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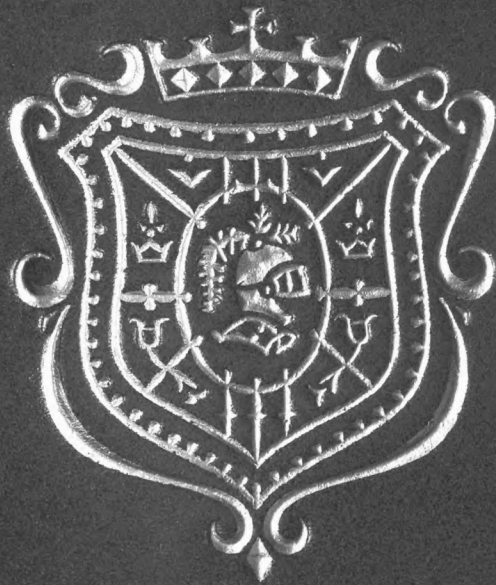
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DECA Means Youth

Distributive education is a program which provides instruction in marketing and distribution of goods and services, as well as practical experience.

Distributive occupations are found in retail, wholesale, manufacturing, storing, transporting, financing and risk bearing and other business establishments.

Out of the distributive education program grew the Distributive Education Clubs of America, an organization which is designed to develop future leaders for marketing and distribution.

DECA is the only national youth organization operating through the public schools to attract young people to careers in marketing and distribution.

It is important to the students in that DECA activities have a tremendous psychological effect upon the attitudes of students since many have no other opportunity to participate in planned activities of the school and to develop responsibilities of citizenship.

DECA members learn to serve as leaders and followers and some have opportunities for state and national recognition through participation in contests that they would not have otherwise.

DECA chapters are important to the school in that activities are always school centered, contributing to the school's purpose of preparing well-adjusted employee citizens.

Chapter activities serve the teacher-coordinator as a teacher tool by creating interest in all phases of marketing and distribution study and serves as an avenue of expression for individual talent.

The club is the show window for student achievement and progress. It attracts students to the program who are interested in marketing, management, and distribution careers and assist in subject matter presentation.

DECA plays an important role in the community as the members make numerous studies and surveys to aid the economic development of their own community. Creative marketing projects continue to encourage this type of contribution.

Many businesses favor employing DE students because of their interest in training and their related school study of that particular business. Many leaders in business and government have praised the DECA program for its contribution to the economy of the nation.

Smith worked at The Valdosta Daily Times while he was in DE in 1952-53. He believes DE is a beginning of training to better oneself salarywise and in assuming responsibility throughout life. "The program certainly helps you. There's no doubt about that," he said.

Academics Count High In Honoring Chapters

A good example of the academic excellence required of Distributive Education students is the state organization's method of selecting its "Chapter of the Year."

Norman Greene, VHS DE coordinator, said clubs are rated on 23 categories with a possible aggregate score of 490 points. About 350 of the points a club can receive are within categories related to non-academic club activities.

Greene said these fall within the category of club activities such as publicity efforts, attendance at leadership conferences, state officers supplied by the local club and participation in DE projects.

But the remaining points usually determine the selection of the state's most outstanding chapter, Greene said. And the remaining points are all contained within categories requiring academic excellence.

"For example," Greene said, "an entrant in the 'Studies in Marketing' contest at the state level must do the equivalent of a term paper. Of course, this requires full use of vocabulary, accepted writing style and mountains of research."

"The entrants are graded as much on grammar, punctuation, spelling and clarity as they are on the content of their study."

A "Creative Marketing"



Club Sweetheart: Beverly Newlin with Symbol

project requires the participation of the entire club, Greene said. Like the "Studies in

Marketing," it is carefully documented and full use of knowledge gained in English

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is necessary.

Other state contests require entrants to have a good knowledge of mathematics, spelling, speech and other subjects, said Greene. As coordinator, part of his job is to supplement DE students' knowledge of these subjects with additional instruction during classes under him.

"It's easy to look at the points a club gets for its outside activities and say 'That's where the winner is going to get the winning point total from,'" said Greene, "but it's actually the other way around."

"I would guess there are as many as 50 clubs in the state that'll start out even in those departments. The winner will be decided by the students who excel in the academic contests."

Competition at the state level, Greene said, is really fierce. And if 'Dosta DECA is to bring home "Chapter of the Year" honors as they have eight times in the last 12 years, the Valdosta DE students must make full use of academic knowledge.

They Approve: From Left, Bankers Smith, Goodloe, Force, Exum

Bank Executives Value Work In DE

Four executives at the First National Bank of Valdosta credit a good deal of their success to participation in Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Each remembers the annual state conference as the most outstanding aspect of DECA and all agree the most important thing DE taught them was how to meet the public.

The four men are Pardee Goodloe, senior officer and head cashier at the bank; Ben Force, assistant cashier and officer in charge of bookkeeping; Carson Exum, assistant vice president, loan officer and man in charge of teller operations; and George Smith, manager of the Castle Park branch bank.

All four were introduced to DE while students at Valdosta High School.

Goodloe was active in DECA in 1952-53 and was working at Harvey's Super-

market.

He explained there is a distinct advantage in hiring DE students. First National now employs one active DECA member, Marianne Tillman, and one alumni, Tanya Webb.

Goodloe said DE students are better prepared for careers and know how to leave a good impression when applying for a job. He said the bank is very pleased with the DE students and hopes they'll stay there.

Force was active in DECA in 1955-56, while he was working at Southern Auto. Asked about DECA experiences, he replied, "Everyone, before he finishes high school, should have the experience of working in a retail business."

He warned that many people don't see the advantage selves and how to transact business, until after they are out of school. "People should take advantage of DECA

now," he said.

Exum, who remembers studying in the DE classroom more than club activities, worked at Star Laundry during his DECA years of 1952-53-54. He feels that DE, besides having economical advantages, makes a well-rounded student.

He said he has a greater aspiration for DE now when he can see its benefits, maturing graduates into the business world, money management and financial affairs.

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And They Like It Some Given Life

The newest member of the Distributive Education Club's life membership, Jim Crawford, said he worked while he was in high school when there wasn't a program like DE., but he added that he missed out on the classroom training the program offers.

He added that he felt students learn a great deal about financial responsibilities as well as learning the vital techniques of working in business.

Marguerite Ford, another life member and guidance counselor at Valdosta High School, said "DE offers young people an excellent opportunity to explore the world of work and still attend school."

"These students, while on the job, learn responsibility and how to get along with all kinds of people. As a counselor, I have seen how DE kept a student in school until graduation who would otherwise

have dropped out."

Lifetime members of DE are selected each year. It's the highest honor a professional person can receive from the organization.

Lifetime members are those who have devoted time to the club, including acting on advisory boards, selecting contest winners, and working DE students.

They are depended on so far as giving the club the professional leadership required in carrying on the program.

Another lifetime member, J. L. Newbern Jr., president of First Federal Savings and Loan Association, said, "It is impossible to overstate the value of DE training to a young person; for in the final analysis education without the ability and the willingness to work is relatively of little value."

Other lifetime members of DE here include H.C. Martin, Ed Johansen, W.G. Nunn, H. C. Land, H. G. Woodall, Hugh McIntyre, Mrs. D.L. Burns, S. L. Mason, Charles Adams, Mrs. E. E. Pipkin, W. H. Bridges, Bob Sykes, Charlie Barnes, Eleanor Hambrick, Phil Jones, Mrs. J. C. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark, W.J. Wetherington, Gordon Southwell, Norman Green, C. T. Cole, and Jack Rowe.

Former DE Student Studies Labor Law

A former Valdosta High School student and member of the DE Club alumni now in college said "the feeling I had of doing my DE job well stimulated my interest in entering the school of commerce and administration in college."

A junior at Washington and Lee College in Arlington, Va., Greg Wolinski, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Wolinski of Valdosta, is majoring in labor relations and has hopes of obtaining a degree in labor law.

Familiarizing students with the business world Greg hopes

Scholarship

A full college scholarship is to be awarded to an enterprising DE student at Valdosta High School by First National Bank this year.

The student is to be chosen by Norman Green, DE coordinator, and a committee of three from the bank. Although financial need will be considered, the scholarship will go primarily to an ambitious student who will work diligently all four years of college.



GREG WOLINSKI Now In College

to enter is one of the purposes of Distributive Education. Although some students change their interests, many of them continue to work in college toward a degree in one of the many branches of retailing.

"The sense of accomplishment and participation within the then strange world of business with the accompanying close association one has with adults other than relatives or teachers was very rewarding to me," Wolinski said in remembering his DE work.

His DE job provided most of his finances for his freshman year at Washington and Lee. His working experience also made it easier to find summer employment while at college.

"Practical on-the-job training in the field of retailing has no substitute in the classroom for the student aspiring to enter into this or a related field upon graduation from high school," he said.

Every Point To DE Symbol Has Meaning

The emblem of the Distributive Education Club is the diamond, and each point on it has a meaning.

Although the emblem is a familiar sight around Valdosta High School and to townspeople alike, few realize each point on the diamond stands for something.

The points stand for vocational understanding, civic consciousness, social intelligence and leadership ability. The DE students are taught the meaning of the four points in classroom studies and club activities.

The emblem is surrounded by the words, "Distributive Education Clubs of America." In the center of the diamond is a nicely wrapped package which symbolizes a job well done.

Valdosta Chapter Among Most Active



DAVID BENTLEY Auto Store Work

Bentley Is President Of VHS DE

David Bentley is president of the Valdosta chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Bentley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Bentley Jr., works for Harry B. Anderson Western Auto Store here.

Other officers for the 1969-70 school year are Debbie Daniels, secretary; Cissy Williams, reporter; David Hobbs, parliamentarian; Marsha Norris, chaplain; Kathy Malone, treasurer; Bill Bowers, historian; Johnny Johnson, sergeant at arms; and Beverly Newlin, sweetheart.

The Valdosta chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America is said to be one of the most active clubs on the Valdosta High School campus.

Called DECA, the idea was started originally to give working students a chance to participate in school activities. It has developed into a nationally known club, one of the most active on the high school level.

The Valdosta club sponsors two barbecues before football games each season and sells mums at homecoming. Other fund raising operations are the sale of candy and the promotion of an annual contest called, "the King Ugly Contest."

The contest is in reality a popularity contest, however, the winner's acclaim is to be the ugliest boy in the school.

Social activities for the club started with a surprise filled initiation party, this school year. A second party is now in planning stages.

Club members have addressed thousands of envelopes for the March of Dimes campaign. They have arranged a school parking lot for teachers, and, working for the students, they have arranged parking at Brookwood Plaza. They are also participating in a school clean-up campaign and are sponsoring a Christmas toy drive.

The students are active participants in the economy of the area. Fifty-seven students last year earned \$71,097 while employed in 38 different retail establishments, 12 wholesale firms and 16 service occupations in the Valdosta area.



State Secretary Mary Tillman Shown at Clothing Store where She Works

State Job Keeps Her Busy

A member of the Distributive Education Club at Valdosta High School, Mary Tillman, is secretary of the Georgia DECA.

An active senior at VHS, she also holds membership in the Tri-Hi-Y, Beta Club and Pep Club.

Her state office carries with it many duties which keep Mary busy but she also finds

time to carry out her job at C. C. Varndoe and Co. here. Among her state duties are attending all state meetings and recording the minutes of each meeting. She also represents the state association at meetings of other civic organizations.

When asked what prompted her to run for a state office, she said she wanted to extend

her DECA activities beyond local club work and also wished to represent the Valdosta chapter as a state officer.

Being an officer has helped her in many ways, said Mary. It has taught her self-confidence and brought a greater sense of responsibility as well as giving experience in dealing with people, she said.

DE Is A Family Affair As Students Work For Dad

Distributive Education is a "family affair" for seven of the 64 members of the Valdosta High School D. E. Club. The seven are employed at businesses owned by their fathers.

The seven students are Lynn Gaskins, employed by Standard Roofing and Sheet Metal Company; Cheryl Cauthan, who works at D. C. Cauthan Construction Company; Max Stephenson, employed by Horace Stephenson Jewelers; Johnny Johnson, who works at Orvis Company; Ken Carter of Tiremaster Service Center; Hoke Vaughn, an employee of Vaughn Generator and Battery Service and Bubba Smith, who is employed by H. G. Smith Construction

Company.

Both employe and employer seem satisfied with the arrangement. The students liked the idea of being paid the same wage as other employes, and cited the advantage of being able to be off when they needed to.

The seven employers said they realized someday the businesses are to be run by their children and the part-time jobs now are valuable experience. Also some of the businesses do not need to employ full-time workers and the part-time arrangements are well-suited to their firms.

There is one disadvantage to the jobs, the students agreed. Their "employers" expect more out of them than they do the other employes.

Valtech Offers DE Program

The marketing and management program at the Valdosta Area Vocational Technical School, now in its third year of operation, acts as a complementing agency to high school Distributive Education programs.

The Valdosta Tech program was one of the first of its kind to be organized in Georgia.

It was set up to represent a fresh, new concept in post secondary marketing education and is in no way in competition with any high school

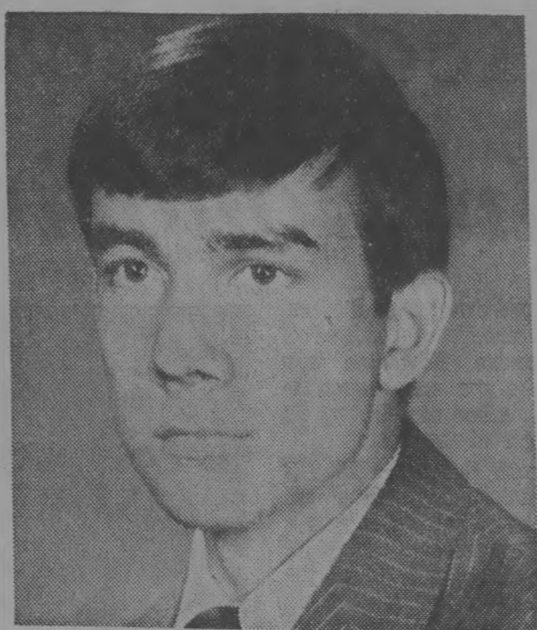
program.

Students currently enrolled in the program come from Adel, Ambrose, Donaldsonville, Douglas, Hahira, Moultrie, Nashville, Quitman and Valdosta.

M. W. Lowery, marketing instructor at the tech school, said as the economic structure of Valdosta becomes more complex, the need for the type of persons the school is educating will become more crucial.



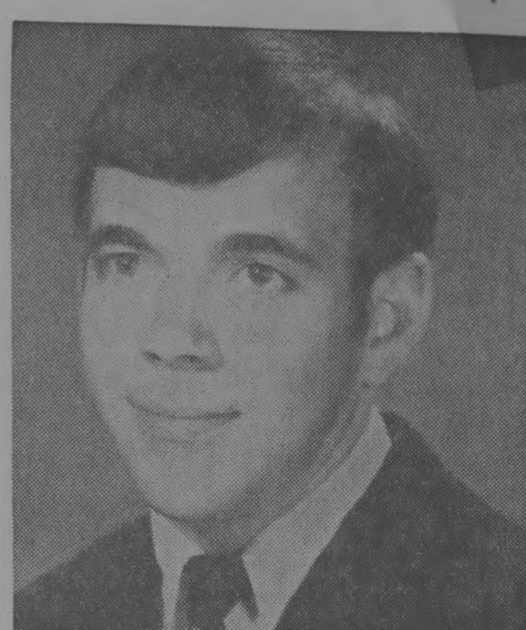
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University of Georgia



BILL MALONE
Valdosta State



DIANN TAYLOR
Valdosta State



GARY CHILDREE
Valdosta State



FRANK NORMAN
Valdosta State

We're Proud Of Our VHS-DECA Alumni

HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR ALUMNI WHO ARE
FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION!

D.E. Students Do Go To COLLEGE



FRAN SELPH
Abraham Baldwin



BARBARA BOWERS
Valdosta State

By NORMAN GREENE

"Well, I thought D. E. students couldn't go to college?" This is the question heard over and over again by the D. E. coordinator and students alike. The fact is that many of our D. E. students — approximately 28% — attend schools of higher learning after they graduate from high school. Many of these students often attend on scholarships offered only to D. E. students. During the past decade, we have seen more and more emphasis put on higher education, and we in Distributive Education are very proud that we are making tremendous strides in our own organization in helping our students receive higher education. D. E. students are urged to further their education after graduation from high school. Students from the program are eligible to enter most training schools and colleges. During the school year, the average D. E. student will earn \$25 to \$30 per week. This is a golden

opportunity to provide the student with the financials to pay for part of his future education and we coordinators are trying to encourage the student to put aside a portion of his wage earnings for this purpose. Coordinators have often found that a student may enter the program in September with no thoughts of ever furthering his education, but attitudes often change and by the Spring, the same pupil will have decided to further his education. But, he has not enough money to pay for his schooling. Therefore, to avoid this situation, we encourage the student to decide now about furthering their education and starting a systematic savings program. The coordinator and guidance counselor have information, concerning most schools, to help the students plan their future, and, through the efforts of these two departments, the student receives information that is needed to help him decide on a career for himself.



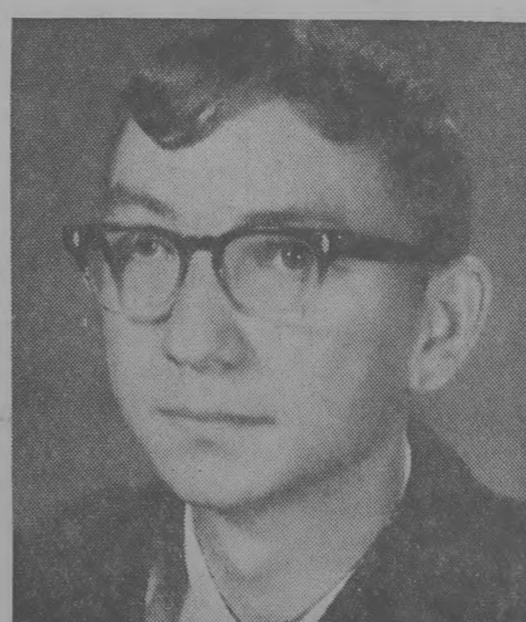
DONALD McCRARY
Valdosta State



GENE MULLIS
South Georgia Junior College



KATHY CORNS
Valdosta State



RAY KNIGHTON
Valdosta State



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Valdosta State



HELEN MONTAGUE
Abraham Baldwin



BONNIE GOANS
Valdosta State



GWENDOLYN REGISTER
Albany State



CYNTHIA COPELAND
Falls College

Ex-Drug User

Seeing One Die Stopped Her

By MARY CROUSE

Barbara Eisenstadt experimented with drugs until she saw a close friend go into convulsions and die while taking heroin.

