey (190, sr.), and David Mitchell (260, sr.), and guards John Showalter (240, soph.), and Kim Pittman (180, soph.). He also lauded the work of Jack Sullivan (185, sr.), Walter Elliott (160, jr.), and Joe Ladrow (170, sr.).

Greene learned his team

would be only three-fourths as numerous as he expected when only 75 players showed up for camp. He offered no reason why the other 25 had not shown up but said it should give the coaches a chance to work with each player more individually.

"It did," he admitted Friday. "We have been able to spend more time with each boy. But we found that when one boy gets bruised it really starts showing on your depth."

Working with Greene at the camp are offensive back coach Bill Aldrich, offensive line coach Butch Brooks, defensive back coaches Connie Harris and Steve Kebler. Team coach John Booth, quarterback and ninth-grade teacher Frank Deming, and Valdosta Junior High's Norm Sainz and Freddie Waters.

"We're supposed to be back in camp Monday at 10 a.m. with the pads," Greene said. "Then we'll start finding out some things."

# 'Dogs Have Ability--Hughes

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

THOMASVILLE — Jim Hughes says his Thomasville Bulldogs have the capability of being the best football team he has ever been associated with.

Now he's waiting for Friday night's season opener against Valdosta's Wildcats to see if the Bulldogs are going to play to their capabilities and establish themselves the way he wants.

A win over Valdosta in the Region 1-AAA high school football season opener here Friday would be the first Hughes has tasted against the 'Cats in eight years at the high school. And it would be the first time the Wildcats have lost a season opener since entering Class AAA.

The Bulldogs were selected the team to beat state-wide by pre-season polls with Valdosta's always tough 'Cats among the top contenders.

"Well, we're approaching the game the same way we always do," the Cordele native said Wednesday night. "We've worked hard and are hoping for the best, but we've done nothing unusual or different. We just tried to get the best use of the time we've had."

Are the Bulldogs going to be ready?

"If I didn't think we would be I'd still be over there," he answered. "I think we'll be ready to play a good game."

"You say Valdosta and you've said it all. Preparing for them is like preparing for an entire season by itself. They have superior athletes, great tradition and do a great deal with the football.

"To prepare for them is an over-exhaustive assignment and we've been giving it full attention. But whether we've done the job well remains to be seen."

The Vanderbilt graduate considers his team as "not very big" but hopefully quicker on defense and a little larger on offense.

"We've got a 250-pounder on the line but a 150-pound man right beside him," Hughes said. "We've got some size in a few positions on defense but as a team we're not very big. I like to think we are quick but we'll have to wait until Friday to see."

"Offensively, we've got a little more size in the line, tackle-to-tackle, than the last several years. We're not overwhelming in terms of weight but I feel the backs are strong runners rather than burners. We've got no excessive speed in any position."

Hughes revealed his team

won't be throwing the football as much as Valdosta.

"Few people do," he said. "We tend to be a ball control type, football team but we've been blessed with some pretty fair runningbacks too."

"Of course you have to throw some to be successful and we've been working on this. Our quarterback (David Mitchell) throws better now than he did a year ago. But he's got 10 AAA games under his belt. I would say he's adequate, not superlative."

The 35-year-old coach declined to discuss early reports of some players being injured.

"We don't talk about injuries, we talk about the kids that play. We have some illness and some banged up players, but I expect everyone to play Friday who's capable of playing."

One of the Bulldog's major problems is keeping the pride of high rankings in pre-season polls from going to the players' heads.

"We've cautioned our supporters pre-season polls are meaningless," he said. "If we can detect any trace of fat-headedness we'll take steps to eliminate it, but so many times we don't know it's there until we've suffered the consequences."

By contrast, head coach

Charlie Greene announced Wednesday his problems lie in getting his Wildcats up for the game.

"We're not in school yet," Greene explained, "and they have no peer interaction, no classmates talking to them about the game, boosting their morale. And to tell you the truth we've just been flat."

Probable starters from both teams include:

#### Valdosta

Offense—split end Stan Rome (205, sr.), tight end, Zolie Cobb (185, jr.), tackles Norman Bankston (185, jr.), or David Carmichael (175, jr.) and Mike Wetherington (200, soph.), guards Phil Teffettler (150, jr.) or Loren Dodson (190) and Charles Christian (200, sr.), center Bobby Worley (180, soph.), quarterback Bruce Hilton (190, sr.), halfbacks Harold Remminger (175, soph.) and Robert Demps (160, jr.) and fullback Billy Berrien (170, soph.).

Defense—ends Walt Elliott (160, jr.) and Danny Adams (175, sr.), tackles David Mitchell (260, sr.) and Arthur Massey (190, sr.), middleguard John Showalter (240, soph.), cornerbacks Tony Waters (160, sr.) and Arthur Cooper (170, sr.), linebackers Jack Sullivan (190, sr.) and David Sumner (170, sr.), and safeties David Williams (170, sr.) and Rome or Lawrence Lowe (166, jr.).

#### Thomasville

Offense—ends Thomas Grantham (165, jr.) and James Riles (170, sr.), tackles Joe Hay (215, sr.) and James Jones (205, jr.), guards Bruce McClure (165, jr.) and Allen Shiver (185, sr.), center Steve Parrish (170, jr.), quarterback David Mitchell (160, sr.), fullback Earnest Kirksey (190, sr.), fullback William Andrews (175, sr.) and wingback Allen Fillmore (155, sr.).

Defense—ends Darryl Scott (150, sr.) and Marvin Wilson (150, sr.), tackle Larry McPherson (175, sr.), guards Jim Keyton (220, sr.) and Tommy Gaston (250, sr.), linebackers Michael Bryant (185, sr.) and John David Peoples (175, jr.), cornerbacks Jim Bowdry (155, sr.) and Eugene Clark (155, sr.), and safeties Jim McCullum (155, sr.) and Don Fiveash (150, sr.).

# Wildcats, Vikings Play at Home

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Brooks County's Trojans, unsuccessful against Hornets and Coffee, alter history somewhat by attacking a group of Vikings from Lowndes here tonight while across town, Crisp County and Valdosta square off in their annual "cat fight."

Valdosta's Wildcats host the Cougars from Cordele in their third Region 1-AAA battle of the season at Cleveland Field while Lowndes' Vikings take on the Trojans from Quitman at Martin Stadium.

Both games are to get underway at 8 p.m.

In other area action, Cook's Hornets play host to highly regarded Central of Thomasville's

unbeatens, and Berrien's undefeated Rebels from Nashville, Ga., travel to Douglas for a con-

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Yellow Jackets in a battle of the frontation with Coffee County's Trojans.

Clineh County's Panthers, undefeated so far this season, leave Homerville for a trip to Nahunta and a battle with their toughest foes yet, Brantley County's winless Herons.

The Madison, Fla., Cougars open their season by hosting

Baker County (Macclenny), Hamilton County's Trojans open their slate by hosting Jefferson County (Monticello, Fla.) in Jasper, Fla.; and Westbrook (Dixie) plays its first game ever, hosting Pineland of Moultrie.

Coach West Thomas' Vikings opened their season with a 27-0 loss to Moultrie last week. But Brooks coach Bobby Rich isn't taking them lightly.

The Trojans dropped their first game to cook, 14-3, and then lost a 14-7 decision to Coffee. Besides trying to get back into the winner's column, they'll be trying to atone for a 38-21 loss at the hands of the Vikes last

year. Brooks campaigns in Region 1-AA (West) while Lowndes plays in Region 1-AAA.

Across town, Coach Charlie Greene's Wildcats should have their hands full when they meet their first team this season with a balanced attack.

The 'Cats have met two teams with only running attacks so far this season and carry a 1-1 slate after losing to Thomasville, 6-0, and defeating Dougherty (Albany), 20-13.

Coach Tom Avret's Cougars carry the same record after dropping their first decision to Tift County, 25-14, and then rambling over Bainbridge, 42-14.

Both teams have a proven attack. Valdosta quarterback Bruce Hilton leads the region in passing for the second year after hitting 26 of 53 attempts for 37 yards and two touchdowns. However, Crisp's Jimmy Mathew is third in the league at 15-42-20.

The two teams are also close in pass receiving. Valdosta's Stanford Rome leads the league with 19 receptions for 333 yards while Crisp's Chip Busbee has 120 yards in eight receptions for second place.

However, Crisp developed its running attack against Bainbridge last week while the Wildcats are still trying to get their rolling. The Cordele team also leads the league in interceptions.



—Times Staff Photo by Robert Winter III

## That Sudden Stop . . .

. . . Can turn everything upside down. That's what Valdosta quarterback Bruce Hilton discovered on this scrambling play during The Wildcats' 41-0 rout of Crisp County's Cougars here Friday night. Hilton was not only

the leading rusher, he was the top scorer with four touchdowns. For complete results of this and all other area high school football games see pages 10 and 11.

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# Miller

Times Sports Editor

## Running QB Back For The Wildcats?

Remember when Valdosta had a quarterback that was just as powerful running as he was passing? Names like Dale Williams, Bruce Bennett, Rick Thomas, and Glenn Davis?



MILLER

Well those days might be back. That's the impression a lot of people get after watching Bruce Hilton running against Crisp County Friday night.

Now taking nothing away from the passing quarterback (clean passes are still the most exciting part of the game to me), letting the opposition know that the QB can run when he needs to can make things go a lot easier for fullbacks, halfbacks and pass receivers.

It gives the other team's defense one more thing they have to guard against.

That's what head coach Charlie Greene has been trying to point out to his Wildcats this season. But it seems

to have taken a sophomore quarterback to bring the point across.

It was Luther Joiner, a 10th grade backup quarterback who got his first chance to play last week against Dougherty and lo and behold, Valdosta had a runnin' quarterback.

"Maybe that will show the team a quarterback can run the ball effectively," Greene said after the Dougherty game. It did. Against Crisp Friday, Hilton was the leading rusher and scorer, picking up four TD's on the ground.

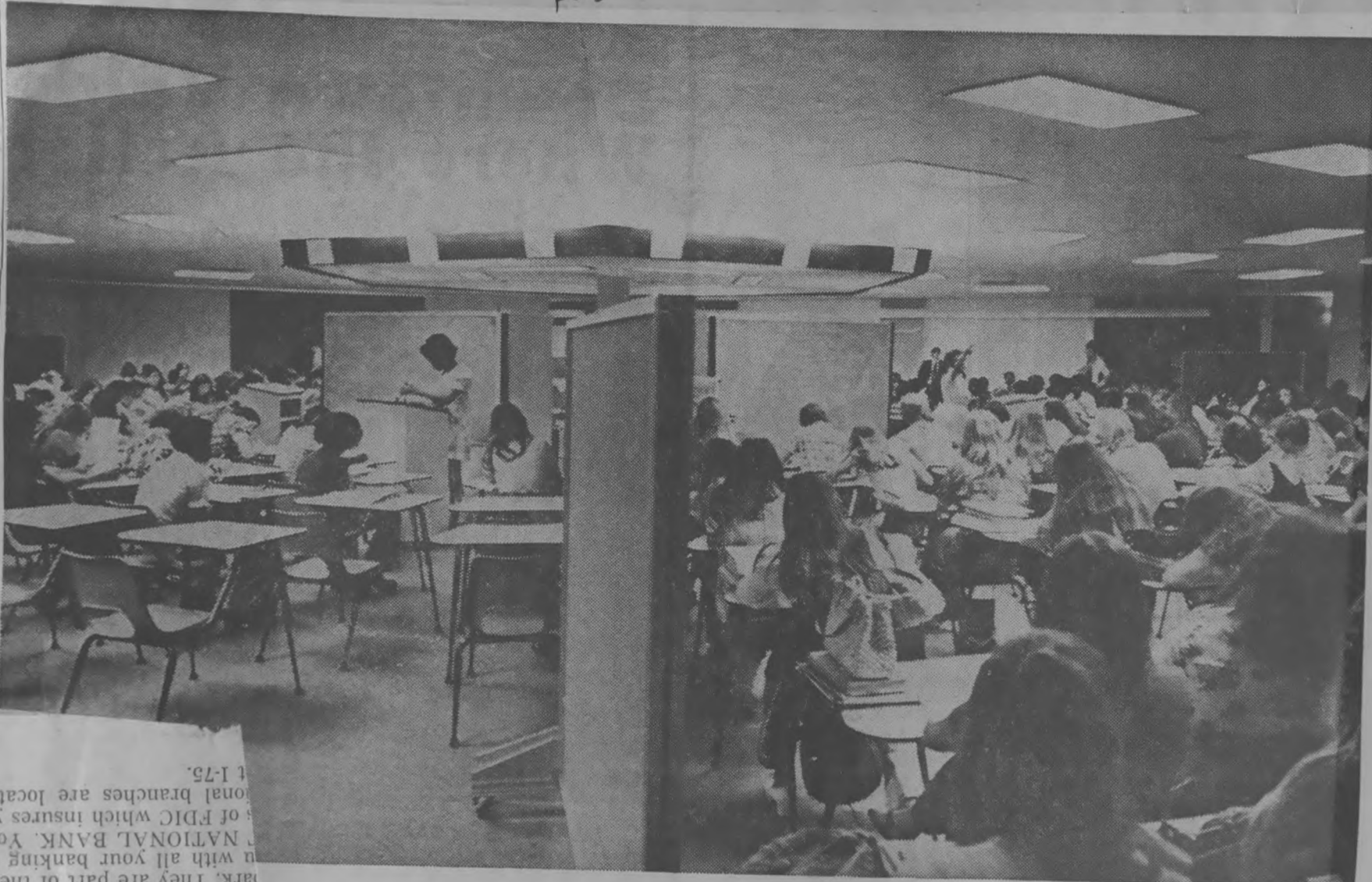
He showed it didn't hurt his passing arm any too. A 95-yard bomb to big Stanford Rome appeared to be as well thrown as any, anywhere.

Another reason the Wildcats' previously non-existent running game showed up so well Friday was another sophomore, Tom Powers.

He started off in the fullback position and held it well, giving former fullback Billy Berrien quicker starts at halfback. That made him a possible pass receiver, something the 'Cats need more of.

While we're speaking of sophomores, let's not forget Harold Renninger. The transplanted mid-western halfback may not have such impressive rushing stats. But a few key blocks he threw against Crisp made some runs go a lot farther.

Keep in mind all this improvement showed up against a young and inexperienced team. That wasn't Thomasville. But it's a start. And staunch 'Cat-fans like me can't help but hope.



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### Small Separation

Valdosta High School are separated only by the proximity of classes, officials say there is no confusion or noise factor due to the construction design of the building.

## S Students Refuse Keep Facility Clean

the building.  
It was not an uncommon sight to visit the school at any given time during the academic day and find several students sweeping the halls and picking up trash around the campus. Most volunteered for the work. Mims told the board that the new VHS is "a disgrace and a shame because the students come into the facility through ankle deep paper."

"You people will be disappointed in the upkeep of the carpet inside," he said. The newly laid carpet looks like it is two years old in some spots in the hall and vocational apartment areas, he said.

"We need to give consideration to the maintenance and care of the building inside and out," said Mims.

The principal said the students are going through mud and loose dirt to get into the building and this residue is left on the carpet.

Board member Joella Blackburn said the students can't help tracking mud because the paving is still not completed in the parking lots and walkways around the school.

Board member Hulyn Smith said the walkways are to be widened when the driveways and parking areas are completed.

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# VHS Student Wins Contest

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Valdosta High School senior is to be presented a check for \$100 Wednesday by Gov. Jimmy Carter in Atlanta for winning first place in an essay contest instituted by Carter at this year's Governor's Honors Program.

Bruce Hornbuckle was one of five VHS students and one of eight Valdosta area students to attend the Governor's Honors Program this past summer at

Wesleyan College in Macon. A Governor's Honors Program student in English, Hornbuckle won the essay contest instituted by the governor to discover the effectiveness of the program.

he subject for the essay contest was "How I can Take GHP Back to My School."

Hornbuckle said he wrote mainly of what he had learned in a course he attended in career counseling. He told how a successful counselor allows the person he is counseling to solve his own problems by encouraging him to think out the situation and then take the appropriate action.

He said because of the Governor's Honors Program there would be at least 10 high school students in Georgia this year working with their school's career counselors.

As winner of the essay contest, Hornbuckle is to fly to Atlanta today.

In Atlanta he is to be presented the check by Carter in a short ceremony in the Governor's Mansion. Then he is to speak to the Department of Education state consultants on what the Governor's Honors Program meant to him and how he plans to help implement it in his school.

Hornbuckle is to be accompanied to Atlanta by his advisor, Mrs. Jamie Wisenbaker, who was a teacher in the this summer.

In Atlanta he is to meet Ralph Hogan, director of the program, who is to escort him from the presentation ceremony to meet the Department of Education state consultants, where Hornbuckle is to speak.

Hornbuckle is treasurer of the VHS Student Government Association this year and was president of his class as a junior.

He is also the editor of the 'Dosta Outlook, the school news paper.

Hornbuckle plans to study either journalism or law, but at present he leans toward journalism.

Since his mother is a graduate of the Henry Grady School of Journalism at the University of Georgia, he is considering attending that school. However, he is also considering Dávior and Wake Forest in North Carolina.



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Hornbuckle, Mrs. Wisenbaker Confer Before Leaving For Atlanta Today

# Cats, Vikes Play Home

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

For the first time this season, Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes' Vikings both are to be playing on their home fields here Friday, and each is in the same position as their opponent.

Coach Charlie Greene's Cats host Crisp County's Cougars from Cordele in a Region I-AAA high school football affair at Cleveland field. The Vikings, coached by West Thomas, re-

host Baker County (MacLenny, Fla.); Hamilton County's Trojans from Jasper, Fla., host Jefferson County of Monticello, Fla.; and Westbrook's Cougars of Dixie host Pineland of (Moultrie) in their first football game ever.

In other area action, Berrien's Rebels, from Nashville, Ga., still without a loss, travel to Douglas to meet the Coffee County Trojans; Cook's rugged Hornets from Adel take on Central of Thomasville's highly regarded Yellow Jackets

in Adel in a battle of the unbeaten, and Clinch County's undefeated Panthers of Homerville travel to Nahunta to meet the Brantly County Herons in their first Region 2-B outing.

The Cougars, relatively easy prey for the Wildcats in their three-game series, come to town a little more respected this season.

In the past three years, Valdosta has taken 26-0, 49-7 and 34-8 wins. But this is the first time they meet with matching slates.

The game promises to be an air duel all the way. Valdosta leads the region in passing with Crisp right behind according to the latest statistics released by region officials.

Lowndes and Brooks renewed an old rivalry last year when the Vikes took a 38-21 victory in Quitman. Prior to that Lowndes, then the old Lowndes County High Golden Eagles led a six game series 4-2 with Brooks winning the first and last games of the series in 1960 and '65.

## AREA GRID SLATE

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Crisp at Valdosta  
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turn home after a disastrous season opener in Moultrie, to host Brooks County's Trojans from Quitman at Martin Field.

Both games are to get underway at 8 p.m.

The Cats, still trying to recuperate from a 6-0 defeat at the hands of Thomasville's Bulldogs in their season opener, defeated Dougherty of Albany 20-13 in another Region tilt here Friday.

That pattern is the same as the one set by Coach Tom Avert's Cougars who dropped their opening game to Tift County (Tifton) 25-14, but bounced back with a stunning 42-14 victory over Bainbridge Friday.

Both Lowndes and Brooks are in the same situation also — winless, and hungry for a victory.

The Vikings opened against defending region champions Moultrie's Packers Friday night and found the Pack as strong as ever with a 27-0 defeat.

Coach Bobby Rich's Hornets, meanwhile, have dropped two straight games, falling 14-3 to Cook (Adel) in their season and home opener and dropping a 14-7 decision to Coffee County (Douglas) last Friday.

Both teams are looking for their first win here Friday.

Three other area teams open their season Friday. Madison's Cougars from Madison, Fla.,

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## VHS Opening Cool & Calm

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The opening of the new multi-million dollar Valdosta High School has surpassed anything principal Lloyd Mims said he had envisioned.

"After just two weeks of school in a brand new facility, the students are now the way I'd hoped they'd be six months after opening," he said.

The more than 2,000 ninth-12th graders have adjusted to the five-acre plant and there is a whole new attitude among teachers and students, said the principal.

"Things are going on as as I had ever hoped and I am extremely pleased," he added.

Mims told members of the Valdosta Board of Education at a meeting Thursday the design of the building and climate control feature are major contributing factors to the change in attitude between teachers and students.

Board member Joella Blackburn said she has heard reports from students about the air conditioning.

"They said everybody is so much nicer and more tolerant," she said. "I think that cool air has helped a lot."

Students are doing twice the work in the new \$4.5 million plant this year that they did last academic term in the old building, explained Mims.

"If you want to see a good learning situation, come on out

and visit this school," he said.

Mims said he is seldom in his new office because there are so many visitors who want to see the comprehensive school.

State school officials and administrators from other academic districts are not uncommon on the campus.

The building, which looks like two half diamonds or arrows end to end, is hailed to be one of the most modern in the state.

Designed on the open space concept, the facility is a natural for team teaching and a comprehensive program. Most of the flooring is carpeted and there are several instructional material centers for the various academic departments.

"There isn't anything like this building anywhere around here and that's why I'm having so many visitors," explained Mims. "We are happy to have them. So many of them really need to have an indepth look at the school so they can take ideas back with them."

The principal said he anticipates a steady stream of visitors will pour into the school not only from Georgia but from neighboring states as well all



LLOYD MIMS  
Extremely Pleased

year.

"You see, not only do we have a unique building but it is functioning like we wanted also. The education process is good out here and the teachers feel it will produce results," said Mims.

He advised the board to consider sponsoring an open house this fall at the new plant.

"We should have something real soon for the general public so they can come in and look it over," said Mims.

The board told the principal to schedule an open house after the paving is completed on the parking lots and drive ways around the school.

"Less than 20 per cent of the parents have seen our building and I want to give them a chance. This is the best equipped school it has been my pleasure to work in in my 20 years experience," said Mims.

# Students Like Express Line

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

They call it the express line. And it's the fastest moving area in the new Valdosta High School lunchroom.

That's because the students can pick up a hot sandwich, french fries and a salad with no waiting.

"It's the greatest thing that's ever happened to a lunchroom around here," said a VHS senior.

An express line is also in operation at the Valdosta Junior High School. And the response to it is almost equal to enthusiasm shown at VHS.

At both campuses students can choose from the regular menu, the sandwich section or the salad plates. Prices for each of the lunches is 45 cents for students and 60 cents for teachers.

Students in the elementary schools are still served the regular lunches but teachers and pupils do have a choice of salad plates.

Bessie Coalson, director of food services for the Valdosta school system, said the new lunchroom arrangement seems to be satisfactory to both teachers and students.

She said the salad plates are running a close second to the sandwich line.

"The teachers like this especially," she said.

Many of the weight-watching female students also opt for the low calorie or low gram salad plates over the sandwiches.

"I never eat much during the day anyway so a salad suits me fine. I prefer this," said a petite brunette.

Chef's salad, a fruit plate or combination salad is offered to the light eaters.

Sandwiches offered include



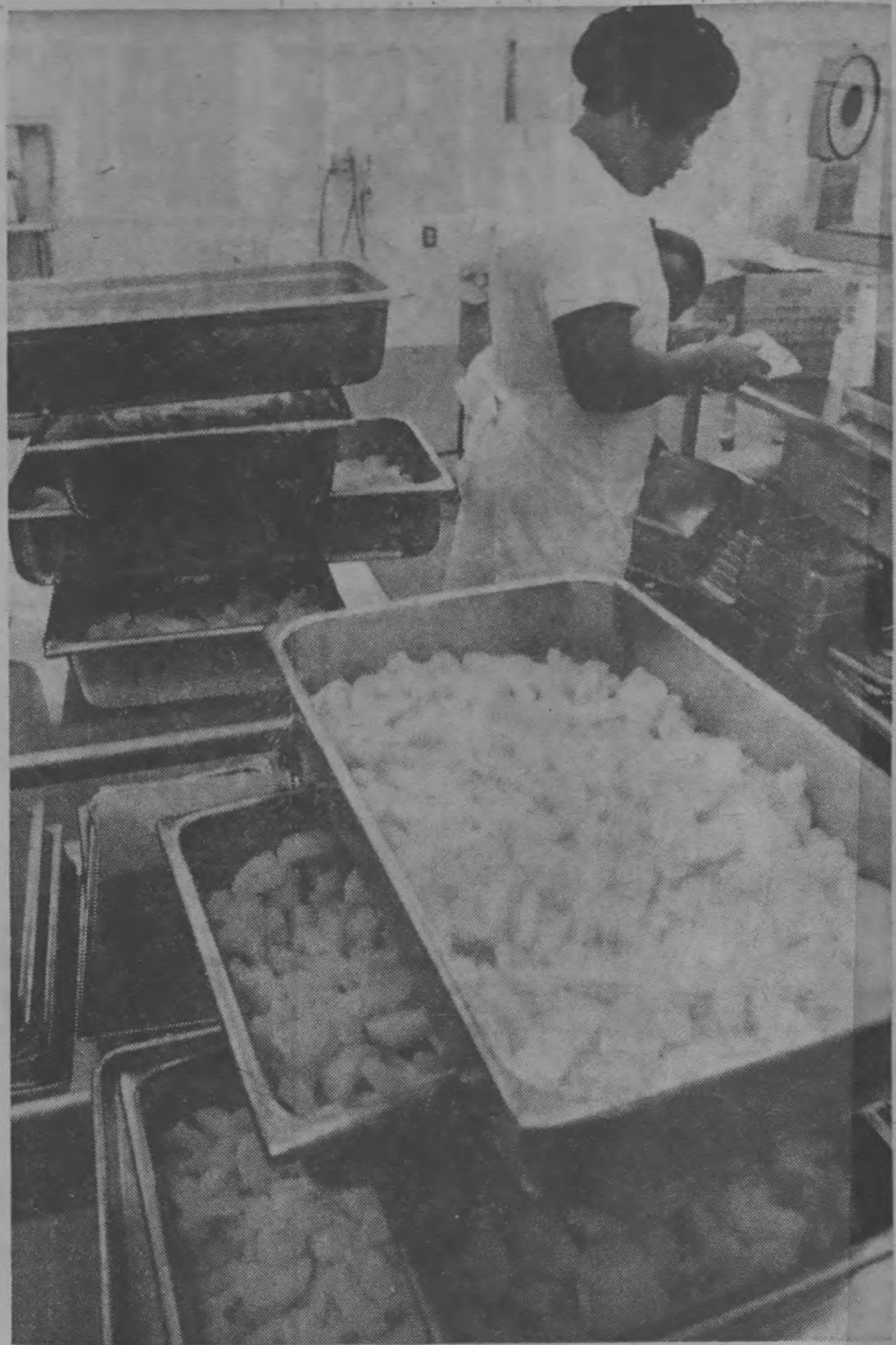
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Trays Of Food Are Stacked Before Going To Express Line At VHS Cafeteria

# School Set To Open If It Doesn't Rain

By MARY CROUSE

If it doesn't rain between now and Monday, the new \$4.5 million Valdosta High facility is to open Sept. 4 with the rest of the city schools, said Supt. Foster Goolsby.

The superintendent said this morning that clear weather is indicated for the rest of the week.

"And if it stays good, there is an excellent chance we can start school next Tuesday," he said.

The other city schools are to start Tuesday even if the new VHS opening is postponed.

All teacher and program coordinators reported back to the campuses this morning for a four day preplanning session. A citywide faculty meeting is set for 9 a.m. Thursday at Whitehead Auditorium in Valdosta State College's Fine Arts Building.

Goolsby said about 7,400 pupils are expected in the Valdosta schools next week. VHS officials anticipate an enrollment of 2,200 students at the new campus.



SUPT. GOOLSBY  
Clear Weather Hoped

said he'll know by the end of the week whether he can open the uniquely designed school.

Lowndes County Commission Chairman W. P. "Billy" Langdale said this morning that the work on the parking lot and driveways "looks good." The county is doing the grading and priming work on the campus.

Langdale told a newsman that the county crews have finished the primer on a parking lot and it needs about a week of curing before paving crews put on the final coats.

Goolsby said a shower wouldn't throw off the work schedule at the new school but a hard rain would certainly interrupt the project.

Mims, who has been promised the new facility for a year is putting the delay to good use by re-checking the equipment. — Page 2

# Wildcat Football, It's Big Business

In case you've ever wondered why big businessmen are so interested in Valdosta High school football, it's because it is big business.



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The VHS football program is so successful, it not only pays for all the other sports programs in the school, it supplies enough money for coaching supplements to keep the school system from reaching into tax money annually.

That information is nothing new. But the official financial sheets were released to the VHS Athletic Association last week and some of the figures were, to say the least, astonishing.