"That's a bad scene and can straighten you up pretty quick. It did me, anyway," she said.

The 22-year-old University of Florida coed explained that following her school graduation she fell in love with a man and ran off to California with him.

She experimented with drugs but never became so involved that she was hooked.

"I know what it's like to be on drugs. I know what a groovy thing it can be, but there is too much else in life that is beautiful to stay stoned on drugs," she said.

Miss Eisenstadt, a graduate student in educational psychology, was here Thursday to speak to Valdosta main campus and Pinevale Campus. She was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

The speaker says she never tells her audience not to take drugs. "You don't say, 'hey, drugs are a no-no.' I mean kids aren't buying that.

Adults say not to get high on drugs, and then you see them smashed on alcohol. It doesn't make sense to kids," she said.

Miss Eisenstadt said her job is to communicate with the young people and let them know that someone cares and understands them.

She not only helps students come down from bad trips but gives them other things with which to occupy their minds. Miss Eisenstadt is one of the organizers of a center in Gainesville, Fla., for young addicts. The establishment is called the Corner Drugstore in the Middle of the Block.

Drugs are not allowed on the premises, but no one who comes in is asked if he is on narcotics. The center took about 2½ months to catch on because students were afraid they'd be reported for



—Times Staff Photo

BARBARA EISENSTADT Knows Drug Scene

going and being identified with drug users.

Miss Eisenstadt said she works with the 17-22 year-olds because she knows their hassles. She doesn't feel qual-

ified to help the 13-16-year-olds because their problems are different.

"I don't attempt to work with the younger drug users. They can't identify with me, and identification is so important," she said.

The coed said she became involved with helping students on drugs after she put down narcotics for good.

"I came back to the University of Florida and was welcomed back by my parents. I thought I'd go the whole collegiate scene and be a sorority chick and the whole business.

"I couldn't identify with that kind of life. I found myself becoming involved with kids who got their kicks from working in ghettos. I started feeling concerned with the students on drugs who weren't getting help from anyone," she said.

Miss Eisenstadt said students at Gainesville got a lot of lip service from residents but no real move was made to help the drug users until she and several other concerned youth pushed for aid.

"We began making it known we'd help the kids. They began to come to us. We gave them meaning without putting them down as a person," she said.

Miss Eisenstadt said her parents do not understand what she is doing because her values are so different from theirs.

"I like to travel. I'd rath-

er save my money and go to Europe every three years or so. My father thinks it is important that I save my money to furnish a house. A dining room table is more important to him than the European trip," she said.

The student said a danger of drugs which has her most concerned is the various substances passed off as narcotics to the young users.

"For example most LSD kids buy contains strychnine or caffeine. Strychnine is just rat poison and is deadly. Kids think they are buying pure LSD, and they aren't," she said.

Miss Eisenstadt said she feels students turn to drugs as a last resort. They desperately want to communicate and be accepted by their peers, she said.

"But later they want to come off the drugs, and they can't ask for help because it'll mean a record. They fear this police or medical record," she said.

Miss Eisenstadt said she has been asked by governors at three different government conferences to work with them in dealing with the drug problem among the young people.

"I tell them you have to be available. You have to be real. You can't be a college professor or a minister or a mother or father all the time. You have to be a real warm person and be willing to try and understand their problems," she said.



—Times Staff Photo

Room For One More?

Bonnie Ashcom asks Valdosta High School band director Frank Butenschon if he has room for another rider. Robin Moran has already

claimed the rear of the motorcycle which the Marchin' Cats director borrowed for use in a parade last week.



Times Staff Photo

Valdosta's Mark Dibois Pivots On One Foot After Releasing The Discus

Monroe Captures Loop Track Title

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Writer

Living up to their advance billing the Monroe Golden Tornadoes from Albany captured team honors in the Region 1-AAA track meet here Friday. Monroe, the championship from the western half of the loop and the pre-meet favorite to cop the region crown, amassed 150 points for a comfortable victory in a field which had representatives from 10 high schools.

Second were the Coffee County (Douglas) Comets with 105 points. Third were coach Charlie Greene's host Valdosta Wildcats with 59 points, followed by Wayne County (Jesup), 52; Westover (Albany), 39; coach Newnan Sanche's Lowndes Vikings, 31; Albany, 19, Dougherty (Albany), 18, Tift County (Tifton), 12, and Ware County (Waycross), 9.

Monroe claimed first place in six of the 16 events which comprised the meet and the Tornadoes had the kind of strength in depth needed to claim top team honors. Entries from Valdosta and Coffee each won three events. Wayne had the victor in two events. Entries from Lowndes and Westover each won one event.

Region 1-AAA underwent a drastic realignment at the start of the 1968-69 school year and so times, heights and distances established in 1969 were regarded as region records.

This year 12 of those 16 former region mark went back the wayside. New 1-AAA records were set in everything but the triple jump, pole vault, mile and 880.

Those who finished first or second in any event yesterday qualified on an individual basis for the state Class AAA meet which is slated next Friday and Saturday at DeKalb County's Memorial Stadium.

Valdosta qualified four men to take part in a total of three events in the state meet. They are Mark Dibois, Robert Koncar, Tom Holt and David Roddey.

Koncar won the shot put event with a toss of 57' 4" and Dibois was second. In the discus Dibois was the winner with an 157' 8" effort and Holt was second. Roddey won the triple jump with a leap of 41 3/4".

Lowndes qualified one man for the state meet. James Johnson won the 880 in the time of 2:40.2.

Results follow:

Shot put — Koncar (V), Dibois (V), Collier (Way), Gibson (MD), Davis (MD), Miller (M), D—52' 4"
Discus — Dibois (V), Holt (V), Klien (D), McPipkin (Way), Miller (M), Barrance (MD), D—157' 8"
Long jump — Henderson (C), Sherman (MD), Hinson (Way), Willis (M),

Whiddon (L), Justic (A), D—21' 5/2"
Triple jump — Roddey (V), Henderson (C), King (M), Whiddon (L), Legg (Wes), Knight (D), D—41' 3/4"
Pole vault — Hill (Way), Whittle (Wes), Jackson (M), Hathaway (C), Young (C), Coxwell (D), H—11'
High jump — Lane (Way), Roberts (M), Smith (A), Bennett (Way) and Jones (A) tie, Hand (Ward), H—6' 2"
440 relay — Monroe, Coffee, Monroe, Dougherty, Coffee, Valdosta, T—44.3
Mile — Loving (C), Powell (M), Usery (L), Miller (Wes), Goff (T), T—4:45.2
440 — Paul (C), Marlin (M), Henderson (C), Gruppo (War), Frierson (A), Hancock (W), T—:51.5
100 — Sherman (M), Colquitt (C), Graham (C), Burrows (D), McKendrick (M), Bradley (V), T—:10.0
High hurdles — Jackson (M), Whittle (Wes), Roddey (V), Clyde (M), Daniels (L), Hinson Way, T—:15.6
880 — Johnson (L), Ellis (M), Hardin (A), Welch (V), Polk (Wes), Loving (C), T—2:04.2
220 — Sherman (M), Colquitt (C), Ganey (C), Jones (M), Burrows (D), Bradley (V), T—:22.8
Low hurdles — Whittle (W), Jackson (M), Henderson (C), Hinson (Way), Hawkins (Wes), Whiddon (L), T—20.6
Two mile — Johnson (M), Atkinson (C), Dixon (T), Franks (T), Burek (C), T—10:43.7
Mile relay — Monroe, Coffee, Lowndes, Ware, Westover, Albany, T—3:32.01.

VHS Honors Day

Angela Named Best All Round Pupil

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The president of the Student Council, Angela Wetherington, has been named the best all round senior at Valdosta High School during Honors Day today.

The red haired student was presented the honor by VHS principal Charles (Chuck) Green. The best all round senior citation is the highest local award a student at VHS can receive.

The best all round senior is voted upon by the faculty.

Green told the group of parents, students and other guests during Honors Day festivities at Cleveland Field that Miss Wetherington is one of the most outstanding students he has ever worked with.

Miss Wetherington is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wetherington. She is a member of the newly created biracial committee on campus and active in all phases of extracurricular activities at VHS. Miss Wetherington is an honor graduate and winner of the DAR good citizenship medal this year.

She was also named a senior superlative, another honor voted upon by the faculty.

Other senior superlatives include Jim Copeland, Gloria Holloway, Greg Homer, Mark DiBois, Lucretia Hamill, Tom Holt.

Marty LeFiles, Vicki Pearlman, Aretha Richardson, Julie Scott, Vickie Smith, Mary Tillman and Reginald Keith Williams.

Other honor graduates include Jenny Beck, Ann Bernard, Debbie Blanton, Scott Bretzke, Ginny Bridges, Billy Carmichael, Marlene Carter.

Cheryl Cauthan, Vicki Dasher, Susan Eye, Bruce Formes, Barbara Ann Garvin, Berrian Hamill, Lucretia Hamill, David Hobbs.

Gloria Holloway, Sherri Holman, Angela Hughes, Meshia-lene James, Marty LeFiles, Jenny Lloyd, Robin Moran, Karen Noles, Ginny Price.

David Retterbush, Artetha Richardson, Sandra Rowe, Julie Scott, Jeffery Alan Slocum, Marsha Smith, Vicki Smith.

Kathryn Smotherman, Liz Sparger, Debbie Stephenson, Phyllis Surrency, Sharon Tidwell, Phyllis Traynham, Angela Wetherington, and Sharon Yale.

The top three honor graduates are Marsha Smith, David Hobbs and Liz Sparger.

The National Merit Achievement Scholarships for Negro students were awarded to Melvin Thompson, Gwenedolyn Thompson, Evelyn Pierce, Carol Rush, Cleopatra Sanders.

Jon T. Fisher, Curtis Head, Harry B. Hezekiah and Donald A. Boykin.

Angela Hughes was presented a certificate of Merit for her performance on the National Merit exam.

Other awards winners not previously announced include:

Morris Adams and Bo Woodward, American Legion Boys State; Kay Deming and Ann Degange, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State; May Beth Smith, U. S. History.

Scott Bretzke, Moody Air Force Base Officers Wives Club scholarship; Bonita Carter, Betty Crocker home making award.

Reginald Williams, Educational Opportunities scholarship to Wilberforce University in Ohio.

Madeline Haynes, Lwondes County Civil Defense honor; Willie T. Head, Chatters Club scholarship; Ginny Bridges, Beta Club scholarship.

Dorothy Coleman, Valdosta Education Association scholarship, Marsha Smith, Bill Bowers and Richard Neese, winners in the National Math Contest.

Kay Deming and Joy Jonnson, Business and Professional Women's Club Leadership Conference.

Phyllis Surrency, most improved senior English student; Emmett Hayes, Angela Hughes and Harry Hines, social science honors in Time magazine contest.

Vicki Pearlman, Vickie Smith, Marty LeFiles, Kathryn Smotherman, Nancy Griffin, Liz Sparger and Reginald Williams, new members of Quill and Scroll international honor society for high school journalists.

Phyllis Tranham, Vallye Blanton, Lynn Van Horn, Sylvia Kessler, Carolyn Jewett, Teresa Griffis and Ann Barnard, certificates of honor from Quill and Scroll. Music awards include:

Eighth District Solo and Ensemble Festival honors: Richard Martin, Carolyn Jewett, Benny Colson, Ken Mullis, sax quartet; Fred Norris, bass solo; Sharon Tidwell, flute solo.

Sharon Tidwell, Linda Campbell, Lucretia Hamill and Gwen Stickle, wood-

wind quartet.

Dennis Irby, Jesse McRae, Ken Steele, Fred Norris, brass quartet; Delores Edwards, Kathy Colson, Patty Steward, Ann Chitty, Mike Thompson and Pam Stevens, clarinet choir.

Glen Evnas, Jesse McRae, Dennis Irby, trumpet trio; Robin Moran and Sherrie Snider, flute duet; Pam Stevens and Ann Chitty, clarinet duet.

Skip Dumas, Glenn Evans, Don Boykin, Cliff Baker and Ken Steele, brass ensemble; Ken Steele, Woody Leonard and Mike Cousey, trombo trio.

Kathy Colson, Deloris Edwards and Patty Steward, clarinet trio.

Sharon Tidwell, Linda Campbell, Pam Stevens, Kathy Colson, Patty Steward, Marie Terry, Ann Chitty, Lucretia Hamill, Gwen Stickle.

Richard Martin, Barry Fuller, Dennis Irby, Jesse McRae, Ken Steele, Fred Norris and Hamp Bell, clinic band.

Sharon Tidwell, Fred Norris and Linda Campbell, all state band.



MISS WETHERINGTON
Top Student

Anderson Falls In First Round Of State Meet

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ATLANTA — Valdosta's John Anderson, after firing his way to the Region 1-AAA boys singles tennis championship found an early out in the State Championship Playoffs by losing in the first round to Rick Bodin of Lakeside.

Anderson dropped a 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 decision to Bodin in the first round of the Georgia High school tennis tournament in Atlanta Friday afternoon.

This marks the second consecutive year Anderson has won the region boys single title.

Lowndes, VHS Seniors Win Wymodausis Essay Contest

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two senior girls, one from Valdosta High School and the other from Lowndes High, are the first place winners in this year's Alice Bingle Essay Contest.

The winners are Vickie Smith of VHS and Pam Joiner of LHS. The annual essay contest is sponsored by the Wymodausis Club Education committee and is open to juniors and seniors in city and county high schools. Coordinator is Mrs. Cecil Cook.

Miss Smith, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of 906 Mill Pond Road, wrote on "College, Once a Luxury, now a Necessity." In her essay, she said, "If an individual is to compete in this highly mechanized world, he must have a higher education. . . this will unlock the door of opportunity and allow him to show his full potential."

Miss Joiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Joiner of 2401 N. Forrest St., stressed the importance of individual needs in choosing education after high school.

In her essay, "College: Necessity versus Option," she stated, "I feel that a college education is the most solid method of attaining a place in today's world."

"The doors to a college can offer a world of opportunities that will enable a person to compete better, both social-



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PAM JOINER
Lowndes High

ly and economically in society."

Both girls plan to enter VSC this fall.

Other winners include: VHS — Scott Bretazke, second; Mary Beth Smith, third; Angela Wetherington, fourth; Julie Scott, fifth; Sandra Howe, sixth; Mike Everson and Phyllis Surrency, tied for seventh place.

Receiving honorable mention were Ginny Bridges, Richard Neese, Sherie Holl-Homer, Karen Brumbaugh, David Gasseter, William Jones, Sue Prysi, Debbie



—Times Staff Photo

Vickie Smith
VHS Winner

Crosby, Liz Sparger, Susan Eye, Carolyn Arnold, Chuck Calahan, Carol Anne Rush, Lucy Neal, Vally Blanton, Maulez Mayor and Jesse McRae.

Lowndes High — Debbie Lineberger, second; Linda Bonner, third; Marshall Talbott, fourth; Gene Hughes, fifth; Libby Odom, sixth; DeLores Crawford, seventh and Sandra Peace, eighth.

Receiving honorable mention were — Nellie Lee Ning, Willie Mae Orr, Jackie Downing, Jo Karen Lane, Martha Dollar and B. J. Rogers.

Valdosta Students Win 34 Special Olympics Medals

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The 32 students who represented Valdosta in the Georgia Special Olympics at Chamblee High School over the weekend brought home 34 awards.

And out of these honors 20 of them were for first place which means most of the local winners will be eligible to compete in the National Special Olympics in Chicago this summer, said Liska Wetherington. Local students also won 0 second places and four third place awards.

Mrs. Wetherington, coordinator of the special education classes in the Valdosta school

system, said the two-day event held Friday and Saturday at Chamblee's Dekalb Stadium was divided into four age divisions.

The program for boys and girls grouped the 10-12 year olds together, the 13-15-year-olds, the 16-18-year-olds and those over 18 years of age.

The local representatives were selected on the basis of their performance in the local special olympics held last week.

The 400 students at the state olympics competed in standing broad jump, the 50-yard dash, softball throw, high jump and the 300 yard run. Each participant was allowed to enter two track or field events.

"In order to give each student the best chance of competing and winning each age group was divided into competition divisions. Assignment to a division was based on actual performance in that event as a student was tested and recorded on his entry form.

"And they had a great time. The Roswell Jaycees coordinated the program. All the meals and lodging for every one of the participants was paid for by the sponsors," said Mrs. Wetherington.

Sponsors for the olympics were the Georgia Recreation Commission, the Georgia Association for Retarded Children and the Atlanta Association for Retarded Children.

The national meet, founded by the Kennedy Foundation, is sponsored by the foundation and the Chicago Park District. There are to be 2,500 youths from 45 states competing at Chicago's Soldier Field Aug. 13-15. Students are to be housed at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

"Our boys and girls are excited about the Chicago event but the Georgia program was so impressive they haven't stopped talking about it yet," she said.

The first place winners received three-inch gold medalions suspended on red, white and blue ribbons. Second place winners were awarded silver medallions on the multicolored ribbon while bronze medals were given to the third place winners.

Local winners include:

Standing broad jump — Leon Ross, John Whittock, Edward Fernandez, Earline Scott and Shirley Nelson, first place; Michael Thomas, Freeman Melton and Brenda Williams, second, and Bobby Stalvey and Mack Simpson, third.

Softball throw — Mike Jarvis, John Whittock, Frances McMillian, Karen Smith and Anne Haynes, first; Willie Bacon, Jimmy Martin, Brenda Williams and Mozella Anderson, second, and Louise Wyatt, third.

Fifty-yard dash — Michael Thomas, Mack Simpson, Shirley Nelson, Earlene Scott, Anne Haynes and Mozella Anderson, first; Margaret Clark and Evelyn Fields, second, and Karen Smith, third.

Three hundred-yard run — Leon Ross, Robert Mann, Willie Bacon and Evelyn Fields, first, and Randy Gordon, second.

Valdosta High Runner-Up Turns Into A Real Winner

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

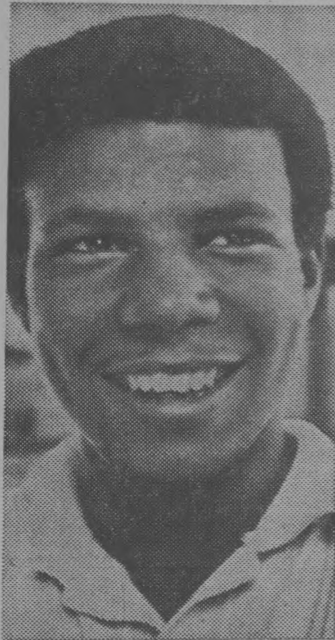
Cleveland Herring was a second place winner in the state Christmas Card Design Contest. But the regional judges thought his work was pretty special and named the Valdosta High School sophomore one of two winners in the Southeastern district competition.

Herring, 17, and the other winners are to compete in the national event. National winners are to be announced later this year.