Take for instance fiscal year 1972, which would take in the 1971 football season when the 'Cats won the State Class AAA championship.

Ticket sales brought in \$132,231 that year with \$62,389 from regular season tickets, another \$65,858 from three championship games played here, and \$3,984 from the pre-season jamboree and Pinevale Campus and Valdosta Junior High football games.

Not only did the Wildcats make money for themselves, they paid Avondale, the team they played for the State Championship, a half of the profits from that game. The check to Avondale lacked \$300 of being equivalent to the amount Valdosta received the previous year in two championship games in Columbus (against Kendricks) and Augusta (against Richmond Academy), according to City School System Finance Director Jack Kent.

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BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats head wards Thomasville tonight open their 1973 High School Football season, with the knowledge almost everyone picking them to come away losers.

"But the game is played between the lines, not on paper," said head coach Charlie Greene today. "I feel we

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When New VHS Opens

# Traffic Jam Is Expected Tuesday

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

There is only one route Valdosta High students should take to reach their new \$4.5 million facility when the city school system opens Tuesday for the 1973-74 academic year.

Forrest Street is the only road inside the city limits leading to the five-acre complex, said Capt. J. T. Copeland, head of the traffic division of the Valdosta Police Department. "So that (Forrest) is the only way we can recommend," he said.

The other accesses to the comprehensive school, heralded by city educators to be the most unique in South Georgia, are Bemiss Road and Northside Drive, which are outside the city limits.

"And those streets are out of our jurisdiction. All we can do is work Forrest Street because those other two are outside the city limits," said Copeland.

He said the police department "will be blamed" for any traffic problems around the new VHS but the men can only legally handle Forrest Street.

"That's why we are asking that students use Forrest so we can control this thing," said Copeland.

The Lowndes County Sheriff's Department and the Georgia State Patrol have offered their services during the first few days of the new school year to help the VHS traffic flow.

"But we can't expect them to have cars out there every day," said Copeland.

He said the limited access to the new plant could result in a traffic nightmare Tuesday morning. Forrest Street and Bemiss Road are thick with motorists going to Moody Air Force Base around 8 a.m.

The traffic coordinator said no one knows how many cars are to be parked on the 60-acre campus Tuesday.

"That worries us, too. We've been told by school officials that of the 2,200 students expected at the school, 1,200 of them are eligible to drive," said Copeland.

"If they all show up cars, and the faculty and other school personnel each brings one, we could have problems," he said.

Only half of the north parking lot is expected to be ready for the students Tuesday morning. And the portion which is to be completed will only hold about 220 automobiles, said school architect Zeb Lackey of Valdosta. The other parking lot is designed for less than 300 cars, he said.

VHS principal Lloyd Mims said two off duty policemen have been hired by the Valdosta Board of Education to direct traffic into the parking area this week.

This is to insure maximum utilization of the parking facilities, said Supt. Foster Goolsby.

Faculty members are to continue to park around the school until the other lot is paved.

Copeland said four policemen will be working with him Tuesday morning on the VHS traf-



J. T. COPELAND  
Has His Problems

"We've had to cancel all vacations and leaves on the force until we know what we'll be up against out there for awhile," he explained.

He said a meeting is to set up Tuesday between school officials and his division to discuss the VHS traffic problems.

"We are hoping there will be four and five students to a car but we don't know that folks will do that. We are encouraging students to carpool it for awhile until more parking areas are paved," said Copeland.

Another problem which makes for bad traffic patterns to the new high school is W. G. Nunn Elementary, also located on Forrest Street.

VHS, situated about two-tenths of a mile north of Northside Drive, is to house grades 9-12. This means all city school children in grades 7-12 are to be migrating north Tuesday to the classrooms. Valdosta Junior High, for seventh and eighth graders, is just a few yards south of Northside Drive, on Patterson Street.

The only bus line in the city,

a private venture owned by Clarence Price, is to have five vehicles to serve the students.

The fare is 20 cents one way and buses are to begin gathering up students about 7:15 a.m. There are to be two buses with each making two trips to the new VHS.

"We'll have the same routes we had last year as far as the pick up goes and we'll be at the schools when they let out in the afternoons for the senior high and junior high kids," said Mrs. Price.

Copeland said the buses could help some of the expected VHS congestion.

He doesn't anticipate any traffic problems at the elementary or junior high campuses.

Most of the children attending the elementary schools live within easy walking or bike rid-

ing distance.

"We've been worried about this Valdosta High thing ever since that location was picked," said the traffic division head.

VHS is a year late in opening. The plant was originally scheduled for use last fall but construction delays held up the completion until this summer.

Unusually heavy and continuous rains have plagued the work crews attempting to pave the driveways and parking areas on campus. Board members said they wouldn't open the new school until the paving is finished because the floors would be ruined.

Most of the interior flooring is carpeted.

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# Wildcats Battle Improved Trojans

TIMES STAFF WRITER

Lowndes High Vikings hoping to start their ball season in high gear Friday night by defeating the tough Moultrie.

Moultrie. "It won't be easy — they've done it before. In the last five meetings, Moultrie has yet to come away with a victory. But the Vikings end that this year.

Thomas, entering his first season as Vikings coach, knows his defense will work out. But he knows his offense has to be ready.

A city always has a tough set," Thomas predicted, "I don't expect any difference this year.

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"Although we don't know too much about them yet," Thomas commented, "we'll have to work on what they did in their spring jamboree.

The Viking grid - boss said his crew is reasonably healthy.

"We have a few minor injuries, but everybody should be able to go Friday night.

"We're not deep though," Thomas warned, "and that might play a factor in the game. We'll two - platoon as much as possible. But a few boys will have to play both ways."

Thomas said his team's spirit has dropped quite a bit since camp.

"I don't know what's wrong with them," Thomas said. "This week they have been

real sluggish. Maybe the spirit will pick back up now.

Thomas said his squad will be ready "physically" for the rugged Packers.

"We've been running quite a bit in practice and by Friday night we should be in real good shape," Thomas said.

Gone from last year's Viking team that posted a 3-6-1 record are Clavin Burgman, Larry Johnson, Ronald Sermons, Roger Denton, Greg McLeod, Emory Carter, Andre Shiver, Dwight Carter, Jerry Day, Tony Lee, Terrel Croft, Steve Goble, Jerry Kertesz and Larry Washington.

Returning from last year's team are ends Abe Clemons (180, sr.), Terry Cabral (180, sr.), Leon Pierce (165, sr.), Charlie Thompson (170, sr.), Bobby Bonner (180, sr.) and Randy Jones (155, sr.); tackles Joe Kovach (200, sr.), Ronnie Daniels (205, sr.) and Gary Johnson (205, sr.), guards Danny Rountree (190, sr.), Glen Bryan (160, sr.), and Mike Sutton (160, sr.); center John Thursby (170, sr.); quarterbacks William Howell (160, sr.) and Ronnie Johnson (165, jr.); fullback Harris Partick (180, sr.); halfbacks Joel Hunnicutt (154, sr.), Tom Love (157, sr.); Kenny Kovach (150, jr.), Johnny Runkler (155, sr.), Carl Fillmore (165, sr.).

The Viking mentor said Lowndes will not pick team captains this season.

"Captains will be picked each week according to how they practice during the week and how they played in the last game," he said. "That way everybody will be considered a leader."

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Times Sports Editor

## Wildcats, Vikings Are Seen Winners

Cuts and wisecracks ran rampant around here last week when we started figuring up how many of my high school football picks came out winners.

Of the first four games we received Friday night, I had only chosen one right. That cost me a little pride. But I seemed to do better on the other picks to finish with a .782 average.

That's not bad for any place but Valdosta.

Now that we've seen what some teams have got and others haven't, things should go easier this week. Here's hopin'.

**Valdosta vs. Dougherty**

Valdosta lost a 6-0 decision to Thomasville last week (even though I called it the other way around) while Dougherty's Trojans whupped-up on Monroe, 25-0.

But Valdosta was playing the toughest team around while the Trojans were taking on what could be the weakest this year. Coach



MILLER

Charlie Greene's Wildcats played well enough to convince me last week. Valdosta by three touchdowns.

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# Welsh Impressed With 'Cats

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Dougherty's Trojans plan to run the same type attack against Valdosta's Wildcats here Friday that Thomasville's Bulldogs did in Thomasville last week.

But T'ville's success hasn't boosted the confidence of head coach Luthor Welsh very much.

Welsh scouted the 6-0 Thomasville victory, in which the Bulldogs had to stay on the ground to keep their attack rolling and feels Coach Charlie Greene's Wildcats are anything but weak.

"Thomasville has a mighty good defensive line and coach Greene is playing a lot of younger players there," Welsh said.

"Valdosta was going up

against a senior line and that makes a big difference. Some of those boys had been playing for three years."

The 'Cats' passing attack actually impressed Welsh the most.

"That boy (quarterback Bruce Hilton) did a fine job of throwing that ball in pressure and (Stan) Rome caught 14 passes," he recalled. "We may go three games before we complete that many passes."

"We're basically a running team but we'll have to do some passing."

For the first time in the eight-game region 1-AAA series with the 'Cats, the Trojans will come into the games

with a better record.

While Valdosta was taking the 6-0 defeat, for its first season opening loss in more than 30 years, Dougherty was rolling over cross-town rival Monroe, 25-0.

"I hope we're up for the game," Welsh said. "A win always seems to pick them up. But remember, Monroe is weaker than normal this year. They've got a lot of young people. We were able to do things against them we can't do against Valdosta."

Three top runningbacks share the Dougherty ball - carrying honors with flankerback Laster Jackson (165, jr.).

"But my quarterback seemed

to be doing all the work against Monroe," Welsh said.

Sharing the running back position are Mack Greene (160, jr.) Frank Johnson (185, sr.), and LeRoy Hunt (165, sr.). In the QB slot is Jay Cory (175, jr.), the fourth Cory brother to play for the Trojans in recent years.

Welsh looks at those, 11 experienced players returning to the team this year, and several top 'B team' players who moved up to the varsity, and has already rated the 1973 version of the Trojans.

"We've got 39 players out," Welsh beamed. "For the first time we're going to be able to two-platoon all the way, un-

less we get somebody hurt.

"We've only played one game so it may be premature, but I think this maybe the best team I've had at Dougherty since I came here in 1968."

The sumter, S.C. native admitted, however, playing the Wildcats, a team they have never beaten, on Valdosta's Cleveland Field Friday night could have an effect on them.

Probable starters for each team follow:

#### Dougherty

Offense—Ends Ernest Moss (170, sr.) and Mike Reno (185, sr.), tackles Reginald Lowe (185, sr.), and Eddie Riggins (185, sr.), guards Frank Thomas (180, jr.) and Curtis Simmons (245, sr.), center Kenny Nichols (180, sr.), quarterback Jay Cory (175, sr.), runningbacks Greene, Johnson or Hunt, and flankerback Jackson.

Defense—ends Kris Roberts (185, sr.) and Pat Sutton (160, jr.), tackles Eddie Byrd (185, jr.) and Terrell Stephens (205, sr.), noseman Acie Howard (160, jr.), linebackers Stanley Quarterman (170, sr.) and Charles Rush (180, sr.), cornerbacks Rex Williams (165, sr.) and James Breaker (160, sr.), and safeties Kenny James (170, sr.) and Barry Franks (155, sr.).

#### Valdosta

Offense—ends Stan Rome (205, sr.) and Zollie Cobb (185, jr.), tackles Norman Bankston (185, jr.) or David Carmichael (175, jr.) and Mike Wetherington (200, soph.), guards Phil Teffeteller (150, jr.) or Loren Dodson (190, jr.), and Charles Christian (200, sr.), center Bobby Worley (180, soph.) quarterback Bruce Hilton (190, sr.), halfbacks Harold Renninger (175, soph.) and Robert Demps (160, jr.), and fullback Billy Berrien (170, soph.).

Defense—ends Wall Elliott (160, jr.) and Danny Adams (175, sr.), tackles David Mitchell (260, sr.), and Arthur Massey (190, sr.), middleguard John Showalter (240, soph.), cornerbacks Tony Walters (160, sr.) and Arthur Cooper (170, sr.), linebackers Jaci Sullivan (190, sr.) and David Sumner (170, sr.), and safeties David Williams (170, sr.) and Rome or Lawrence Lowe (166, fr.).

## Of Prep Schedule

# 'Dosta-T'Ville Tilt On Top

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Adairsville Tigers, last year's Class B state runners-up, will kick off the 1973 Georgia High School football season with a Thursday night battle against Pepperell's Dragons.

But the biggest confrontation of the opening weekend has to be the clash between Valdosta and Thomasville.

The two AAA powerhouses will meet in Thomasville Friday night. Both clubs were in the Top Ten at the end of last season and both are expected to have strong teams this year.

Thomasville has 24 lettermen and 17 starters returning to play in 1973. Valdosta has not lost an opening game in over 15 years.

AAA champion Lakeside will open its 1973 campaign against Clarkston at Memorial Stadium.

"The people out here just expect to win," said Lakeside's Coach Wayman Creel. Creel has guided Lakeside to 35 victories with only one defeat in the last three years. That includes two region championships and two state AAA titles. Carrollton, Class A state

champion for the last two years, will host Villa Rica in its first contest of 1973. The Trojans have eight of 11 defensive starters returning this year but most of the offensive starters graduated.

Another Class A power, Claxton, will face Class B state champion Southeast Bulloch on Friday. Southeast Bulloch scored 66 points in a playoff game last year against Unadilla and their high-scoring offense should be even better in 1973.

The hard hitting Gainesville Red Elephants, last year's Class AA runner-up, will face a tough team from Stephens County in their first game of the season. Last year Gainesville manhandled Bass and West Rome in the AA playoffs before losing a 16-12 decision to Southwest DeKalb in the finals.

Southwest DeKalb duels cross-county rival Columbia in a Saturday night game at Panthersville Stadium. Southwest Coach Dewey Alverson says, "The talent is still here." Southwest DeKalb lost only 10 players from 1972's championship team.

"The passing game is what we feel will be the strong point this year," said Alverson.

Macon Central, a AAA semifinalist, will open its season September 7 against Clarke Central of Athens and Class A semifinalist Mitchell County will face Early County on the same date.

Other games scheduled this weekend include Westover at Albany, Manchester at Americus, Cairo at Bainbridge, Fitzgerald at Berrien, Waycross at Bradwell Institute, Glynn Academy at Brunswick, North Hall at Buford, Calhoun at East Rome, Cartersville at North Cobb, Central of Thomasville at Douglass of Montezuma, Coffee at Vidalia, Tift County at Crisp County.

Swainsboro at Dublin, Hart County at Franklin County, Perry at Hawkinsville, Lyons at Jeff Davis, Lanett, Alabama at LaGrange, Lincoln County at Washington-Wilkes, Opelika, Alabama at Newnan, Sandy Spring at North Springs, Richmond Academy at Aiken, S.C., Southwest Macon at R. E. Lee, West Rome at Gadsden, Ala. and Cedartown at Darlington.

# Number One Runner, Passer Duel Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

It'll be the top passing team against the number one rushing team when Valdosta's Wildcats and Dougherty's Trojans team up in a Region 1-AA high school football game here tonight.

But in Moultrie Lowndes' Vikings and Moultrie's Packers will be trying to determine their place in region standings.

The Vikes and Packers open their 1973 season at tonight's game in Moultrie while the 'Cats and Trojans took the leads in the region passing and rushing categories last week.

Valdosta hosts the Trojans

on Cleveland Field while Lowndes takes on the Pack at Moultrie's Mack Tharpe Stadium at 8 p.m.

In other area games tonight, Berrien's Rebels from Nashville, Ga., travel to Pelham

#### AREA GRID SLATE

Tonight

Dougherty at Valdosta  
Lowndes at Moultrie  
Berrien at Pelham  
Cook at Irwin  
Brooks at Coffee  
Wheeler at Clinch

for a non-region battle with the Hornets. Cook's Hornets from Adel take on the always-tough Irwin County Indians in Ocilla.

Clinch County's Panthers host

Wheeler County's Bulldogs in Homerville. And Brooks County's Trojans travel to Douglas to take on the Coffee County Comets.

Even though Coach Charlie Green's 'Cats dropped their season opener to Thomasville, 6-0, they still managed to rack up 276 official yards in passing while holding their opponents to eight yards on one completion to lead in passing offense and defense.

Meanwhile, Coach Luther Welsh's Trojans picked up 273 yards rushing with quarterback Jay Cory leading the way and runningback Mac Greene right behind.

Cory, who finished the 1972

season with minus 13 yards on 36 carries, ran 11 times for 123 yards to lead the region while Green took fourth place with 95 yards on eight carries.

In the passing department, Valdosta quarterback Bruce Hilton maintained the position he had all last season by completing 17 of 31 attempts for 178 yards, according to region statistician Ellwood Moyer.

Stanford Rome, the fleet-footed receiver who has led pass receiving stats since his sophomore year, also tied down his position again, catching 13 passes for 242 yards.

That leaves the Wildcats in the same position as last week, having to defense a rugged run-

ning attack with their powerful passing attack their number one weapon.

Although Dougherty has never beaten Valdosta in their eight year series, starting in 1964, both Greene and Welsh admit the 1973 version of the Trojan team is not a typical one.

"We've only won one game," Welsh said, "But I think this may be the best team we've had since I've been at Dougherty."

The Lowndes - Moultrie battle has evolved into a mystery game.

The Packers, Region 1-AA defending champions, have said little about their 1973

team. The Vikings, operating now under new head coach Wes Thomas have said about as much.

Traditionally, however, both teams have primarily stayed on the ground and remained stable in region standings through recent years, with the Pack on top and the Vikes near the bottom.

Prior to the 1972 region championship the Packers spent at least six years as Region runners-up, usually behind Valdosta.

The Vikings have yet to turn out a winning season since entering the region. They have never beaten the always-tough Packers.

# Wildcats, Vikes Meet Region Foes

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats host a team they have never lost to while Lowndes Vikings entertains one they've never beaten as both resume Region 1-AAA high school football play here Friday night.

The Wildcats of coach Charlie Greene are scheduled to host Bainbridge's Bearcats, at Cleveland Field while Coach West Thomas' Vikings meet Albany's undefeated Indians at Martin Stadium.

Both games are scheduled to get underway at 8 p.m.

In other area action, Berrien's undefeated Rebels from Nashville, Ga., begin Region 1-A play against the Atkinson County Rebels in Pearson and the unfur their third non-league battle.

AREA GRID SLATE  
Friday  
Bainbridge at Valdosta  
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Cook at Cairo  
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Wakulla at Madison  
Hamilton at Sante Fe

Clinch County's Panthers, undefeated after three games for beaten, once-tied Cook's Hor-

nets from Adel travel to Cairo the first time since 1966, tests its luck against the Bacon County Raiders in Alma while the winless Brooks County Trojans from Quitman host Ware County's tough Gators from Waycross.

And in Florida, Madison's 1-0 Cougars host Wakulla County while Hamilton County's Trojans go after their first win, on a road trip to Sante Fe.

Westbrook's Cougars, who began their first football season ever with a 45-0 romp over Pine-land last week, host Westwood Academy of Thomasville Saturday.

White Valdosta's Wildcats are slowly pulling themselves back to the top of the region after an opening loss to Thomasville, Coach Preston Forsyth's Bearcats seem to be going deeper into the cellar.

The Bearcats opened their schedule with a 7-3 defeat at the hands of Cairo, then dropped 42-14 to Crisp County of Cordele and 47-0 to Dougherty of Albany.

The Wildcats, meanwhile, have defeated Dougherty 20-13 and Crisp 41-0 since their opener.

Since Bainbridge entered the league in 1970, they have lost every year to the Wildcats by scores of 27-7, 28-0 and 40-22 respectively.

Lowndes' record against the Albany tribe seems just the opposite.

The two teams have clashed three times since Lowndes entered the league in 1968. The tribe chalked up a 28-0 win then, a 20-8 victory in 1969, and 13-6 last year.

While coach Ferrell Henry's Tribe is undefeated after slipping past Region 1-AA Westover 20-18, and league opponent Monroe 21-0, in two cross-town rivalries, the Vikings are winless in region action.

They dropped a 27-0 decision to the defending champion Packers from Moultrie in their season opener then stepped outside the region for a 21-8 victory over Brooks County last week.



—Times Staff Photo by Robert Winter II

## Valdosta High Lineup

They're official students now. Students at Valdosta High School compare photos which appear on the new student identification cards. The cards cost each student \$2 and provide access to the student section at football games and other athletic events.

The ID's do not get students in the games but entitle them to purchase student tickets. In photo above, L-R, Teri DeBenedittis, Ronald Lynch and Sam Newlin check out their "mugs" on the new cards.

## No Peer Element

# VHS Has Spirit Problems

By JULIAN MILLER

It's hard to believe Charlie Greene would have problems getting his Valdosta Wildcats up for their 1973 high school football opener against Thomasville Friday.

But a delay in the starting of school has removed the element coaches count on so much to get the spirit up, peer group relationship.

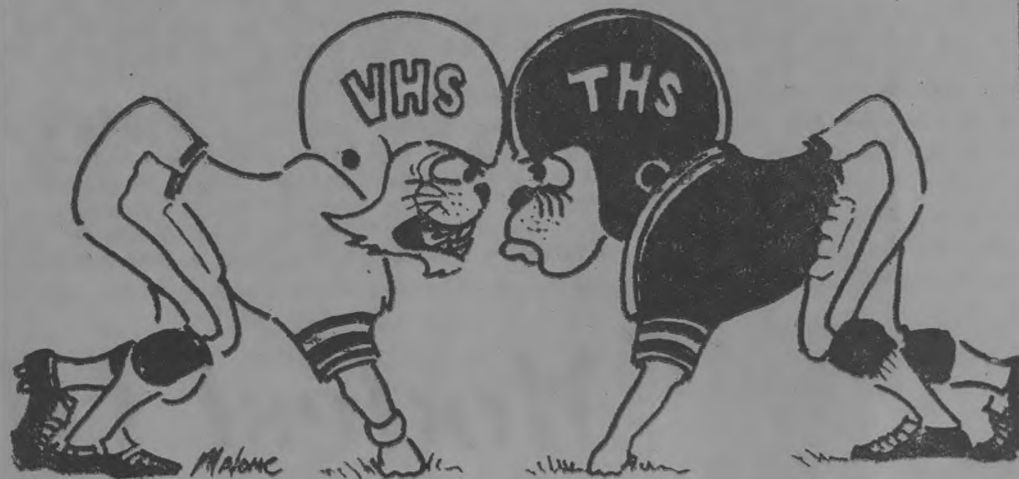
'We're flat,' Greene said this morning. We were flat in practices both Monday and Tuesday.

'Ordinarily we would be in school this week. That means all the players' friends would be talking about the game, and patting them on the back and the teachers would be talking about it. But we're not in school and it's hard to get them up.'

The Wildcats, long time kingpins of Georgia high school football, admittedly have their hands full when they take on Thomasville in the Bulldog den in Thomasville at 8 p.m. Friday.

The Bulldogs of Coach Jim Hughes are rated as the team to beat state-wide.

But the latest monkey wrench in Greene's program has been a parking lot at the new 4.5 million high school that wasn't ready in time.



'To keep students from having to park on the clay lot and tracking mud and dirt onto the school's expensive carpeting, school officials have delayed the opening of school until the lot can be paved.

I can't remember ever playing a game when we weren't in school, Greene said. 'We had thought about this but we didn't know it would get this serious.

'The novelty of camp carried them through the first two weeks. But this is the

third week we have practice and it's getting old to them.

'We needed that peer element to boost them up and it just isn't here.

The Cats have been going over Thomasville plays from the four-team Spring Jamboree the Bulldogs dominated here earlier this year, and games from the previous two years.

'That's about all we can do right now,' Green said, and work on fundamentals. This is the first game of the

season. As I told some Thomasville people last night, we've only got eight returning starters out of 22 while Thomasville has almost everybody back from last year.

'They're more experienced. They're big and strong and can overcome their mistakes. I don't know if we're that experienced. It's going to be hard for us to overcome mistakes so we can't afford to make any.

Greene said townspeople are giving their support.

'We're trying to get signs up all over town and the merchants and everybody are helping. But we really need that peer element.'

'It's just a feeling the players themselves are going to have to overcome,' Greene said. 'And they have to do it or else we won't have any business going to Thomasville.'

To help with the problem the Valdosta Touchdown Club has scheduled a city-wide pep rally Thursday at Cleveland Field, according to president Clabe Chapman.

The pep rally with the VHS Marchin' Cats Band and speeches by Greene, Athletic Director Wright Bazemore and Principal Lloyd Mims, is to get underway at 8 p.m., Chapman said.

# Wildcats Take On New Look

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats should have a new look, somewhat, when they take to the field against Crisp County's Cougars here Friday night.

And head coach Charles Greene hopes it's a winning one.

Greene, visibly unsatisfied with his 'Cats' 20-13 victory over Dougherty of Albany here last Friday has called for some changes in the starting lineups he used against Dougherty, and in the first game of the season, a 6-0 loss to Thomasville.

But then this is the first time his 'Cats have had to prepare for a team that has both a passing and a running attack.

While Valdosta has gone to the air for practically all its yardage, both Thomasville and Dougherty found their only route to the goal was on the

ground.

Greene hopes to stop that path Friday when the 'Cats host coach Tom Averts Cougars at Cleveland Field at 8 p.m.

"We're trying to shore up in several places we found we were weak in," Greene said. "We're mainly working on kickoffs and coverage. "Our inside men were going down the sides on the returns instead of the middle and were leaving the field wide open for returners."

Greene, in his sophomore year as head coach, finds the Cougars from Cordele, now sporting the same 1-1 record as the 'Cats after losing a 25-14 decision to Tift County and defeating Bainbridge 42-14, as a well-balanced ball club.

"They can throw the ball or run it," Greene said. "They throw the ball a lot. We threw

31 passes against Thomasville while they were throwing 34 against Tift.

"They've got a lot of experienced players back," Greene said. "They don't have a lot of starters back but they started playing a lot of younger boys during the season last year and they have game experience."

Greene indicated the Cougars are definitely not the pushovers they seemed to be in the past three-game series with the 'Cats.

"There won't be any pushovers this year," he admitted. "We've gotten to the point where all the region games will be tough."

While Greene was dissatisfied with his team's play against the Trojans last week, the performances of two sophomores have earned one a starting berth and almost guaranteed the other more playing time.

Tom Powers (180, soph.) was sent into the fullback position during the second half against Dougherty, while Luther Joiner (170, soph.) took over quarterback duties and the two became the first Wildcats this season to open a running game.

Powers earned the fullback position but former fullback Billy Berrien (170, soph.) hasn't been shoved off the field.

"Berrien's a good runner and a good pass receiver," Greene said. The quick Berrien was moved to halfback, a problem position for the 'Cats since they started training.

Joiner, should see more action, Greene said, but the 'Cats can't do without the passing of Bruce Hilton (190, sr.), who is leading the region in passing for his second consecutive year.

But the top man on the team is still big split end and defensive back Stanford Rome, and Greene is still looking for some way to play him less.

The 205-pound senior who was the ring leader in both offense

and defense against Thomasville and scored all three touchdowns against Dougherty has been forced to play both offense and defense. Greene would like to save him for offense.

"I only plan to play him when I have to," Greene said. "If we have to play him as much as we have we will. He's ready to play when and where we need him."

# 'Cats Young, Greene Says

By JULIAN MILLER

Charlie Greene started out talking about his Valdosta Wildcats and ended up talking almost as much about the Thomasville Bulldogs at the Valdosta Touchdown Club annual scrimmage - supper Tuesday.

Greene, head coach of the Valdosta High football team he is putting through its second week of pre-season football camp at the Twin Lakes 4-H Camp, compared his young Wildcats with the experienced Bulldogs he must open against Aug. 31.

Talk around the state is the Bulldogs, who lost only two games last year, are the team to beat in Class AAA this season.

Running through the Thomasville offense first, man for man, he explained Thomasville had experienced men coming back in 10 of the 11 positions.

Missing will be only Mike Kavouklis, a fine running back, but returning will be William Andrews who led the region in rushing yardage with over 1,000

last year.

The defensive line will be returning as it had finished the 1972 season with some good younger players in the backfield, Greene added.

Of his own team, only three players return to the offensive team, split end Stanford Rome (200-sr.), quarterback Bruce Hilton (190, sr.) and lineman Charles Christian (200, sr.).

"We had to build an offensive team from this," Greene said. "But we've reached the point where it's catching up with the defense."

The problem position now is halfback, he told the 80 touchdown club members who attended the speech. Top candidate for the job is Harold Renninger (175, soph.) who moved into town over the summer from Texas.

"But we still don't have any consistency at halfback," he said.

Hilton on the other hand, has gained about 20 pounds and grown 1½ inches taller over the summer. The increase has

shown in his passing power.