The local Christmas Card Design Contest is sponsored by the Lowndes Association for Retarded Children. The state event is under the direction of the Georgia Association for Retarded Children.

According to special education coordinator for the Valdosta school system Liska Wetherington, the national competition is sponsored by the Metropolitan Fine Art Corporation.

The top national winners in



—Times Staff Photo

CLEVELAND HERRING Judges Liked It

the Christmas Card contest will have their art efforts made into cards and be

sold for Christmas use, said Mrs. Wetherington.

"We were pretty excited about the work the students turned in this year and feel we could have a national winner in Cleveland," said the coordinator.

Herring, who is a special education student at VHS, painted an arrangement of candles surrounded by Christmas bells and greenery.

He was cited for the state and regional award at Honors Day at VHS Friday.

Herring took art under Phenia Sheffield in the ninth grade last year. He plans to take art next fall at VHS.

Herring and Valdosta's John Lee Massey, first place state winner, are to be guests of honor at the GARC banquet in Atlanta June 13. They will be represented awards by GARC officials at that time, said Mrs. Wetherington.

As a regional winner Herring won a \$10 cash prize, a trophy and a kit of art supplies.

VHS' Anderson Eyes State Tennis Crown

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's John Anderson will be in the field when two days of competition in the state Class AAA high school tennis tournament begins Friday in Atlanta.

Anderson, a senior, qualified for the state field by winning the Region 1-AAA boys singles crown in a tourney held here last week.

This will be the second year in a row he has bid for tennis honors on the state level. In 1969 he also won the 1-AAA boys singles crown and advanced to the semi-finals in the state tourney in his division.

Anderson will be accompanied to Atlanta by VHS boys tennis coach Julian LeFiles.

Students Are Named

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Honor roll students at Valdosta High School have been named for the fifth six-week period by principal Charles Green.

On the honor roll are:

Seniors — John Anderson, Carolyn Arnold, Bonnie Ashcom, Priscilla Baker, Jenny Beck, Ann Bernard, Debbie Blanton, Scott Bretzke, Genny Bridges, Lavonne Brownlee Billy Carmichael, Mary Ann Carmichael, Bonnie Carter, Marlene Carter, Carol Cattell.

Cheryl Cauthan, Dorothy Coleman, Debbie Daniels, Viki Dasher, Shirley Donaldson, Gloria Evans, Susan Eye, Lynn Gaskins, Berrian Hamill, Lucretia Hamill, Jeanne Hansen, David Hobbs, Sherri Holman, Angela Hughes, Carolyn Jewett.

Sherly Johnson, Marty LeFiles, Jenny Lloyd, Jessie McRae, Robin Moran, Peggy Myddelton, Karen Noies, Marsha Norris, Vicki Pearlman, Ginny Price, David Retterbush, Gayle Richards, Donna Sasser, Julie Scott, Claire Shelton.

Barbara Singletary, Marsha Ann Smith, Vickie Smith, Jeff Slocum, Kathryn Smotherman, Ginny Sorrells, Liz Sparger, Debbie Stephenson, Marcia Stephenson, Mike Story, Phyllis Surrency, Sharon Tidwell, Mary Tillman, Lynn Van Horn, Angela Wetherington and Sharon Yale.

Juniors — Jill Babcock, Curt Bazemore, William Blane, Vallye Blanton, Steve Callahan, Archie Culbreth, Kay Deming, Dee Dee Durden, Mike Fambrough, Jo Ann Felton, Martha Alice Giddens, Steve Haltiwanger, Joy Johnson.

Johnny Kalil, Rayann Kelly, David Lasser, Jimmy LeFiles, Carla Meadows, Ann Morrow, David Moore, Lucy Neal, Marsha Noble, Beverly O'Connor, Patti Parrish, Barbara Wright Ponder, Nick Quinif.

Janice Rentschler, William Riggle, Alex Skoropat, Dyan Smith, Mary Beth Smith, Gwendolyn Thompson, Joseph Tillman, Phillip Webb and Bo Woodward.

Sophomores — Lannon Abernathy, Nicky Bajalia, Mary Jane Beck, Stanley Bounds, Fay Brass, Susan Cattell, Melanie Eanes, Margaret Espinosa, Sharon Everson, Charles Franzago, Debbie Glassman, Perry Hall, Donald Haney, Candy Holman, Jack Jenkins, Patricia Jeter.

Laura Jones, Mary Alice King, Woody Leonard, Becky McDonald, Ronald Moore, Richard Neese, Ken Newlin, Annette Norris, Jan Nutt, Debbie Palmer, Donna Pitts, Lynne Polonsky, Mark Retterbush, Gay Robertson, Marla Rogers.

Nancy Rogers, Rosanne Roskamp, Diane Rowe, Patricia Sales, Keith Sasser, Patricia Ann Scott, Pearce Scott, David Slowik, Peter Smith, Pamela Smith.

Gwen Stickley, Nicky Tampas, Sherri Tefieteller, Dorothy Tewell, Al Turner, Jeneice Washington, Ann Watson, Ann Williams, Jean Williams, Rosanne Zatyko, Delores Gatewood.

Position Is Better

High School Site Is Due Wednesday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Board of Education will have a site for its new \$4.1 million high school by Wednesday, according to the board site chairman Reuban Yancey.

Yancey, who is also the board treasurer and attorney, said landowners are now more willing to talk about definite land prices and sign options to acreage.

"Now that we've money, we are in a better position to get a location," he explained.

Voters approved a \$2.3 million bond issue here Tuesday

to give the board local financing for its new facility which is to replace the present overcrowded Valdosta High School.

The State Department of Education has told the local board it is in line for about 1.8 million in consolidation funds provided it has a clear title or signed option to a piece of property by the end of the month. The board must also submit preliminary drawings of the proposed building by August.

The board has verbal options on two 50-acre tracts of land in the northeast section of the city. One is owned by the Bray

Co. and is adjacent to and behind the W. G. Nunn Elementary School on Forrest Street. The board has been quoted a price of about \$4,000 an acre on this site which faces Lake-land Avenue and Park Avenue.

The other location is on Forrest Street. The land is owned by a corporation in which Valdosta Fred Nijam is a partner. The tract is near Crackin' Good Bakeries and has been offered to the board for \$5,000 an acre.

Yancey said several other sites are also being investigated by the board.

"We can't buy anything until test borings are made on the property and our architect looks at it and sees if it fit for a big school," he explained.

The new Valdosta High is being designed by Zeb Lackey of Valdosta. The proposed facility is to house 2,200 students and is to be ready for occupancy by September of 1972.

A SALUTE TO VHS

DECA

STUDENTS

This marks the Twenty-second year of business firms' cooperating in the Distributive Education Program of Valdosta High School. The backing and participation of these firms help make Dosta DECA one of the most outstanding programs in the country. A special salute goes to the businessmen of our community who are investing in the future of our youth by providing their places of business as laboratories in training these students for marketing careers.

THE DECA CREED

I believe in the future which I am planning for myself in the field of distribution, and in the opportunities which my vocation offers.

I believe in fulfilling the highest measure of service to my vocation, my fellow beings, my country and my God - that by doing, I will be rewarded with personal satisfaction and material wealth.

I believe in the democratic philosophies of private enterprise and competition, and in the freedoms of this nation - that these philosophies allow for the fullest development of my individual abilities.

I believe that by doing my best to live according to these high principles, I will be of greater service both to myself and to mankind.



FIRST YEAR D. E. STUDENTS

First Row: Becky Eager, Lynn Gaskins, Darlene Sirmans, Cheryl Cauthan, Jeannie Hansen, Tutta Bird, Charlotte Nix, Martha Coppage.

Second Row: Verma Duncan, Lynn Wisenbaker, Elsie Rehburg, Ann Bernard, Nancy Griffin, Beverly Newlin, Marianne Tillman, Tekla Crawford, Kathy McDaniel.

Third Row: Kay Herring, Emily Schroer, Vicki Dasher, Maria Castrinos.

Fourth Row: Bubba Smith, Ken Carter, David Bentley, David Yale, Tillford Copeland, Billy Rouse, Billy McNeal, Dale Powell, Larry Staley.

Fifth Row: Mike Heard, Bill Bowers, Greg Johnson, David Hobbs, David Hunt, Ronald Wisenbaker, Tony Lowery, Robert Sutton.

SECOND YEAR D. E. STUDENTS

First Row: Marilyn Ricks, Mary Tillman, Joyce Dunlap, Cissy Williams, Pat Grimes.

Second Row: Kathy Malone, Marsha Norris, Max Stephenson, Debbie Daniels, Nancy Powers, Hank Mead.

Third Row: Gerald Sharp, Pat Wells, Johnny Johnson, Fleming Williams, Norman Greene (Coordinator).



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Valdosta Due to Vote On \$2.3-Million Bonds For New High School

By CAREY CAMERON
Staff Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — In spite of pleas from Mayor Aubrey Stump and one councilman that the amount of city participation be less, the Valdosta City Council voted Monday to call for a \$2.3-million bond election to finance a new school to replace the 48-year-old Valdosta High.

The vote which was finally recorded was unanimous although Councilman Fred Bonner at first voted against the motion and then changed his mind when a call for clarification of the issue gave him a new chance.

THE \$2.3-MILLION amount was requested by the Valdosta board of education with immediate past chairman I. H. Tillman Jr., who is now vice chairman, doing most of the explaining of the board's position.

Tillman said the board has cut to a minimum budget of \$4 million for a 180,000-square-foot four-grade senior high which will cost \$2.3 million. Legislative pay became the

assumption. Brantley said the bill which Brantley, D-Jacksonville, the hot seat," said Rep. Lew and were tired of being on the committee once and for all has laid this question to rest. James Redman, D-Plant City, "but I don't feel that way about some of the bills that we did have last year that were simply for public consumption." Brantley said the bill which Brantley, D-Jacksonville, the hot seat," said Rep. Lew and were tired of being on the committee once and for all has laid this question to rest.

Monday and its chairman said he was tired of members making political hay with the issue. "I think it's time we advised the members that this committee once and for all has laid this question to rest.

that if certain things aren't done in the way of constructing facilities, Valdosta industry (obtaining new industry) is going to grind to a halt.

Dr. Robert Quattlebaum, school board member, countered with, "I would hate to invite new industry here without good schools for their children to go to."

STUMP SAID he would help sell the passage of a bond issue of \$500,000 to \$600,000 to the public but he felt the school board was "putting all your eggs in one basket," and it would be six years before another bond issue could be passed if the larger issue won passage. He referred to vot-

ing the larger bond issue as selling the city out. "I hope the council will not do this," Stump said.

Later Stump contended that the new building could be constructed for \$10 a square foot instead of the board estimated \$20 and this touched off a brief argument with Quattlebaum in which the mayor offered to fly the latter to Texas to show him a \$10-a-foot building.

Another board member questioned whether such a building would meet state education standards.

Councilman Bonner said he favored giving the board half of the \$3 million in available

bonding capacity, but of it.

TILLMAN EXP. that Valdosta High 1 ducted a good academic extra curricular project of having 1,306 jammed into a facility constructed in 1922 for students and which is to be full at 1,250 with its newer with portable classrooms in

He explained that 3 maximum number of tented graduates available, which houses graders of both race HEW-approved in plan, had 640 students come up to the high

birds.

Martins here. They travel Coy.

Student's Effort

D.E. Study Links Wheels, - Groceries

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

An average three member family living in either the Ora Lee West or Hudson Dockett Homes has an average income of about \$125 and spends from \$20 to \$40 of that on food, according to a Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club member's project.

The project found that most of them shop for food where it is cheaper — in chain stores — and those that know this and still patronize local grocery stores do it because they don't have transportation.

The project was done by Tekla Crawford, a VHS senior, and arose out of her interest in both the food industry and socio-economically deprived people.

As a result of the project, she hopes the people she interviewed will use their food money in a wiser manner. She suggests that the news media make their advertisements more understandable and that chain stores look into the possibilities if arranging transportation.

She said her questionnaire was composed by an advisory board. The price difference in local stores and chain stores was determined by a marketing survey of the foods needed for a balanced diet.

A total of 144 families were interviewed for the project, she said, or 72 from each pro-

ject. She said the objective in the type of selection was to insure that those interviewed were from different races, ages, and sections of the city.

Miss Crawford said the project tallies were done on a segregated basis, because the two projects are largely segregated.

"In comparing the white project with the black project," her report states, "we found that there is no great difference between the opinions of each group."

She said most of the answers of the two groups are the same or within three to five percentage points.

"This indicates," the report states, "that the problems facing these people is strictly a socio-economical class problem and not one of race, as some might assume it to be."

Most of the families interviewed had three or less members, and only 15 had over five members.

The highest monthly income, over \$200, was achieved by only 17 families, with



TEKLA CRAWFORD
Interested

the remainder making anywhere from \$50 to \$200.

From \$20 to \$60 a month of this income was spent on groceries by 95 of the families. Only 21 families spent less than \$20, and only nine families spent more than \$100 per month.

Most if those interviewed shopped weekly or twice-weekly, and only 27 families reported shopping monthly.

Nine shopped exclusively at chain stores, 33 shopped at both and 102 shopped exclusively at chain stores. Only 29 families did not know prices were cheaper at chain stores. Only nine said they would continue to shop at local stores even after they had learned prices were cheaper at chain stores.

All of them said they would change their shopping habits if transportation was available to the chain stores.

Large numbers of the families said they came into contact with the local newspaper, the radio and television, and sales circulars.

Almost all were aware of the newspaper advertisements, but eight said they didn't understand them. Only 14 families said they didn't shop at the stores that appear to have the best prices.

In the conclusion of her project, Miss Crawford observed that most of those eligible for food stamps used them, about 60 per cent, but that since all stores accept the stamps, they made no difference in where they were used.

"No one resented the questions," said Miss Crawford. "Many of them were lonely and would talk about anything."



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Sign of Times: It Spells Out the Issue

Bond Referendum—1

Positive Vote Sought Tuesday

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a three - part series on the \$2.3 million bond referendum Tuesday aimed at getting a new high school for Valdosta.

By MARY CROUSE

"Vote Yes VHS" lettered in red on black hangs over the front entrance of Valdosta High School. There are similar signs, posters and bumper stickers pasted inside.

The student and faculty campaign is one of the few bright spots in the otherwise drab and overcrowded school. A positive vote is what they're seeking Tuesday on a \$2.3 million school bond referendum.

Approval means a new high school for the city system. The local funds would be

lumped with a \$1.8 million grant from the State Department of Education.

The city board of education has set September 1972 as target date for the proposed \$4.1 million plant to replace outdated VHS. And although students in grades 10-12 at VHS know they'll never attend classes in the new building, they are anxious to see the plant become a reality.

Most of 1,306 students who attend VHS are concerned about the conditions of the school which was built in 1922 for 600 to 800 pupils.

It matters to students and teachers that 10 out of 43 classrooms are substandard in size and that many more rooms are

poorly lit and ventilated. They don't need anyone to tell them space is a major problem at VHS.

Art teacher Jerry Pilcher found a large closet, took the books out and put his art history class in. Hardly adequate, but the young instructor had no choice.

"It was just lucky we found the closet," said Pilcher.

His department is so cramped that students can't tackle any new assignment until all work is finished on the last project and taken home.

"We don't even have room for them to show their work. We can't do anything that takes up space. Sad, isn't it?" said the art teacher.

But he is not alone in his space plight. The commercial department only pretends to be a commercial division of the school. Students take typing, shorthand, bookkeeping and office practice.

There are no dictaphones or other office equipment outside of the typewriters. And even if there was there would be no place to put it.

"The students really get no office practice out of that course. It is a shame because in office classes the students are supposed to have machines they can use. They can't even do much shorthand or bookkeeping because the typewriters are in constant use and take so much room," said VHS

principal Charles Green.

Green calls VHS a disgrace. He said the students and faculty are doing the best they can under the present conditions.

"We are proud of a lot of things at VHS but the building isn't one of them," said the principal.

The library is not used for independent or group research. The library houses study hall six periods a day every day.

The lunchroom makes a noisy classroom for health and other courses.

There is no pride in the school and grounds. The halls, desks, lockers and stadium make good spots for graffiti.

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Voters in Valdosta Approve \$2.3-Million School Bond Issue

By CAREY CAMERON
Staff Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Valdosta city voters Tuesday approved a \$2.3 million bond referendum to be used in constructing a ultra-modern high school.

The issue passed by a narrow 379 votes as 1,883 voted in favor of and 1,504 voted against it.

The bond money will be used with approximately \$1.8 million in state funds to build a new high school which will cost in the neighborhood of \$4 million.

THE NEW SCHOOL plant will replace an old Valdosta High facility, which is overcrowded, does not have air conditioning and does not have a modern auditorium or gymnasium. Some parts of the old building are 48 years old.

The new school was in the talking stages for several years but a HEW ordered integration plan which put senior high students from old Pinevale High in Valdosta High brought the matter to a head.

The bond issue passed over the opposition of Valdosta's

new mayor, Aubrey Stump, who issued a statement Monday opposing the referendum on grounds of the amount of

money that the school would cost.

THE SALE of the new

bonds would leave the city only with about \$700,000 in unused bonding capacity and Stump and some others feel there are other city needs that the school bonds would preclude being attended to.

However, school officials contend that in spite of the other needs the "children must come first."

The new high school would accommodate 2,200 students in a modern air-conditioned building including industrial arts facilities and a gymnasium that contrast with the old building that is overcrowded and uses portable classrooms to accommodate 1,300 students in the top three grades of school only.

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Bazemore Allows 'Cats Need Time

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

After three weeks of spring football practice coach Wright Bazemore can look at his Valdosta High Wildcats as a whole and tell they're going to have some assets and some handicaps next fall.

On the plus side Bazemore says the 'Cats will have good size and pretty good speed, except at one or two positions. He figures they will have a running game that offers some strength and the potential for an adequate air attack is there.

On defense, he figures the 'Cats should be able to hold their own against ground assaults up the middle.

Now, for the handicaps.

"We're losing 27 players off our 1969 team, including 18 regulars," the coach allows. "We're going to be green, very green. We're going to need time and gain the experience which we need so badly.

"We're going to lack, at least early in the season, the polish that's needed to make both our ground and air attacks work smoothly. We really lack experience at defensive end and right now we lack the mobility along our defensive line needed to put real pressure on an opposing passer.

"It means we can expect to have trouble stopping the other teams' passing attack and running sweeps around end.

"It's just going to take time

to try to iron out all the kinks and time is something we don't have much of."

One deadline for the 'Cats will turn up at 8 p.m. next Thursday. That's when they will be meeting the Has-Beens at Cleveland Field in Valdosta's annual spring grid tilt.