Meanwhile, Billy Berrien (170, soph.) has started to jell in the fullback position. "He'll remind a lot of you fans of Walter Zant who played in the early 1960's," Greene said.

The second-year head coach explained he had hoped to depend on the defense when camp started. What the team first put on pads Monday, he revealed, the offense ran over the defense.

"But in that scrimmage today, the defense did a fine job and I was a little disappointed in the offense.

"This is one of the finest camps I've been in," he continued. "I thought some of the enthusiasm would go down when they put on pads. But, gentlemen, they've still got it.

"We've got some good players who are going to be young but we're going to have to play 'em. Of course, a sophomore in our system is really like a mid-year junior because of the fine eighth-grade program we have here."

He said the team would not have the individual talent it had shown in the past. But they seem to be making up for it in hustle, spirit, enthusiasm and teamwork.

"I can't tell you we will win five games," Greene said, "but with the hustle and desire these boys have got, they are probably capable of beating any team on any night.

"What we need now is for you people to get behind them and let them know it."

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school was originally scheduled to open in the fall of 1972 but was delayed until after Christmas because of slow construction.

When the rains continued to plague the construction crews, the board decided to open the plant for summer school. That didn't materialize either.

But even though the school opening has been delayed several times, it has affected the steady barrage of visitors who have inspected the new facility.

The school, one of the most unique in the state, is to offer in-depth programs ranging from theater arts to trade and industry related studies.

# State Eyes 'Dosta, Thomasville

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The rest of the state should be looking on Friday when Valdosta's Wildcats take on Thomasville's Bulldogs in Thomasville, as five of eight area high school football teams open their 1973 season.

Valdosta, still highly regarded statewide, is to take on the Bulldogs, rated as the team to beat in Class AAA this year at 8 p.m. in Thomasville's new expanded stadium.

Besides being the continuation of a fierce traditional rivalry, the game will match the young and rebuilding Wildcats

against a heavily talented and experienced Bulldogs squad in a Region 1-AAA battle.

In other football action in the area two area teams, Brooks County's Trojans of Quitman

AREA GRID SLATE  
Friday  
Valdosta at Thomasville  
Cook at Brooks  
Berrien at Fitzgerald  
Clinch at Atkinson

are to host Cook High's Hornets from Adel in their traditional battle, Berrien travels to traditional rival Fitzgerald, and Clinch County's Panthers from

Homerville travel to Atkinson County (Pearson) for a meeting with the Rebels.

Lowndes High's Vikings, the Madison, Fla., Cougars, Hamilton County's (Jasper, Fla.) Trojans, and Brooks County Christian's Cougars from Dixie, are to open their seasons later.

Head Coach Charlie Greene admits his Wildcats will be relatively young and inexperienced.

By Contrast, the Bulldogs, who he says have "everything returning" from the 8-2 team fielded last year, should have even more power this year.

The Bulldogs are led by William Andrews, a 180-pound jun-

ior runningback who led the region in rushing last year.

Coach Jim Hughes' Bulldogs played in a four-team jamboree against VHS, Lowndes and Waycross here last spring and dominated the affair.

"Thomasville has its entire offensive backfield, and both lines coming back almost intact," Greene said. "They have two younger players in their defensive backfield, but they did a fine job in the spring."

The 'Cats, after losing 19 players through graduation, 17 of them regulars, return only three starters to the offensive team and five to the defense.

A lot of the 'Cats' hopes ride on the passing of returning quarterback Bruce Hilton (190, sr.), who led the region in total offense, and receiving of Stan Rome (205, sr.), who has led the league in receptions the past three years. The other returnee to the offense is Charles Christian, a (200-pound, senior lineman.

Returning to the defense this year are tackle David Mitchell (260, sr.), middle-guard Arthur Massey (190, sr.), linebacker Jack Sullivan (185, sr.), cornerback Arthur Cooper (185, sr.), and Safety David Williams (170, sr.).

# Valdosta Grounds Crisp, 41-0

## 'Cats Turn To Rushing In Victory

By JULIAN MILLER

A rugged Valdosta Wildcat defense set its ground-hungry offense up for a quick touchdown then broke the backs of the Crisp County Cougars to boost the 'Cats to a 41-0 football victory here Friday night.

It was the highest scoring Region 1-AAA high school football game the 'Cats had played this season. But ever more satisfying to head coach Charlie Greene was the knowledge his 'Cats had jelled in every department for the win.

The 'Cats had all but abandoned their awesome passing attack to develop a rushing offense

### YARDSTICK

|                 | Valdosta | Crisp  |
|-----------------|----------|--------|
| First Downs     | 16       | 12     |
| Yards Rushing   | 194      | 35     |
| Yards Passing   | 149      | 55     |
| Passes          | 6-9      | 9-18   |
| Passes Intc. by | 2        | 0      |
| Fumbles Lost    | 1        | 1      |
| Punting         | 3-28.5   | 4-43.2 |
| Penalties       | 17-122   | 6-70   |

for the first time this season. Meanwhile, the Valdosta defense stalled every Crisp series—two of them inside the Valdosta five.

With less than 8,000 people looking on at Cleveland Field, the 'Cats boosted their record to 2-1 while dropping Coach Tom Avret's Cougars to 1-2.

"I've got no complaints," a happy Greene beamed after the victory. "All our players did well. We finally got our running game started, if we can toughen it up. It's something we've been needing."

Greene had rearranged most of his offense to develop the running attack his 'Cats had been playing without. The changes brought quarterbacks Bruce Hilton and Luther Joiner out front in the Valdosta rushing stats.

Hilton, who leads the region in passing for his second year, carried 10 times for 61 yards and four touchdowns while passing for 149 yards. Joiner, in his second year, carried three times for 55 yards and one touchdown.



—Times Staff Photo

### Valdosta's Tom Powers (32) Finds The Going Rough After Short Gain Against Crisp Defense

gar enthusiasm.

From then on out it was easy sailing for the 'Cats, who sent every player dressed out into the affair.

Here's a breakdown of the way things went by quarters:

#### First Quarter

Both teams took turns punting before Valdosta's defense came to life. Crisp's second series started on its own 26 but four plays later Jimmy Duke was forced to punt from his own 15.

The Valdosta offense began its ground attack at the Crisp

Valdosta seven-yard line.

Two plays later, Rome intercepted a Jimmy Matthews pass three yards deep in his own end zone.

The big spilt end-turned defensive back fought off five would be tacklers working his way up the right sidelines to the 19 before being stalled by a host of Cougars.

Eleven plays and two penalties later, after a 19-yard run by Billy Berrien, a 16-yard gallop by Hilton, a 15-yarder by Robert Demps and a 10-yard Hilton-To-Rome pass, Hilton stepped into the end zone on a three yard run.

Jack Hilton capping the three yard romp for the 'Cats moved goal to the 10 with 4:27 remaining in the first half. The Valdosta defense held the Cougars to a 10-yard gain in the first half.

third touchdown of the night to give VHS a 20-0 halftime lead.

#### Third Quarter

When the second quarter started, so did Luther Joiner and a moderate rain.

But the sophomore quarterback gambled on a fourth and two situation and came up with an eight-yard run before being injured and leaving the 'Cats in possession on the Crisp 13. Hilton scored six plays later on a one-yard plunge with 4:35 left in the quarter.

#### Fourth Quarter

Crisp retaliated against a third string Wildcat defense by moving the ball from its own 46 to the Wildcat five with 11:30 left in the fourth quarter. But the 'Cats' defense held the Cougars to a 10-yard gain in the first half.

and easily outran everyone else to payday with 9:33 remaining in the game.

Here the Wildcat third string offense was given free reign. With less than two minutes in the game, Duke went back to punt again. But the snap went over his head, giving the 'Cats possession on the Crisp 12.

Two plays later quarterback Keith Middleton hit Ricky Register with a six-yard pass over the middle for the last tally of the night.

Starting linebacker Jack Sullivan was taken to the South Georgia Medical Center after emerging from the game with a concussion. He was expected to be out of the game for several days. The 'Cats' defense held the Cougars to a 10-yard gain in the first half.

# VHS Must 'Get Up' To Meet Bearcats

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

How do you get one of the top football teams in the region up, mentally, for a game against a traditionally weak foe currently fighting for the league cellar.

"I don't know, but we've got to," said Charlie Greene who's Valdosta Wildcats play host to Bainbridge's Bearcats in the Region 1-AAA high school football game here Friday night.

"You never know what a team like Bainbridge could do. They haven't won yet. But they could put it together overnight. If we happen to be down that night . . . well, here we go again. I've seen it happen before."

The Wildcats, who seem to have recovered from a 6-0 defeat at the hands of highly-touted Thomasville in their season opener, met Dougherty's Trojans from Albany in their second game and squeaked to have put it together last week in a 41-0 rout of Crisp County.

The Bearcats, however, may be going in the opposite direction. After opening with a 7-3 loss to non-league foe Cairo, they dropped a 42-14 decision to Crisp and 47-0 to Dougherty.

"I feel they have real good capabilities. They have fairly good size and speed. It's just a matter of putting it together under a new coach."

Preston Forsyth took over the helm of the Bearcats this year after a three-year stay by coach J.B. Rowland, a former Valdosta coach.

"Bainbridge always seemed to play us a better game than they did everyone else," Greene recalled. "I guess it's because every time we played them J.B. was the head coach and he got



**BRUCE HILTON**  
Wildcat Leader

them up for us.

"They could be up for us again."

"We don't know that much about them," Greene continued. "They've got a quarterback named Calvin Parsons who ran well against us last year and quite a few running backs.

"As far as we can tell they try to mix up their passing and running attacks and they've thrown quite a few passes lately.

"It's just been hard to convince our boys but they have got to be in a good mental attitude when they go in there.

"There won't be any easy ones for us this season. If they go into the game low, they could end up like they did against Dougherty. We had to come from behind."

The Wildcat coach in his sophomore year said two team leaders injured against Crisp last week seem to be improving enough to play this weekend. But it's doubtful they will.

Jack Sullivan, a linebacker, pinched a nerve in his neck while second string quarterback Luther Joiner injured his back.

"We're still waiting to hear from their doctors on whether or not they can play this weekend. But even then, we may not play them.

"We don't want to get them hurt worse. We're really going to need them against Albany and Moultrie soon."

# First Coed Chosen To Head DE Club

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club has elected its first female president.

In elections held at the school today, Terrie Fountain, a 16-year-old VHS senior and in her second year in DE, was named to the club's top office.

Twelve other students were elected to other offices ranging from vice-president to heads of the four classes which make up the sales-oriented vocational education club.

Miss Fountain is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Fountain Jr. of 815 N. Forrest St. and is the Georgia DECA southeast district chairman.

Norman Greene, VHS DE coordinator, said she won that office at the district convention earlier this year.

Alfred Bea, a 17-year-old senior in his first year in DE, won the vice-president's job. The son of Mrs. Verdell Bea of 828 W. Adair St., he is sports editor of the 'Dosta Outlook, the school newspaper, and is a member of the Future Teachers of America.

Named secretary was Carolyn Adams, 17, another first-year senior. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Adams Sr., of 114 West St., she is also a member of the Beta Club.

Marcie Cosey, a 17-year-old second year senior, is the new club treasurer, said Greene. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cosey of 2314 Frederick Place.

John King, the son of Mr. and



**TERRIE FOUNTAIN**  
Sets Precedent



**ALFRED BEA**  
No. 2 On Slate

Mrs. Joe King of 2408 Georgia Ave., was elected parliamentarian. He is a 16-year-old junior and a first-year DE student.

The club named Judy Wetherington to the historian's post. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Wetherington of 203 Miles St., a 17-year-old senior and in her second year in the club.

Teresa Wetherington, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wetherington of 1601 Beauford Place, is the new club reporter.

Greene said the 17-year-old senior is in her first year of DE, is club editor of the

school yearbook and is chaplain of the VHS student council.

Jim Bennett, the son of Mrs. Collis Bennett of 3902 Bemiss Road, was elected sergeant-at-arms. He is a 16-year-old junior and a first-year student.

Patti Norris, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Norris of 2416 Briarwood Drive, is the club chaplain.

The 17-year-old first-year senior is a member of the Beta Club and Future Business Leaders of America at VHS.

Vice-presidents of divisions I-IV are Charlotte Eanes, Jennifer Lewis, Paula DeLoach and Carla Fountain respectively.

# Paving At VHS Ending

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

All of the paving of parking lots and access roads at Valdosta High School could be finished in three weeks, according to Lowndes County engineer Julian Dupree.

Dupree said today the second half of the lot on the north side of the new building is ready for paving.

"From what I've seen this space alone could handle the cars that have been going out there every day."

Actually, there are two lots on the north and two on the south. Each set of lots is divided by an island.

On the south side work is about finished on the underground storm sewer drainage system.

Drain tile is put down and work is nearing completion on catch basins on the south side. Dupree said between 800 and 900 feet of 18-inch pipe has been put down.

"It looks like we are about to get our head out of the water," Dupree said. School opening at the \$4.5 million building was delayed until portions of the parking area were paved. Officials feared mud and dust being tracked into the building would ruin the carpet.

Dupree said the south lots are ready for fine grading, which is next to the last step before paving.

After fine grading the crews put down a base.

Access roads on the north boundary of the north parking lot have been paved. The roadway around the south and east side is ready for fine grading, the engineer said.

However, what was blamed for the delay in the work prior to the opening of school could put a kink in plans again, according to Dupree.

"A big rain could keep us out of there half a week . . . when you are doing fine grading and it rains hard you just can't put the equipment in there."

# Teacher Of Year Selected By City

By MARY CROUSE

A Valdosta High School art instructor, who has turned the city into a classroom for her students, has been named the Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the city school system.

Patsy Smith was selected Wednesday night by a panel of five judges over nine other nominees representing the other schools in the system.

Known as "The Wildcat Lady" by her students because of her devotion to the school and her many drawings of the VHS nickname, she said she was speechless upon learning of her selection.

"I found out about it this morning when Mr. (Lloyd) Mims announced it over the intercom. If I had been by myself I would have cried," she said.

Mrs. Smith said she never thought about winning the honor "because there are so many fine teachers in the system who deserve it. I think our principal (Mims) helped me get this because he has always supported us so well."

The teacher, who says she is on call 24 hours a day to her students, is not afraid of numbers in a classroom.

"I am not afraid of numbers."

I believe that if a teacher can teach one, he can teach 51 just as well," she said.

She is a living example of her philosophy that a teacher should get completely wrapped up in the school, giving help to all departments and supporting all activities.

And she attempts to let her students know from the beginning that they are her friends and she is available to them anytime they might need her.

"I believe a teacher should love each student and through the years I have found that when teachers do this, discipline problems are minimal," said Mrs. Smith.

The brunette, who has been a teacher for 15 years, is to represent Valdosta in the region competition. The winner of that event is to be announced Oct. 23.

The Teacher of the Year for the region is to compete in the state event. Georgia's outstanding teacher, to be announced Nov. 12, is to be entered in the national search for the country's top instructor.

Valdosta Association of Educators president Ruth Council, winner of the local award last year, said the judges made a fine selection by choosing Mrs. Smith.

The art instructor has been on the Valdosta High School faculty since 1970. Prior to that she taught two years at Valdosta Junior High School.

Mrs. Smith taught the third grade for nine years before moving totally into the field of art. She instigated an art program in three elementary schools for grades one through four.

The second year of the program found her with five schools teaching more than 3,000 students.



PATSY SMITH  
'Wildcat Lady'

A native of Valdosta, she did her undergraduate work at the University of Georgia School of Art and Education and received a degree in elementary education from Valdosta State College.

She has also done additional graduate work in art education and is certified to teach art in grades 1-12.

The teacher, described "a bundle of infectious energy and optimism" by her counterparts is a firm believer that humor can light up the darkest corners.

"And I enjoy a day of teaching filled with joy and laughter. At least for me through the years funny works — serious doesn't," said Mrs. Smith.

She has followed the lead of art department chairman Jerry Pilcher and made the entire city her classroom.

Mrs. Smith has not only instilled pride in her students themselves and their school but community as well.

Her art services classes have painted murals on the walls of the pediatrics ward at South Georgia Medical Center. Other murals were done in the children's X-ray room and X-ray technician center at the hospital.

Her students have painted decorations in store windows throughout the city to promote community support for football

weekends.

The youth under her supervision have been involved in more than 100 community service projects.

Mrs. Smith's groups also took on an intensive project to beautify the campuses at VJHS and the old VHS by hand painting wall murals.

It was the art teacher who painted the huge Wildcat on the side of the old VHS facility welcoming visiting athletic teams to Death Valley, the local nickname for Cleveland Field.

She designed a set of VHS Wildcat drinking glasses which are now distributed by several groups.

## Tomcats Defeat Ninth Grade In Grid Action

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A third quarter touchdown gave the Valdosta Junior High Tomcats the margin they needed to defeat Valdosta High's Ninth grade 12-8 in a football game here Thursday.

In the first quarter the Tomcats stopped the ninth grade on their own 45-yard line and just six plays later the Tomcats were on the scoreboard. A one yard run by Tony McConnehead capped the drive.

The ninth grade came back in the second quarter to take the lead. A 45-yard pass by Billie Gray tied the game up 6-6 but their two-point pat attempt gave them a 8-6 lead.

But the Tomcats wouldn't stand for that. A 55-yard pass in the third quarter from Buck Belue to Allen Worthy gave them the victory.

## Forsyth Tells Bearcats

# 'Wildcats Can Be Beaten'

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The first thing Prescott Forsyth attempts to get his Bainbridge Bearcats ready to play Valdosta here Friday night is to convince his gridders the Wildcats can be beaten . . . even though Bainbridge never has.

"It's a mental thing," Forsyth, the new head coach of the Bearcats, explained. "Dougherty should have beaten Valdosta two weeks ago from what I can see.

"They (Dougherty) had them beat. But they were playing Valdosta. If they had been playing the same team named Smith high or something Dougherty probably would have won."

The 13-year veteran of the coaching profession from Rome said it was actually Valdosta's tradition that terrorizes other teams.

On the other hand, he admits his Bearcats are just the opposite. And it's that losing tradition in Bainbridge he's trying to get rid of.

He also admits he's no miracle man. The Bearcat 0-3 record backs him up.

"I didn't expect to work miracles," he said. "The people here knew that when I came. What we're working for is the future. They didn't even have a weight lifting program over here.

"We're trying to get one started now and were working about 50 freshmen with some 40 varsity players to try to build a team here.

"The people have been real understanding about that here. I wouldn't have come if they expected miracles."

The Bearcats seek their first win here Friday against Coach Charlie Greene's Wildcats, who have won two straight since losing a 6-0 season opener to league leading Thomasville.

Valdosta has since defeated Dougherty, 20-13, and Crisp County, 41-0, while Bainbridge, 3-7 losers to non-region foe Cairo in their opener fell to Dougherty 47-0 and to Crisp 42-14.

The Region 1-AAA affair is scheduled to get underway at 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

Forsyth sees Valdosta as a fine a football team as he's seen, and quarterback Bruce Hilton and end Stanford Rome are two reasons why.

"That Hilton and Rome are two of the best football players in the southeast," he offered.

"And that 77, (David Mitchell) whoever he is, is a real horse for them. They've got tradition working for them. Of course that's a mighty big credit to the school. The team is well drilled and coached."

"We don't have that many good athletes here and we've made a lot of mistakes. We've fumbled the ball away an average of five times per game. You can't win like that.

"We're not really 47 points worse than Dougherty. But we've got a young team.

Forsyth said his quarterback Calvin Parson can pass enough to keep the defense honest but keeping up with that Hilton to Rome combination is something else.

The top Bearcat offensive player, and a defensive standout is Abraham Stubbs who plays fullback and linebacker.

Punter Mike Conger now leads Region 1-AAA in punting.

"We'll just do what we can do out there he concluded.

Probable starters for each team follow:

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## JULIAN

# Miller

### Times Sports Editor

## Wildcats, Tribe Picked For Wins

One learns something new every time he tries to write a sports column picking high school football games.

Last week I learned I have a lot to learn about it.



MILLER

I hit right on 15 of 21 picks last week with one tie while picking five out of eight with another tie in the Southeastern college scene.

That leaves me with an .837 high school percentage, forgetting the ties of course, and a .715 college percentage.

This week's picks look like this.

### Valdosta vs. Bainbridge

This contest is usually anything but a contest. This year it doesn't look any different.

Coach Charlie Greene's Wildcats seemed to have found it all during that 41-0 victory over Crisp County last

week.

And Crisp is tougher than Bainbridge this year, a 41-14 victory over the Bearcats the preceding week shows that.

But since Valdosta usually has trouble getting up against Bainbridge and the Bearcats have annually played better against the Wildcats, I don't think the score will be all that high. Valdosta by 35.

# Billy's Guitar Is Like

By E. RANDALL FLOYD

Slumped awkwardly across a bright orange chair in the reception hall at Valdosta High School sat Billy Brown—tall, smiling, clad in flaring denim jeans and a billow-sleeved shirt. He was laughing and talking about his favorite subject—music.

"Music is where it's at, man," the 13-year-old freshman said, his long, brown hair curling gracefully around his neck and ears.

"Especially the guitar. I use the instrument as a kind of security blanket. You know, like if I have a problem, I just go into my room and start fiddling around with the strings. Suddenly, things look better."

One look at Billy and you detect the stirrings of a master musician.

Blue eyes flashing, Billy sat drumming his fingers steadily on the side of the plastic chair, keeping in tune to some unheard melody. His scruffy white shoes tapped lightly on the carpeted floor.

Already the tanned youth has reached a sort of professional level.

Twice a week, he and his sister perform at a local restaurant. In addition, a steady stream of engagements at local clubs and organizations leaves him little time to pursue anything but practice.

And, as if that weren't enough to keep him hopping, Billy manages to top it all off by cramming in guitar lessons each week—those which he gives to his adult students.

Three times a week—Monday, Friday and Saturday—Billy has been conducting regular classes for about 20 students at a time going on two years now.

Most of the lessons naturally cut into his own practice time, but Billy shrugs that burden off thusly:

"The practice takes up a lot of my time, but it helps me keep in shape at the same time."

The multi-talented youth directs three bands as well, all of which make regular public appearances. One of his groups has appeared on

a good time putting the stuff together. Naturally, I have ambitions to make records," he smiled.

He said the time would probably come to hit the disks as soon as he can get the group going better.

"We've got to iron out a few things and get it together a little bit more first," he pointed out.

Besides the guitar, Billy feels comfortable with his fingers wrapped around the strings of a banjo, or spread across the keys of a piano or organ or his lips clamped around a clarinet, tenor or baritone saxophone—all of which he plays.

However, he emphasized that his favorite instrument is the guitar, which he has been playing for five years.

"My family is musically-inclined," he said. "I first started getting interested in it when I heard my mother pick 'Wildwood Flower' on a classical guitar."

He said he liked the song so much he started studying notes and soon had mastered the haunting melody. And about a zillion others.

"My groups play a lot of acid rock, but I don't care for the real hard stuff too much. My favorite rock group has got to be Three Dog Night because we draw a lot of our music from them," he said.

He also digs folk music and "just about all" music arranged instrumentally.

"Hard rock is good, if you like it . . . but it just doesn't hit me as being great," he added.

The son of an Air Force major, William M. Brown of 2212 N. Forrest St., Billy has traveled around much of the world. Before moving to Valdosta—which he calls his home—eight years ago, he lived in Florida, then Okinawa, where his father was stationed.

His father's profession probably explains why Billy has chosen to make a career out of the military himself—instead of as a musician.

"Things might change, but my present plans are to enroll in Navy or Air Force ROTC in



Guitar Lesson: 'These Sessions Keep Me In Shape,' He Says



—Times Staff Photo

## Gubernatorial Honors

Valdosta High School's Bruce Hornbuckle, left, received a \$100 check from Gov. Jimmy Carter this week as a result of his prize winning essay. The youth's grandmother, Mrs. George Darby of Valdosta, accompanied Hornbuckle to Atlanta for the award ceremonies. Hornbuckle's essay was about an annual study, the Governor's Honors Program, for gifted high school students.

JULIAN

*Miller*

Times Sports Editor

## Valdosta Gridders Redmen Standouts

Chances are most people around here have seldom heard of Northeastern State College or its Redmen football team.

More people, however, have probably heard of Johnny Corbett, Larry Johnson, Ron Daniels, Alvin Payton and-or Edwin Pompey, especially if they keep up with Valdosta area football.



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The five transplanted Valdostans are now at the Tahlequah, Okla., school and are a big reason why the Redmen are undefeated in two games.

Corbett, a 6-2, 210 pound linebacker from Lowndes High School, transferred to the Oklahoma school from Tulsa this year and reportedly has aspirations of becoming All-America. School officials think he'll make it.

He not only chalked up 15 individual tackles and assists against Arkansas Tech in the season opener, he was the mainstay on the Redmen defense in a 35-0 victory over Southeastern Oklahoma over the weekend and is an important reason the Redmen still

aren't scored upon.

Saturday, he made four unassisted stops behind the Southeastern line and racked up seven assists, intercepted a pass and ran it back 10 yards and recovered a fumble.

While he was busy there, Larry Johnson, also a former Lowndes player, returned the opening kickoff 53 yards to set up Northeastern's first touchdown.

Payton racked up five individual stops, and Daniels, another former Valdosta Wildcat made two, including a sacking of the Southeastern punter when he tried to fake a punt. That set up Northeastern's third touchdown.

Pompey, the third former Wildcat, also saw defensive duty for the Redmen.

JULIAN

Miller

Times Sports Editor

## Last 3 Quarters Something Else

Valdosta's Wildcats looked like a group of professionals for one quarter here and then seemed to forget they were at a football game Friday night.

The 'Cats could do no wrong against the Bearcats for a quarter and 12 seconds, scoring on four straight series, no matter who had the football.



MILLER

Greene was the first to admit his 'Cats played less than their best in the latter stages of the game.

"Terrible, terrible, terrible," he said after the match. But he also pointed out David Mitchell and David Williams had stood out well in the game.

Greene also noted it's hard to get up and stay up for a team tied for last place in the region and being down against Bainbridge may help the 'Cats get up for tougher Albany Saturday.

Before then, however, a lot of 'Cat fans would like to see someone come up with a foot that can boot kickoffs. The VHS kickoffs were so poor Friday, the 'Cats chose to punt instead after two safeties.

And meanwhile, we can't help but have a little compassion for Calvin Parsons. The Bainbridge quarterback was right on the money on most of his passes, including one sure touchdown, had he been able to find anyone on his team who would catch the ball.

While Valdosta was stumbling over Bainbridge, Lowndes had run into a tough tribe of Indians from Albany. Here are staff writer Roger Powers Comments.

## Wildcats' Defense Ready For Indians

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A fierce war party of Albany Indians in search of Wildcat pelts could end any hope for the region championship for Valdosta if things go their way in Albany Saturday night.

Coach Charlie Greene's charges know the explosiveness the Indians showed in beating Lowndes last week but the Valdosta defense should be able to slow them somewhat, according to Greene.

Out with injuries in last week's triumph over Bainbridge, first-string defenders Tony Waters (170, sr., and

Jack Sullivan (190, sr.) return to action against the Indians Saturday.

Waters, however, may have missed one game too many, for Greene said Cedric Wilson (165, sr.) might start in Waters' defensive backfield slot this week.

"Cedric did a real good job last week. He intercepted a pass and ran it back for a touchdown," Greene said, "and it's hard to beat that kind of play."

"Still, our defense will be in better shape this week. It always helps to have men who have been playing good come back. It's got to help," Greene said.

Sullivan holds down an inside linebacker slot for the Wildcats.

When asked if Albany's explosive Celious Williams had caused him to employ any special defenses, Greene said the Wildcats were working out just like they do for every game.

But Greene had praise for Williams.

"He's a real good ballplayer," Greene said. "He's strong, he's tough, and he's fast."

Albany's fine football team. They're a big physical team, and they can score some points.

"We're going to have to get our running and passing games going to be able to do much good against them."

"Greene was not overly happy about having to play the Indians on a Saturday night in Albany.

"The Indians have a fine

team this year. They're undefeated, and they will have a definite home field advantage this year.

"This is not a really good time for us, since a lot of our people won't be able to make the trip. We'll have a good group there, but there will be a lot of people who have other things planned for Saturday night.

"And we're going to need all the fans we can get."



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'No Comment'

### Letters To The Editor

## VHS Students Do Have Pride

Sir:

How right you were when you said pride has to be instilled into students by the administration. However, you were entirely off target when you said that VHS administrators had yet to instill that pride.

You must be very busy. Had you bothered to make time in your busy schedule to see our new learning complex, you would have received an education. Upon entering the band room, across one wall you

would see a banner that says, "Performance Resulting In Daily Effort;" in other words, "Pride."