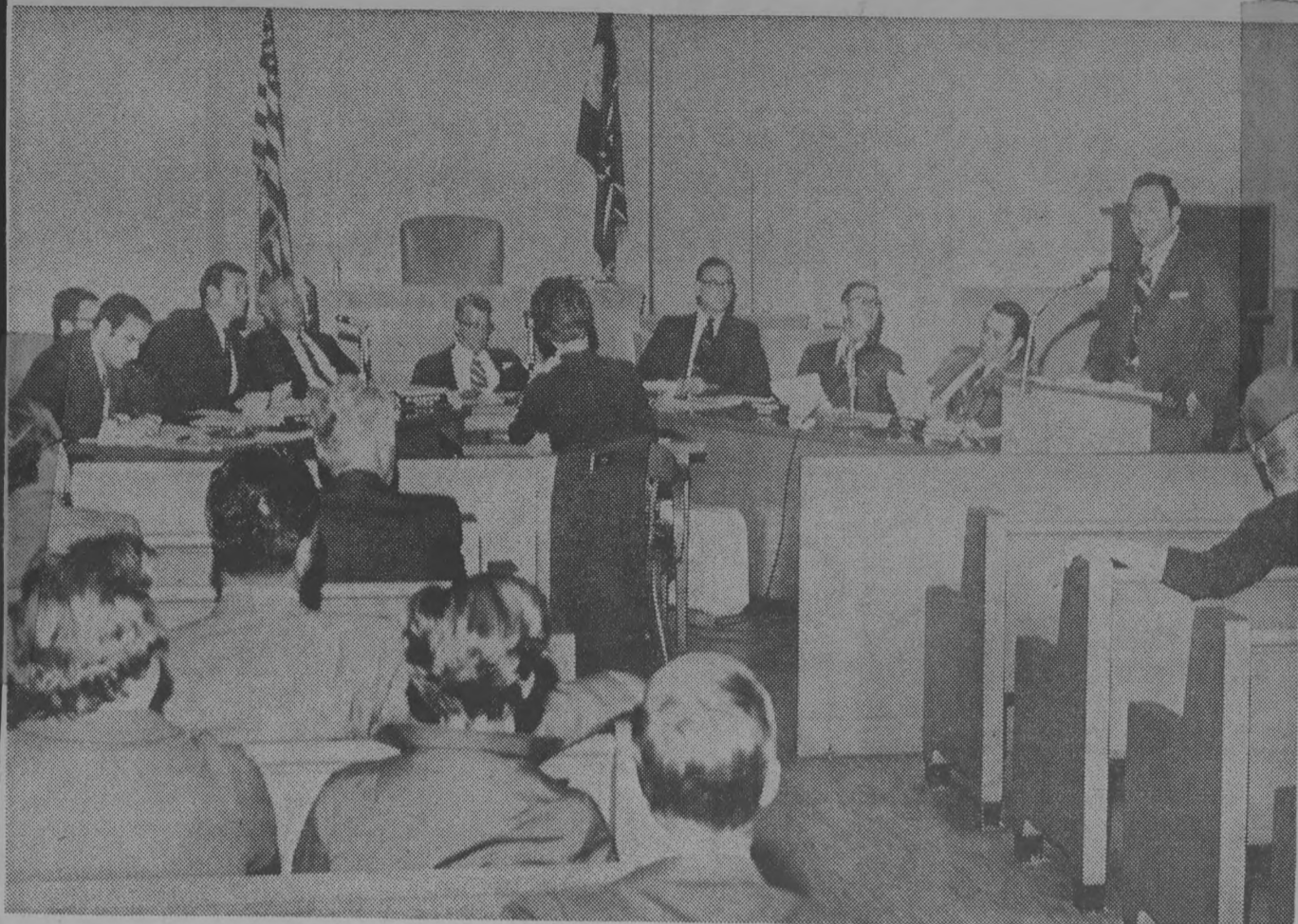
Making up the Has-Beens

squad will be those 28 graduating seniors, including the 18 regulars who helped lead the 'Cats to a 12-0-1 record and a co-champion's share of the state Class AAA championship last season.

As in the past the spring game will be co-sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club and the V Club, a VHS organization composed of varsity sports letter winners. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

The Touchdown Club has scheduled a fish supper for 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday night at the S. L. Mason Elementary School lunchroom.

The supper will officially open the club's 1970 membership drive. Annual dues are \$10. Current club members and prospective members may attend the supper without additional cost.



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Board Member Tillman, at Microphone at Right, Appeals for Bond Referendum at Mayor-Council Session

New VHS Or Split Grades

By MARY CROUSE

If the \$2.3 million bond referendum for a new high school here fails to pass, students can look forward in 1972 to complete double sessions or a split of the top four grades, according to I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr., vice chairman of the Valdosta Board of Education.

Tillman's remarks were made during a special Mayor-Council meeting Monday at the board's request. The city fathers unanimously approved the board's resolution which asked that the Mayor-Council call for a \$2.3 million bond election to help finance a proposed new facility to replace the present Valdosta High School.

Mayor-Council is to meet March 25 to set a date for the referendum which the board asked to be held in early May.

"We'd like to have it (bond referendum) when school is still in session. It'll be up to the

voters to decide if we get a new high school or not. I'm asking that we give these fine students a chance for the kind of education they deserve," said Tillman.

He said that without the bond money students will be forced into total double sessions or putting two grades at the VHS-Pinevale Campus and two grades at VHS.

"I don't have to tell you what either of those ideas would do to our program, academically or otherwise," said Tillman.

He is coordinating the board's efforts to build a new school by the fall of 1972. The proposed school is to relieve the crowded conditions at VHS and free other classrooms throughout the system for anticipated enrollment increases.

The state has allotted \$1.8 million to the system for consolidation purposes. VHS and all Negro Pinevale High School merged this fall with all 10th-12th graders at VHS. The ninth grade is at Pinevale.

Tillman said the state money will be available only if a new school is built. There are 1,330 students at VHS this year and about 300 additional youth are expected next fall.

"We won't discard the present VHS. We'll use it for classes. We know we can't build a dream like we wanted with the budget of \$4 million but we are going to give the best we can. We feel we can build a fine three-year school for this money," said the vice chairman.

Tillman's explanation to the council and answers to the various questions put to him by the 60 spectators at the meeting drew several bursts of applause from the group. The majority of the crowd were clearly in favor of a new

school.

But while the parents and other interested citizens gave their support to the school board, city officials were split on the issue.

City Manager Buford McRae outlined a 10-point priority list which had been sent to Mayor-Council Friday. The list put such things as street improvement, renovation of the old federal building as a city hall and sewage collection and treatment improvements ahead of the new high school.

There is \$3,046,000 left in the city's bonding capacity. The school board's request for the majority of this was the basis of opposition by Mayor Aubrey Stump and Councilman Fred Bonner.

Bonner said he favored giving the board half of the bonding capacity but didn't think the school officials should have the majority of it.

Stump agreed there is a need for a new school but said "you are putting all your eggs in one basket." He said the board wants to take all the bonding capacity and it wants "another memorial."

The mayor said the board is asking the city to forget streets, airport and water and sewer needs for another six years. He told the board that if it could find a way to get the \$1.8 million from the state and settle for \$500,000 or \$600,000 locally he'd help sell the bond issue to the public.

Councilman Bill Keller and W. O. (Bill) Bassford came out strongly for the school bond issue.

"If we called for a referendum for streets and for other improvements, we would be soundly defeated. I think this (school) would pass," said Keller.

Bassford said a school bond issue would be the only referendum he'd vote for at this time. "I'd like to put the issue to the people and let them decide," he said.

McRae told the board he does not want to be cast as "an enemy of education" but he must be cast in the role of concern of total city services of which the school system is one.

"There are others in more critical need at this time," he said. McRae explained that if the city doesn't have adequate water and sewer facilities, airport facilities and better streets, industry will not come here and "your anticipated enrollment figures won't hold water."

Board member Dr. Robert Quattlebaum said "I would hate to invite new industry here without good schools for their children to go to."

A spectator said he is a newcomer to Valdosta and has no idea of how the city got into its present shape. "But I feel the water situation can take care of itself if everybody has a water bill like mine. Children should come first. I can't see a product more important than our children," said the man.

Bassford made the motion to call the question among the councilman. The first vote had council split and none was certain how many yeas and how many nays had been said.

The second vote was unanimous in favor of approving the school's request.

Gets City Teacher Support

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

More than 95 per cent of the educators in the Valdosta school system have signed an endorsement for the passage of the May 12 \$2.3 million bond referendum to help finance a proposed new city high school.

Herbert Ross, a member of the steering committee set up by the Valdosta Board of Education to help pass the bond issue, said that the names are to appear in an ad in The Valdosta Daily Times.

Ross said the few teachers who did not sign the endorsement either lived outside the city limits or "just wanted to let their vote be a private thing."

Several who did not sign said they would vote for the bond referendum but did not want their names on the list, explained Ross.

Supt. Foster Goolsby said the petition was a volunteer effort by the teachers to show their support of the new high school needs. The idea of the system wide faculty endorsement grew out of a steering committee

meeting earlier this spring.

Goolsby said he has not heard of any instances involving pressure in getting names on the petition.

"I know of no case in which an administrator has forced any teacher to sign this. There had better not have been any pressure applied from this office either," said the superintendent.

The administrator at Valdosta State College is also asking its faculty to sign a petition endorsing the bond issue and need for a new high school.

Dr. Earl Hargett, steering committee member and director of Public Services at VSC, is heading the drive to get a 100 per cent backing from the faculty."

Hargett said he hopes to have all the names on the list by Wednesday. There are no plans to publish the VSC names.

Ross said he feels the idea of printing the school system endorsees will be helpful in getting the bond referendum passed.

It'll let the people know how the teachers feel about it. This

need of a new program to better educate our young people started at the high school and we feel that is where the real campaign to get the bonds passed should start," said Ross.

The bond referendum, if passed, would provide the city's share of financing for the proposed \$4 million high school. A \$1.8 million grant from the State Department of Education has been allotted to the board to build a new high school.

The board hopes to have a new high school facility ready for use by September 1972. The proposed new plant is to replace overcrowded Valdosta High School.

The board says the new building is important because of a new comprehensive program it plans to implement. Vocational and industrial arts courses are to be included in the new program and the business education department is to be expanded.

Eighth District To Honor Star Student, Teacher

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

There are to be seven Star students and their chosen teachers from this area competing for Eighth District honors Monday night at Bacon County Elementary School cafeteria.

Larry Bennett, president of Textile Factory Outlet Inc., in Alma, who is district Star chairman, is to present the awards to the top student and teacher.

Participating from this area are Bill Bowers and teacher Mike Rogers of Valdosta High School, Gary Wayne Partin and teacher Samuel Coth-

ron of Lowndes High School, Mike David Chason and teacher the Rev. Ross Hudson of Lanier County High School.

Rachael Karen Kinsey and teacher Mamie Laura Pipkins of Echols County High, Patricia Tyson and teacher Mrs. Michael Mason of Cook High School, Thomas Jackson McCullough and teacher Mrs. Charles Gruver of Clinch County High and Patricia Anne Williams and teacher Ralph Wayne Harris of Berrien County High.

The Star student from the 26 participating school systems who has made the highest score on the 1969 November or December College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test is to be named the district winner. The

student's teacher is to be the district Star teacher.

The district Star student is to participate in the state competition. The State winner is to be named April 24 at a banquet in Atlanta sponsored by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

The state winner is to be given a trip to Scandinavia and a \$500 cash award. The state Star teacher is to receive a \$500 Sears Roebuck Foundation Scholarship.

First runner - up to the state honor wins a \$500 scholarship. The Eighth District Star student and teacher and the first runner - up is to join other district winners in the annual Star tour of Georgia in April.

Bazemore Urging

Touchdown Club Supports Bond Issue

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Touchdown Club has passed a resolution favoring the passage of a proposed \$3.2 million bond issue needed

to help finance the construction of a new high school here.

Plans are being developed for the proposed school and Mayor-Council has given its authori-

zation for a bond referendum. No date has been set, however.

The club held a fish supper Tuesday night to officially launch its 1970 membership

drive and to talk about the Valdosta High Wildcats' annual spring football game with the Has-Beens. That tilt is slated for Thursday night.

But before getting down to gridiron business, VHS' athletic director and head football coach Wright Bazemore told the approximately 400 TD Club members in attendance "the need for a new high school is critical."

"Our (Valdosta High's) athletic program is functioning well," Bazemore said. "During this school year we've already had a most successful football and basketball season. And we are looking for more success in spring sports.

"But we are letting down our children in other ways. We simply must provide them with adequate facilities so they will have an equal opportunity with students at other schools to make the scholastic advancements which are so vital in today's world.

"Our present facilities (VHS) are too old and too overcrowded to meet the needs. Our students and our teachers are giving it all they have and it's remarkable what they have accomplished under the present conditions. But we're far behind and we're not going to ever catch up unless we have the adequate facilities a new school will provide."

Pardee Goodloe, the TD Club president, and W. L. (Dynamite) Goodloe Jr., one of the founders of the sports organization, also spoke of the critical need for a new high school and urged the Touchdowners "to throw your full support behind this project."

Club member Herbert Ross proposed a resolution "that the Touchdown Club not only go on record as favoring the bond issue and the construction of a new high school, but pledge its active support to the project."

On a voice vote, the TD Club members gave unanimous approval.

Wildcats Facing Tough Grid Test

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The purpose of spring football contests are to give the players who will be returning next fall a strong test under game conditions.

Well, the Valdosta High Wildcats are to meet the Has-Beens in their annual spring grid duel here Thursday night and it figures the 'Cats are going to get a super strong test.

That battle between coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and Has-Beens squad composed of graduating seniors is slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field. W. L. (Dynamite) Goodloe Jr. and Billy Grant will be coaching the

Has-Beens.

On the Has-Beens roster are 26 graduating seniors, including 18 starters off the 1969 VHS team which posted a 12-0-1 record and claimed a co-champion's share of the state Class AAA championship. The 'Cats have just seven 1969 regulars still available for duty with them.

"Considering their depth, size, experience and talent, this is one of the strongest Has-Been teams we've faced in recent years," Bazemore said at a meeting of the Valdosta Touchdown Club Tuesday night. "We're in for a test, a super test.

"But the game Thursday is going to give us an opportunity to see which of our boys really want to play football.

"While we still have some question mark positions, and while we still lack polish on both offense and defense, we feel this has been a good spring practice. Still, we realize we have our work cut out for us against the Has-Beens."

The game is being co-sponsored by the TD Club and the V Club, an organization of VHS varsity sports letter winners.

Bazemore listed the 'Cats' probable starters as follows:

Wildcats facing is

Offense — ends Stanford Rome (170, fresh.) and Roger Rome (200, sr.), tackles Paul Demesserman (195, jr.) and Wayne Simpson (190, sr.), guards Joshua Mabry (180, jr.) and Melvin Herron (170, sr.) or Jos Tillman (160, sr.), center Robert Dewar (215, sr.), quarterback Stanley Bounds (165, jr.) or Darrell Branan (170, sr.), halfbacks Charles Daniels (190, sr.) and Robert Daniels (190, fresh.) and fullback Willie Anderson (175, jr.).

Defense — ends Kim Marshall (175, sr.) and George Roundtree (160, soph.) or Mike Welch (160, jr.), tackles Ralph Hendry (225, sr.) and Vance Quillin (215, sr.), middle guard Herman Godfrey (180, jr.) or Calvin Lester (160, jr.), linebackers Curt Bazemore (165, sr.), John Bell (160, sr.), Mike Everson (205, jr.) and Robert Savage (175, jr.) and deep backs John Hampton (175, sr.) and Curtis Lee (160, sr.).

Members of the Has-Been squad follow: Warrick Taylor, Bo Blalock, Robert Koncar, Steve Jarmillo, Mark Dibois, Ray Parr, Jim Christy, Don Golden, Willie Jones, Henry Davis, Danny O'Neal, Harry Skoropat, Gary Baker, Jerry Dove, Charles Shenton, Tom Holt, Aaron Holder, Greg Quattlebaum, Ralph Puckett, Kenneth Emanuel, Barry Henderson, Benjie Meeks, Brant Wallor, Willie Crawford, Franky Lawrence and Charles Daniels.

BofE To Ask Share Of Bonding Capacity

By MARY CROUSE

The Valdosta Board of Education is to meet with Mayor-Council this week to ask the city officials for an undisclosed amount of the city's \$3.046 million bonding capacity with which to help finance a new high school.

Should the board's request for its share of the city's remaining bonding capacity be approved, work is to begin im-

mediately on the school bond referendum the board must hold to obtain the local funds.

The board at a meeting Tuesday night at the Valdosta High School library indicated the referendum will be called as soon as advertisements can be properly scheduled.

The board's meeting with city government is tentatively scheduled for Thursday or Friday morning. Supt. Foster Goolsby

said he was unable to contact Mayor-Council this morning to set a definite time for the two groups to meet.

Mayor-Council action on the board request to be presented in the form of a resolution is necessary.

The entire nine-member board is expected to meet with Mayor-Council in making the financial proposal. A preliminary session with some board members and city officials was held Monday afternoon at the office of board vice chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr.

"We talked about our needs and they talked about theirs. Both of us need about \$8 million each to do what we really want," quipped Tillman.

The total tax digest for the city is \$81.7 million. Out of the \$5.7 million total bonding capacity here based on a seven percent figure of the entire digest, \$3,046,000 is now left for bond purposes.

The school board is entitled to about \$1.8 million from the state in consolidation funds which it plans to put in the new high school.

Estimates on the proposed new facility are \$5 million for land, building and equipment.

The board said it is aware of the city's needs such as paving and additional water - sewer lines.

"We are both in dire need of financial help," said board treasurer Reuben Yancey.

The board voted in executive See BofE — Page 2

Most Students Are Clock Watchers

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a three-part series on the \$2.3 million bond referendum Tuesday for a new city high school.

By **MARY CROUSE**

Most of the students at Valdosta High School begin to watch the clock the moment they enter the building.

It's hot and the school is overcrowded. They say school is not fun and that it is hard to keep tuned in to what the teachers are talking about in

front of the classroom. Everyone is anxious to get out.

Instructors complain that it's a job just making themselves heard over the noise in the building. The classrooms, which fairly bulge with teenage bodies, are not conducive to learning or teaching, they contend.

Only a new school building would eliminate these cramped conditions. The school board is proposing a \$4.1 million facility to be completed by 1972.

About \$1.8 million in state funds is available provided the board has a signed option or clear title to property for the school by the end of this month and preliminary drawings by August. The board has a verbal option on two 50-acre tracts of land in northeast Valdosta and line drawings are being done by the architect.

Supt. Foster Goolsby said the two state Board of Education requirements for the funds can be met provided the bond is-

sue passes.

"If the bond issue fails, we won't have the money to buy any land right now. In my opinion we'll lose our chances for the money this calendar year," said Goolsby.

And the board has said it must have state funds to build the new high school.

The superintendent said a new application for the state money to construct the school would have to be made for next year.