Going through the lunch area you may have noticed students, without shoes, standing on tables — putting spirit signs on the wooden beams so that the tape would not pull the paint off the walls.

Should you decide to attend a VHS Friday morning pep rally, you would feel the pride as soon as you walked in the gym; you would hear it, too.

As for the "ankle-deep" paper, it is located around the dumpsters and it comes from the way the sanitation department empties those dumpsters. The only reason Mr. Mims doesn't "make" us pick up the paper is that he asks us to keep the area clean.

Of course, there will always be those few students who don't care, but please don't lump the rest of the students with that bunch. We do care. We do have pride — and we dare you to pay us a visit anytime and then say that we don't have any.

Becky Parker  
Valdosta

JULIAN

Miller

Times Sports Editor

## Vike Win Coming, 'Cats To Get 4th

It's hard to tell if I'm getting better at picking games, or if last week's schedule was just an easy one to work with.

My predictions reached an all time high when I hit 28 out of 35 on the high school scene and raised my average to .821.

The Southeastern college games were even better. This seer hit nine of 10 to raise that average to .740.

Without writing anything to change my luck here's how this week's look.

### VALDOSTA AT ALBANY

Don't tell anyone I told you, but a confidential source tells me Albany is planning on winning this game. The Indians are still undefeated after three games while Valdosta is cruising along at 3-1.

But the stars don't show it, at least not the ones in Valdosta. Wildcats by 15.

### CRISP AT LOWNDES

Looking at their records would lead you to believe this will be a match of the haves-nots. But it goes deeper than



MILLER

that.

Crisp's Cougars have won one region game (Bainbridge) and lost three others while Coach West Thomas' Vikings have lost two league battles while beating non-region foe Brooks County.

But the Vikes lost to Moultrie and Albany, two of the toughest teams around. Tonight it's their turn. Lowndes by 13.



### *New VHS Class*

Anthony Patyon and Dennis Jones, are two of the participants in a mechanical drawing class at Valdosta High School. The drawing class is one of

dozens of new courses being offered this fall under the quarter system in the new \$4.5 million facility which opened Sept. 4.

-Times Staff Photo

## 'Cats, Tribe Meet Tonight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Region 1-AAA spotlight focuses on football action between Albany's undefeated Indians and Valdosta's Wildcats in Mills Memorial Stadium at 8 p.m. today in Albany.

Albany head coach Ferrell Hendry has promised the 'Cats an entertaining evening but hopes to send Valdosta home empty-handed. He said he plans to slow down Valdosta's express by stopping the Cats' explosive passing game.

Coach Charlie Greene's Wildcats must win in order to keep region title hopes alive, and Hendry's team would like nothing better than to extend their perfect record against Valdosta.

"It's going to be a fine, tough ball game," said Hendry. "The team making the fewest mistakes is going to win."

# 'Cats Scalp Indians

By BILL COOPER

ALBANY—A tribe of rowdy Indians got their just desserts here Saturday from a fierce pack of Wildcats as Valdosta High School claimed a 28-7 victory over Albany High School.

The Indians, who appeared to specialize in late hits, especially

| YARDSTICK       |       | VHS   | ALBANY |
|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|
| First Downs     | ..... | 13    | 10     |
| Yards Rushing   | ..... | 118   | 88     |
| Yards Passing   | ..... | 1-27  | 67     |
| Passes          | ..... | 5-10  | 4-14   |
| Passes Intc. by | ..... | 2     | 0      |
| Fumbles Lost    | ..... | 2     | 2      |
| Punting         | ..... | 5-26  | 3-39   |
| Penalties       | ..... | 10-75 | 5-65   |

on Stanford Rome and Bruce Hilton, could mount no offense against the staunch VHS defenders.

Valdosta scored twice in each half and held Albany to a fourth quarter touchdown to gain the win.

The Indians' Robert Jackson brought the opening kickoff from his five-yard line to the 36 where Albany put the ball in play.

The Wildcats held on the 40-yard line where Albany was forced to punt. On the first play from scrimmage, Bruce Hilton threw a pass into the flats to

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Billy Berrien behind the line of scrimmage at the three.

Berrien then swept left end for the touchdown. Berrien hit Rome with a pass to the 48-yard line.

Jack Henry's placement was perfect and the 'Cats led 7-0 with 4:41 remaining in the first quarter. Jackson again brought the kickoff out to the 36-yard line and the 'Cats again stopped the Indians' attack on the 40.

The Indians punted dead on the 30.

Hilton kept twice for a total of two yards then fired a 54-yard touchdown pass to Robert Demps. Henry's left-footed kick split the uprights for the second time in the quarter and with a

little more than a minute remaining in the period, Valdosta led 14-0.

With the aid of three penalties totaling 25 yards, the Indians drove to the Valdosta five-yard line after the following kickoff.

With a first-and-goal situation, Rome and his defense teammates stiffened. Three stabs into the Valdosta line netted about six inches for Albany.

A deep sweep by Robert Jackson was smacked down by the 'Cats at the 15-yard line and VHS took over.

Rome, a stellar receiver, took over the quarterback chores for

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## Marching Cats

### Miami-Bound

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School "Marching Cats" are to leave Friday at 11 a.m. to perform Sunday at the New York Jets-Miami Dolphins game in Miami.

The game has been switched to Miami from New York due to conflicts with New York Mets baseball playoffs.

The band is to perform for the pre-game show and again at halftime. The halftime show is to consist of some new songs but will probably be a conglomerate of previously performed numbers, according to director Frank Butenschon.

The game is to be telecast by NBC with kickoff at 1 p.m. Anyone who bought tickets for the game which was scheduled on Nov. 4 will be able to use those same tickets for the Sunday game.

The "Marching Cats" are to leave after the game and are to arrive in Valdosta early Monday morning.

## 'Cats Scalp ...

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Hilton, who had suffered a mild concussion on the play preceding the touchdown.

The lanky senior promptly demonstrated he is easier to defend as a quarterback than end as the 'Cats were forced to punt from the 10-yard line.

Hilton, who had come in to punt, was hit again and the Indians received a roughing the kicker penalty. The penalty was not enough to give VHS a first down, however, and Hilton kicked the ball dead on the Indian 43.

The 'Cats went into a prevent defense and allowed the Indians one first down but stored the drive as the half ended.

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The Indians took the following kickoff and drove for their only touchdown of the night. The drive covered 66 yards in just six plays, the score coming on a juggling catch of a Bill Lightle pass to workhorse back Robert Jackson.

Vince Williams' extra point attempt was good and the game scoring was over with a little more than four minutes remaining.

Rome returned the kickoff 28 yards to the 39 and was driven out of bounds.

Coach Charles Greene then began substituting freely. The young 'Cats twice gave the ball back to the Indians after forcing Albany punts.

The Indians saw their last chance die at the Valdosta six-yard line with 47 seconds remaining in the game.

Appropriately Rome fell on the ball as the clock ran out to end the game.

# 'Cats, Pack Game Crucial

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

How do you stop a team with the top rushing and most successful passing offenses in the league, which has been cutting down everybody it goes up against on a march towards its second straight region crown?

Or how about a team that has dominated Georgia High School football for more than a decade with an awesome passing at-

tack and newly found running game trying desperately to get back into the region title race?

Valdosta's Wildcats and Moultrie's Packers get their respective chances here Friday night when they square off for their traditional Region I-AAA battle on Cleveland Field.

"Moultrie's got a good ball club, a fine club," said Charlie Greene, head Wildcat coach.

"They lead the region in rushing with six or seven of the best backs in the region."

"They're averaging 238 yards per game on the ground. Then they haven't thrown much but they have the best passing completion average of anybody in the region. On top of all that they call their defense 'the mean machine' and it is."

"They've given up 57 yards

on the ground and 67 or 68 in the air each game. They're tough."

Friday's battle is more than a traditional rivalry. Valdosta, 4-1, must depend on the now 5-0 Pack to put them back into the region title race.

The 'Cats took a back seat in their season opener when top rated Thomasville took a 6-0 victory over Valdosta. To get back in the running the 'Cats must defeat the Packers and hope Moultrie later turns the tables on still undefeated Thomasville, throwing the region into an unprecedented three-way tie.

Packer head coach Bud Willis, however, would rather his final game of the regular season be a battle of the unbeaten between his Packers and the Bulldogs, and Bulldog coach Jim Hughes says his team doesn't talk ties. Since they play a Class AA school, Cairo, for a non-region game, it would be fatal for their title hopes.

The Big question in the Valdosta attack is who will lead it. Both starting quarterback Bruce Hilton and backup Luther Joiner have been out with injuries. But Greene said Tuesday both appear to have recovered during the open weekend last week.

Although Hilton, who leads the region in passing for his second straight year with more than 700 yards passing, won't be given the go ahead by his doctors until Thursday, the 'Cats are still planning on having him in the starting position.

He also said Stanford Rome, the Split end who leads the region in pass receiving for his third year and has taken a starring role on defense will be in the lineups, dispelling rumors the 205-pound senior is down with a virus.

"He had the 24-hour flu last week but he's been practicing this week," Greene said.

"I think we'll be all right. Bruce has been practicing all week and had no problems. You can't ever tell if that week off is going to help or hurt but I think now it helped. We needed it to get over some injureis.

"We're well rested now and in a good mental frame to play.

To keep them that way, the Valdosta touchdown club has scheduled a city wide pep rally at Cleveland Field Thursday night at 8 p.m., according to president Clabe Chapman.



-AP Wirephoto

# 'Cats, Pack Get Spotlight

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Georgia High School Football turns the spotlight on Valdosta again this weekend, as the Wildcats take on Moultrie in another important battle in the race for the Region 1-AAA crown.

The 'Cats and Packers square off at Cleveland Field here Friday night in one of nine high school football games involving area teams scheduled this weekend.

Lowndes' Vikings wait until Saturday to travel to Albany to try to get their first win ever in Mills Memorial Stadium, against a high flying bunch of Dougherty Trojans.

But Friday night, a high flying bunch of Berrien Rebels take on Charlton County (Folkston) in

Nashville, Ga. Cooks' Hornets from Adel, upset last week by Fitzgerald, try again for a Region 1-AA (East) win against

## AREA GRID SLATE

Friday

Moultrie at Valdosta  
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Cook at Coffee  
Clinch at Vienna  
Westover at Brooks  
Madison at Sante Fe  
Wakulla at Hamilton  
Worth Acad. at Westbrook

Saturday

Lowndes at Dougherty

Coffee County (Douglas).

Clinch County's weakening Panthers from Homerville travel to Vienna for a battle with Vikings while Brooks' Trojans from Quitman

to a rough cross-country Patriots from

In Florida, Madison's Cougars take on Sante Fe in High Spring while Hamilton County (Jasper) hosts Wakulla County (Crawfordville) and in the Southeastern Athletic Association, Westbrook (Dixie) hosts Worth Academy (Sylvester).

The Valdosta - Moultrie game not only puts two of the fiercest traditional rivals on the field, it has two of the state's best teams battling.

Both teams are heavily favored.

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Thomasville head coach Jim Hughes indicated it doesn't really matter. "We don't intend to lose to anybody," he has said.

So far the 'Cats and Packs have met two mutual foes, both with victories. Valdosta and Moultrie defeated Dougherty 20-13 and 23-6 respectively, and downed Crisp 41-0 and 33-0.

Much of Valdosta's hope rests on the return of quarterbacks Bruce Hilton and Luther Joiner. Hilton, the region's leading passer received a minor concussion in a game against Albany two weeks ago. He is to know by Thursday if he can play against the Packers.

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# Valdosta Junk

## 'Dosta Dominates Every Department

By JULIAN MILLER

The Mean Machine stalled, Region 1-AAA's top rushing offense learned it couldn't fly, and Moultrie's Packers could only watch Valdosta Wildcats roll to a 27-6 victory here Friday night.

"The Mean Machine," as the Packer offense had come to be known driving its past five victories this season, couldn't stop the 'Cats of Coach Charlie Greene from scoring the first two times they got the ball.

And Moultrie's offense, leading the region in rushing yardage since early in the season, found taking to the air to play catch-up football wouldn't work against the defense-minded Valdostans.

It wasn't the victory which awed the estimated 11,500 fans who packed Cleveland Field for

|                 | Valdosta  | Moultrie |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| First Downs     | 19        | 15       |
| Yards Rushing   | 184       | 93       |
| Yards Passing   | 113       | 75       |
| Passes          | 10-23-113 | 11-24-75 |
| Passes Intc. by | 2         | 0        |
| Fumbles Lost    | 0         | 1        |
| Punting         | 5-30      | 5-34-4   |
| Penalties       | 11-85     | 6-59     |

the traditional rivalry. It was the ease with which the Wildcats dominated Coach Bud Willis' Packers.

When the dust had settled the Pack not only trailed in points, but also in every statistical category. Moultrie's offense, which had averaged 248 yards rushing per game, had been held to only 93 while the 'Cats had rolled up 184.

When the visitors tried to take to the air, Valdosta's David Williams snagged two of their passes and the Wildcats took a similar lead in aerial yardage with 113 compared to 75 for Moultrie.

The 'Cats stopped the Packers on their first two offenses

quarter with his first of three perfect PAT kicks.

just as unsuccessful, starting at Moultrie's second drive was the Pack 34 and ending five yards forward from where Graves finally got his boot away.

The 'Cats fielded the punt on their own 27 and began a steady ground march toward their own goal. Ten plays later Powers did it again, this time on a seven yard journey to paydirt with 3:03 remaining in the stanza.

The Pack came back determined after the second VHS TD. Starting at their own 35, the visitors mixed rushing and passing plays, including a 27-yard pass to quick Winston Collins, to move to the Valdosta 16. Fullback Frank Walker then looked unstoppable as he accounted for the last 16 yards on one tough run for Moultrie's only score with 37 seconds left in the quarter.

### Second Quarter

The Pack managed to stop the 'Cats' following drive but after their own got nowhere had to give the football up again. This time Valdosta wasn't to be stopped.

In 14 plays the 'Cats moved from the own 15 to the Moultrie one and Quarterback Bruce Hilton carried over on a sneak with 1:12 remaining in the half to give the home team a 21-6 lead.

Moultrie took to the air again and in two plays moved from

on an 18-yard pass and the big senior raced to the endzone. But officials said Rome stepped

by Williams, Jack Sullivan and Rome with 10, nine and seven individual tackles respectively. But Moultrie's Simeon Marks was the man to watch on the stop 'em crews. The big senior was everywhere, making 14 individual stops.

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Valdosta - Powers 14-57, Hilton 15-57, Berrier 9-47, Renninger 1-12, Demps 1-8, Joiner 4-4, Rome 1-2, Daniels 1 minus 3; Moultrie - Collins 11-63, Walker 10-49, Groff 5-25, Graves 1-minus 30, Shiver 1-minus 16, Lanier 1-1.  
 Passing: Valdosta - Hilton 10-23-113, Moultrie - Shiver 7-17-72, Graves 4-6-11, Walker 1-1-minus 8.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta - Berrier 2-17; Moultrie - Groff 2-20, Bargrove 2-2, Clark 1-7.

Kickoff Returns: Valdosta - Collins 2-44, Pope 1-6.

Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta - Williams 10, Sullivan 7, Adams 5, Cooper 4, Sumner 3; Moultrie - Ellison 7, Moss 6, McJenkins 5, Williams 3, Renner 3.

Score by Quarters:  
 Valdosta  
 Moultrie

Scoring: Valdosta TD's (16-yd. run), Hilton (7-yd. run), Hilton (16-yd. run), Hilton (16-yd. run), PA (placements), Moultrie (16-yd. run).



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# 'Cats Host Pack, Hilton To Play

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats look for their 38th victory over Moultrie's packers and the only thing that can keep their hopes for returning to the Region 1-AAA title race alive when the two teams clash tonight on Cleveland Field.

And for the first time the 'Cats can be assured of starting with their number one signal caller on the field.

Head coach Charlie Greene said he received official word from Quarterback Bruce Hilton's doctor that the region passing leader will be able to start tonight's game.

There has been only a shadow of a doubt the 190 - pound senior who has completed 44 out of 79 passes for 687 yards and five touchdowns would be able to play since he received a minor concussion in the Albany game two weeks ago.

"We felt pretty sure Bruce would be able to play," Greene said. "He had been practicing since the Albany game but he hasn't been hitting."

"His doctors just wanted to make sure everything was all right before allowing him to play. But he's been given the go-ahead."

But even with Hilton, the

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| Saturday             |                            |
| Lowndes at Dougherty |                            |

undefeated defending region champions on Cleveland Field tonight.

'Cats can plan on having their hands full when they take on the

The Pack brings an unblemished 5-0 record into the game against the 4-1 Wildcats and the game is a "must win" for both teams.

Without a victory tonight, Greene's 'Cats are completely out of the region running while Willis' Packers feel a victory would help keep the momentum rolling.

Neither team has a chance, however, unless the Packers can defeat the Thomasville Bulldogs, considered the best in the state in their last game of the regular season or unless some other team upsets the Bulldogs before then.

Since the 'Dogs defeated the 'Cats 6-0 in their first game of the season, a loss tonight would put Valdosta out of contention. take 2 cat host v

Although Valdosta holds a firm lead in the series since they started playing Moultrie in 1917

the rivalry is still one of the roughest around.

The rivalry grew so hot, in fact, the series was recessed from 1941 until 1950 to let things cool down, one long-time fan recalls.

It'll be the top rushing team against the top passing team tonight. While Valdosta averages 154 yards through the air the Packers have gained 252 yards per game on the ground, most of them coming from running back Frank Walker, averaging 6.7 yards per carry with 434 yads behind him.

Valdosta's top offensive weapon is its Hilton-to-Stan Rome pass the Packers have been working on all week. Hilton, in his second year leading the region in passing, has connected with the big split end for most of his passes.

Rome, who doubles as a defensive leader and filled in at quarterback when Hilton was injured, leads the region in pass receiving for his third year with 574 yards and two touchdowns on 34 catches.

In other area action, Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) hosts Charlton County (Folkston), Cook (Adel) travels to Coffee County (Douglas), Clinch County (Homer-ville) travels to Vienna, Brooks County (Quitman) hosts Westover (Albany), Westbrook (Dixie) hosts Worth Academy (Sylvester), Madison, Fla. travels

to Sante Fe (High Springs, Fla.) and Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.) hosts Wakulla County (Crawfordville, Fla.) and Lowndes waits until Saturday to travel to Dougherty (Albany). The Valdosta-Moultrie Series follows:

| Year | Val. | Moul. |
|------|------|-------|
| 1913 | 7    | 7     |
|      | 20   | 14    |
| 1914 | 12   | 6     |
|      | 7    | 50    |
| 1917 | 13   | 6     |
|      | 6    | 2     |
| 1920 | 27   | 7     |
| 1921 | 0    | 6     |
| 1922 | 0    | 19    |
| 1923 | 12   | 0     |
| 1924 | 7    | 7     |
| 1926 | 10   | 6     |
| 1927 | 14   | 6     |
| 1928 | 0    | 18    |
| 1929 | 27   | 0     |
| 1930 | 13   | 7     |
| 1931 | 13   | 6     |
| 1932 | 21   | 0     |
| 1933 | 28   | 0     |
| 1934 | 33   | 0     |
| 1935 | 6    | 0     |
| 1936 | 6    | 0     |
| 1937 | 6    | 0     |
| 1938 | 19   | 0     |
| 1940 | 32   | 12    |
| 1941 | 7    | 2     |
| 1950 | 14   | 7     |
| 1951 | 6    | 19    |
| 1952 | 33   | 0     |
| 1953 | 0    | 0     |
| 1954 | 38   | 6     |
| 1955 | 32   | 0     |
| 1956 | 6    | 0     |
| 1957 | 39   | 0     |
| 1958 | 7    | 7     |
| 1959 | 21   | 40    |
| 1960 | 21   | 0     |
| 1961 | 7    | 0     |
| 1962 | 13   | 7     |
| 1963 | 0    | 32    |
| 1964 | 14   | 0     |
| 1965 | 27   | 19    |
| 1966 | 34   | 6     |
| 1967 | 12   | 19    |
| 1968 | 22   | 0     |
| 1969 | 21   | 0     |
| 1970 | 19   | 12    |
| 1971 | 42   | 21    |
| 1972 | 14   | 42    |

## Hilton, Andrews Continue Leads

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Bruce Hilton and Thomasville's William Andrews continue to hold to top spots in the Region 1-AAA passing and rushing statistics for the sixth straight week.

According to the latest figures released by region statistician Ellwood Moyer of Columbus, Hilton, leads the region in passing. He has completed 44 of 79 pass attempts for 687 yards and five touchdowns.

Andrews paced the region in rushing as a sophomore last year and has a firm hold on the region's rushing again with 94 carries for 633 yards.

Valdosta's Stanford Rome leads the pass receiving department with 34 catches for 574 yards. His next opponent is over 200 yards behind.

Meanwhile, Lowndes' William Howell has taken over first place on the region's punt return list with five returns for 134 yards.

Top leaders in each category with Valdosta and Lowndes players follow:

| RUSHING                 |         |           |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
|                         | Carries | Yds. Avg. |
| 1. Andrews, T'Ville     | 94      | 633 6.73  |
| 2. Walker, Crisp        | 114     | 577 4.89  |
| 3. Williams, Albany     | 61      | 501 8.21  |
| 4. Walker, Moultrie     | 65      | 435 6.69  |
| 5. Brock, Bainbridge    | 116     | 396 3.41  |
| 6. Green, Dougherty     | 53      | 373 7.04  |
| 7. Coarsey, Tift        | 54      | 247 4.57  |
| 8. Jackson, Albany      | 27      | 236 8.47  |
| 9. Robinson, Tift       | 47      | 218 4.64  |
| 10. Hunt, Dougherty     | 45      | 212 4.71  |
| 12. Howell, Lowndes     | 75      | 197 2.63  |
| 15. Fillmore, Lowndes   | 66      | 163 2.47  |
| 18. Berrien, Valdosta   | 34      | 152 4.47  |
| 22. Patrick, Lowndes    | 29      | 101 3.48  |
| 24. Hilton, Valdosta    | 36      | 100 2.78  |
| 26. Joiner, Valdosta    | 15      | 83 5.54   |
| 27. Powers, Valdosta    | 15      | 83 5.53   |
| 32. Demps, Valdosta     | 7       | 52 7.43   |
| 33. Renninger, Valdosta | 15      | 50 3.33   |
| 48. Rome, Valdosta      | 16      | 20 1.25   |
| 51. Morrison, Lowndes   | 6       | 17 2.83   |

| Passing                |      |       |      |
|------------------------|------|-------|------|
|                        | Att. | Comp. | Yds. |
| 1. Hilton, Valdosta    | 79   | 44    | 687  |
| 2. Matthews, Crisp     | 109  | 44    | 497  |
| 3. Harper, Tift        | 89   | 36    | 479  |
| 4. Parsons, Bainbridge | 72   | 28    | 303  |
| 5. Johnson, Lowndes    | 35   | 19    | 280  |
| 9. Howell, Lowndes     | 11   | 6     | 97   |

| Pass Receptions       |         |      |      |
|-----------------------|---------|------|------|
|                       | Catches | Yds. | Td's |
| 1. Rome, Valdosta     | 34      | 574  | 2    |
| 2. Hill, Tift         | 14      | 363  | 2    |
| 3. Clemens, Lowndes   | 15      | 245  | 2    |
| 4. Busbee, Crisp      | 18      | 228  | 0    |
| 5. Jackson, Albany    | 9       | 180  | 2    |
| 11. Fillmore, Lowndes | 4       | 77   | 0    |
| 14. Demps, Valdosta   | 2       | 55   | 1    |

| Interceptions           |     |      |
|-------------------------|-----|------|
|                         | No. | Ret. |
| 1. McPherson, T'Ville   | 2   | 110  |
| 2. Wilson, Valdosta     | 1   | 45   |
| 3. Bright, Moultrie     | 1   | 44   |
| 4. Patrick, Crisp       | 1   | 38   |
| 5. T. Berrien, Valdosta | 2   | 37   |
| 6. Rumker, Lowndes      | 3   | 32   |
| 9. Rome, Valdosta       | 2   | 29   |

| Punts                 |       |      |       |
|-----------------------|-------|------|-------|
|                       | Kicks | Yds. | Avg.  |
| 1. Conger, Bainbridge | 14    | 543  | 41.76 |
| 2. Houey, Albany      | 4     | 155  | 38.75 |
| 3. Graves, Moultrie   | 9     | 343  | 38.11 |
| 4. Gaston, T'Ville    | 15    | 534  | 35.60 |
| 5. Duke, Crisp        | 26    | 870  | 34.80 |
| 6. Hilton, Valdosta   | 21    | 711  | 33.86 |
| 12. Patrick, Lowndes  | 20    | 536  | 26.80 |

| Punt Returns         |     |      |
|----------------------|-----|------|
|                      | No. | Yds. |
| 1. Howell, Lowndes   | 5   | 134  |
| 2. Bowdry, T'Ville   | 8   | 106  |
| 3. Rome, Valdosta    | 11  | 96   |
| 4. Clark, T'Ville    | 6   | 83   |
| 5. Bribht, Moultrie  | 4   | 75   |
| 6. Fillmore, Lowndes | 4   | 57   |

| Kick Off Returns     |     |      |
|----------------------|-----|------|
|                      | No. | Yds. |
| 1. Green, Dougherty  | 7   | 241  |
| 2. Fillmore, Lowndes | 9   | 189  |
| 3. Holt, Bainbridge  | 11  | 186  |
| 4. Busbee, Crisp     | 10  | 170  |
| 5. Fillmore, T'Ville | 4   | 129  |
| 13. Rome, Valdosta   | 3   | 54   |

| Individual Scoring  |      |       |      |
|---------------------|------|-------|------|
|                     | Td's | PAT's | Tot. |
| 1. Walker, Moultrie | 9    | 4     | 58   |
| 2. Rome, Valdosta   | 7    | 0     | 42   |
| 3. Howell, Lowndes  | 7    | 0     | 42   |
| 4. Andrews, T'Ville | 7    | 0     | 42   |
| 5. Williams, Albany | 6    | 0     | 36   |



-Times Staff Photo By Ken Klankel-

## *A Happy Wildcat*

There's no touchdown like your own touchdown and Valdosta High School fullback Tom Powers could have been no happier when he hit paydirt for the 'Cats against Moultrie here Friday night. It was the first touchdown the sophomore has scored for Val-

dosta and helped the 'Cats defeat the previously unbeaten Packers 27-6. For full details on the game and other area high school football action see pages 8 and 9.

At VHS, LHS

# Two Students Begin Presidential Duties

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Two high school students here are experiencing their first duties, finding the limits of their authority and making plans as presidents of the senior class in their respective schools.

The two, Teresa Wetherington and Jonathan Parrott, have been elected presidents of the two high schools here.

Parrott, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Parrott of Hahira, was elected by the Lowndes High School senior class to represent them.

The 17-year-old varsity tennis player already has plans for improving the school on behalf of his class.

"I just want to promote general good feeling between the blacks and whites and make this one of the best school years we've had," he said. "I want to promote understanding between the faculty and the student body."

Parrott said he plans to attend college and has made applications to several, but wasn't sure which one he would pick.

He said he loves to hunt, water ski and is interested in photography.

The LHS senior is also a member of the Key Club and Hahira United Methodist Church and is on the student coordinating committee at the school.

Miss Wetherington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wetherington of 1601 Beauford Place, was voted into office by her classmates at Valdosta High School in an election held Sept. 25.

Her pet plan for the upcoming school year is to hold more assemblies.

"The old school didn't have a big enough place," she explained, "but now we



TERESA WETHERINGTON  
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## Copeland Heads VHS DCT Club

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Valdosta High senior has been elected president of the school's Distributive Cooperative Training club for the coming year.

Robert Copeland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Talley Copeland of 204 Wayne Ave., was chosen president of the DCT Club.

Also elected were Deborah Marositz, reporter, and Carolyn McKiver, co-reporter.

Miss Marositz, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael T. Marositz of 717 Langdale Drive.

Miss McKiver is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin McKiver of 814 South Lee St. She is a senior at VHS this year.

DCT has several club activities planned for the school year, including providing spirit signs for the Wildcats' football games.

Copeland and Miss Marositz are to attend a fall planning conference in Macon Oct. 19-20.

In March the club is to host the district DCT competition in health occupations, job interviews, prepared speech, extemporaneous speech, cosmetology, bricklaying and other occupational fields.

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## Big Weekends Planned

# It's Homecoming Time At LHS, VHS

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Homecoming plans which have been in the works since the beginning of the school term are soon to materialize.

Student council members from Lowndes and Valdosta High School are pushing to get everything finished for the annual event which is less than a week away for LHS students. VHS will see their plans turn into reality the following week.

The gala affair at LHS is to start Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the school campus with a bonfire to help inspire students and a pep rally to be held at the same time. The fire, and the rally will, hopefully, keep the football team and the students in high spirits for the game Friday night with the Thomasville Bulldogs.

The belle of the ball game will be the Homecoming Queen, Sandy Holton. Members of her court include Pam Hampton, Tyleen Jeter, and Denise Norris. The queen was voted to occupy the throne by the student body.

Also representatives of each class are to be present at the event.

Following what, LHS students hope will be a game ending in their favor, is one of the biggest events of the year for almost all the students... the homecoming dance.

All high school students are to be invited to the celebration dance and so are their dates. The dance is to last until about 1 a.m. Saturday and is to be held at Mathis city auditorium, said Student Council President Curtis Copeland.

Although a band hasn't been selected yet, the president said the council had a list of bands from which to choose.

VHS students are also to have a bonfire and have invited everyone to come to the pep rally to be held at 7 p.m. at Cleveland Field Oct. 25.

The Wildcats, to enhance the spirit they hopefully distributed the night before, are going to have a parade Oct. 26, featuring floats made by members of each class and of each club. The parade is to start at 4 p.m. and the students get out of school at 2 p.m. to prepare.

The game is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. with the Wildcats hosting the Waycross Bulldogs. The elected queen

is to make an appearance at halftime with her attendants.

The attendants are two representatives from each class with the queen to be selected from the senior class by votes from the entire student body.

The theme for the VHS homecoming is "The World of Comic Characters" and on

the day of the game every one including teachers are to dress up as their favorite comic character, said VHS Student Council President Charlotte Eanes.

Miss Eanes said the queen candidates from the senior class were Debbie Taylor and Gwen Hollaway. From the junior class are Joni Abernathy and Hilda Hampton with Michele Dame and Jennifer Rose representing the sophomore class. Freshmen representatives are Diane Harris and Janice Williams.

Following the game, VHS students will be given a chance to rest for the annual dance to be held the following night at Mathis city Auditorium at 8 p.m. All VHS students and their dates are invited to the occasion. The homecoming events will come to an end for another year at midnight when the band plays the last song.

Elections for queen are to be held this week when a band for the dance is also to be decided on.

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# Greene Keeps Valdosta at High Bazemore Level

By JOE LITSCH

The way old Cleveland Field in Valdosta was rocking last Friday night no one would have thought there had been any friction in their football world.

Charlie Greene, the man some were ready to get rid of after last year's 9-1 record, appears entrenched as the successor to the legendary Wright Bazemore—and a worthy heir, too.

Valdosta, which has lost only two games during the two years Greene has coached them, kept up 1-AAA title hopes with a 27-6 win over previously undefeated Moultrie.

Valdosta lost the opener, 6-0, to Thomasville, which has yet to be defeated, and has steadily improved since then under Greene's guidance.

Greene had his team ready and The Journal

honors him as Coach of the Week.

Region 7-AAA was already in a tangle with Avondale knocking off favored Clarkston and Towers surprising everybody. Douglass-Atlanta had emerged as the favorite.

The race is still open and it's anybody's title, thanks to that 12-7 Washington win over Douglass.

For that interesting addition to the 7-AAA tangle Washington is The Journal's Team of the Week.

Is there nothing anyone in 4-AAA can do about Macon-Central's "Dennis the Menace?" Apparently not.

Steve Dennis, Central's quarterback, had to be in top form with undefeated Hardaway coming—and he was.

The senior quarterback carried the ball 24

times gaining 271 yards and scoring four touchdowns. He also had a 57-yard touchdown run called back by a clipping penalty and a 28-yard gain wiped out by another clipping infraction.

For his performance, Dennis is The Journal's pick for Back of the Week for the second time this year.

Macon-Central's offense was supposed to be as tough as ever, but the defense was figured to be a little weaker.

That didn't figure in David Taylor. He headed up a stiff defense, chased the Hardaway quarterback down for losses of 10 and 12 yards, caused one fumble and recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown.

Taylor is the Journal's choice for Liner of the Week.

# Porno MarchiQueen

## Heard

By MARY CROUSE

With only eight days notice to put together a halftime show which would be televised throughout the Eastern states, the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats came through like the champions they are nationally recognized to be.

The 240 members of the band performed during the halftime activities of the Miami Dolphins New York Jets football game at Miami's Orange Bowl last Sunday afternoon.

And the praise the young musicians received for the efforts came from NBC officials and Orange Bowl officials to spectators in the area.

"I think we made a hit," said band leader Frank Butenschon.

But according to those who made the weekend, that is an understatement.

"The fans loved us," said C. M. Northcutt, a former VHS band booster president.

Northcutt said when the students began piling in the Orange Bowl parking lot, football buffs

By MALCOLM N. CARTER  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Class began with the projected image of a nude threesome engaged in various sexual couplings. Then came an interview session with porn queen Marilyn Chambers.

This was no ordinary class.

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## The King Is Ugly!

King Ugly Arthur Massey (left) and former pretender to the throne T. Bush Smith, who was defeated along with 10 other potential monarchs by Massey, demonstrate their personal qualifications for

the title. The aspirants to the throne collected \$167.16 to be used by the VHS Distributive Education Club for club projects.

# Vows Are Not For Real

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The preacher said the words, but the hitchin' didn't take.

Cliff Jones, minister of the Dasher Church of Christ, performed a double wedding ceremony at his church Tuesday, but neither of the couples became man and wife.

The wedding was a class project of the home economics class taught by Patty Williams at Georgia Christian School in Dasher and served as the final examination for the class, which had spent the previous six weeks studying the planning and presentation of weddings.

The church was decorated with ferns and candelabra

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## Young Ideas...

furnished by Copeland's Flower Shop, while Irvin's of Valdosta furnished the men's attire.

Don Walker and Sheila Copeland were one of the bridal couples, while Mike Chastain and Carolyn King also pledged their troth in the mock

ceremony.

Miss Copeland and Miss King were dressed in floor length white gowns with long trains. The bridesmaids, Miss Debbie King and Miss Leigh Carter, and the maids of honor, Miss Robin Eubanks and Miss Esther Anders, wore blue

gowns.

Carl Walker served as his son's best man, and Jimmy Jones was Chastain's best man.

Mike Hamm and Rusty McLeod served as ushers. Christy Jones was the flower girl and Dean McLeod was the ring bearer.

Miss Lisa Force was the soloist and Miss Teresa Tyre played the piano.

A reception followed the wedding, and Miss Jenny Jo Spivey and Miss Debbie Hamontree kept the bridesbook.

Miss P. J. Peppers, Miss Jill Curtis, Miss Elaine Townsend, and Miss Susie Childers assisted in serving at the reception.

## DE Students Attend Conference

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Nine students from the Lowndes High School and Valdosta DE clubs are attending an officers training conference in Macon today and Monday.

VHS DE coordinator Norman Greene said five students are attending from his club, two of whom are state officers.

Phil Walden, LHS DE coordinator, said four students, including one state officer, are attending from the Lowndes club.

All of the state officers are slated to preside over at least one of the business sessions.

Greene said State Secretary Charlotte Eanes is to preside over the secretaries' workshop and a creative contest session. Another state DECA officer from VHS, Terrie Fountain, is to preside over a second creative contest gathering.

Others from VHS who are attending the conference are Alfred Bea, club vice president; Teresa Wetherington, reporter; and Patti Norris, chaplain.

The latter is attending in the place of the club secretary who was unable to make the trip, said Greene.

From the Lowndes club, State Parliamentarian and LHS DE vice president Andy Kannon, is scheduled to preside over an identification insignia session.

Walden listed others from the LHS club attending the conference as Ann Phillips, treasurer and reporter; Johnnie Lou Apolski, division I vice president; and Kathy Kutzli, historian.



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Mike Chastain, Carolyn King Take Vows During Mock Wedding Ceremony

# Younger Players Passed The Test

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Charlie Greene made no beans about it when the high school football season began.

His Valdosta Wildcats were going to be young and inexperienced and had to count on a lot of untested players to pull them through.



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He's making no beans about it now either. They're coming through, in flying colors.

Wildcat fans knew when the season began they had the top quarterback and pass receiver in the region in Bruce Hilton and Stanford Rome.

And with names like Jack Sullivan, Arthur Cooper, and David Williams in the defensive backfield, that wasn't too much of a worry either.

But the lines, both of them, were green and tender and whether or not they could mature was the question. They matured.

When Valdosta's 27-6 victory over Moultrie was over last week, even defensive coach Conrad Harris had to hand it to Valdosta's offensive line.

It had taken the mean out of Moultrie's "Mean Machine" defense and put the Packers in a hole they had to take to the air to try to come out of. That's fatal against Valdosta's pass defense.

"Charles Christian was the only lineman returning on offense," Greene said. He's done a fine job, but so has the rest of the line.

"It's been one of the biggest reasons why our offense has done so well. They've jelled fine."

## Sophomore Backfield

Composing the line are tackles Loren Dodson, Norman Bankston and Mike Register, guards Phil Teffeteller and Christian, centers, Gary Mims, David Carmichael, and Tom Bush Smith and ends David Register and Zollie Cobb.

"You also need to mention something about Harold Renninger blocking for the quarterback behind the lines," Greene added. "He's not only done some fine running but he's really helped out in blocking too."

"And remember he and Billy Berrien and Tom Powers are all sophomores who've really come along well for us."

## Offense Isn't All

But offense isn't all. Valdosta's defense has seen more than its share of the load and remains first in the region in pass defense and should be somewhere around second in rushing defense when the season ends.

Finding the defensive leaders is not hard. Look for 60, Jack Sullivan, 77, David Mitchell, 86, Arthur Massey and 26, David Williams.

But they're all seniors and Greene was expecting them to be the leaders on defense when the season started.

He was hoping John Showalter, and Danny Adams, Cedric Wilson, Noah Fountain, Walt Elliot, David Sumner, Joe Ladrow, Bobby Worley, Keith Miller, and Tony Waters would come around.

They did, and brought a freshman, safety Lawrence Lowe, with them to boot.

Then consider Jack Henry, at 150 pounds one of the smallest members on the team, who started kicking point after touchdown attempts this year and has so far put 20 of 24 perfectly through the uprights.

It all goes in to forming a first class high school football team. And Valdosta's couldn't be called anything but.

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## Band Demand Full Fare

dition, there's probably to equal the thrill of being before a crowd of more.

And, too, for the Chamber of Commerce, the school and the town. There's a lot for our little town all into the caverns of n.

It's a question, though, of the relative merits of this "advertising" for the band when watching a pro football game on television who can remember the halftime show, unless you're the alma mater.

Professional football is a big money maker. There's

no reason the clubs can not pay the full expenses of the bands that give the half-time show. The Marching 'Cats are good enough to demand such.

Of course, they can't get it until all the good bands around the country demand the same thing.

Maybe Frank Butenschon, the VHS bandmaster, should form a committee of his associates dedicated to the proposition, "Pro football clubs will pay our way."

The second thought: It involves Vernelle Register's 8th grade history class at Valdosta Junior High School. Mrs. Register is disturbed at what is happening to her eighth graders.

And what is happening is a natural fallout of the national and local political scene. Mrs. Register tells it this way:

"There's one child in the class who is an excellent student. The other day, he said, 'Huh, if he's a politician, he's crooked. That's the only way to be a politician, crooked.'"

"When an 8th grader gets that kind of an idea, what kind of a politician will he be?" Mrs. Register asks.

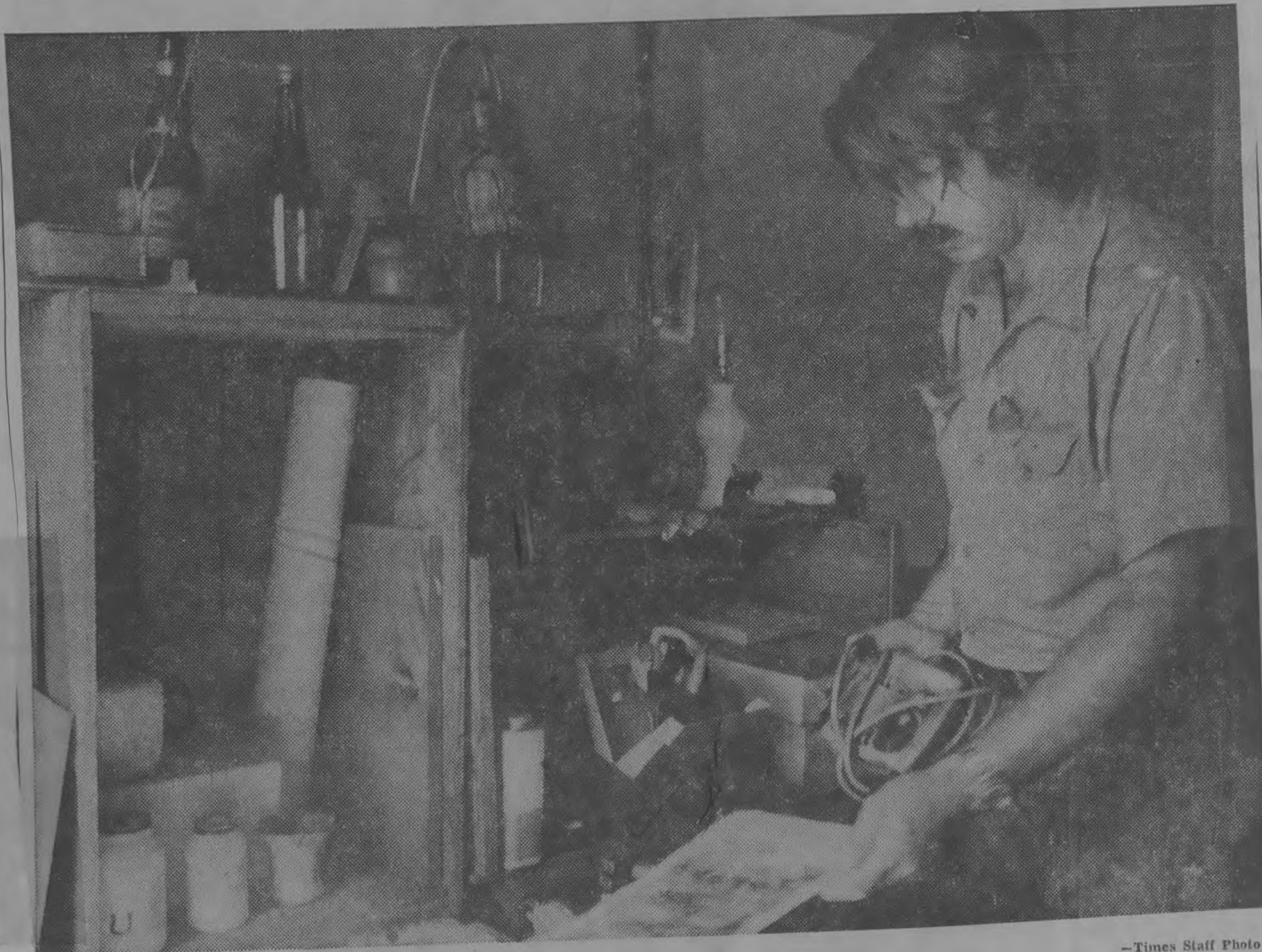
"It worries me. We're trying to instill good in these young people."

Not only is Vernelle Register disturbed, a lot of other people are, too, at the status of national morals. The Watergate affair, the Agnew scandal, the indictment of the sheriff of Lowndes County—there's apparently little else for 8th graders to think other than all politicians are crooked.

Maybe, though, just maybe there's a positive element in all this. That's the fact some of the crooked politicians have been caught.

Mrs. Register is pointing that out to her students and telling them that the system doesn't tolerate Watergates and vice presidents who cheat on their income taxes or take kickbacks from contractors.

It is awfully hard, though, for any teacher, or anyone, to accentuate the positive when there's so much negative in the air.



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Pilcher Arranges Tools Of The Trade Inside The Pigeon Loft, Valdosta's Newest Art Gallery

## The Pigeon Loft

# Art Gallery Opens Sunday

By Times Staff Writer

A group of Valdosta artists is bringing a touch of the Left Bank to the Azalea City with the opening of a new art gallery here Sunday.

There won't be the familiar Parisian sidewalk cafes surrounding the easels, but art lovers here will get an oppor-

tunity to get a glimpse of the artist at work inside the Pigeon Loft Gallery — so named because of pigeon eggs and debris found inside the building before the clean-up crews moved in earlier this summer.

The spokesman said Thursday a wide variety of arts and crafts will be available for public viewing beginning Sunday, including oil and water color paintings, sculpture, ceramics, pottery, metal crafts, weaving and acrylics.

The six artists, all of whom are providing a caution against such a system that our is corrupt. We could many to lose faith and say "There is a tendency by Valdosta (Ga.) Times. art of power in this country. The also grily at all left in the seats there is any left in the seats put makes many honesty or integrity has taken of us wonder if the country. The Agnew scandal office with scandals shocked

to a series of studios where "we could all have harmony and a decent place to work."

Invitations have been sent out for a private opening ceremony Saturday night. The general public is invited to attend Sunday's opening Pilcher said.

# Tornadoes To Key On Stopping Rome

By Times Staff Writer

Wishful thinking is one thing and reality is another. And coach Winfred Benson of the Monroe High Tornadoes thinks his football team is going to have to face up to the cold, hard facts of life Saturday when Valdosta High's Wildcats visit them in Albany.

Benson said he would like to predict a victory, but the best he can hope for his gridiron warriors is they will be able to keep from being blown off the field by the Wildcat offense.

Benson figures his team's only chance is to contain top cat Stanford Rome, a task he admits no other Region 1-AAA team has been able to accomplish so far this year.

"Of course we'll double cover Rome," said Benson. "Everybody has to double cover him. To play Valdosta and just put one man on Rome would be the dumbest mistake any football coach could make.

"We don't expect double coverage will do much good on him, but it might slow him down a little. I hate to think what would happen if we didn't give him double coverage. He'd kill us."

Of his team's chances to make the game a close one, Benson said his offense has been practically non-existent but his defense has been real good in spots.

He plans to use the same basic sets against the 'Cats that he's been using all season.

"To change our style of playing would only confuse the team and make things more difficult than they are right now. And if there's one thing we don't need, it's more trouble than we've got right now.

"Our only hope," he repeated, "is to try to hold Rome down in the touchdown department. And that's like asking for a minor miracle.

"Our team can't compete with teams like Valdosta right now. Our offense is bogged down, but our defense has been real good in spots.

"We're not a team of stars. Everything we get, we get from teamwork."

Kickoff time for the Region 1-AAA game at Mills Memorial Stadium in Albany is 8 p.m. Saturday.

Defense—ends Winfred Allen (190 sr.) and Bobby Holley (175, jr.), tackles Melvin Yarshall (220, sr.) and Elvis McFarland (.85, jr.), middle guard Albert Bell (145, sr.), linebackers Hal Grant (165, jr.) and Lynwood Givens (165, soph.), cornerbacks Ronald Staton (145, jr.) and Eddie Wilson (150, sr.) safeties Henry Johnson (190, jr.) and John McNair (155, sr.).

Valdosta  
Offense—ends Stan Rome (205, sr.) and Zollie Cobb (185, jr.), tackles Loren Dodson (185, sr.) and Mike Wetherington (220, soph.), guards Phil Teffelner (170, jr.) and Charles Christian (200, sr.), center Gary Mims (160, soph.), quarterback Bruce Hilton (190, sr.), halfbacks Harold Renninger (175, soph.) and Robert Dumps (160, jr.) and Billy Berrien (160, soph.) and fullback Tom Powers (190, soph.).

Defense—ends Wall Elliott (180, jr.) and David Sumner (180, soph.), tackles John Showalter (240, soph.) and David Mitchell (260, sr.), linebackers Danny Adams (.80, jr.) and Jack Sullivan (180, sr.), cornerbacks Cedric Wilson (160, sr.) and Arthur Cooper (180 sr.) and safeties Tony Waters (160 sr.) and David Williams (180, sr.).

## Hilton, Andrews Up Front Again

By ELLWOOD MOYER  
Region Statistician

Valdosta's Bruce Hilton and Thomasville's William Andrews won the Region 1-AAA rushing and passing statistic titles last year and both are well on their way to taking the respective titles again this season.

With just four games left for both teams, Hilton is leading the passing department with 54 completions out of 102 attempts for 800 yards.

Williams is 95-yards ahead of his nearest opponent with 103 carries for 712 yards.

Valdosta's Stanford Rome has a commanding lead in the pass receiving department with 42 catches for 670 yards.

Meanwhile, Lowndes' William Howell holds down the first place in punt returns for the second week with six for 137 yards.

Top leaders in each category with Valdosta and Lowndes players follow:

| RUSHING                 |         |      |      |
|-------------------------|---------|------|------|
|                         | Carries | Yds. | Avg. |
| 1. Andrews, T'Ville     | 103     | 712  | 6.91 |
| 2. Walker, Crisp        | 127     | 627  | 4.94 |
| 3. Williams, Albany     | 76      | 556  | 7.32 |
| 4. Walker, Moultrie     | 75      | 484  | 6.45 |
| 5. Green, Dougherty     | 64      | 409  | 6.39 |
| 6. Brock, Bainbridge    | 64      | 400  | 3.25 |
| 7. Robinson, Tift       | 58      | 269  | 4.64 |
| 8. Cearsey, Tift        | 57      | 255  | 4.47 |
| 9. Collins, Moultrie    | 43      | 252  | 5.86 |
| 10. Howell, Lowndes     | 94      | 233  | 2.48 |
| 13. Fillmore, Lowndes   | 78      | 219  | 2.8  |
| 14. Berrien, Valdosta   | 43      | 199  | 4.63 |
| 19. Hilton, Valdosta    | 51      | 157  | 3.08 |
| 22. Powers, Valdosta    | 29      | 140  | 4.83 |
| 24. Patrick, Lowndes    | 29      | 101  | 3.48 |
| 26. Joiner, Valdosta    | 15      | 87   | 5.80 |
| 32. Reminger, Valdosta  | 18      | 53   | 3.50 |
| 33. Dumps, Valdosta     | 9       | 60   | 6.67 |
| 46. Rome, Valdosta      | 8       | 22   | 1.79 |
| 51. Morrison, Lowndes   | 6       | 17   | 2.83 |
| 52. Middleton, Valdosta | 16      | 16   | 1.00 |
| 53. Wright, Lowndes     | 5       | 15   | 3.00 |
| 57. King, Valdosta      | 4       | 6    | 1.50 |

| PASSING             |      |       |      |
|---------------------|------|-------|------|
|                     | Att. | Comp. | Yds. |
| 1. Hilton, Valdosta | 102  | 54    | 800  |
| 2. Matthews, Crisp  | 123  | 51    | 596  |
| 3. Harner, Tift     | 89   | 36    | 479  |
| 4. Johnson, Lowndes | 60   | 30    | 408  |
| 5. Shiver, Moultrie | 51   | 23    | 310  |
| 12. Howell, Lowndes | 11   | 6     | 97   |

| RECEIVING             |     |      |      |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|
|                       | No. | Yds. | Td's |
| 1. Rome, Valdosta     | 42  | 670  | 2    |
| 2. Hill, Tift         | 19  | 453  | 2    |
| 3. Clemons, Lowndes   | 18  | 301  | 2    |
| 4. Busbee, Crisp      | 23  | 317  | 0    |
| 5. Jackson, Albany    | 14  | 225  | 2    |
| 11. Fillmore, Lowndes | 5   | 85   | 0    |
| 13. Howell, Lowndes   | 7   | 77   | 0    |

| INTERCEPTIONS         |     |        |
|-----------------------|-----|--------|
|                       | No. | Return |
| 1. McPherson, T'Ville | 2   | 110    |
| 2. McNair, Monroe     | 2   | 53     |
| 3. McCollum, T'Ville  | 3   | 52     |

|                         |   |    |
|-------------------------|---|----|
| 4. Wilson, Valdosta     | 1 | 45 |
| 5. Bright, Moultrie     | 1 | 44 |
| 7. T. Berrien, Valdosta | 2 | 37 |
| 8. Runkler, Lowndes     | 3 | 32 |
| 10. Rome, Valdosta      | 2 | 29 |
| 11. Williams, Valdosta  | 4 | 27 |

| PUNTS                 |     |           |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------|
|                       | No. | Yds. Avg. |
| 1. Conger, Bainbridge | 14  | 543 41.76 |
| 2. Graves, Moultrie   | 14  | 565 40.76 |
| 3. Holsby, Albany     | 4   | 155 38.75 |
| 4. Fox, Albany        | 11  | 414 37.53 |
| 5. Duke, Crisp        | 29  | 993 35.46 |
| 9. Hilton, Valdosta   | 26  | 840 32.33 |
| 12. Ptraick, Lowndes  | 23  | 616 25.67 |

| PUNT RETURNS         |     |      |
|----------------------|-----|------|
|                      | No. | Yds. |
| 1. Howell, Lowndes   | 6   | 97   |
| 2. Bowdry, T'Ville   | 10  | 134  |
| 3. Clark, T'Ville    | 8   | 110  |
| 4. Rome, Valdosta    | 11  | 76   |
| 5. Bright, Moultrie  | 4   | 75   |
| 6. Fillmore, Lowndes | 5   | 60   |

| KICK OFF RETURNS       |     |      |
|------------------------|-----|------|
|                        | No. | Yds. |
| 1. Green, Dougherty    | 8   | 758  |
| 2. Herring, Bainbridge | 12  | 716  |
| 3. Fillmore, Lowndes   | 9   | 719  |
| 4. Busbee, Crisp       | 11  | 187  |
| 5. Hill, Bainbridge    | 11  | 156  |
| 11. Rome, Valdosta     | 4   | 79   |

| SCORING               |      |       |      |
|-----------------------|------|-------|------|
|                       | Td's | Pat's | Tot. |
| 1. Walker, Moultrie   | 10   | 2     | 64   |
| 2. Andrews, T'Ville   | 9    | 0     | 54   |
| 3. Rome, Valdosta     | 7    | 0     | 42   |
| 4. Howell, Lowndes    | 7    | 0     | 42   |
| 5. Williams, Albany   | 6    | 0     | 36   |
| 6. Hilton, Valdosta   | 6    | 0     | 36   |
| 14. Henry, Valdosta   | 0    | 21    | 21   |
| 24. Berrien, Valdosta | 2    | 0     | 12   |
| 25. Clemons, Lowndes  | 2    | 0     | 12   |

VHS students are also to have a bonfire and have invited everyone to come to the pep rally to be held at 7 p.m. at Cleveland Field Oct. 25.

The Wildcats, to enhance the spirit they hopefully distributed the night before, are going to have a parade Oct. 26, featuring floats made by members of each class and of each club. The parade is to start at 4 p.m. and the students get out of school at 2 p.m. to prepare.

The game is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. with the Wildcats hosting the Waycross Bulldogs. The elected queen

is to make an appearance at halftime with her attendants.

The attendants are two representatives from each class with the queen to be selected from the senior class by votes from the entire student body.

The theme for the VHS homecoming is "The World of Comic Characters" and on the day of the game every one including teachers are to dress up as their favorite comic character, said VHS Student Council President Charlotte Eanes.

Miss Eanes said the queen candidates from the senior class were Debbie Taylor and Gwen Hollaway. From the junior class are Joni Abernathy and Hilda Hampton with Michele Dame and Jennifer Rose representing the sophomore class. Freshmen representatives are Diane Harris and Janice Williams.

Following the game, VHS students will be given a chance to rest for the annual dance to be held the following night at Mathis city Auditorium at 8 p.m. All VHS students and their dates are invited to the occasion. The homecoming events will come to an end for another year at midnight when the band plays the last song.

Elections for queen are to be held this week when a band for the dance is also to be decided on.

## VHS Cagers Sell Reserve Tickets

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School basketball program, which has been making a bid for some of the support its football program has been getting, goes after some of the money today when reserve seat season tickets go on sale for the first time ever.

Jack Kent, city school system finance director announced today 700 of the more than 2,000 seats in the new VHS gymnasium, in the new high school building are to be sold as reserve seats.

The prime seats on the south side of the gymnasium, across from the scorers table and players benches, are to sell for \$10 per season for the 12 home games, or \$1.25 each on a game-by-game basis, Kent said.

"We hope to sell all 700 before the season begins," he said. "But if we don't we'll keep them reserve and sell them at the gate."

The seats include the entire middle section of the south stands in the lower half, and all the seats in the south side balcony.

"This is the first time we've ever sold season reserve seat tickets," Kent explained. "But with the team we've got and the facilities we now have, we expect a sellout or nearly a sellout at practically every game."

"We've got a team that's going to be playing some basketball this year and we've got a good shot at having an excellent year."

"Now we're just trying to get things set up so everyone will have an opportunity to get the best seats in the house. They'll also be able to renew them on a yearly basis."