Board vice chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr., coordinating the efforts to build a new plant, said the public has two choices—"approve the bonds and give the students a chance for a decent education or reject the issue and watch the high school program go down the drain."

M. E. Nichols, federal funds coordinator for the city system and president of the Georgia High School Association, said the progress of Valdosta will

come to a halt and begin a fast downhill slide if the bond issue fails.

"You can count on that. Industry looks to the school system before it decides on locating. The Chamber of Commerce can just say goodbye to new industry if we do not get a new high school," he explained.

There are 1,306 students in grades 10-12 at the main VHS campus. The ninth grade at the VHS-Pinevale Campus is sending about 600 students to the main facility this fall and only about 300 are graduating in June.

"This means about 1,600 students will be crammed in the buildings on the 11 acres at VHS," said Tillman.

But nobody dreads the situation anymore than Valdosta High's Charles (Chuck) Green. The principal said about 600 students will be attending school on a semi-split session basis in September.

This means about 300 are to attend morning classes while another 300 are to be enrolled in afternoon studies. The other 1,000 youths are to be involved in a regular school program.

The board chose to implement the semi-split session in lieu of putting two grades at Pinevale and two grades at VHS. Splitting the grades would limit the academic curriculum and eliminate the extracurricular activities, athletics and band.

But the board says it will split the grades or have double sessions for all high school students in the future if the bond referendum fails.

VHS head football coach Wright Bazemore said the athletic and band programs in the future will be curtailed to such an extent that they won't be recognizable if the bond issue fails.

"It would be impossible to have any sort of program under the conditions we'd be forced to operate," he said.

VHS students want a new high school even though they will never attend classes in it. They want it because of the conditions at the present facility.

"I only have two more years to serve and I'll be out," said a pretty blonde sophomore. She and other students call high school attendance "doing time."

"It's bad now but in two years if we don't have a new school, the students will be in rough shape academically. Can you imagine how it'll be for my little sister," said a senior.

Green said complete double sessions would mean morning class students would take four courses and then leave to make room for the afternoon half.

The curriculum would be scant if the grades were split because it would be too expensive to put in a complete academic program at two locations.

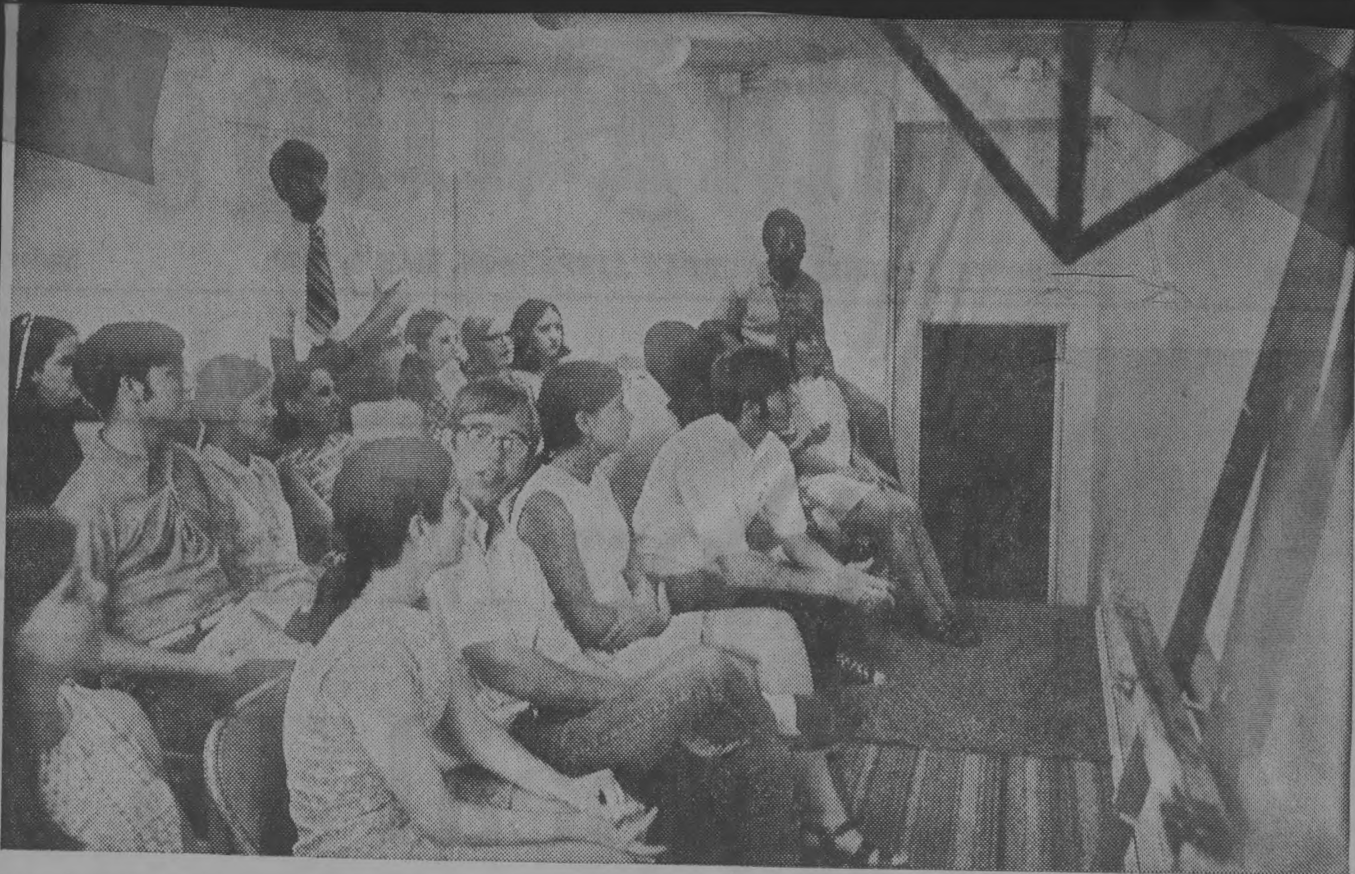
Board chairman John Howell said the school officials will not give up if the bonds fail to gain voter approval Tuesday.

"We'll try again but we won't even think about it until after Tuesday. It has to pass, there is too much at stake for the children," he said.

Tillman said the board will probably call for another referendum if this one fails but that it will be more expensive to the taxpayer.

"Every month we delay, building costs go up. We have a great educational program planned. We don't want to cut it," he said.

Tomorrow: Proposed program.



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Formerly A Closet: Art History Instructor Jerry Pilcher Turned It Into A Classroom

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step over cockroaches and try to ignore the rats more than one youth has seen in the building.

"If we just could breathe and get from one class to another without getting squashed and trampled, I think we could all stand it. We want more courses, sure. I'm not going to college. What's there for me when I graduate in June?" said a senior.

If he isn't in the brick masonry or cosmology class, he hasn't learned a skill or trade while at VHS.

The comprehensive program was drawn up by faculty members, administrators and students. The School Planning Laboratory of the University of Tennessee in educators and youth in putting the ideas together in a 132-page manual called educational specifications for Valdosta High School.

Architect Zeb Lackey Valdosta is now designing a facility to suit the program.

"The program is so important that it was designed before anything was done on a new building," said board chairman John Howell.

The proposed school for 2,200 students is to have year round temperature control and soft floor and ceiling coverings to reduce the noise level.

The board says it can not afford to wait any longer to build a new school and initiate the new program. An additional 300 students are expected in the 10th grade at VHS in September which will make the already crowded condition worse.

VHS is to operate on semi-double sessions this fall and probably the next year. By September 1972 the board hopes to eliminate any need for split sessions, with the opening of the proposed new VHS.

Head football coach Wright Bazemore said the new program in a new high school will mean a new day for Valdostans.

"I don't think the voters will let us down. I think the people of Valdosta will see to it that the children get a decent education and place to go to school. I don't think they want to see education go down the drain and all extra curricular activities with it,"



SHERRI HOLMAN
One of 12

VHS Senior Awarded PC Scholarship

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Valdosta High School senior who plans to major in sociology or drama has been awarded a \$2,400 Founder's Scholarship to Presbyterian College at Clinton, S.C.

Sherri Holman, 18-year-old daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Paul J. Holman, was named one of 12 recipients of the scholarship.

A member of the VHS Beta Club, Miss Holman said she plans to major in either sociology or drama at Presbyterian College.

She is a member of First Presbyterian Church. At VHS she is treasurer of her Tri-Hi-Y and vice president of the Future Teachers of America.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of superior academic ability, leadership and character.

VHS Lists 140 On Honor Roll

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

One hundred and 40 students at Valdosta High School have attained honor roll ranking for the fourth six-week period, announced the principal, Charles H. Green.

Honor roll students include:

Sophomores — Lannon Abernathy, Mary Jane Beck, Stanley Bouds, Fay Brass, Susan Cattell, Melanie Eanes, Margaret Espinosa, Delores Gatewood, Debbie Glassman, Louie Goodin, Donald Haney, Patricia Jeter, Jack Jenkins, Annette Norris, Janis Nutt, Donna Pitts, Lynne Polonsky.

Mark Retterbush, Gay Robertson, Nancy Rogers, Diane Rowe, Susan Sainz, Keith Sasser, Pearce Scott, David Slowik, Cathy Sparkman, Peter Smith, G w e n Stickle, Beth Sullivan, Sherri Teffeteller, Al Turner, Elaine Varn, Jeneice Washington, Ann Watson, Ann Williams, Jeannie Williams, Linda Yancey, Rosanne Zatyko.

Juniors — Curt Bazemore, Chris Blane, Vallye Blanton, Steve Callahan, Bob Christian, Archie Culbreth, Kay Deming, Dee Dee Darden, Dolores Edwards, G l e n n Evans, Mike Fambrough, Jo Ann Falton, Morgan Fordham, Martha Alice Giddens, Marie Govoni, Steve Haltiwanger, Joy Johnson, Johnny Kalil, Kenneth LaMontagne.

David Lassiter, Jimmy LeFiles, David Moore, Ann Morrow, Lucy Neal, Richard Neese, Marsha Noble, Patti Parrish, Barbara Wright Ponder, Nick Quinif, Janice Rentschler, William Riggle, Marla Rogers, Dyan Smith, Mary Beth Smith, Ken Webb, Janice Wilson, Bo Woodward.

Seniors — Carolyn Arnold, Bonnie Ashcom, Jenny Beck, Barbara Brasher, Scott Bretzke, Ginny Bridges, Lavonne Brownlee, Billy Carmichael, Mary Ann Carmichael, Marlene Carter, Carol Cattell, Cheryl Cauthan, Dorothy Coleman, Tekla Crawford, Viki Dasher, Brenda Daugharty, Kay Davis, Joyce Dunlap, Kenneth Emanuel, Gloria Evans.

Susan Eye, Navada Gaskins, Berrian Hamill, Lucretia Hamill, Jeanne Hansen, David Hobbs, Sherri Holman, Angela Hughes, Marty LeFiles, Robin Mor n, Peggy Myddleton, Beverly Myddleton, Beverly Newlin, Karen Noles, Freedy Norris, Marsha Norris, Elaine Parkerson, Bruce Peariman, Vicki Peariman, Ginny Price, David Retterbush.

Gayle Richards, Aretha Richardson, Andy Robb, Sandra Rowe, Julie Scott, Sandra Sheffield, Barbara Singletary, Jeff Slocum, Marsha Smith, Vicki Smith, Kathryn Smotherman, Ginny Sorrells, Liz Sparger, Debbie Stephenson, Marcia Stephenson, Phyllis Surrency, Sharon Tidwell, Sharon Yale, Angela Wetherington.

School Vote: One Of Confidence

Tuesday's vote on school bonds here was a demonstration of confidence for the Valdosta Board of Education. It was also one for Supt. Foster Goolsby and the 450 teachers and other employees of the school system.

It was a rebuke for Mayor Stump, who publicly opposed passage of the bonds to build a new high school.

Voters have given their approval for building a new high school for the city. One is badly needed, that everyone will have to admit.

Now the school board can proceed with its plans to build the new school. The \$2.3 million in bonds voters authorized the city to borrow will be put with a \$1.8 million state grant from which our city will get a \$4 million high school.

Construction of the school building, however, is only the means to an end. It means for the first time Valdosta can provide its high school children with a comprehensive program.

For too long we have been training our high school children only in academic areas. We have needed to provide a number of vocational programs for them. Now we will be able to do so.

The outcome of Tuesday's bond vote

was most gratifying, too, because of the great negative feeling that pervades in this country. The mood is one against government at every level. People are tired of the continuing tax load, inflation, crime and a host of other social problems.

Nevertheless, the voters of Valdosta showed their concern for their children and their community. They demonstrated a concern for keeping vital community processes moving forward.

There is much still to be done. As long as we continue to grow, there will always be much to be done.

Some in the city administration may throw up their hands now and say all the bonds have gone to the school board, so there's nothing the city can do. This isn't the case at all.

But providing for street improvements, water-sewer expansion and other needs will take aggressive and positive leadership on the part of the city officials.

The school bond vote demonstrated Valdostans are concerned for the growth of their community. They'll be concerned for making the other improvements, but they must have positive leadership at the top to show them the way.

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Stone Man Eavesdropper

It won't do this lifelike fellow any good to listen to the girl talk. He's just a product of the art department at Valdosta High School and the girls

aren't paying him any attention. Their conversation is safe with him. His lips are sealed.

Two Speakers Are Scheduled To Talk About Drugs Here

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Kiwanis Club here in cooperation with the Valdosta Board of Education is sponsoring two speakers in the next couple of weeks to help acquaint students and teachers with the dangers of drug addiction.

The club's Drug Alert committee and board's drug study committee headed by Dr. Robert Quattlebaum have asked

two out of town speakers to address the high school youth and faculty.

A coed at the University of Florida in Gainesville is to speak to the students Thursday. Barbara Eisenstadt, a 22-year-old graduate student in educational psychology, is to speak at 9 a. m. and 10 a. m. at Valdosta High School.

The two assemblies are ne-

cessary because the auditorium is not large enough to seat all 1,306 students at one time.

Miss Eisenstadt is to speak at 1:30 p. m. at the VHS-Pinevale Campus for ninth graders.

A special session for the VHS faculty has been set for May 22 at 3:30 on the main campus. Dr. W. D. Lundquist of Savannah is to talk with the instructors about ways of detecting drug users in schools.

Board member Quattlebaum said there is no one qualified here to discuss detection of drug users and that outside experts are necessary.

Frank Golden of the Kiwanis Club said the group is anxious to help warn students about the dangers of various types of drugs.

"We felt Miss Eisenstadt would be a big help. She has had a lot of work experience related to drug abuse," said Golden.

The coed worked as a graduate assistant to the dean of men at the university and handled drug problems.

She helped create and set up "The Corner Drugstore in the Middle of the Block" at the university last year. The basic function of the group is to let students help themselves and each other in drug problems.

She has been asked by the National Institute of Mental Health to assist them in revamping their addict problems in Lexington, Ky., and Fort Worth, Tex.

Miss Eisenstadt has been the guest speaker at three governors' conferences this year.

Bond Referendum-3

Broader Programs Seen Needed

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last in a three-part series on the \$2.3 million bond referendum Tuesday to construct a new high school for Valdosta.

By MARY CROUSE

Students at Valdosta High School who plan to attend college after graduation fare better than their counterparts who will join the ranks of job seekers following commencement.

The college bound pupils are in the only real program now at VHS. There is little for the students who want to earn a trade or office work. And even if other programs for the non-college orientated youth were to become available here, there is no space to house the departments.

Principal Charles (Chuck) Green said that VHS is not geared to offer a comprehensive program. "And there is no room on the campus for expansion. The school has outlived its usefulness as a high school," he said.

Supt. Foster Goolsby said VHS is a place for college bound students and dropouts. He wants to see that changed but says it can't without a new high school.

But it isn't just a new building Goolsby, Green and the Valdosta Board of Education want. It is a comprehensive program which has them urging voters to give the approval Tuesday to a \$2.3 million bond referendum.

The new building is just a means to achieve an educational end.

"That end is to give every student who attends Valdosta High School the type of education he deserves. For years we have been gearing the program to the college bound child. Two years ago we put in 12 new courses in an effort to try to provide something for the students who did not intend to go to college," said the superintendent.

The fact the new courses have been included in the curriculum has kept many students in school who might otherwise have dropped out, he said.

"I maintain that students who aren't going to college have the same rights to an education as their college bound classmates," said Goolsby.

Some students at VHS are

now required to take subjects in which they have no ability or interest, creating a condition which lends itself to dropouts, he said.

The proposed new school, which the board hopes to have completed in the fall of '72, will include offerings for all students, said principal Green.

Shop, industrial arts, business education and other areas will be offered on an extensive level to help prepare students for work after graduation from high school. But a comprehensive program can only be implemented if a new facility is built, said Green.

VHS is on 12 acres of land. The main building was constructed in 1922 for about

600 to 800 students. It has been added to several times but to the 1,306 students in classrooms each day, VHS is just plain overcrowded and outdated.

Supt. Goolsby told a Parent - Teacher Association meeting at Leila Ellis Elementary School that there isn't even a closet for one more class at VHS.

He was right. Instructor Jerry Pilcher got the last one and turned it into a classroom for his art history course.

Those who attend VHS say the dinginess, cracked plaster, holes in the walls, poor lighting and ventilation and unsightly campus would be bearable if the school wasn't so crowded. Students

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—Times Staff Photo by Jimmy Brooks

Beating the Heat: Bare-footed VHS Student Finds Another Use for Sign

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help the issue. Those who want to vote will vote regardless of the place," said Howell.

School officials are predicting success of the referendum because they feel the public is concerned about education for their children.

At least one board member said the position of city hall could hurt the bond issue. Mayor Aubrey Stump has come out verbally against the referendum.

"I just hope people will realize what it will mean to the students and community if the bond issue doesn't pass," said I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr., board vice chairman.

The steering committee, set up by the board to help with the bond passage, is leaving nothing to chance. A telephone committee has been set up to ask local voters to approve Tuesday's issue.

Clubs, fraternal organizations and several church groups are providing transportation to and from the election center.

VHS students and other citizens are making a plea for the bond approvals through the news media. Students were given memoes today to take home to the parents reminding them to vote "yes" Tuesday.

The bonds mean more taxes for residents. Taxes on the bonds will go up \$1 for every \$1,000 worth of taxable property. A homeowner with a \$25,000 house will pay about \$25 a year more in taxes, according to the City Manager's office.