Season tickets are also to be sold for students in all Valdosta schools, he said, for \$5 per season. However those tickets only allow entrance into the student sections. General admission is to be \$1 for any-

one. "A general admission ticket won't get anyone into the reserve seats this year," Kent added. "Those sections are going to be blocked off for reserve seat ticket holders only."

"Anyone who wants one needs to get his order in early so he can get the seat he wants."

Ticket orders should be sent to Basketball Tickets, P.O. Box 1085, Valdosta, he said.

# 'Cats Test 3-AAA, Vikes Meet Monroe

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats use their homecoming game to learn the differences between Regions 1-AAA and 3-AAA Friday night while Lowndes' Vikings travel to Albany Saturday night for their last time this season in two high school football games.

Coach Charles Greene's Wildcats play host to Waycross' Bulldogs in a tradition rivalry at 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field.

The Vikings coached by West Thomas, wait until Saturday night to travel to Albany's Mills Memorial Stadium for an 8 p.m. clash with Monroe's Tornados.

Those two games head a list of eight area high school games involving as many area teams scheduled this weekend.

In other action, Berrien's once-beaten Rebels from Nashville, Ga., try to get back on the winning track when they travel to Brantley County (Nahunta) for a Region 1-A game. A win

#### AREA GRID SLATE

Friday

Waycross at Valdosta  
Berrien at Brantley  
Camden at Cook  
Taylor at Hamilton  
Westbrook at Brookwood

Saturday

Lowndes at Monroe

Friday would be their seventh this season, tying the school football record set last year.

Cook's Hornets, which so far have not been able to win at home, host the team they've been waiting for, undefeated Camden County (Woodbine) in a

Region 1-AA (East) match in Adel.

Westbrook's Cougars try to keep their record above .500 in their football season ever when they take on Brookwood in Thomasville.

In Florida, Hamilton County's Trojans, from Jasper, hungry for a win, play host to Tay County, of Perry.

The Wildcats put their 6-1 record on the line against the 6-2 Bulldogs coached by Former Valdosta standout Dale Williams in their first non-region affair.

Since the series started in with a 94-0 Valdosta win 1922, the 'Cats have won 30 games compared to Waycross' with two ties.

Saturday night, Lowndes tries to level its overall record back to .500 when it puts a 3-4 slate against the 1-6 Tornados coached by Winfred Benson.

The two teams started playing when they each joined Region 1-AAA in 1968 and after five starts the Tornados lead the series 5-2.

Brooks County's Trojan from Quitman Clinch County Panthers from Homerville, or Madison's Cougars from Madison, Fla., take the weekend as an open date.

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# 'Dosta, Waycross Meet Here Friday

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats drop Region 1-AAA and go after traditional rivals here Friday night when they take on the Waycross Bulldogs from Region 3-AAA in their homecoming football game.

That makes it even more of a "must" win for Coach Charlie Greene's once-beaten 'Cats.

Valdosta, undefeated since a 6-0 opening loss to Thomasville's Bulldogs, still cling to hopes someone will upset the top rated Thomasville pack and give them another chance at the Region 1-AAA crown.

But to do it the 'Cats must win all their remaining games, including the non-region match against Coach Dale Williams' 6-2 Bulldogs.

"Waycross has got a real good football team," Greene said of the team his 'Cats host at 8 p.m. in Cleveland Field Friday. "We know they lost two games but they should be ready when they play us."

The Bulldogs lost an upset 21-20 decision to Glenn Academy last week and earlier dropped a 13-18 decision to Thompkins. But Greene has his own theories about those games.

"They (Waycross) were trying to give their younger people a chance to play last week and got caught offguard," Greene said. "They'll have their top players ready to go against us."

Where are the Bulldogs toughest?

"In the backfield," Greene replied quickly. "They've got two quarterbacks, two halfbacks, well, they've got two complete backfields they can run against us."

"In the defensive backfield they've got (Lonnie) Adamson, who plays like (Winston) Collins from Moultrie and in the offensive backfield they got a power runner (Troy) Loti who

is a mighty strong runner."

"We're going to try to do what we can against them, find some place to attack and go at it. We feel there are a lot of things we can do if we just take advantage of it."

The 'Cats started overpowering foes their second game and haven't quit, wins have come over Dougherty, 20-13, Crisp County, 41-0, Bainbridge, 34-0, Albany, 28-7, Moultrie, 27-6 and Monroe, 35-0, to leave them with a 6-1 record going into Friday's match.

The latest victory, over Monroe, was not the type game Greene likes to see his 'Cats play.

"It's hard to say anything about a Monroe game," he said. "I don't think we've ever played them a good game. We did all right. We won and that's the big thing right now."

Greene did commend sophomore running backs Robert Demps, who picked up 40 yards on two carries and Harold Renninger, who picked up 11 yards on six carries. "And Arthur Cooper did a good job for us on defense," he said.

Since the two teams began their series in 1922 with a 94-0 Valdosta victory, the Cats have won 30 games while the Bulldogs took nine wins. Two games ended in ties.



—Times Staff Photo

## O Say, Can You See?

Becky Parker guides Scott Dallas, inside the can of special formula spinach, as Dallas practices walking a straight line in preparation for Friday's Valdosta High School homecoming parade. The can of spinach is part

of the Language Club's float. The parade is scheduled for 4 p.m. through downtown Valdosta and will precede VHS' last home game against Waycross Friday night.



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# Hilton, Rome Top Pass, Catch Stats

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Bruce Hilton and Stan Rome continue to lead Region 1-AAA in passing and receiving, but Thomasville's William Andrews lost his region rushing lead to Crisp County's Eddie Frank Walker by two yards.

Lowndes' William Howell leads the region in punt returns for the third week with 7 returns for 143 yards.

Hilton hit on five of 11 passes for only 58 yards but maintained a wide lead over his closest competitor, according to Ellwood Moyer, Region 1-AA statistician.

Rome caught four passes for 46 yards and a total of 724 yards to continue far in front of other region receivers.

Walker gained 200 yards in 29 carries against the Albany Indians last week to overtake Andrews, who gained 113 yards in 22 trips against Lowndes.

Top leaders in each category with Valdosta and Lowndes players follow:

| Rushing |                     |      |      |      |
|---------|---------------------|------|------|------|
| %       |                     | Carr | Yds. | Avg. |
| 1.      | Walker, Crisp       | 156  | 827  | 5.30 |
| 2.      | Andrews, T'Ville    | 125  | 825  | 6.60 |
| 3.      | Williams, Albany    | 93   | 628  | 6.75 |
| 4.      | Walker, Moultrie    | 84   | 533  | 6.35 |
| 5.      | Green, Dougherty    | 75   | 455  | 6.06 |
| 6.      | Brock, Bainbridge   | 123  | 400  | 3.25 |
| 7.      | Robinson, Tift      | 84   | 370  | 4.40 |
| 8.      | Coarsey, Tift       | 75   | 317  | 4.23 |
| 9.      | Collins, Moultrie   | 50   | 267  | 5.34 |
| 10.     | Jackson, Albany     | 46   | 260  | 5.67 |
| 12.     | Fillmore, Lowndes   | 86   | 241  | 2.80 |
| 13.     | Howell, Lowndes     | 102  | 236  | 2.31 |
| 16.     | Berrien, Valdosta   | 43   | 199  | 4.63 |
| 17.     | Hilton, Valdosta    | 56   | 190  | 3.39 |
| 21.     | Patrick, Lowndes    | 34   | 169  | 4.97 |
| 23.     | Powers, Valdosta    | 36   | 149  | 4.41 |
| 26.     | Joiner, Valdosta    | 20   | 130  | 6.50 |
| 30.     | Demps, Valdosta     | 11   | 100  | 9.09 |
| 32.     | Renninger, Valdosta | 24   | 82   | 3.42 |
| 52.     | Rome, Valdosta      | 17   | 22   | 1.29 |
| 52.     | Morrison, Lowndes   | 6    | 17   | 2.83 |
| 54.     | Middleton, Valdosta | 21   | 17   | 0.81 |
| 17.     | Wright, Lowndes     | 5    | 15   | 3.00 |
| 2.      | King, Valdosta      | 4    | 6    | 1.50 |

# Valdosta, Waycross Ready For Homecoming Showdown

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats and Waycross' Bulldogs square off tonight for their traditional showdown of the regions in the Cats homecoming game heading a list of six area high school football games involving as many area teams on tap this weekend.

Coach Charlie Greene's 'Cats look for their 31st victory in the

three straight wins and a tie over top-rated Central of Thomasville and have now dropped three straight home games, try for better luck against Camden County of St. Mary's in a Region 1-AA (East) battle.

Westbrook's Cougars from Dixie, now 4-3 in their first football season ever try to avenge a 33-0 defeat they suffered earlier this season at the hands of Brookwood of Thomasville, in its third year of football when they travel to Thomasville tonight.

And in Florida, Hamilton County's Trojans play host to Taylor County of Perry Fla., in a Florida Crown Conference battle.

Valdosta, 6-1, represents Region 1-AAA in the traditional a 6-0 season opening loss to battle tonight, seeking its seventh straight victory since Thomasville.

The Bulldogs, representing Re-

gion 3-AAA with a 6-2 record, the best in the league, come off a 21-20 upset at the hands of Glynn Academy last week.

Williams, the Bulldog pilot, was a standout quarterback in 1956 and '57 for Valdosta, leading the 'Cats to the State Class AA crown both years.

In Dixie, Coach Charlie Jennette's Westbrook Cougars face the possibility of going into tonight's game without their quarterback.

"Mike Wells cut his thumb and might not be able to pass," Jennette said. "If he can't we'll have to let him run. We can't do without him."

"Our passing attack is the main thing that has helped us. We've got no speed at all. Our fastest man is a lineman who runs the 100 in 11.9 We've got no speed to get outside so we have to rely on trap plays."

Brookwood carries a 5-2 record into the game.

| Passing |                  |       |      |     |
|---------|------------------|-------|------|-----|
|         | Att.             | Comp. | Yds. |     |
| 1.      | Hilton, Valdosta | 113   | 59   | 858 |
| 2.      | Mathews, Crisp   | 133   | 54   | 625 |
| 3.      | Harper, Tift     | 111   | 45   | 613 |
| 4.      | Johnson, Lowndes | 68    | 33   | 439 |
| 5.      | Shiver, Moultrie | 64    | 29   | 378 |
| 11.     | Howell, Lowndes  | 13    | 7    | 99  |
| 15.     | Joiner, Valdosta | 11    | 5    | 86  |

| Receiving |                   |      |      |   |
|-----------|-------------------|------|------|---|
|           | No.               | Yds. | Td's |   |
| 1.        | Rome, Valdosta    | 46   | 724  | 4 |
| 2.        | Hill, Tift        | 26   | 544  | 3 |
| 3.        | Busbee, Crisp     | 25   | 336  | 0 |
| 4.        | Clemons, Lowndes  | 20   | 316  | 2 |
| 5.        | Jackson, Albany   | 17   | 265  | 2 |
| 7.        | Howell, Lowndes   | 8    | 133  | 0 |
| 11.       | Berrien, Valdosta | 7    | 103  | 0 |
| 12.       | Fillmore, Lowndes | 5    | 85   | 0 |

| Interceptions |                      |      |     |
|---------------|----------------------|------|-----|
|               | No.                  | Ret. |     |
| 1.            | McPherson, T'Ville   | 3    | 153 |
| 2.            | Sutton, Dougherty    | 2    | 61  |
| 3.            | Patrick, Crisp       | 2    | 55  |
| 4.            | McNair, Monroe       | 2    | 53  |
| 5.            | McCollum, T'Ville    | 3    | 52  |
| 7.            | Wilson, Valdosta     | 1    | 45  |
| 9.            | T. Berrien, Valdosta | 2    | 37  |
| 0.            | Rumker, Lowndes      | 3    | 32  |
| 12.           | Rome, Valdosta       | 2    | 29  |

| Punts |                    |      |      |       |
|-------|--------------------|------|------|-------|
|       | No.                | Yds. | Avg. |       |
| 1.    | Conser, Bainbridge | 14   | 543  | 41.76 |
| 2.    | Keyton, T'Ville    | 6    | 242  | 40.33 |
| 3.    | Graves, Moultrie   | 18   | 698  | 38.77 |
| 4.    | Holsey, Albany     | 4    | 155  | 38.75 |
| 5.    | Fox, Albany        | 15   | 540  | 36.00 |
| 10.   | Hilton, Valdosta   | 30   | 988  | 32.93 |
| 13.   | Patrick, Lowndes   | 25   | 672  | 28.00 |

| Punt Returns |                   |      |     |
|--------------|-------------------|------|-----|
|              | No.               | Yds. |     |
| 1.           | Howell, Lowndes   | 7    | 143 |
| 2.           | Bowdry, T'Ville   | 10   | 134 |
| 3.           | Clark, T'Ville    | 9    | 112 |
| 4.           | Rome, Valdosta    | 11   | 96  |
| 5.           | Bright, Moultrie  | 4    | 75  |
| 6.           | Fillmore, Lowndes | 5    | 60  |

| Kick - Off - Returns |                     |      |     |
|----------------------|---------------------|------|-----|
|                      | No.                 | Yds. |     |
| 1.                   | Green, Dougherty    | 8    | 258 |
| 2.                   | Fillmore, Lowndes   | 11   | 234 |
| 3.                   | Jackson, Albany     | 7    | 216 |
| 4.                   | Herring, Bainbridge | 12   | 216 |
| 5.                   | Busbee, Crisp       | 11   | 187 |

| Individual Scoring |                  |       |      |    |
|--------------------|------------------|-------|------|----|
|                    | Td's             | PAT's | Tot. |    |
| 1.                 | Walker, Moultrie | 10    | 4    | 64 |
| 2.                 | Andrews, T'Ville | 10    | 0    | 60 |
| 3.                 | Rome, Valdosta   | 7     | 2    | 44 |
| 4.                 | Howell, Lowndes  | 7     | 0    | 42 |
| 5.                 | Williams, Albany | 6     | 0    | 36 |

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Tonight  
Waycross at Valdosta  
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Camden at Cook  
Westbrook at Brookwood  
Taylor at Hamilton  
Saturday  
Lowndes at Monroe

42nd game of the series while Coach Dale Williams' Bulldogs seek their 10th over his alma mater.

The two teams lock horns beginning at 8 p.m. on Cleveland Field.

Lowndes' Vikings, meanwhile, wait until Saturday to travel to Albany for a Region 1-AAA battle with Monroe's Tornados.

They seek their first victory ever in Albany's Mills Memorial Stadium.

In other area action, Berrien's Rebels from Nashville, Ga. travel to Brantley County (Nahunta) searching for their fourth Region 2-A victory after dropping their first decision of the season to upset-minded Irwin County (Ocilla) last week.

Meanwhile, Cook's Hornets from Adel, who started out with

# Hornbuckle Makes Television Debut

By Times Staff Writer

A Valdosta essay winner appeared on Georgia Educational Television network earlier this week as part of a series featuring the Governor's Honor Program.

Bruce Hornbuckle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Hornbuckle of 2516 Rolling Road, was interviewed along with Valdosta High School Guidance Counselor Mrs. Jamie Wisebaker as part of the program series.

A speech, given by Hornbuckle to the Governor's Honor 1974 Planning Committee, is to be used to narrate portions of the television program.

He talked about the GHP from the students view while pictures were shown illustrating points he was making.

Another part in the series is to be shown Wednesday on channel 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Hornbuckle was the winner of the first annual Governor's

essay contest this summer and received a \$100 check.

## DE oCnests

### Are Studied

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The coordinator of the Valdosta High School Distributive Education program was to leave today to participate in an evaluation study of proposed new DE contests at Lincoln, Neb.

Norman Green said the contests are "a trial run of what we hope to have next year for all the DE club competitions in the country."

The study at the Central regional Conference at Lincoln is to give Green and seven other coordinators and eight state club advisors chosen from across the country a first hand look at the new contests.

"We'll come back and study them and present our findings to the state officials," he explained.

Green said the 19 new contests will cover each area in which DE students work. There is to also be individualized instruction in the program next fall and each contest is to be more complex.

"In other words, there will be a contest for each area and it will cover all aspects of it. This is to go along with the new curriculum we'll have in the program next year," said the coordinator.



- Times Staff Photos

Different Moods: Unhappy Greene Watches Play, Smiling Williams Rejoices

## Greene Takes Blame For Loss While Williams Praises 'Dogs

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Charlie Greene took all the blame and Dale Williams gave the credit to his Waycross Bulldogs.

William's Bulldogs had just defeated Valdosta's Wildcats, coached by Greene, 23-7, in Valdosta's homecoming football game and the old VHS gymnasium, being used as a dressing room by Waycross was bouncing with excitement.

"I tell you," said Williams, a former Valdosta great in the 1950's, "I give the credit to the kids. They worked real hard for this one and it paid off."

Across the parking lot, Greene walked alone from the solemn

Valdosta dressing room to his office under the stands. His Wildcats just never seemed to be able to get it on.

"They (Waycross) came to play ... and we didn't," he admitted. "They stuck us, we were flat. That's all there was to it."

"We tried to tell the boys all week Waycross was going to be tough. But we just didn't get'em up."

"And that's my fault, not the kids'," he insisted, peering over a reporter's shoulder to make sure he had written the statement down. "The kids are going to give you a 100 per cent effort every time."

Ironically, both Green and Williams were teammates on the Valdosta squad in 1956 and '57, and took key parts in leading the 'Cats to undefeated seasons and the State Class AA football championship.

Friday's win marked the first by a Williams-coached team ever over Valdosta and left his series against Greene-coached teams at 1-1. The Wildcats, under Greene for the first year in 1972, defeated the Bulldogs 14-6 in Waycross.

Williams admitted the Bulldogs Friday were not the same team that lost to Glynn Academy 21-20 last week.

"We definitely changed some things," said the mild-mannered Williams, who had said before the game the Dogs would

change nothing. The defense was a home-made defense. You won't find it in any playbook. We had been using a different front all year."

As for the delayed trap plays that accounted for most of the Bulldogs' 227 yards rushing, Williams again gave credit to the player, Lonnie Adamson, who picked up 120 yards on eight carries.

"He runs that play well," Williams said. "Even though the blocking is not all that good, he breaks tackles and cuts to make up for it."

"We were just up for the game," he added. "Football is a game of emotions and everybody really gets up for Valdosta. I didn't have any trouble getting them up for this one."

Ironically, the Bulldogs, leaders in the Region 3-AAA race, killed any chances Valdosta might have had in the Region 1-AAA race.

Valdostans had been hoping some team, possibly Moultrie, would upset Thomasville's Bulldogs and give the 'Cats another chance at that pack of 'Dogs who defeated them 6-0 in the season opener.

But only two straight T'ville losses could throw the region into a tie now, an improbable situation.

# Waycross Bulldogs Valdosta

By JULIAN MILLER

Waycross's Bulldogs unleashed a blitzkrieg rushing attack, aided by just enough passing to keep things interesting. They turned it all into a 23-7 school homecoming football victory here Friday night. Someone forgot to tell them it was Valdosta's homecoming.

The Bulldogs caught Valdosta's Wildcats off guard with an yard trap play and added more touchdowns and a safety while holding the 'Cats

## YARDSTICK

|                    | Valdosta | Waycross |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| First Downs        | 11       | 8        |
| Yards Rushing      | 44       | 227      |
| Yards Passing      | 161      | 45       |
| Plays              | 11-28    | 6-7      |
| Plays Intc. by     | 0        | 2        |
| Fumbles Lost       | 2        | 0        |
| Penalties          | 5-41.6   | 6-35     |
| Time of Possession | 8-48     | 6-40     |

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He admitted his Bulldogs didn't play like they did last weekend in a 21-20 loss to Glynn Academy.

"I didn't think so then but I guess I'd have to say we were looking ahead to Valdosta," he said. "But then give credit where it's due. Glynn Academy did a job on us last week."

His Bulldogs did their own "job" on Valdosta Friday. The 'Cats couldn't get their Region 1-AAA leading passing attack going until the fourth period. Then it was too little too late as they had to play catch-up football.

Waycross's mighty rushing attack, with quarterbacks Mike Harrison and Kennon Taylor alternating bringing the plays from Williams, rolled up 227 yards rushing while the Bulldog defense and costly Valdosta mistakes held the Wildcats to 44.

In the air, the Bulldogs, who previously struggled with their passing, completed a blistering seven attempts for 45 yards and a touchdown while completing 11 of 28 passes and their only first down.

Waycross was a guard on the field as Williams, the Bulldogs' starting quarterback, completed a 44-yard pass to Mike McQuaig for a touchdown. Williams, who was named the state champion in 1967, was the only player to score in the game.

Waycross' "not a happy hour" win marked the Bulldogs' first win in 42 games. Valdosta's 30-14 win over Waycross was the Bulldogs' first win in 42 games.

"We just acted like we didn't want to get beat," said a happy Williams, whose team boosted its overall record to 7-2 while holding the 'Cats to the same record as the 'Dogs carried off the game.

Most of the stanza the 'Cats appeared to be picking up when a 46-yard Bruce Hilton punt gave Waycross possession on their own 20-yard line.

But two plays later on the first play of the second quarter Harrison faded back as if to pass and discreetly shoved the football into the arms of fullback Lonnie Adamson.

Most of the Wildcats were still chasing Harrison while Adamson was 20-yards downfield on his 80-yard TD run. Reginald Carter kicked his first of three PATS of the night and Waycross had a 7-0 lead.

The 'Cats got a glimmer of hope in the next series when in a third - and - 27 situation Bruce Hilton tossed a pass to split end Stanford Rome on the sidelines. Rome flicked it over to halfback Billy Berrien who carried 56 yards downfield to be dropped on the Waycross 37 for a first down.

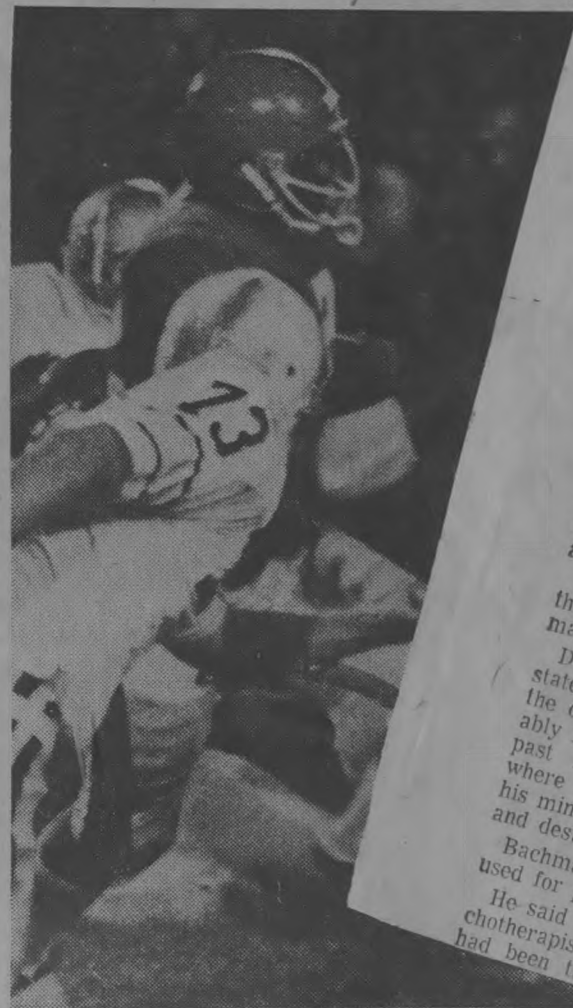
But the drive ended at the Waycross 14 when Hilton hit Rome just outside of the Bulldog endzone on a fourth down pass.

The 'Dogs took over and in eight plays only made it out to their own 32. But a 26-yard Taylor punt rolled another 20 yards before stopping.

A clipping play pushed the Cats back to their own 11 and one play later Mike McQuaig recovered a Hilton fumble at the Valdosta seven.

Two plays later the 'Dogs were in the end zone again when Taylor hit Randy Scott all alone in the end zone for a seven-yard touchdown.

The 'Cats came back in the second half and tried to make a comeback when they drove 75 yards in four plays, moving the ball to the 10-yard line. A 15-yard pass from Taylor to the Bulldog fullback, before the game, gave the 'Cats a 14-7 lead.



On The Run: Valdosta Quarterback Bruce Hilton (10) Has To Retire

Hilton finally found Rome on a 44-yard bomb. Jack Henry kicked the PAT true and Valdosta had a glimmer of hope and a 14-7 deficit.

But it was all the hope they were to get. Waycross took the ensuing kickoff on its own 12, returned it to their 28, and in four plays had moved to the Valdosta 34. Scott continued to shine, this time rambling for the last 34 yards to paydirt on one quick draw play to give the 'Dogs their last TD and a 21-7 lead.

Valdosta continued trying to come back but lady luck was not to have it. Valdosta drove to the 28 on its next possession but had Hilton run into the line and fumble the ball away again.

Waycross did not do any better this time. The Bulldogs' football season ended after the game.

## Punish With Drugs?

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A coalition of black militant organizations say they want officials at the Florida State Prison to stop forcing prisoners to take drugs as punishment. But corrections officials say the drug, prolixin, is being administered by a psychiatrist only a sanatorium inmates with paranoid tendencies.

Robert Perkins, minister of information for the Malcolm X United Liberation Front, said at a news conference Friday that prison officials were forcing rowdy inmates to take the drug as a punishment.

Perkins said the drug "forces you to lose control of several muscles in your body. It's an antagonizing experience."

"It's a form of punishment that should not be used in a humane society," Perkins said.

David Bachman, assistant state corrections director, said the drug had been used "probably less than 20 times" in the past 14 months in situations where a prisoner was "out of his mind, was assaulting people and destroying property."

Bachman denied drugs were used for punishment. He said the prison's only psychiatrist, Dr. P.A. Garcia, had been there for 14 months.

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# Valdosta Win Makes Waycross' Year

By JOE LITSCH

Waycross' season is made. Regardless of the playoffs. The Bulldogs pulled off one of the major upsets of the AAA season Friday night with a 23-7 win over Valdosta. And, it happened in Valdosta.

The last time a Valdosta team lost on Cleveland Field was back in 1967 when old Lanier of Macon went down there and won, 7-0.

The 1973 Waycross team has immortalized itself in its school history and takes this week's Team of the Week award.

John Donaldson promised that Wayne County would have a good football team "maybe not this year, but soon."

How about this year?

Wayne County wasn't figured in the 3-AAA picture until last Friday night. Then, the Yellow Jackets knocked off previously undefeated Savannah, 21-13 and took the lead in the sub-region.

Donaldson may fulfill his promise even earlier than he thought.

For his success thus far, especially against Savannah, Donaldson is The Journal's Coach of the Week.

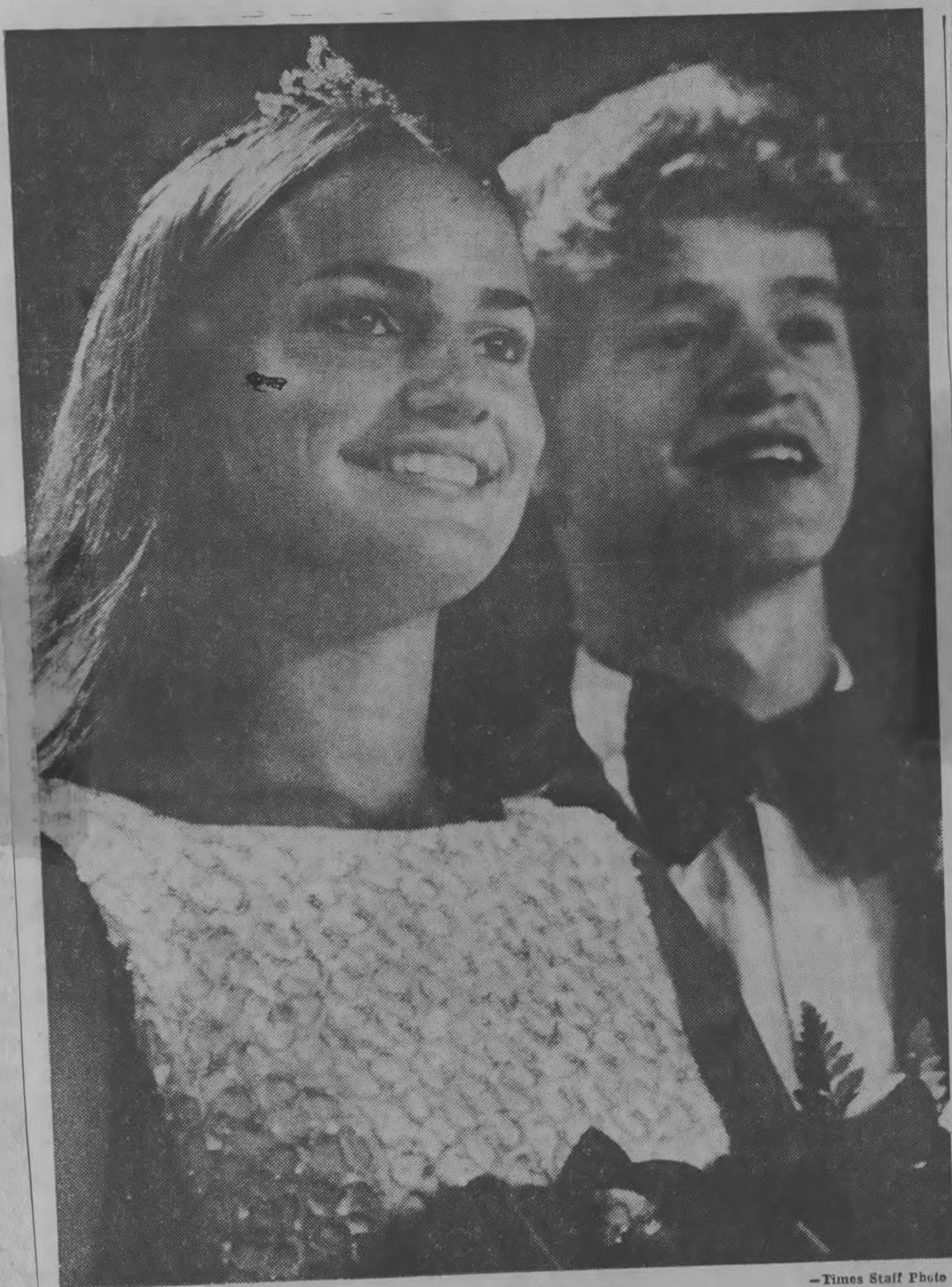
Henderson boasts one of the best defenses around and nobody personifies it more than Adrian Brown did Friday night against Tucker.

He was credited with 13 individual tackles and breaking up two passes. Two of those tackles were for losses of three and 10 yards.

Brown gets this week's Defensive Player of the Week honors.

James Perkins is the Mary Persons workhorse, and he got in plenty of work Friday night. Persons beat Perry, 13-0, thanks mainly to Perkins, who rushed 21 times for 234 yards and one touchdown—even that didn't come easily. It was for 80 yards.

Perkins gets this week's Offensive Player of the Week honors.



—Times Staff Photo

## Homecoming Queen

Debbie Taylor awaits her crown after being named homecoming queen for Valdosta High School. She was

crowned prior to the football game last night between VHS and Waycross. With her is escort Bruce Hornbuckle.

# 'Dosta-Waycross, Coach's Nightmare

Here's to the Valdosta High Marchin' Cats band. Not only were all those majorettes the only reason I and three other Wildcat fans didn't try to end it all by jumping out of the pressbox window at halftime, but they seemed to be the only Cats who could get it on on Cleveland Field Friday night.



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The football team just couldn't cut it. The line couldn't block; and when it did, the quarterbacks couldn't pass; and when they did, the receivers couldn't catch; and when they did, there seemed to always be some freak incident that would rob them of the reception.

The defense was having its problems too. It was hard enough bring down Waycross' running backs when Valdosta's defenders got to them. But figuring out who had the football was something

else.

The 'Cats had already tackled three backs before fullback Lonnie Adamson started running on an 80-yard romp that started the scoring. And he was halfway to the goal line before anyone realized he had the football.

It was just one of those nights that makes a die-hard Valdosta fan want to run and hide . . . or find an English-to-Bulldog dictionary and learn how to say Sir.

Valdosta started out trying the impossible, playing without its passing attack.

Hilton, who leads the region in passing for his second year couldn't get it together. Most of his passes were overthrown and when he finally found the range later in the game, even big Stanford Rome couldn't find the hardle on the football.

## Turnovers, Turnovers

As far as the game went, it was a coach's nightmare from Valdosta's Charlie Greene's point of view. Turnovers included two fumbles inside the Waycross 14, a pass interception in the end zone and another inside the Bulldogs' 11; a fourth down pass caught out of bounds in the end zone; and eight penalties, most of them coming at strategic points.

On the other hand, the Bulldogs, who had their problems getting it all together last weekend in a 21-20 loss to Glynn Academy, could do little wrong for the first 2½ stanzas against Valdosta.

Their first penalty didn't come until midway the third quarter. They never fumbled. And only one of their seven attempted passes missed its mark.

Without its passing attack to open up the game, Valdosta could do little more on the ground. Only a 51-yard flea-flicker pass on which halfback Billy Berrien picked up 51 yards kept the 'Cats from having minus rushing yardage for the night.

It was just a flat night for the Wildcats and as one team member's parent said after the game, "They just didn't realize what was at stake."

## No Upset Can Help

Because in Albany, Thomasville's Bulldogs were all but nailing down the Region 1-AAA championship with a 32-6 win over the Indians.

Valdosta had been hoping someone would upset the Thomasville crowd and throw the game into a playoff situation to give the 'Cats another chance at the title.

# Wildcats Take Hopes To Tifton

BY JAMES STAFF WRITER

Still clinging to a glimmer of hope at getting another chance at winning the Region 1-AAA title, Valdosta's Wildcats travel to Tifton Friday night, knowing they can't let a repeat of last week's upset take place. The 'Cats, defeated in their homecoming game by Waycross' Bulldogs, 23-7, for their second loss of the season last week, take on the Tift County Blue Devils in another traditional battle Friday at 8 p.m. in Tift County Stadium.

And Coach Charlie Greene admits his 6-2 'Cats won't be taking Coach Wilbur Lofton's 3-5 Imps lightly in their re-

turn to region action. "Tift's got a good football team," Greene said. "They don't have very many players so deep is one of their biggest problems. But they've had two weeks to prepare for us since they were open last week and we don't know what they might do."

Since two weeks is long enough to make considerable changes in a team's game format the 'Cats are having to prepare for anything. "We've even heard they're going to run the 'police' offense," Greene added. Such an offense could be helpful to the Blue Devils' cause since their passing attack has been the strongest part of their game.

"The main thing they do is throw the ball," said Greene, whose 'Cats lead the region in that category. "They've been throwing pretty good. And they seem to have a good pass defense. But then a lot of what happens depends on how well we can bounce back from last week's loss."

The Valdosta coach in his sophomore year said his team members seem to have a good mental attitude after the loss. "We just weren't ready to play football against Waycross," Greene said. "And most of them realize that now. We had too many other things going on at homecoming and they (Waycross) were ready to play. "They got that first big run on fire. Then we had a tiger by the tail."

Valdostians first thought last week's loss would end any chance of the 'Cats meeting the Thomasville Bulldogs, who defeated Valdosta 6-0 in the season opener, in a playoff for the region crown, but Greene says that glimmer of hope remains. "We were so busy thinking about a three-way tie between Thomasville, Moultrie and us (which would have eliminated Thomasville because they play a Region 1-AA school), that we forgot about a two-way tie. Non-region opponents are only considered in a three-way tie. "But if Moultrie should beat Thomasville and either the or lose to Albany, it will put us in a two-way tie with Thomasville. And by the same token, if either Tift or Lowndes ties or beats us, Moultrie can put itself in a two-way tie by beating Thomasville."

No team, however, has managed to come close to defeating Thomasville in eight games so far this season since the open-

# Hilton, Rome Hold Statistical Leads

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Bruce Hilton and Stan Rome of Valdosta continue to hold commanding leads in Region 1-AAA passing and pass receiving statistics, and Thomasville's William Andrews has regained the region rushing lead with his sixth 100-yard plus game in eight outings, according to Region 1-AAA statistician Ellwood Moyer.

William Howell of Lowndes retained his lead in punt returns for the fourth week with eight returns for 149 yards.

Hilton has completed 72 of 137 passes for 985 yards, 367 yards more than his closest competitor.

Rome has snagged 54 passes for 854 yards and five touchdowns to lead the region in pass receiving.

Following are the top leaders in each category:

# 'Dosta Over Tift, LHS Over B'bridge

Some games are more important to some people than to others. That's why even having my best percentage ever on last week's high school picks couldn't ease the pain of missing the first one — the one that predicted Valdosta would defeat Waycross by 19 points.

Last week this seer hit right on 19 of 21 picks to raise his high school average to .857. But three college upsets didn't help my southeastern college average much.

Fortunately our backshop managed to leave out the line with the Georgia pick and saved me an "L" to leave my average at .764 for the season.

Wanna see this week's picks? Me neither, but here goes:

## VALDOSTA AT TIFT

This should be an easy pick but then I thought last week's was too. However, Tift has been having its troubles this season and should be no match for Valdosta's powerful 11. Valdosta by 21.

## LOWNDES AT BAINBRIDGE

Bainbridge is not only looking for its first win of the season, it will be homecoming



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for the Bearcats and they'll really want to win this one.

But Lowndes has been going nowhere but up since the season began and I don't think West Thomas is going to let the Bearcats have their way. Looks like Bainbridge will have the same kind of homecoming Valdosta had last week: Lowndes by 16.

## BACON AT BERRIEN

This game could make history in Nashville, Ga., tonight. A win for Berrien will give Coach Fred Tucker's Rebels the best record they've ever had, eight wins. But it won't come easy. Bacon has proven it's no pushover.

But with homefield advantage, returning football players and a driving urge to meet Irwin County again, Berrien should take it, by 13 points.

## BROOKS AT AMERICUS

Brooks' Trojans might as well be playing the Miami Dolphins this weekend. Americus, one of the top 10 teams in Class AA, is undefeated and should remain that way. Americus by 14.

## COOK AT WARE

Cook's Hornets have proven themselves to be a heck of a team to beat, anywhere but in their own stadium. But they aren't playing Ware in their own stadium. Look for a Cook win tonight, by 14 points.

## WESTBROOK AT WORTH ACADEMY

The first year of high school football is tough for anyone. Westbrook has held its own but Worth has been around. Worth Academy by 12.

## TAYLOR AT MADISON

Taylor County just did squeeze by Hamilton County, 7-6, last weekend. But we think Madison can top that. Madison by 10, for no particular reason.

## LIVE OAK AT HAMILTON

Looks like more hard times in store for Hamilton tonight too. Live Oak by 14.

## OTHER PREP GAMES

Moultrie over Albany, Irwin over Brantley, Glynn Academy over Brunswick, Central of Thomasville over Cairo, Camden over Fitzgerald, Macon Central over Northeast, Jeff Davis over Charlton, Columbus over Kendrick, Dougherty over Westover, East Rome over West Rome, Warner Robins over Hardaway, Waycross over Jenkins, LaGrange over Rockdale, Turner over Lee County, Thomasville over Monroe and Seminole over Pelham.

## SOUTHEASTERN COLLEGES

Tennessee over Georgia, Tulane over Kentucky, Auburn over Florida, LSU over Mississippi, Alabama over Miss. State, Georgia Tech over Duke, Houston over Florida State.

# 'Dosta Boo-Birds Weren't Noticed

During the course of a high school football game, those covering the event try to pay pretty close attention to what's going on on the field. And sometimes they can miss what goes on off the field.

It was Monday morning when Valdosta businessman Christy Patterson called me before I heard anything about a rumor Valdosta fans were booing some of their own players.



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It seems Bob Price of the Florida Times Union had been told by Waycross sports-writer Steve Beverly Valdosta fans were booing their own players.

Whether or not there is any truth to it, I can't say. All I know is I didn't hear it. Head coach Charlie Greene says he didn't hear it, and Mr. Patterson says he didn't.

But managing editor Wink DeVane said he heard it.

If it is true, I must agree with everything Price said in his column. There has never been anyone so asinine as one who would boo a 17-year-old high school football player.

Greene still doesn't believe it.

"We don't have those kind of fans," he defended. "I didn't hear it and hadn't heard anything about it until somebody asked me about it at the Touchdown Club meeting Monday night.

"I was real proud of the way our fans applauded Waycross' player when he was removed from the field. I don't believe our fans would do that."

DeVane readily admits there were only a few fans booing at the time, all adults. Maybe we can assume those booing were booing about something else.

No high school football fan here is that stupid . . . are they?

## Two Valdosta Cyclones

While we're on the subject of high school football, two former Wildcats are standing out for Iowa State University this year.

Willie Jones, who helped the 'Cats win the State Class AAA co-championship in 1969 is in his third year as starting flanker and kick returner for the Cyclones while Luther Blue has the same jobs for the Cyclone freshmen.

Jones is making conference history.

"Willie is our big play man," said head coach Earle Bruce. "In fact he probably had more big plays — from 40 yards or longer — than any other player in the Big Eight Conference. He makes things happen."

As a pass receiver Jones has already shattered school records. He has brought in 68 aeriels for 1,128 yards and 11 touchdowns and returned 47 kickoffs for two other tallies.

Those were big plays. One was 95 yards against Georgia Tech in last year's Liberty Bowl. The other was 93 yards against rough-n-tough Oklahoma.

## Pro Future Ahead?

Cyclone coaches see a big future ahead for the Valdostan. Willie has the chance to play professionally," said Cyclone reliever coach Ray Greene. "He combines great athletic ability with fine intelligence and that's what it takes."

As for Luther, Iowa State fans who probably never heard of Valdosta should be taking note since Blue now seems to be following in Jones' footsteps.

Blue has been the leading kick-off returner for the Cyclone Frosh who are now 2-0 and helped lead his team over the two previously undefeated teams.

So far he has three kick returns for 81 yards.

With that in mind, don't be surprised if you see Iowa State recruiters rambling around Valdosta when the season ends.

# Odds Stacked Against Tift Lofton Feels

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

TIFTON — With his 30 Tift County Blue Devils going against some 75 Valdosta Wildcats in a Region 1-AAA football game here Friday night, head coach Wilbur Lofton feels the odds are stacked against him enough. He didn't need Waycross to upset the powerful 'Cats in Valdosta's homecoming game last week to inspire the Wildcats that much more.

Lofton's lumps put their record on the line against Coach Charles Greene's 6-2 Wildcats here at 8 p.m. at Tift County Stadium, looking for their first win over Valdosta since a 13-7 decision on the same field in 1967.

"I'm scared to death," Lofton said. "Valdosta's got a real ball player in the country in Stan Rome. When you get the ball to him he can score on any one play. That's the thing that has scared everyone in the region because (Bruce) Hilton throws the ball to him well. And we've been as impressed with their success as a defensive football team as much as offense. (David) Mitchell (270, sr.) we feel is about the best lineman in the league, or maybe even the state."

As far as linemen go, it's a solemn subject for Lofton. His leading tackle, Travis Arrington broke his hand in four places in practice this week and is out for the season.

With only some 30 players in the team it was an extra-heavy loss. "I'm going to move an offensive tackle, Ronald Taver, in to play both ways," Lofton said. "We have a lot of players going both ways. With only 30 on the squad depth is always a problem. You have to play what you've got."

"I guess it's hard for our people to accept the fact they have to pay the price," he explained. "But we've got a real fine junior high program going in the future. Yes, we're working for the future, but with only 30 players, you've got to play every-

one, whether they're seniors or sophomores."

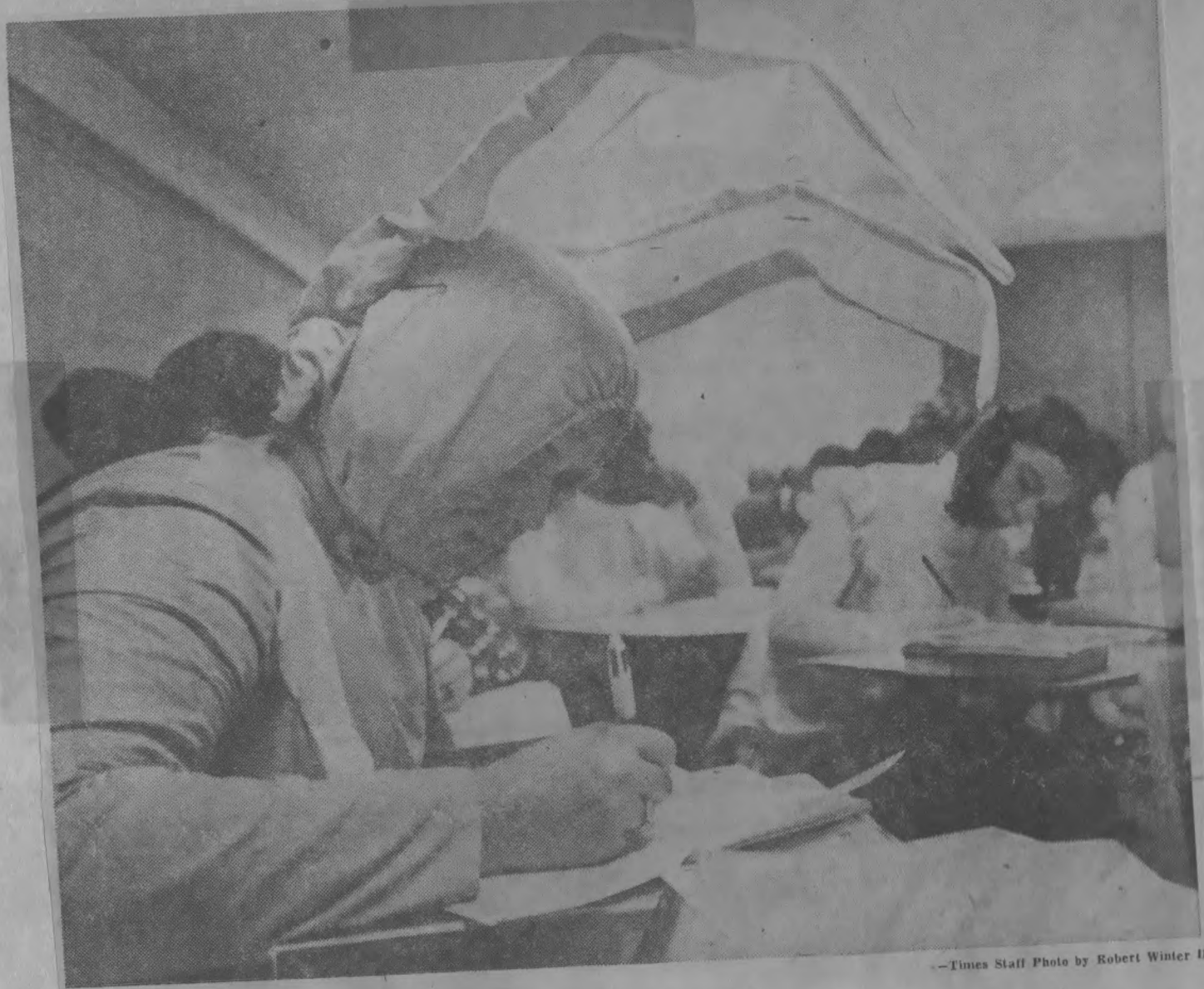
The Tift Coach in his sophomore year at Tift, after moving here from Leesburg, Fla., said depth will be a big part of Friday's ballgame.

"It will definitely hurt us," he said. "You'll really be able to tell the difference in the third or fourth quarter. Remember Valdosta has extreme size. They're a physical football team that can really hurt someone Probable starters follow:

**VALDOSTA**  
Offense — ends Stan Rome (205, sr.) and Zolie Cobb (185, jr.), tackles Loren Podson (185 sr.) and Mike Wehring (220, soph.), guards Phil Trefreiler (170, jr.) and Charles Christian (200, sr.), center Gary Mims (160, soph.), quarterback Billy Beren (190, sr.), halfbacks Billy

Borren (160, soph.) and Harold Reminger (175, soph.) and fullback Tom Powers (170, soph.)  
Defense — ends Walt Elliott (180, jr.) and David Sumner (180, soph.), tackles John Showalter (240, soph.) and David Mitchell (260, sr.), linebackers De Adams (180, jr.) and Jack Sullivan (180, sr.), cornerbacks Cedric Wilson (160, sr.) and Arthur Cooper (180, sr.) and safeties Tony Walters (150, sr.) and David Williams (180, sr.).

**TIFT**  
Offense — ends Van Hill (175, sr.) and Johnny Wallace (170, sr.), tackles Rexford Taver (230, sr.) and Randy Herrod (180, sr.) or Morris Bell (220, sr.), guard John Gibson (175, jr.), and Eddie Dunn (205, jr.), center David Chestnut (185, sr.), quarterback Jeff Carmichael (185, sr.), fullbacks Gary Robinson (185, sr.) and Hal Harper (180, jr.), and slotbacks Hal Harper (180, jr.) and Defense — ends Randy Hannan (175, sr.) and Harper, tackles Norris Bell (185, sr.) and Walt Conroy (175, sr.), linebackers Dale Hall (160, soph.) and Jerry Dill (175, sr.), cornerbacks Tony Grier (170, jr.) and Ronnie Hester (185, jr.) and safety (y) Coatsley.

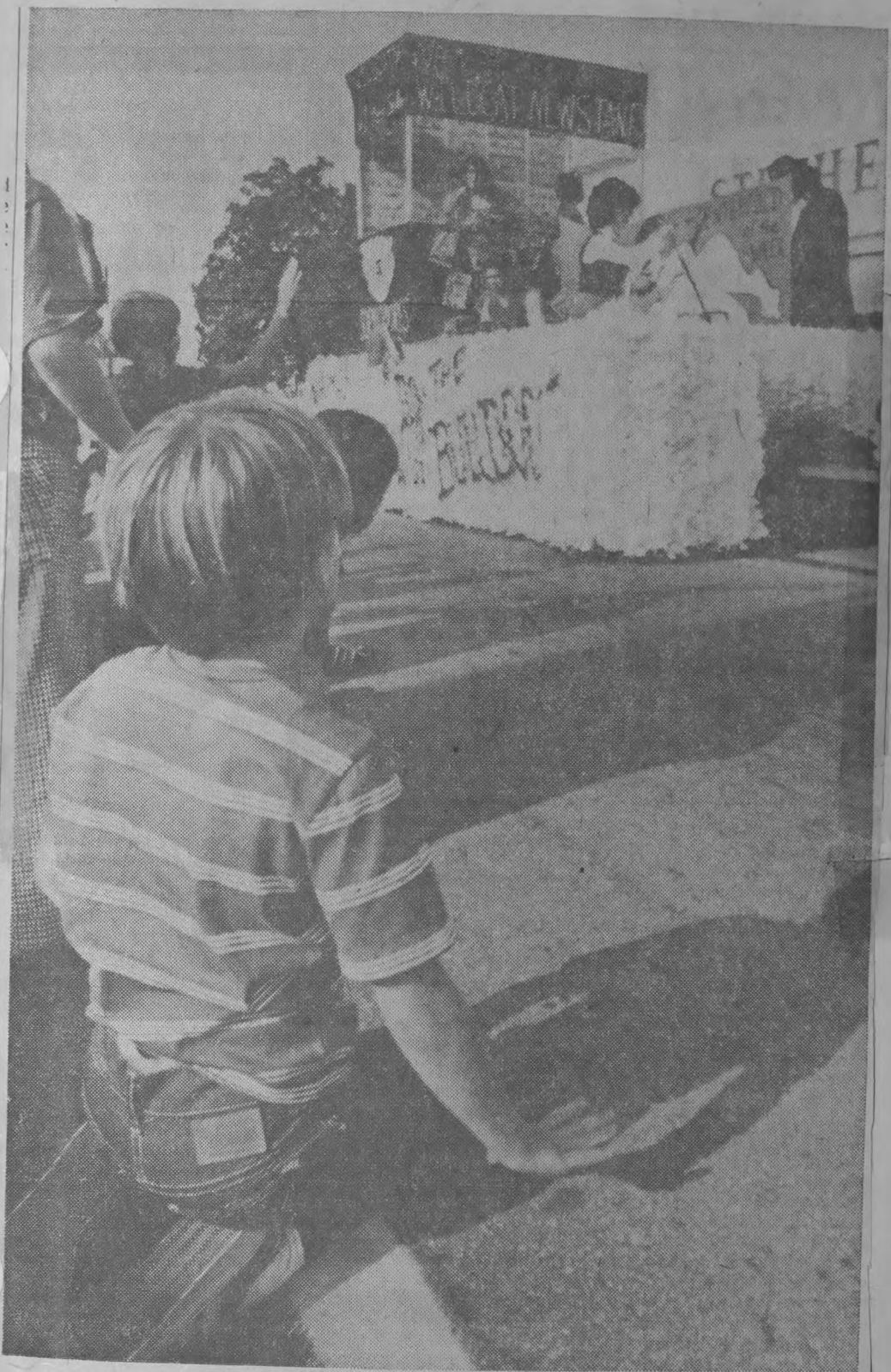


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## *Taking A Work Break*

Even homecoming activities couldn't keep this Valdosta High School student from turning her full attention to class work . . . for awhile. The co-ed had worn the outfit as part of her costume for the Home-

coming Parade Friday. Hopefully, she was more successful on her test than the VHS Wildcats in their homecoming football game. They lost to Waycross, 23-7.



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## Getting An Eyefull

Up front for a good look, this youngster watches as one of several floats in the Valdosta Homecoming Parade passes by. It was festival time

during the afternoon, but the mood changed last night. Results of the football game on page 8.

# 98-Year Old 'Cats Fan Still Roots & Toots Favorite Team

By BILL COOPER

Cleveland Field is not the quietest place in Valdosta on Friday nights during football season when the Wildcats entertain a visiting football team.

One of the chief contributors to the noise pollution during a Wildcat game is Mrs. C. L. Royal. Mrs. Royal, by her own admission, has been pulling for the Wildcats for more than 20 years, and she hasn't missed a home football game in nearly that long.

Mrs. Royal doesn't go to any of the out-of-town games anymore, though, for she feels the trips would be too hard for her at her age.

She is 98.

Of all the players she has seen play for Valdosta, the one she liked best was Bruce Bennett, who she believes was as good a football player as she has seen in her years as a Wildcat fan.

As much as she liked Bennett, she wasn't pleased with his choice of colleges when he left Valdosta.

"I was mighty disappointed when he didn't go on to play for Georgia Tech when he left us," she said.

"My favorite player on this year's team is Zollie Cobb, because he's got the same name I do. My name is Zollie too.

"I don't know too much about him as a player. I don't even know if he's a freshman or a senior, but I intend to find out before the season's over. My daughter-in-law says he's obliged to be a good player because he's got such a good name."

Mrs. Royal enjoys all the excitement of the crowd and game, but there is one part she really likes.

"I love it when they score a touchdown," she said. "The lady who sits behind me at the game is a close friend, and I told her the law was going to get her and my son for making so much noise at the game. She said if they do, they're going to get me too, because I make more noise than anybody."

Mrs. Royal thinks Coach Charlie Greene's critics have been a bit unfair, and she thinks he is a good coach who is going to get even better as years go by. "I like Greene all right," she said. "He's doing fine for being fresh into head coaching. I think he'll come up to Bazemore's record after a little while and that's going to be just fine for the Wildcats."

JULIAN

# Miller

Times Sports Editor

## Films Shows 'Cats Played Good Game

A close 21-14 victory over troubled Tift County left more than one or two Valdosta fans asking "what's wrong with the Wildcats."

After viewing the game films, head coach Charlie Greene has a new answer — "nothing."

"We didn't play that bad of a game," said Greene at the Valdosta Touchdown Club meeting here Monday night.

"We put in five different lines and played a lot of young people. That's something you have to do. If Tift hadn't gotten that second touchdown late in the game we would have played everybody."

While Tift Coach Wilbur Lofton was pleased with his team's effort, at first Charlie Greene was disappointed in his.

Both feelings were understandable. Lofton's 31 players stood up to Valdosta's some 75 the entire game, never giving up.

The 'Cats, however, put down Tift's strong attack with do-nothing-wrong play in the second quarter, excelling in every phase of the game to take a 21-7 lead. But in the second half the 'Cats couldn't get it going.

But during that second quarter, the 'Cats played well enough to win the ball game. Linemen David Mitchell and David Sumner led an attack that gave Carmichael no time to look for receivers; defensive backs Jack Sullivan, Arthur Cooper and Arthur Massey shut Tift wideouts and pitchouts out of the picture, and the 'Dosta offense went to work.

The game turned into a passing battle between Valdosta's Bruce Hilton and Carmichael and Hilton's experience and sticky fingered receivers heavily tilted the scales.

Take nothing away from Tift. With only 31 players on the squad, the Blue Devils took on the entire Valdosta 75 and held their ground.

And Tift's sophomore Jeff Carmichael is a quarterback the rest of the state will be hearing from in the next two years. Only his butter-fingered receivers kept him from putting Tift in the end zone more often than he did.

"It would have been easy for us to let down after getting beat by Waycross," Greene said.

But the 'Cats didn't even though they knew they couldn't get what they'd worked for all season, a rematch with Thomasville.