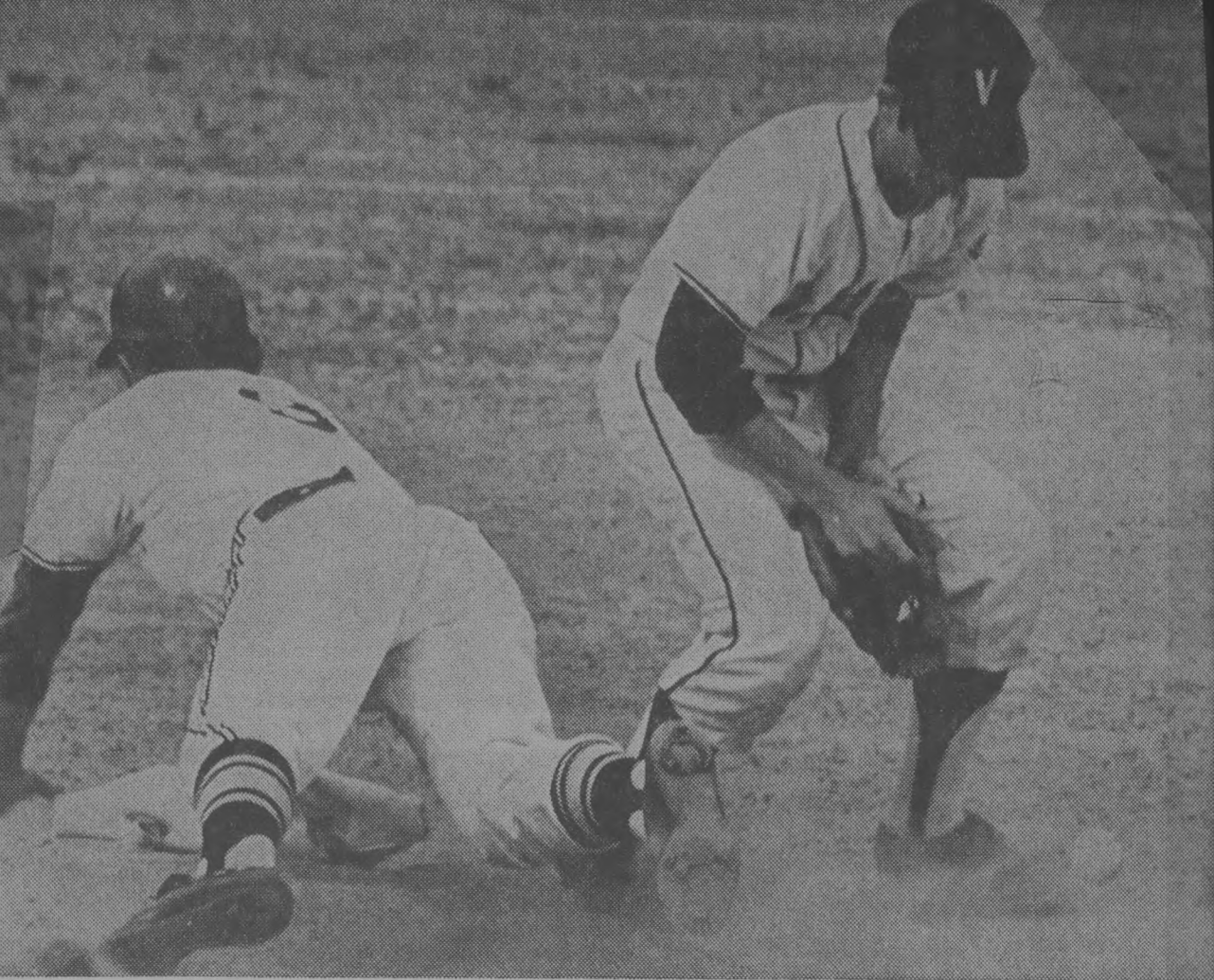
The proposed new plant to be financed with a \$1.8 million state grant is to replace the present overcrowded and outdated VHS, built in 1922 for 600 to 800 students. There are 1,306 students this year in grades 10-12 on the school's main campus. The ninth grade is housed at the VHS-Pinevale Campus.

The board has said if the bonds do not pass, students can look forward in a couple of years to double sessions or splitting of grades with two grades at Pinevale.

"We won't have any choice. The school our architect is designing will be a plant which is practical. Everything including the furnishings will be a plant which is practical. Everything including the furnishings will have a practical and educational use. All we ask for is the chance to stop short changing our students," said Tillman.

School officials say a new plant is necessary not only to relieve the critical cramped conditions at VHS but to house the new program it wants to implement for all students.

"A new program can only be housed in a new school. We can't have a program which will give every student the opportunity to learn a marketable trade or skill if we don't get a new plant. There isn't



—Times Staff Photo

Vikes' James Byrd (9) Is Safe At Third As Throw To 'Cats' Chip Bounds Comes In Low

'Cats Nip Vikes In Scoring Duel

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Staff Writer

After a see-saw battle which was a wide open scoring duel all the way, Valdosta's Wildcats nipped Lowndes' Vikings, 12-11, in a Region 1-AAA (East) baseball game here Friday.

The lead changed hands three times and the score was tied twice with coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats pushing across a run in the top of the seventh to tip the scales in their favor.

It was the seventh straight win for Valdosta and it boosted the Wildcats' overall record to 10-3 and gave them a final sub-division mark of 6-2. VHS is to close out its season when it meets Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) in a non-region affair at 4 p.m. Monday at Pendleton Park, the 'Cats home field.

For coach Noel George's Vikes who were the host for Friday's game, the loss left them 6-8 in

all games and 3-5 in sub-division play. The contest marked the close of the 1970 season for Lowndes.

In an earlier meeting between Valdosta and Lowndes, a pair of cross-town rivals, the Vikings had trimmed the 'Cats, 7-4, on VHS' home diamond. That means the two finished even in their two-game, home-and-home series this spring.

After being down 11-7 at the end of four innings, Valdosta rallied to tie it at 11-11 after six frames. Then in the top of the seventh Herbert Lester singled, moved to second on a passed ball, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Marty LeFiles. That broke the deadlock and gave 'Dosta its winning margin.

The Wildcats rapped out 11 hits, including doubles by Marty LeFiles, John Batts and Jimmy LeFiles. VHS also had

the advantage of seven Lowndes errors, five wild pitches and two passed balls.

Lowndes collected 12 hits, including a solo homer and a double by Jerome Register, and had the advantage of four Valdosta errors, a wild pitch, a balk and a passed ball.

Lester, who came on in relief of starter Marty LeFiles in the fourth inning, picked up the hill win as he blanked the Vikes on two hits during the three and one third innings he then faced. The triumph boosted Lester's record to 4-2. Butch Moore, the second of three Lowndes hurlers to see action, took the loss. It was his first pitching decision this season.

During a six-run outburst by Lowndes in the fourth inning Valdosta mentor Joe Mercer entered a protest. He contended a Lowndes batter stepped across the plate while hitting and hopped back toward the mound and should have been called out. The umpire ruled the batter was in a legal position when he hit the ball.

Since Valdosta went on to win the game, the protest is no longer a factor in determining the outcome of the game.

Valdosta	ab	r	h	rbt	
S. Bounds, lf	5	3	2	1	
C. Bounds, 3b	3	1	2	0	
Golden, cf	3	0	1	2	
Branam, c	4	0	0	0	
J. LeFiles, 2b	3	2	1	0	
Batts, lb	4	2	2	0	
Copeland, rf	2	0	0	0	
Lester, p	2	1	1	0	
Furth, ss	3	2	0	0	
M. Le Files, p-rf	4	1	2	2	
TOTALS	33	12	11	5	
Lowndes	ab	r	h	rbt	
Moore, ss-p	2	2	1	1	
Glisson, lb	0	0	0	0	
Byrd, lf	4	1	0	0	
Register, cf	5	1	3	2	
Ray, p	3	1	1	0	
Mitchell, ss	1	0	0	0	
Spriggs, c	1	1	1	1	
Sargent, 3b	3	2	1	0	
Linahan, rf	4	2	3	1	
Phillips, lb-p	4	2	3	1	
Haines, 2b	3	1	1	1	
Smith	1	0	0	0	
TOTALS	34	11	12	7	
Valdosta	130	313	1-12-11-4		
Lowndes	149	600	0-11-12-7		
E—Spriggs, Moore 5, J. LeFiles, C. Bounds, Golden, Register 2, Furth					
DP—Furth to J. LeFiles to Batts, Mitchell to Spriggs to Haines					
LOB+Lowndes 7, Valdosta 8					
2B—M. LeFiles, Batts, Register, J. LeFiles					
HR—Register					
SB—J. LeFiles, Furth, Moore, S. Bounds, Furth					
S—C. Bounds, Haines, SF—Golden					
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M. LeFiles	3-2-3	10	11	4	3
Lester (W)	3-2-3	2	0	0	1
Ray	5-2-3	10	11	2	2
Moore (L)	1-3	1	1	0	1
Phillips	2-3	0	0	0	1
HBP by M. LeFiles, Byrd, Ray					
BALK—Lester					
WP—Ray 2, Lester, Moore 3					
PB—Branam, Spriggs 2					

Anderson Claims 1-AAA Net Crown

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta, Moultrie and Wayne County (Jesup) shared the victory honors in the Region 1-AAA high school tennis tournament which was played here Thursday.

For the second year in a row John Anderson, representing coach Julian LeFiles' Valdosta Wildcats, became the 1-AAA boys singles champion.

The girls singles crown was claimed by Wayne's Janice Bennett.

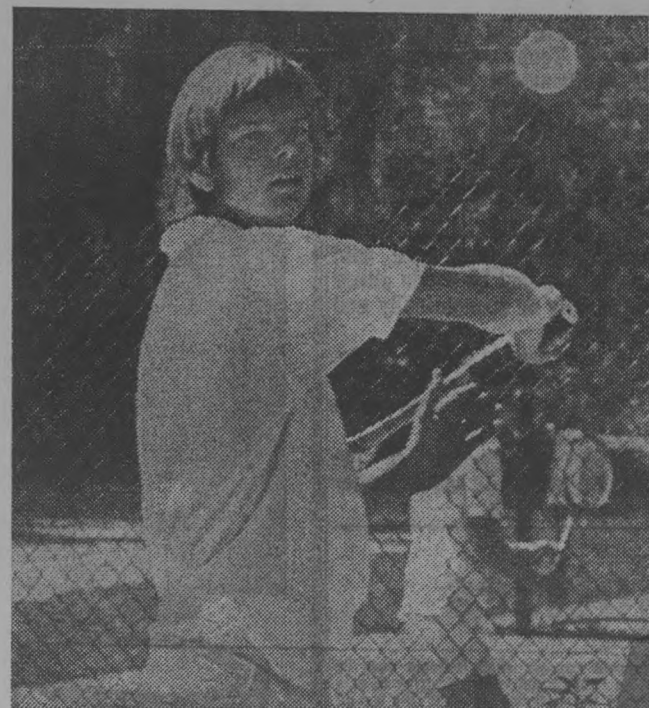
In doubles competition the Moultrie duo of Donna Goodson-Sally Humphries won the girls championship and the Wayne twosome of Mark Gregory - Oliver Scott captured the boys crown.

This is the group which will represent Region 1-AAA in the state Class AAA tournament which is scheduled for May 15-16 at Atlanta. Anderson, who is now a senior, reached the semi-finals in the boys singles in the state test in 1969.

In his march to the 1-AAA boys singles title yesterday Anderson turned back Mike Charlton of Dougherty (Albany), 6-0, 6-0; Frank Faulk of Westover (Albany), 6-2, 6-1; Frank McKemie of Albany, 6-3, 7-5, and Preston Conger of Moultrie, 6-2, 6-1.

While Anderson was the only VHS winner, the Wildcat team of Jeff Slocum-Jerry LaMontagne was runner-up in the boys' doubles competition. They dropped a 6-3, 6-3 decision to Gregory-Scott in the finals.

For VHS' Kittens, who are coached by Mrs. Eleanor Adams, the twosome of Bar-



—Times Staff Photo

VHS' John Anderson Wins Again

bara Nelson - Carolyn Shenton reached the quarter-finals in girls doubles play before losing.

A total of 93 players representing nine schools in the region took part in the day-long net event here.

Results follow:

BOYS SINGLES

FIRST ROUND - Frank McKemie, Albany, beat Warren Kirk, Moultrie, 6-0, 6-0. SECOND ROUND - McKemie beat Steve Simpson, Dougherty, 6-0, 6-0; Mal Jenkins, Ware, beat Robert Goodman, Coffee, 6-4, 6-3; Frank Faulk, Westover, beat Gary Williams, Coffee, 6-0, 6-2; John Anderson, Valdosta, beat Mike Carlton, Dougherty, 6-0, 6-0; Morgan Fordham, Valdosta, beat Myron Jackson, Monroe, 6-0, 6-1; Preston Conger, Moultrie, beat Jerry Riggins, Wayne, 6-1, 6-2; Henry Harris, Wayne, beat Ruben Burch, Monroe, 6-1, 6-1; James Coker, Ware, beat Brad Polk, Westover, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

THIRD ROUND - McKemie beat Jenkins, 6-0, 6-2; Anderson beat Faulk, 6-2, 6-1; Conger beat Fordham, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; Harris beat Coker, 6-3, 6-3. SEMI-FINALS - Anderson beat McKemie, 6-3, 7-5; Conger beat Harris, 6-3, 6-3. FINALS - Anderson beat Conger, 6-3, 6-2.

BOYS DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND - Joe Strickland-Joe Trayham, Coffee, beat John Perry-Kenny Parkman, Dougherty, 6-1, 6-1; Mark McGregor - Oliver Scott, Wayne, beat Mike Haggerty - Ricky Barro, Albany, 6-2, 6-0. SECOND ROUND - McGregor-Scott beat Strickland - Trayham, 6-2, 6-1; Joe Senal-Steve Strickland, Westover, beat James Hightower-Tommy Proctor, Monroe, 6-2, 6-1; Raymond Cline-Wayne Gerbis, Dougherty, won on forfeit by Chip Mulford - Wayne Floyd, Wayne; Jim Cottinham - Ienn Smith, Coffee, beat Alfonso Mosley-Marvin Miller, Monroe, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; Ken McCorkle - Mike Cham-moun, Moultrie, beat Steve Johnston-Bill Gaston, Westover, 6-4, 6-1; Gerald Alcorn - Bo Woodward, Valdosta, beat Steve Hand-Al Conklin, Ware, 6-2, 7-5; Ashby Grimmeret - Willie McCall, Moultrie, beat Cass Miller-Burt Brimberry, Albany, 6-2, 7-5; Jeff Slocum-Jerry LaMontagne, Valdosta, beat David Griffin-Pat Minchew, 6-1, 6-1.

THIRD ROUND - McGregor-Scott beat Senal-Strickland, 6-2, 6-3; Cline-Gerbis beat Cottingham-Smith, 6-3, 6-4; McCorkle-Chammoun, beat Alcorn-Woodward, 6-2, 6-3; Slocum-LaMontagne beat Grimmeret-McCall, 6-1, 6-1. SEMI-FINALS - McGregor - Scott beat Cline-Gerbis, 6-1, 6-0; Slocum-LaMontagne beat McCorkle-Chapman, 6-1, 6-1. FINALS - McGregor-Scott beat Slocum-LaMontagne, 6-3, 6-3.

GIRLS SINGLES

FIRST ROUND - Virginia Luther, Albany, beat Jenny Riggins, Wayne, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; Lucy Stewart, Valdosta, beat Body Alderman, Westover, 6-4, 6-3; Janice Bennett, Wayne, beat Barbara Mulis, Dougherty, 6-1, 6-0; Diane Benford, Albany, beat Teresa Barnes, Ware, 6-1, 6-1; Vickie Perry, Dougherty beat Jenny Lloyd, Valdosta, 6-3, 6-8, 6-1.

SECOND ROUND - Luther beat Jenkins, 6-3, 6-3; Bennett beat Stewart, 8-6, 7-5; Vogt beat Benford, 6-4, 7-5; Chao beat Perry, 7-5, 6-3. SEMI-FINALS - Bennett beat Luther, 7-5, 6-0; Vogt beat Chao, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3. FINALS - Bennett beat Vogt 6-2, 6-4.

GIRLS DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND - Teresa Carmichael-Laney Hall, Westover, beat Barbara Weeks - Debbie Taylor, Dougherty, 6-0, 6-0; Barbara Nelson - Carolyn Shenton, Valdosta, beat Hanky Prince-Heien Wildes, Ware, 6-2, 6-2; Nancy Owens-Sharon Bright, Albany, beat Amy Holton-Laura Parker, Coffee, 6-0, 6-0; Connie Riggin-Lois Caphton, Wayne, beat Frances Day Jerry Rogers, Dougherty, 6-2, 6-1; Judy Burkhalter-Georgia Belger, Coffee, beat Susan Kirkey - Darlene Driskoll, Albany, 6-1, 11-9; Mary Keenan-Ellen Mitchell, Westover, beat Janet Rose - Janet Lee, Ware, 6-1, 6-1.

SECOND ROUND - Nelson - Shenton beat Carmichael - Hall, 7-5, 6-4; Owens-Bright beat Riggin Caphton, 6-1, 6-4; Burkhalter-Belger beat Liz Sparger - Lyn Van Horn, Valdosta, 6-4, 6-1; Donna Goodson - Sally Humphries, Moultrie, beat cenan - Mitchell, 6-2, 6-2. SEMI-FINALS - Owens - Bright beat Nelson-Shenton, 6-2, 6-3; Goodson - Humphries beat Burkhalter - Belger, 6-0, 6-0. FINALS - Goodson-Humphries beat Owens-Bright, 6-0, 6-0.

Full Loop Slates Likely In 1-AAA

Indications right now are that Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes' Vikings will play a full 10-game regional schedule during the 1970 and 1971 high school football seasons without any room for contests with non-league foes.

The Georgia High School Association, after a necessary delay, announced last Friday the reclassification of schools and the realignment of regions for the 1970-71 and 1971-72 school years. The changes will take place beginning next September.



GLASSMAN

Anyway, the new setup for 1-AAA has Valdosta and Lowndes as members along with Albany, Bainbridge, Central (Thomasville), Dougherty (Albany), Monroe (Albany), Moultrie, Tift County (Tifton), Thomasville and Westover (Albany).

That's 11 teams and means all can play each other during the 1970 and 1971 grid seasons and still stay within the limit of 10 regular season games.

May 20 has been set as the date when new football schedules are to be drawn. The members of 1-AAA could vote to sub-divide for football, but that doesn't appear likely. They may, however, vote for some sort of division for other sports, like track, baseball and basketball, to help cut down on traveling during those seasons.

As for the changes in 1-AAA lineup, there are several. The carryover members include Valdosta, Lowndes, Albany, Monroe, Moultrie, Tift and Westover, which up to now hasn't been playing a regional football schedule.

Newcomers are Thomasville (up from 1-AA), Bainbridge (up from 1-AA) and Thomasville Central (up from 1-A). Dropping out of 1-AAA will be Coffee County (moving to 3-AAA), Wayne County (moving to 3-AAA) and Ware County (moving to 1-AA).