For at the same time Thomasville was knocking out its ninth foe, Monroe, 48-0, and Moultrie was slipping by Albany 30-28.

Now if Moultrie defeats Thomasville next week, and Valdosta does beat Lowndes, it would throw the region into a three way tie. Thomasville would automatically win because of its non-region victory and the 'Cats and Packers' non-region losses.

And if Lowndes should beat or tie Valdosta this weekend, and Moultrie still wins, the championship rests in a two way playoff between the Bulldogs and Pack. If Thomasville wins, it sews the region up.

It's disheartening for a Wildcat. But their 7-2 record now sets the stage for Friday's end of season battle with cross-town rival Lowndes, now in its best season ever.



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## Here Friday Night

# 'Cat-Vike Battle On Again

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The traditional Lowndes - Valdosta end of season showdown is geared to take place here Friday night, but the five-year old series has taken a new twist.

For the first time since the Region 1-AAA battle began in 1968 the two teams have performed closely enough during the season for 'Cat fans to worry.

The Vikings, relative newcomers to the region, carry their best record ever into the battle, a 5-4 mark, while Coach Charlie Greene's 'Cats, ironically at 7-2,

winning all their road games.

After a two week layoff, Clinch County's Panthers from Homerville try to make up for the 26-7 loss they gave up to Patterson's Eagles Oct. 19. The two teams comprise Region 2-B.

Brooks County's Trojans close out their season hosting one of the meanest teams in Region 1-AA (West) Central of Thomasville's Yellow Jackets.

And nearby, Westbrook's Cou-

gars end their first season of grid play by hosting Baker Academy of Hawkinsville in a 4 p.m. game in Dixie.

In Florida, the only two area schools not closing out their football seasons this weekend, Hamilton County's Trojans from Jasper, and Madison's Cougars, square off in their traditional Florida Crown Conference affair in Madison.

Since the Lowndes - Valdosta

battle began Valdosta has been undefeated in the series. But victory margins, except for one year, have been going down

The 'Cats started with a 4 victory over the Vikes in 1968 won 40-0 in 1969, 26-0 in '70, 4 again in '71, and 20-7 last seas-

This year the 'Cats have chalked up victories over Dougherty, 20-13, Crisp County (Cordele), 41-0, Bainbridge 34-4, Albany 28-7, Moultrie 2 Monroe (Albany), 35-0, Tift, 21-20, while losing to Thomasville, 6-0, and Waycross, 7-

Lowndes, meanwhile has defeated Brooks (Quitman), 2 Crisp, 21-13, Tift, 14-7, Monroe 34-6, and Bainbridge, 25-0, going to Moultrie, 27-0, Albany 27-14, Dougherty, 7-0, and Tift 17-0.

The 'Cats came into the game undefeated for the first years and with a 9-1 record year. Lowndes' current region victories tie the school record set with the 4-6 mark in 1970 and '71, but the non-region game over Brooks gives the Vikes five victories for their record since a 5-4-1 mark the Lowndes County High Game Eagles set in 1964.

### AREA GRID SLATE

Friday  
Valdosta at Lowndes  
Berrien at Jeff Davis  
Appling at Cook  
Central at Brooks  
Hamilton at Madison  
Clinch at Patterson  
Baker Academy at Westbrook

bear the worst record they've ever taken into the game.

The two teams lock horns at 8 p.m. Friday at Lowndes' Martin Stadium in what should be the final game of the season for the two squads.

That game heads a list of seven high school football games involving as many area teams scheduled Friday with five teams ending regular season play.

In Hazelhurst, Berrien County's Rebels from Nashville, Ga., and Jeff Davis' Yellow Jackets, two of the three teams tied for the Region 2-A lead, square off in an important battle.

Meanwhile the Pirates of Appling County (Baxley) and Cook's Hornets square off in a region 2-AA (East) battle in Adel in Cook's last chance to win a home game this season after

# Cross-Town Rivals Battle Friday

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

On paper it looks like Lowndes' rushing attack against Valdosta's passing but add the intra-city rivalry and the battle begins when Valdosta's Wildcats visit Lowndes' Vikings in their high school football game Friday.

The two region 1-AAA teams are scheduled to square off at Valdosta's Martin Stadium in Lowndes' what promises to be the fiercest cross-city series began in

Coach Charles Greene's Wildcats, bring a 7-2 record into the battle against Coach West Thomas' 5-4 Vikings, considered one of the most improved teams in the region by other coaches.

Leading the Valdosta attack is the passing combination of quarterback Bruce Hilton and split end Stanford Rome.

Hilton leads the region in passing for his second year after completing 84 of 156 attempts for 1,191 yards and eight touchdowns. Rome paces the league

in receiving for his third season with 57 grabs for 960 yards.

Meanwhile, The Vikings have generally kept their attack on the ground for the most part with runningbacks William Howell, Carl Fillmore and Harris Patrick, numbers seven, eight, and 19 in the region leading the way.

The trio has picked up 437, 435, and 232 yards respectively for averages of 3.55, 3.73 and 4.73 yards per carry.

"That's a first down right there if you let each one carry

the football one time in a series," said Greene.

But while the two offenses have been geared by air and ground attacks respectively, both have shown they're not limited to those routes.

Valdosta's Billy Berrien now stands 17th in the rushing department with 269 yards on 52 carries.

And in the passing division, Lowndes' Ronnie Johnson is second in the region with a 494 per cent completion average and 701 yards for four touchdowns while end Abe Clemons is third in receptions with 25 for 426 yard.

But school enthusiasm in a cross-town clash always counts big and Valdosta and Lowndes are no exceptions.

At Lowndes, hats are being sold by the boosters' club referring to the Vikings as the plowboys, a name tabbed by Valdosta fans several years ago that Lowndes students themselves decided to keep.

And Valdosta's cafeteria is crammed with banners urging the Wildcats to victory.

"This is the type of game like Army - Navy, and Georgia-Georgia Tech," Thomas said. "It's the kind of rivalry that has made football what it is today."

In the five years of the series, Lowndes has yet to win one of the games. But with the exception of the 1971 season, when the 'Cats put together one of their most powerful teams ever to become named the top team in the nation, the Vikes have been nibbling away at the winning margin.

Starting with a 48-6 victory in 1968, the 'Cats have since won 40-0, 26-0, 40-0, and 20-7.

This season Viking fans look to the similarities in scores to give them hope.

Both teams defeated Tift County by seven points Lowndes 14-7 and Valdosta 21-14. And each lost to Thomasville, Valdosta 60 and Lowndes 17-0, a difference of 11 points.

"It looks like a Battle Royale," Greene admitted.

Probable starters follow:

## LOWNDES

Offense — ends Abe Clemons (180, sr.) and Terry Cabral (175, sr.), or Mike Sowell (180, jr.), tackles Joe Kovach (190, sr.) and Gary Johnson (195, sr.); guards Reggie Thomas (190, jr.) and Danny Roundtree (190, sr.), center John Thursby (165, sr.), quarterback Ronnie Johnson (165, sr.), halfbacks Carl Fillmore (160, sr.) and William Howell (160, sr.) and fullback Harris Patrick (180, sr.).

Defense — ends Clemons and Gary Martin (175, jr.) tackles Kovach and Mike Blanton (215, jr.) middleguard Willie Burks (165, jr.), linebackers Glenn Bryan (160, sr.) and Roundtree, cornerbacks Jerome Waters (160, sr.) and Tom Love (152, sr.) and safeties Joel Hunnicutt (155, sr.) and Johnny Runker (155, sr.).

## VALDOSTA

Offense — ends Stan Rome (205, sr.) and Zollie Cobb (185, jr.) tackles Loren Dorison (185, sr.) and Mike Wetherington (220, soph.) guards P. Teffeteller (170, jr.) and Charles Christian (200, sr.) center Gary Mims (160, soph.) quarterback Bruce Hilton (90, sr.), as halfbacks Berrien (160, soph.) and Harold Renninger (175, soph.) and fullback Tom Powers (190, soph.).

Defense — ends Walt Elliott (180, jr.) and David Sumner (180, soph.) tackles John Shewalter (240, soph.) and David Mitchell (260, sr.) linebackers Danny Adams (180, jr.) and Jack Sullivan (180, sr.), cornerbacks Cedric Wilson (160, sr.) and Arthur Cooner (180, sr.) and safeties Tony Waters (160, sr.) and David Williams (180, sr.).

## 'Dosta, Lowndes Set Pep Rallies

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Both Valdosta and Lowndes High schools have scheduled large pep - rallies tonight in preparation for their intra-city football clash here Friday night.

Clabe Chapman president of the Valdosta touchdown club said a city - wide pep rally is scheduled at Valdosta's Cleveland field.

Lowndes officials said a pep-rally and bonfire is to be held at the school parking lot.

Both get underway at 6:30 p.m.

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Times Sports Editor

Wildcats Picked Against Vikings

It was a week ago today, Friday night. Valdosta had just beaten Tift County 21-14 and Lowndes had dumped Bainbridge 25-0 and yours truly was discussing this column.

"I've been thinking about picking Lowndes over Valdosta," I informed a group of co-workers.

"Sucker," they replied. "Well maybe a tie." "Chicken!"

It's logical and not improbable, but then again not likely.

Keeping in mind Lowndes has never beaten Valdosta, the team they would rather defeat more than any other, the Vikings have been doing well enough lately to be named the most improved team in the region by several other coaches.

Then there's Valdosta, which has demolished some of the teams that Lowndes lost to but has had about the same type game as the Vikes with others.

That leads into this weeks' high school picks. Try-



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ing to better my .367 average for the season there seems only one way to go.

Valdosta's last game, a 21-14 win over Tift may seem unimpressive. But then Charlie Greene was trying to play a lot of players last week. Look for the 'Cats to be at their best tonight but don't expect one of those 40-0 wins. Valdosta, by the strange margin of 11 points.

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10-85 6-40

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"Our defense did a great job in the first quarter when we needed it the most," he said. "The offense came to life and

"We got our tails beat by a better ball club," said Thomas, a coach well-known for his blunt, to-the-point comments. "That's all there is to it."

Greene was a little more talkative.

"Cats were heading goalward and the some 9,000 fans who packed Martin Stadium weren't to see Lowndes with possession in Valdosta territory again until the last play of the game.

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Cooking Cane Juice

A pair of curious youngsters watch as Mr. and Mrs. Horace O. McLane of Lake Park watch the process as they cook cane. The couple makes syrup

and juice but they don't have a mule to pull the grinder. They have replaced that with a machine.

Wheelchair Energy Bills Ga. Power Shutout Vikes

Daily Times, Sat., Nov. 10, 1973 -8-

Sports

JULIAN MILLER, Editor  
ALL COOPER, Staff Writer

...es posses- side and all the way to paydirt. But a clipping penalty brought it back to Valdosta's 23 and the 'Cats had to do it the hard way. After 11 plays, including a 53-yard Hilton-to-Berrien pass, the 'Cats were knocking on Lowndes' door again. This time the nine-yard-line was the stopping point and Henry kicked a field goal with 11:05 left in the game to push the margin to 23-0.

It was only four plays later, after a 26-yard Patrick punt that Valdosta took over again at their own 49. A pass interference penalty pushed the football to Lowndes' 25, then Hilton launched a bomb to Berrien. But Lowndes' Andy Jones leveled Hilton as the pass was being thrown and he toss was high.

With Hilton still shaken up, Berrien tried the other way, this time he tossed for the 35 yards

at 29-0. But Valdosta wasn't through trying. Four plays after the next kickoff the 'Cats were in business again at the Lowndes 34.

With quarterback Luther Joiner leading the attack, Valdosta moved to the three-yard line before Joiner's fumble was recovered by Abe Clemons on the two-yard line.

Through a series of short runs, a 14-yard romp by Carl Fillmore, and a host of Valdosta penalties, they had finally reached the Wildcat 47 before the final buzzer ended the game.

Score by Quarters:

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| Valdosta | 0 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 29 |
| Lowndes  | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0  |

Scoring: Valdosta - TD's - Rome 2 (20-yard and 35-yard passes from Berrien) Berrien 2-68; Lowndes-Fillmore 1-5 Punt Returns: Valdosta - Berrien 2-26; Rome 1-30; Williams 1-8.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing - Valdosta - Berrien 8-41, Hilton 6-19, Register 6-16, Powers 4-13 Demps 3-28, Cobb 1-11, Joiner 2-9, Battles 2-1, Lowndes - Howell 13-58, Fillmore 19-30, Patrick 4-6, Love 1-6 Johnson 1-minus 6.

Passing: Valdosta - Hilton 8-15-155, Berrien 2-2-29; Lowndes 1-5-5.

Pass Receiving: Valdosta - Rome 6-142, Berrien 2-68; Lowndes-Fillmore 1-5

Punt Returns: Valdosta - Berrien 2-26; Rome 1-30; Williams 1-8.

Kickoff Returns: Valdosta - Berrien 1-67; Lowndes - Fillmore 3-55, Love 1-13, Waters 1-16, Howell 1-2.

Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta-Miller 7, Bennett 6, Cooper 6, Rome 5, Sullivan 4, Wilson 3, Stevens 3, Mitchell 3, Showalter 3, Christian 2, Teffeteller 2, Elliott 2, Adams 2, Kirkland 2; Lowndes-

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V For Viking And The Kitty That Roared: But Lowndes' Enthusiasm Died And The Playful Kitten Got The Last Laugh

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# 'Cats Just Another Game?

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## Yinn Beats Hurts

(Abe) Clemons is the third pass receiver in the region. They've got runningbacks like (Harris) Patrick who averages 4.72 yards a carry, (Carl) Fillmore at 2.86 and William Howell at 2.77. If they let all three run the football one time there's a first down right there.  
 "Last week Howell and Fillmore got 122 and 124 yards against Bainbridge. That's what we're going to have to stop, keeping in mind they can pass too.  
 "It looks like a battle royale."

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# Miller

Times Sports Editor

## 'Cats', Vikes' Fans Are Still Around

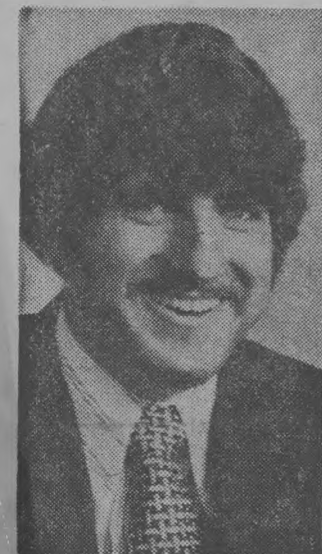
There's a trend going on these days. High school football almost state-wide is in trouble. With so many teams around, competition for fans to attend home games is becoming more than a status symbol. It's getting serious.

Such problems are what have caused several teams in Region 1-AAA to suggest subdividing the region. Others talk about bringing such teams as Waycross back into the region.

The problem is simple. Winning teams and traditional rivalries draw the crowds, crowds pay gates, gates pay for the football teams, the football teams give the players the chance to perform.

Albany head football coach Ferrell Henry put it all into words when I talked to him last week about the subdividing. The Albany schools are undoubtedly in trouble financially.

Last year the football program for the city's four schools left the city \$40,000 in the red. Again the reason is simple. Albany, which in days gone by always had a team no one took



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lightly and consequently never worried about game attend-



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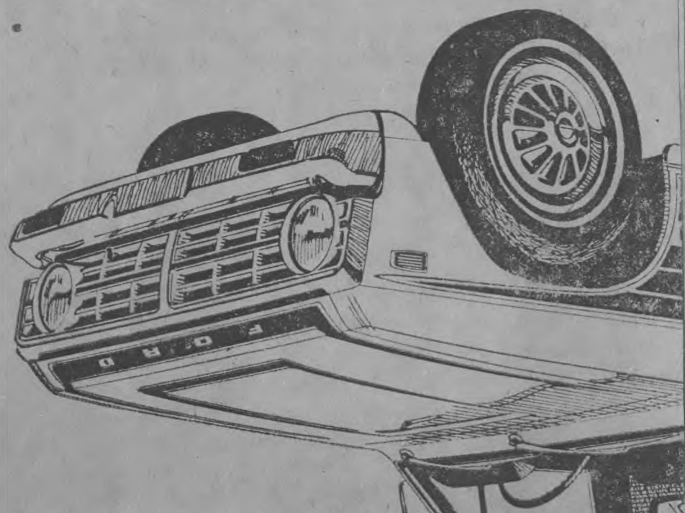
### Appetite Booster

It may not have done too much for hungry students but then this sign, one of about 50 in the Valdosta High School cafeteria, was designed for another purpose. The signs were part of the student body attempts to show

Valdosta's wildcats its support in their traditional clash with the Lowndes' Vikings in a high school football game tonight. The showdown gets underway at 8 p.m. at Lowndes' Martin Stadium.

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## He's My Brother

Brotherly love stands out when brother is trumpeteer for the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats band. Photographer Robert Winter III caught 16-year-old Dave Waites and his 10-year-old brother Patrick Waites in the mid-

dle of this trumpet-twirling lesson after the Veterans Day parade here Saturday. Patrick, wearing his brother's hat and practice gloves, was all eyes and ears.



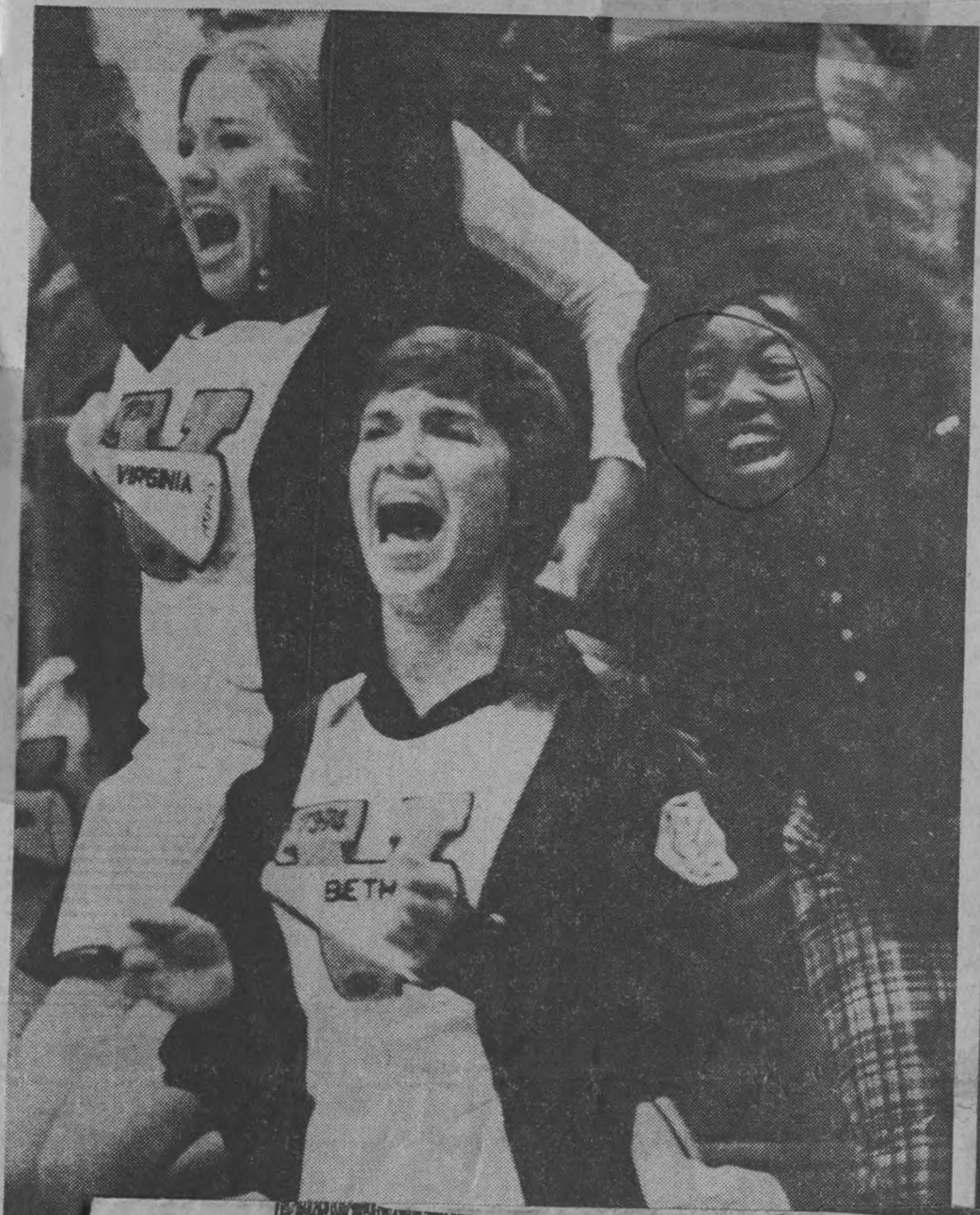
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## The Sigma Cleanup

These Valdosta High School members of Sigma Delta Theta sorority joined the city's cleanup campaign last week and McKey Park got the full

benefits. Shown piling up waste paper picked up on the grounds are Susan Gish, Mary Anna Smith, Susan Redd, Debbie Mock and Debbie Taylor.





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8 a. m. — Health Club Open for members, YMCA.

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10 a. m. — Women's Exercise, Matthis city auditorium.

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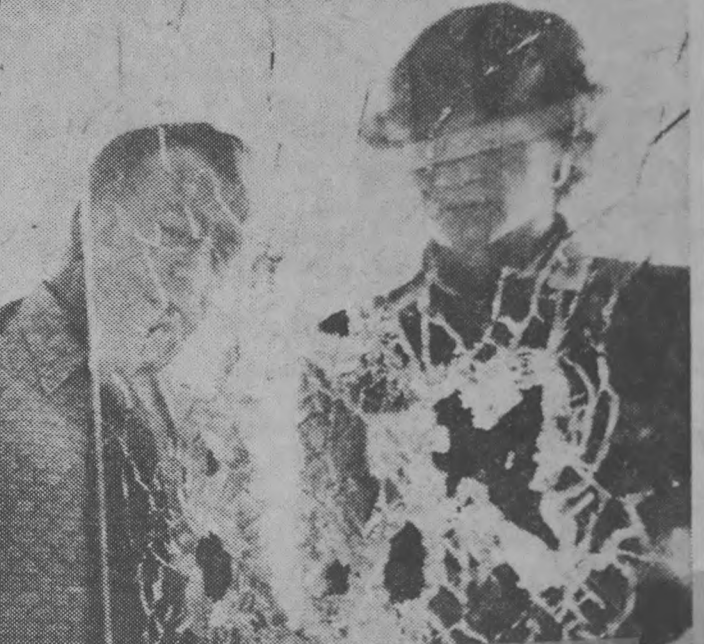
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10:30 a. m. — Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Power Building.

11:30 a. m. — Businessmen's Activity Period, YMCA.

1 p. m. — Rotary Club, Valdosta Country Club.

9 p. m. — Beginning Tumb-



**Police Docket**

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Police made 22 traffic violation cases, investigated six wrecks involving one injury and whether to suspend its public hearings indefinitely. Chief reported \$1,345 estimated property damage during a 24-hour period here Monday, according to a daily report.

The cases included 10 for speeding, three each for running red lights and driving with expired inspection stickers, two for driving with improper mufflers and one each for failing to stop for a stop sign, making an improper turn, failing to have control of a vehicle and falling to yield the right of way, the report showed.

Police also spent four hours and 30 minutes on escort duty.

building and turned on some security lights in the parking lot. In other Watergate-related developments:

—The Senate Watergate committee arranged to vote on whether to suspend its public hearings indefinitely. Chief counsel Samuel Dash said it came on the lot at the same time or not.

The chief said there was a source close to the panel's Republican minority said Dash's staff had run out of hard evidence.

—President Nixon reportedly promised six senators Monday night that he would open some of his personal income-tax returns to public scrutiny this week. Sen. J. Bennett Johnston Jr., D-La., said Nixon expects to make much sense.

—Tillman said the identity of any person giving information doesn't make much sense.

—"I have to admit, though, it doesn't make much sense," Tillman said the identity of any person giving information doesn't make much sense.

# No Holiday Expansion Is Planned

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

There won't be an expansion of the Christmas holidays for school children here even though the State Board of Education has recommended the change.

The two school superintendents here contend the usually mild South Georgia temperatures during December don't warrant an increase in the holiday schedule.

The action by the state school board "strongly" recommended that students be dismissed Dec. 14 and return to the academic classrooms on Jan. 7.

Holiday calendars now call for schools to be closed Dec. 21 and reopened Jan. 3 in most cases in Georgia, according to state school officials.

A just-completed study of the state's education law proposes the state school board be empowered to adjust the school calendars in the event of national emergency.

State board policy requires schools be in session for six



'SONNY' MARTIN Shorten Hours

tem determines its own schedule within these legal boundaries.

Systems may alter their schedules but must obtain approval of the State Board of Education and notify the board how the lost days are to be made up.

Valdosta school Supt. Foster Goolsby said the governor can issue the state board an order which would apply statewide but without such a directive the city system won't change its holiday calendar.

"Because we are in deep South Georgia, we hope we might be able to escape such an arrangement because of the climate," said Goolsby.

A. B. "Sonny" Martin, superintendent of the Lowndes County schools, said to alter the Christmas vacation here would not accomplish much in the impending energy crisis.

"I would think for us in deep South Georgia that any delay we have in the schools around Christmas could not be made up



FOSTER GOOLSBY Climate Helps

high temperatures and the thermometer soars during the summer months, Martin noted.

"About half of our buildings are air conditioned and to run school in the spring and summer on Saturdays or after the academic year normally ends would be to use up a great deal of energy," he said.

The county school buildings in many wings are environmentally controlled with few windows.

Martin said to change the school calendar at this point puts his board between the devil and the deep blue sea.

"I think maybe the best answer that could be offered is that we shorten the number of hours in the school day," said the county superintendent.

He said to shorten the school hours would necessitate getting permission from the state board.

"What will govern our actions here is the amount of energy available to us. But for this part

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## -No Holiday Expansion

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of the country, shortening the school day is the most logical solution," he explained.

The county schools are heated with fuel oil, natural gas and electricity.

Fuel is about 8-10 cents a gallon, suppliers have indicated to the superintendents they can supply the schools adequately this year.

Valdosta High School is the only totally electric academic plant in the city or county system. Other city schools use gas and fuel oil.

State School Supt. Jack P. Nix has enumerated a variety of ways in which schools might save fuel in their transportation and instruction programs.

He proposed that school superintendents when they hear a local weather prediction that temperatures are expected to drop below freezing for an extended time, might suspend classes for a week or so, making up the time later.

He further suggested that school systems reduce the energy requirements for carrying on competitive athletics as well as the re-scheduling of game practices for afternoons rather than nights.

If fuel shortages continue, it also be necessary to eliminate some games and practices, especially for second teams, he said.

Varsity team activities should be the last to be cut or reduced, said Nix.

Other ideas for saving fuel included the rescheduling or cutting back of PTA and community activities in school buildings, he said. Night classes for adults, drama and musical events may also have to be reduced, he said.

Lowndes' Martin said until he sees a lot of billboard light go-

ing out and other uses of energy being changed first, "I would not want to limit the use of activities at the schools."

Nix said school days could be altered to begin an hour or so later to take advantage of warmer temperatures.

"These belt-tightening and fuel saving measures are going to be inconvenient and undesirable for all of us. But we have no choice," said the state school superintendent.

"They are absolutely necessary as long as this shortage of fuel continues — and it appears that is going to be quite some time. We must provide quality education for our children, no matter what the international political situation is. And with all of us working together — we will continue to do just that," he said.

Nix said most school buildings are too hot.

"The thermostats should be set at 68 degrees and teachers should open their doors into the

half instead of opening windows if their rooms get too warm," he said.

Martin said as far as he knows the county system has economized as well as it can.

"We have governors on the buses limiting them to 45 mph now. We have also made the routes as short as we can and are utilizing the bus as economically as possible," he said.

# VHS Sr. Wins Award

A Valdosta High School senior has been cited as an outstanding student writer by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Bruce Hornbuckle has been named a winner in the 1973 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing.

He was nominated by the VHS English department last spring to represent the school in the annual competition.

The school was allotted one entry from the junior class for every 500 students in grades 10-12, according to Mabel Wolinski, English department chairman.

After nomination, each student submitted samples of his best writing, including an autobiographical sketch, and wrote a one - hour impromptu essay.

These materials were evaluated by state judging teams of college and high school English teachers directed by state coordinators.

The nation's schools participating in the program nominated about 6,400 juniors for the NCTE citations. Of that number only about 850 finalists were chosen.

The Council recommends these students, now seniors, for college scholarships in 1974 should they need such assistance. The names of these students are sent to admissions officers and English department chairmen at U. S. junior colleges, four - year



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