As for the 'Cats' and Vikes' 1970 and 1971 football schedules, we'll know for sure what they will be after that region meeting on May 20.

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Two-Part Program

VHS Band Plans Concert

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School concert band is to present a program at Mathis City auditorium Friday at 8:15 p. m., according to director Frank Butenschon.

The program is in two parts, with the 80-piece concert band playing in the first half.

"We're doing several good marches," said Butenschon.

Some of the marches include "Army of the Nile," "Stars and Stripes Forever," "1812 Overture," a folk-rock composition "Alla Barocco" and a trombone trio.

In the second part of the

program the lab band, an augmented stage band, is to play compositions by Jim Mahaffey of Adel, said Butenschon.

The lab band, he said, has a sound like the old big bands but French horns, flutes, oboe and bassoon are added. There are 26 pieces in the lab band.

"It gets a real good sound," said the director.

Selections to be played by the lab band include a medley of the Blood, Sweat and Tears album called "Blood, Sweat and Blues," "Stormy," "Turn Around, Look at Me" and "Traces."

The VHS band gives one formal concert a year and plays for school assemblies and civic programs, said Butenschon.

Proceeds from the formal concert are to be used to pay for awards presented to senior band students and for the summer band camp.

Tickets can be bought from band students, members of the Band Boosters Club, at Barnes Drug Store in Brookwood Plaza and at the door.

Turnout Seen Light For School Decision

by MARY CROUSE

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The bond referendum is to be held at the Mathis city auditorium and polls are to be open from 7 a. m. until 7 p. m., said election superintendent Horace West, who is Samll Claims Court judge.

If approved, the \$2.3 million bond issue would be lumped with about \$1.8 million in state funds to build a proposed \$4.1 million facility to be ready for use in the fall of 1972.

The new facility would give every non-college bound student who graduates an employable trade or skill, according to the new program plans adopted by the city board of education.

It is the new program which the board hopes will bring voters to the polls Tuesday to approve the bond issue.

"This new program is the greatest factor in our favor. We can not operate a school like we want unless we have the proper program and we can't have a proper program without a new building," said board chairman John Howell.

Board member J. L. Newbern Jr. said he will be surprised if the bond referendum fails.

"I think the success of the issue depends on whether or not the voters who take the time to vote have familiarized themselves with the absolute necessity of the high school building and comprehensive program," said Newbern.

Board members are predicting an average turnout of about 1,500 voters. Newbern said a good responsible turnout would be 2,200 to 2,500 persons.

Howell said the negative factor in the issue is the everyday inflation and higher taxes. "People are anti-everything now," he said.

School officials do not feel the site of the polling headquarters will have any effect on the bond issue outcome.

"I don't think it will hurt or

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Beat Bonds, Stump Tells City Voters

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Mayor Aubrey J. Stump today issued a statement in which he asked Valdosta voters to vote against school bonds in Tuesday's referendum.

Mayor-Council called Tuesday's referendum at the request of the Valdosta Board of Education to let voters decide whether the city will issue \$2.3 million in school bonds for construction of a new high school.

The board has plans to construct a building designed to house about 2,500 students at a cost of \$4 million. In addition to the local bond financing of \$2.3 million, the State Department of Education has made a commitment for \$1.8 million.

Mayor Stump in his statement said the school board is guilty of near-sightedness by putting almost all the city's bonding capacity in the high school. He said there are other needs the city must meet.

The full text of the mayor's statement:

"I want every citizen to know

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continue airline service. Water and sewer services should be extended to every citizen of Valdosta and for the city's industrial development. These improvements can not be accomplished if the school bond referendum passes.

"I ask every citizen to go to the polls Tuesday, May 12, and vote against the school bond referendum."

Councilmen, over Mayor Stump's objection, had passed a resolution calling for the referendum by a 6-0 vote. The mayor can vote only in case of a tie.



—Times Staff Photo

Album Cover: From Left, Mark True, Woody Leonard, Karen Hausman, Hamp Bell

Marchin' Cats Wax Disc, Has 'Public's Favorites'

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats Band just as it sounds at half-time at the football games, the formal sounds of the VHS concert band and the big band sounds of the lab band are all available in long playing full stereo sound.

The high school's three bands Thursday cut an album which is to be available the first of June and includes many of the selections the bands are to play at a concert Friday at 8:15 at the city auditorium.

This is the third album the school band has made, the others in 1961 and 1965, said director Frank Butenschon.

"For the marching band, we tried to think back and get the numbers which got the best response from the audience," said Butenschon.

What the director and 90 band members came up with was an outdoor show like a football half-time show including its fanfare, "This Is My Country," "Sunny" featuring Glen Evans, "Shangri-La" and a composition of Butenschon's "Mardi Gras '70."

The Mardi Gras number is the full drill the band did while competing in New Orleans, La., for the best band in Dixie title.

There is not much music published for lab bands, an augmented stage band, so what music there is was used for its portion on the album, said the director.

Selections by the lab band include "Stormy," "Turn Around

Look at Me," "Going Out of My Head" and "Blood, Sweat and Blues."

The 80-member concert band tried to pick selections from the upcoming concert for inclusion on the album. "We picked selections we felt the public would enjoy," said Butenschon. "We tried not to go too heavy and yet put some serious literature in their also."

The flip side of the album, which is to sell for \$4, includes "650 East March," "Emperata Overture," "Army of the Nile" march, the folk rock "Alla Barocco" and the numbers the band always closes its concerts with, "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "If I Loved You."

The students cut the album in the VHS band room in three sessions, 1½ hours at noon, another 1½ hours after school and about three hours Thursday night.

"We're real encouraged by the sound of the tapes," said Butenschon. "They used just first-class equipment in making the tapes."

"You never get them down perfect, which is what we'd like to have done, but they sound pretty good."

Century Recording Company sent a representative here from Atlanta to make the tapes for the album, and the equipment was set up in the band room.

Because the album is to be available after school closes, band members are taking orders for it now, said Butenschon. If the album is to be mailed, the

cost is \$4.50, and orders can also be placed at the band office.

Butenschon and his band's have been just as concerned about the album cover as what's going inside it and have had a band shield designed by a professional company.

"The cover, we hope, is going to be real fine," said the director. The band shield, he said, "is a beautiful thing, sort of like a coat of arms for our band."

The album cover is black with a parchment scroll on the front with the shield in the middle, he said.

The shield includes a musical instrument, a music staff with crossed herald horns and the band motto, pride. Under the shield is a scroll saying Marchin' Cats and perched on top is the head of a wildcat.

"It will be used for all our awards," said Butenschon. "It will personalize the awards for seniors. And we're going to have patches made to go on the uniforms. There are just a multitude of things you can do with it."

The Band Boosters paid for the album to be cut and profits from album sales go to the supporting club. The Boosters, in return, pay for the band's trips to summer camp and to play in out-of-town festivals and parades.

"We try not to do one every year because it involves time, time to sell and time to make," said Butenschon. "We do one every several years to give the students and public a chance to get one."

"With all three organizations on it," he said, "it ought to be something everybody will enjoy."

Letters To The Editor

Student Cites School Need

Sir:

I go to Valdosta High school and would like to say a few things about some of the arguments brought up in the ad in Friday's Times urging a "no" vote on the bond referendum.

They said that vocational and elementary needs are being ignored. Most elementary schools have got it better than we have. About vocational training, it is actually one of the many reasons we need a new high school.

The only vocational courses offered are brick masonry and typing. The plans for a new VHS include many courses in mechanics, electronics or even data processing.

The ad said, "Why be in such a hurry?" The longer we wait the worse conditions will get. We are already starting semi-split sessions next year.

If the bond referendum isn't passed, VHS will within a couple of years be completely split with two grades at Pinevale and two at the present site. This would virtually eliminate our great band and football team that everyone is supposed to be so proud of.

As a student I can tell you firsthand of the conditions at the present VHS. They are bad enough that it is growing harder to get well-qualified teachers. They would rather work at the newer, more modern schools. Already we have a few teachers who fall short of the standards we would have liked to maintain at VHS.

As for all these spare rooms that are supposed to be so plentiful, I wish they'd show us some of them. Mr. Pilcher teaches art history in an old book storage room about the size of most people's kitchen.

My driver's ed class had to meet in the storage room behind the superintendent's office. The entrance is a garage door which was really thrilling during the winter. Other choice sites have been a locker room and under the stands in the gym.

Teachers often have to change classes with the students. This is because many teachers don't have a regular room and have to teach in someone else's room during that teacher's free period.

We've been lucky so far. There hasn't been a fire at VHS. But our luck can't hold out forever. Most fire drills lately have been disappointing to say the least. The second floor depends mainly upon two staircases to reach the main floor and then leave the building.

If a fire broke out in the northern end of the second floor, one of these staircases and the only fire escape would probably be inaccessible. This would leave one staircase which is crowded under normal conditions.

The chances of a fire breaking out aren't as remote as they may seem. The wiring is old and seriously overloaded. A few months ago some

heavy wires shorted out blacking out the school.

If the ancient boiler which heats the school, located under the school auditorium, decided to blow up during an assembly many students probably wouldn't have to worry about a way out. With more students coming, conditions can only get worse.

Each person's share of the money the bond would raise would not add up to much, especially when you consider the consequences.

David Slowik
903 E. Gordon

Final Decision On School Site Now Said Impossible

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

It will be impossible to have a definite site for the new Valdosta High School before Tuesday's bond referendum, said city board of education member Reuben Yancey.

Yancey, board attorney and treasurer, is chairman of the board's site committee. He has told the board that the two verbal options on 50-acre tracts of land have not yet been made binding with a written option.

"We have asked for a written option but so far we have not gotten any signatures on the two pieces of land," said Yancey.

The board had hoped to announce the location for its proposed new \$4.1 million facility before Tuesday.

The \$2.3 million in bonds and a \$1.8 million State Department of Education grant would pay for the land, construction and equipment costs of the new school, according to board members.

(Bubber) Tillman Jr., coordinating the board's efforts to build a new high school, said he has received several other land offers from local citizens. "Some do not have water and sewer lines but we are still looking at all and any new possibilities," he said.

The two spots the board has under verbal option are located in the northeast section of the city. One tract is adjacent to and behind the W. G. Nunn Elementary School on Forrest Street. The property, owned by Bray Lumber Co., faces Lakeland Avenue and Park Avenue.

Tillman said he has been

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Street Elementary, build an industrial arts department at the Lomax Junior High and purchase land for a new high school.

The board at that time stipulated that \$100,000 of the bond money would go towards securing a site for the proposed new high school.

The bids on all three of the elementary school projects and library were over the architects' estimates.

The bids went over the board's budget for the work to the tune of about \$200,000. To finish the projects, the board used the \$100,000 it had reserved for the high school land.

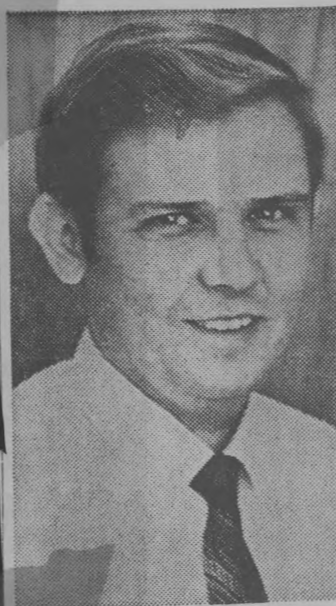
"The board had no choice. The classroom additions at the two elementary schools were needed desperately. The library at Sallas Mahone was a must. The board decided not to go ahead with plans for an industrial arts department at Lomax because the fate of the school was not then known," said Supt. Foster Goolsby.

He said after the decision was made to convert Lomax to an elementary school any ideas for the industrial arts department were scrapped.

"Then the bids came in way over the architect's estimate on the Gordon Street school. If the board had not used the money

it got from the sale of its surplus school old Central Elementary, it would have been in trouble building the new school," said Goolsby.

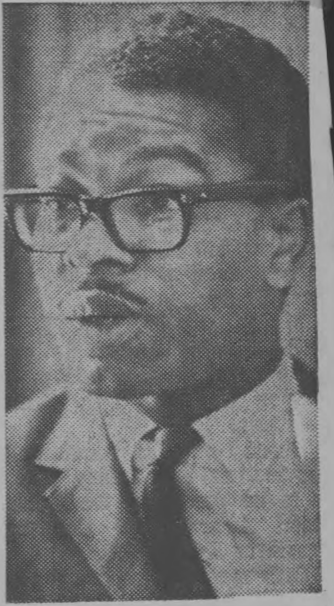
Board chairman John Howell said the bond money from Tuesday's referendum is designated for the proposed new high school. "It'll take all of it for that new building," he said.



WALTER ALTMAN III
VHS Assistant



MACEO HORNE
To Leila Ellis



GEORGE DUCKWORTH
Going To Lomax

Principals

School Switches Announced

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The city Board of Education has named an additional assistant principal at Valdosta High School and made two moves among elementary school administrators.

Walter Altman III, 27, is the new assistant principal for VHS, Maceo Horne is to take over the top job at Leila Ellis Elementary while George Duckworth is moving to Lomax Elementary.

Supt. Foster Goolsby made the announcement of the appointments at the board meeting Tuesday night. The board had decided upon the appointments at a closed meeting last week.

Frank Wilson is the other assistant principal at VHS.

Altman is visiting teacher this year in the Lowndes County school system. He taught social studies at Cook High School in Adel for two years and math

one year at Lowndes Junior High.

A graduate of Valdosta State College, he received his master's degree from the University of Georgia in Athens. He and his wife have one child.

Duckworth, principal at Magnolia Elementary School, is to take over the school now headed by Virgil Beck. Beck is to be principal of the new Gordon Street Elementary which is to open this fall.

The board plans to close Magnolia after this school term.

Supt. Foster Goolsby said there is a possibility Duckworth will be at South Street Elementary, where Horne is principal, instead of Lomax.

"It depends on which one we need to use for an elementary school," he said.

Horne is replacing Eva Caruthers who is retiring as principal this year. Horne has been at South Street a year.

Students Jump In

Marching For New School

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

About 200 Valdosta High School students jumped with both feet into the new school campaign by parading downtown Friday afternoon to show their support of Tuesday's \$2.3 million bond referendum.

The students, led by the Marchin' Cats band, paraded down Patterson Street to the courthouse with a police escort.

Teachers and administrators joined the youth in the downtown trek even though the temperature was a hot 89 degrees.

Carrying signs and banners which urged passage of the bond issue, the participants brought the business community and residents outside to see what the parade was all about.

One look at the signs the students and adults carried told the story. "Vott Yes VHS," "We don't Wand Double Sessions," "Don't Split Our Grades," "The Future of Valdosta and its Children is Up To You," were among some of the messages painted on the placards and banners.

The parade was an effort by the students from the main campus and the Pinevale Campus to urge Valdostans to the polls

Tuesday and approve the bond referendum.

The bonds, if passed, are to provide the city's share of financing a new school to replace overcrowded VHS. The Valdosta Board of Education is in line to receive a \$1.8 million grant from the State Department of Education for construction of a new high school.

The bonds and state funds would give the local board the \$4.1 million it says is needed to build a new VHS. Target date for completion is September 1972.

The VHS students were asked by members of the Steering Committee, which is working with the board for passage of the bonds, to join in a rally after school Friday. Some students walked from the Pinevale Campus which is in the Southern part of town to the main campus to participate in the parade.

Most of the students and faculty members walked. Principal Charles (Chuck) Green and assistant principal Frank Wilson were among those on foot. Several cars were in the parade and girls sat on the backs of convertibles with signs urging

voters to give the community a new high school. Supt. Foster Goolsby and some of his staff also participated in the parade.

Art teacher Jerry Pilcher had his whole family in the parade. His wife, math instructor Elaine Pilcher, and their little girl Ginna held a sign up through the sun roof of their car asking for a vote Yes VHS.

Green was elated with the turnout. "It is hot, and Friday afternoon besides. I think we had a great participation and I'm proud of everyone of them," said the principal.

Green said the students care about quality of education and are aware of the needs for a new school which will offer them a new comprehensive program.

Head football coach Wright Bazemore told the students who sat on the courthouse lawn for a pep talk that they need to get their friends and parents to the polls Tuesday.

"That's what you can do now to help get the bonds passed. You care and I know it. You are the best student body in the country and deserve a decent education, but you've got the worst school.

"Your presence shows you care. I'm preaching to the wrong folks, I know that, but you can carry the message. You know the new high school won't be for you. You'll never attend classes in it, but you want it for the children you'll have someday and your younger brothers and sisters," said Bazemore.

He said students do not want double sessions or split grades anymore than teachers.

"You have earned a new high school that will give every student a chance to learn a trade or a skill and to enable him to get a good job," said the coach.

Paper, Yearbook Editors Named At Valdosta High

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Editors for the student publications at Valdosta High School have been named for the 1970-71 school term.

Martha Alice Giddens is the "Dosta Outlook" editor while Kay Deming takes over as head of the "Sandspur" staff. Both girls are rising seniors.

Others named to Miss Deming's yearbook staff include Patti Parrish and Janice Rentscher, faculty and curriculum co-editors; Mariliz Mayo and Joy Paine, senior co-editors.

Joy Johnson and Steve Callahan are co-editors for the junior section and Brenda Jensen is the sophomore editor. Club editors are Liz Wade, Joe Tillman and Donald Boykin.

Curt Bazemore, David Lasiter and Mike Welch are sports editors and William Girardin is to be the business manager.

Working with Miss Giddens on the newspaper will be Richard Neese, editorial editor, and Valley Blanton, assistant editorial editor.

Co-feature editors are Mar-Dee Durden and Anne Franklin. Their assistants are Ray Kelly, Lucy Neal and John



MISS DEMING Annual

Fisher.

Co-feature editors are Marsha Noble and Judi Beard. The assistants are Marie Terry and Lucy Stewart.

Archie Culbreth is to edit the sports pages, and Nita Brantley and William Brown are to be the assistant sports editors.

Evelyn Nutt and Gary Benner are the staff artists and Bazlyn Moore is the Creative Editor. Typists are Bev-

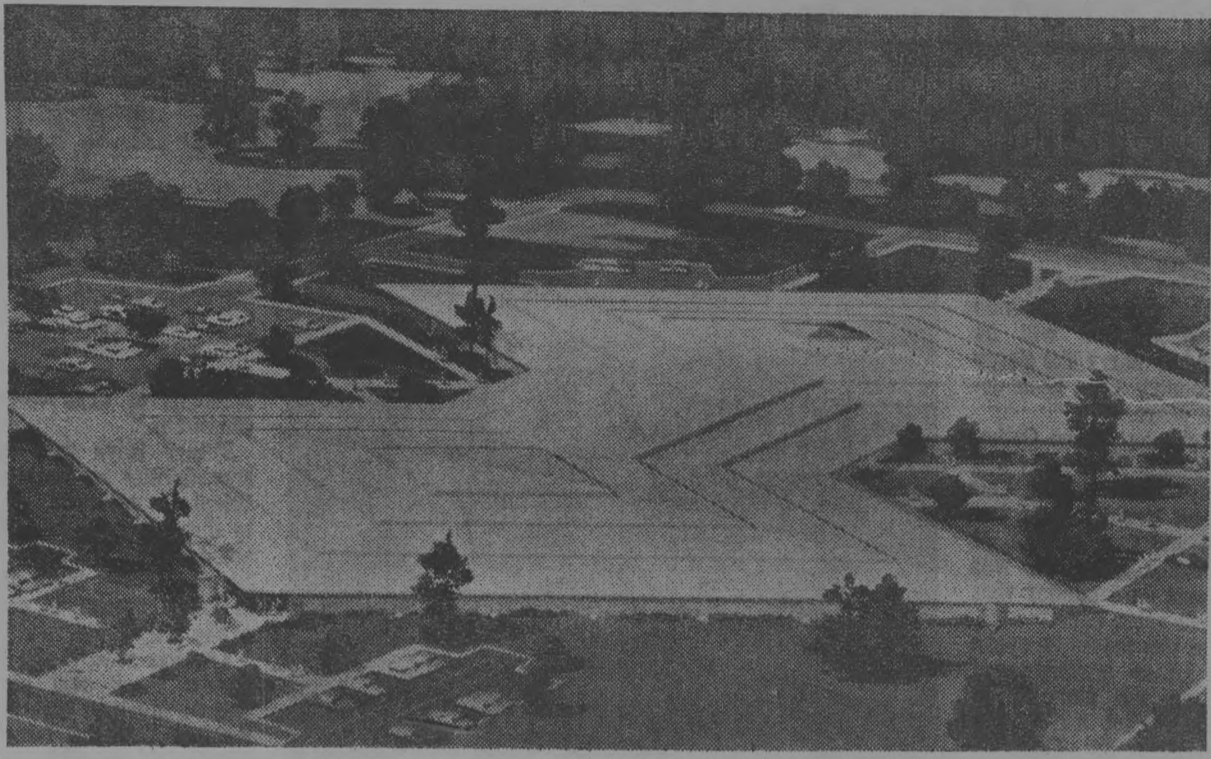


MISS GIDDENS Newspaper

erly O'Conner, Gwen Graham and Don Johnston. Steve Hallwanger is the filing clerk.

The new business manager is Beth Howell and Chris Blane is the Advertising Manager. John Morris is the exchange editor.

Selections for the publications editors and staffs were made by faculty advisors Mrs. Harry Wolinski and Mrs. Richard Atwell.



**WE URGE YOU TO VOTE FOR THE
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The following people in the Valdosta School System endorse the building of the new high school and support the bond issue!



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The new high school will be a new program -- a comprehensive program to fill the needs of all students.

Victory Brings Cheers

Didn't Let Schools Down

By MARY CROUSE

At a time when bond referendums are being defeated all over the country and school systems are being forced to close their doors, Valdostans have approved a \$2.3 million bond issue which will help finance a new comprehensive high school.

The financial green light was given to the Valdosta Board of Education Tuesday despite a plea from the mayor asking voters to reject the referendum.

The board and other school officials who were at the polls when the final vote was announced a few minutes after 7 p.m. cheered while some women picked up their small children and cried.

It was an emotional moment for those who had worked since January to get that yes vote.

"It passed because we have such a great town. The teachers, students and other citizens helped get this for Valdosta," said board vice chairman I.H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr.

Someone turned to Valdosta architect Zeb Lackey and jokingly told him to get back to his drawing board. "You've got a new school to finish up," said the man.

Lackey is the board's architect for its proposed \$4 million facility which will replace the present overcrowded Valdosta High School. The new school is to open September of 1972.

Although only a rendering of the new VHS was shown to the public, Lackey said preliminary drawings would have had no bearing on the vote outcome.

The proposed school which looks like two arrows end on end is to be designed on a modified open space concept. Some school officials were afraid this might draw adverse reaction?

The board has not pinpointed an exact site on which to build the new VHS because it has been unable to get written options. This, too, was a disadvantage which had the board concerned.

"No one wanted to sign an option with us until they were sure we'd get the money to buy land," said board attorney and treasurer Reuben Yancey.

He does not think now the lack of a location influenced many voters one way or the other.

"People are just tired of taxes. That's the whole thing no matter what else they say," said Yancey.

The board member said Tuesday's outcome was hardly a vote of confidence by the citizens.

"This will be an incentive to work even harder and give the town the best school system possible," said board member

Supt. Foster Goolsby said the referendum passed for one reason.

"The majority of voters thought we needed a new high school as soon as possible. I am delighted with the passage," said the superintendent.

But several school officials believe that Mayor Aubrey Stump's last ditch effort to defeat the bonds helped eliminate the complacency from some voters.

Mayor Stump in a statement Monday accused the school board of being near-sighted by putting almost all of the city's bonding capacity in the new high school needs. He urged voters to vote no in the referendum.

"I think the Mayor's last minute stand only helped our cause. It made a lot of people aware there was strong opposition to the referendum and got them to the polls to vote yes," said a board member.

Stump said today that he did

He said the turnout by school personnel was a deciding factor.

Another school official said the students can not be ignored for their role in the Vote Yes VHS campaign. A group of VHS students led by Joe Vickers registered about 390 Negro voters and provided transportation for them to the polls.

Students distributed bumper stickers and paraded downtown to show their support of the bonds.

VHS principal Charles (Chu) Green said the board and Steering Committee, formed by the board to help pass the bonds, did a tremendous job in getting the needs for a new building to house the proposed program to the public.

"I think this played a big part in the turnout. I've never been happier in my life. This has given us all something to work for and will be the biggest morale booster to the faculty and students that I can think of," said Green.

Steering Committee Chairman Tenney Griffin said the bonds were approved because the voters are concerned with progress in the community and in quality education.

not wage a campaign against the referendum and just wanted to make his feelings known.

"The people wanted this passed and I bow to the will of the people," said the Mayor.

VHS' Wright Bazemore, head football coach and athletic director, attributed the win to the entire community.

"We won because there are a bunch of wonderful people here. Valdosta has got the best people in the whole world. We always have and always will have the best citizens anywhere. It's a great place to live and raise your children. Folks don't let you down," said the coach.

Bazemore was all smiles at the victory. A veteran winner in the sports world, the coach got on the board's team to help with the passage of the bond issue.

He called Tuesday's win a new day in education in Valdosta and said people want a good high school program.

There are no business educa-

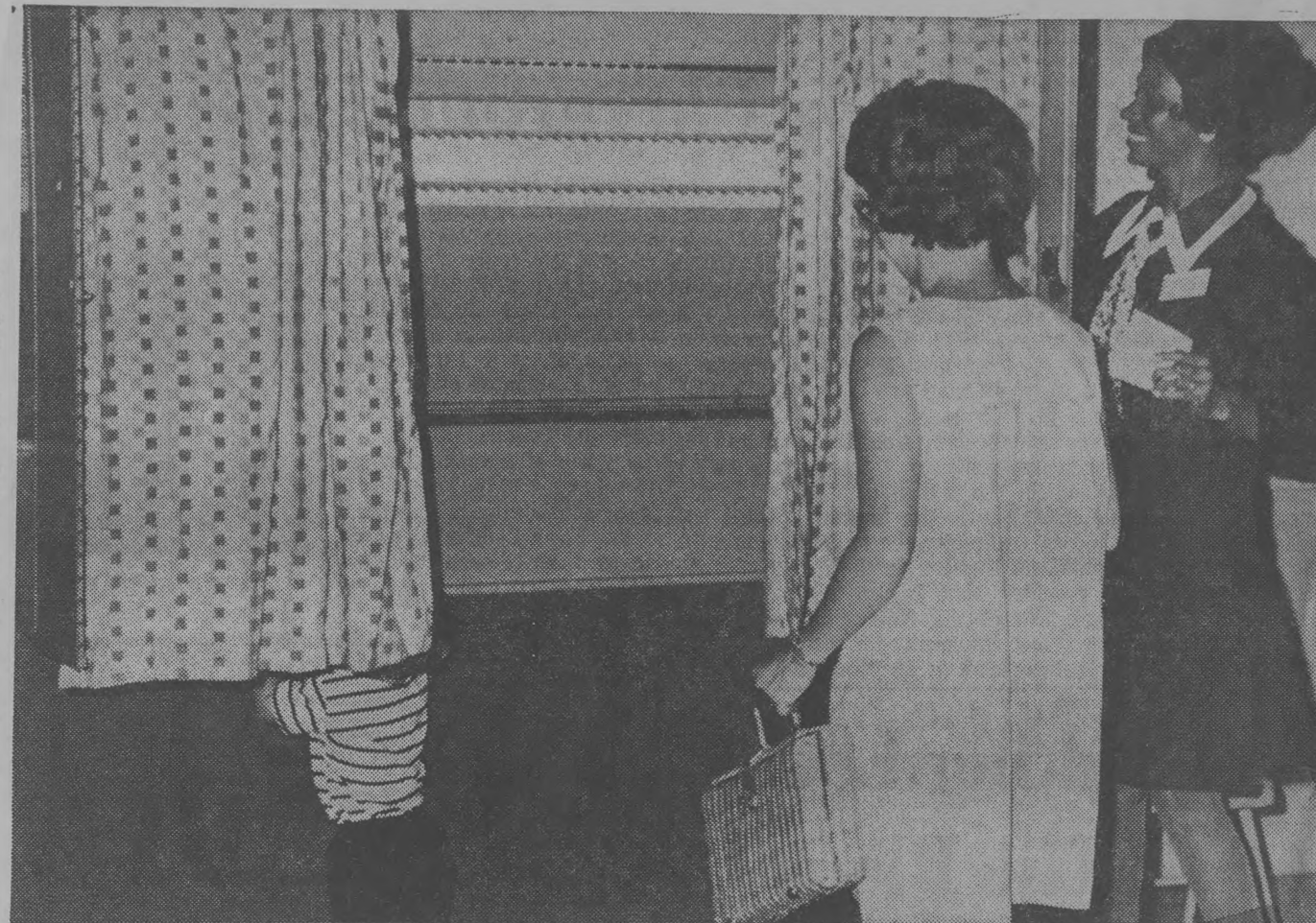
tion or industrial arts departments at VHS. Space won't allow the addition of any more courses at the school built in 1922.

The new building which the board estimates to cost about \$4 million will have a comprehensive program designed to give every student who graduates a marketable skill or trade.

Board chairman John Howell believes the proposed new program was the deciding factor in Tuesday's referendum.

"When our Chamber of Commerce announces a new industry, there is much rejoicing and fanfare. As a result of yesterday's election, the citizens are bringing a new \$4 million industry to town.

"It'll be one in which every property owner is a stockholder and the products of this industry will benefit every family in Valdosta and before long be all over these United States," said Howell.



Beating Her To The Punch: Pre-School Youngster Precedes Mom into Voting Booth During Bond Election

-Times Staff Photo

Split Classes Would Hurt Program

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A 2-2 split of Valdosta High School classes would virtually eliminate the extra-curricular programs including football and band.

But this is what will happen if the May 12 \$2.3 million school bond referendum doesn't pass, according to a fact sheet published by the Valdosta Board of Education and superintendent.

The fact sheet, which has now been passed out to every school child in the city system to take home for parental consumption, states two grades in the senior high will be put at Valdosta High School and the other two grades will be at the

VHS-Pinevale campus if the bond issue is turned down by the voters.

The present VHS can not accommodate the enrollment by September 1972, stated the sheet.

The May 12 bond referendum, if passed, is to provide the city's share of financing the estimated \$4 million high school to replace overcrowded VHS.

The board hopes to have its proposed new facility ready for occupancy by September 1972.

The information sheet states that if the bond issue does not get voter approval, many of the better teachers will quit to go to other systems with better

working conditions and the morale of students and teachers would suffer.

Many children would not receive an education suited to their needs and a bigger bond issue would have to be voted upon next year to cover higher building costs. The fact sheet says that on a project this size the delay in letting the contract adds in excess of \$30,000 a month to the cost.

According to the information supplied by the board and Supt. Foster Goolsby's staff for the fact sheet, some of the new courses and areas to be added in the new school's program include:

Aerospace science, computer programming languages, data processing, business communication systems, vocational office training, photography.

Graphics, engineering drawing, interior design, advertising layout, sculpture, small gasoline engine repair, automotive mechanics, diesel engine repair, electrical controls and motors.

Sheet metal working, welding, masonry, electricity, small appliance repair, electronics, circuits, components, metal shaping with machine tools.

Plumbing, carpentry, gifted student individualized work, ecology and waitress, waiter,

cook and chef training.

The fact sheet says teachers were consulted in the planning of the school and that the faculty and some students helped write the proposed new program.

"In this way, the school program planned by teachers and students largely determined the size and shape of the new building. The School Planning Laboratory of the University of Tennessee acted as consultants throughout the process to help teachers and students identify current trends and the latest and best equipment," said the information sheet.

The information data also explained the need for a new high school.

"Valdosta has outgrown her old high school. It was built in 1922 for 800 students, to teach them a pre-atomic, pre-space curriculum almost unrelated to today's world. Today, this same school houses 1,306 students with the freshman class housed across town on another campus. Still with a largely academically-oriented curriculum."

The cost in taxes also was covered in the sheet. According to the information in the sheet, the new school will cost the taxpayer about \$1 per \$1,000 of his real property worth each year.

Wildcats Capture Region Golf Title

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ALBANY — Valdosta High's Wildcats captured the Region 1-AAA team golf championship here Friday, finishing nine strokes ahead of their nearest rival.

And to add frosting to the Fambrough claimed low individual honors.

Coach Julian LeFiles' 'Cats triumphed with a four-man team total of 301 strokes in the 18-hole, medal-play event which was staged over the Albany Marine Corps Supply Center course.

Fambrough led his team and the field with a two-under par 70, which was fashioned with nine hole scores of 36-34. He was followed by teammates Ricky Martin, 37-39-76; John Walker, 38-39-77, and Pierce Scott, 38-40-78. VHS alternate Don Gerlock carded an 83.

Westover of Albany finished second in the team competition with a 310 total, and defending champ Moultrie was third with a 313 mark. In the 1969 region test Moultrie beat out Valdosta by just one stroke. In all, nine teams played in the tourney this time.

Valdosta had a seven-stroke edge at the end of nine holes and stretched it to nine at the finish.

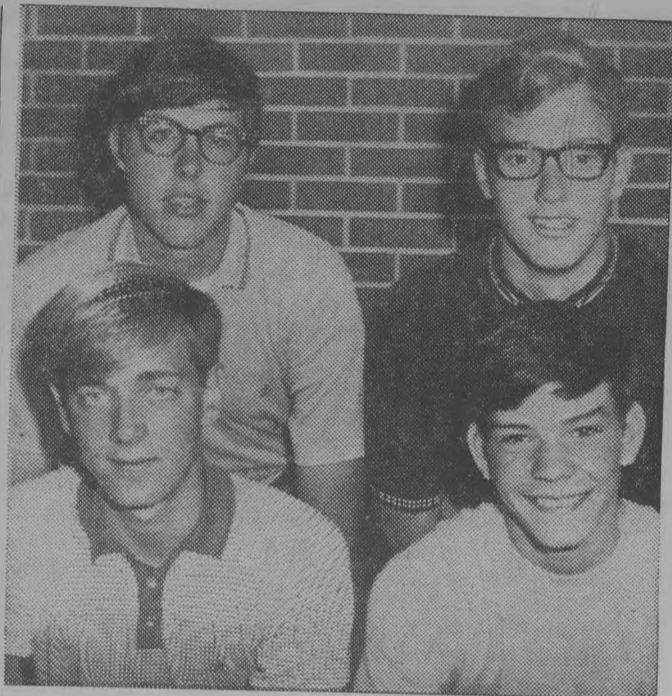
Fambrough claimed individual honors in a close duel with Dougherty's Dickie Clark, who finished just a stroke back of the Valdostan with a 71.

As region champs the VHS team has earned a berth in the state Class AAA golf tournament which is scheduled to be played on Monday, May 11, at Griffin. Winners from seven other "AAA" regions will be in the field for that event.

Team and individual scores follow:

VALDOSTA (301) — Mike Fambrough 70, Ricky Martin 77, John Walker 77, Pierce Scott 77, alternate Don Gerlock 83.

WESTOVER (310) — Johnny



Region Champs: (L to R), top, John Walker, Mike Fambrough; bottom, Ricky Martin, Pierce Scott

Shingles 73, Billy Abel 74, Mangham Childree 77, Craig Mitchell 86.

MOULTRIE (313) — Layne Williams 77, David Hargrove 76, Frank Clements 82, Mike Stallings 78.

COFFEE COUNTY (318) — Charles Stapleton 79, Bob Wil-

WAYNE COUNTY (340) — Steve Moody 82, Denins Duncan 78, Brian Doss 95, Bill Garret 85.

MONROE (355) — Gregory Horton 85, Roy Lee Harrold 88, Denise James 90, Willie Martin 92.

ALBANY (360) — Carl Wilkerson 88, Hebert Bond 92, Neil Bozzman 87, Ben Hambrick 93.

Valdosta Fourth In Golf Tourney

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

GRIFFIN — Marietta claimed the team title and Valdosta finished fourth in the state Class AAA high school golf tournament which was played here Monday under far from ideal conditions.

The 18-hole, stroke-play event matching the champions from the state's eight Class AAA regions was played over the Griffin Municipal Golf Course, a 6,436-yard, par-72 test.

With several greens on the course under repair scores for everyone ran high.

Marietta's winning four-man total was 316. Second was Richmond Academy (Augusta), with 321, followed by Athens, 322; Valdosta, 327; R. E. Lee (Thomaston) and Jenkins (Savannah), both 332; Appling (Macon), 353, and Therrell (Atlanta) 355.

R. E. Lee's Roy Wells and Athens' Bill Coons tied for individual honors with matching four-over par 76s.

For coach Julian LeFiles' Region 1-AAA champion Valdosta Wildcats the individual scores were Ricky Martin, 81; John

Walker, 82; Mike Fambrough, 82, and Pierce Scott, 82.

TIFT COUNTY (323) — Alan Swan 80, Keith Barr 81, Ben Walker 78, Charlie Bulmer 85.

DOUGHERTY (325) — Dickie Clark 71, Andy Cristo 84, Roger Segler 88, Richard Slavik 82.

Monroe Favored In 1-AAA Meet

You certainly don't need a crystal ball to look into before you pick the team that should be favored to win the Region 1-AAA track meet.

The top performers from the region's eastern and western sub-divisions are to clash here this coming Friday with the 1-AAA team crown and individual berths in the state Class AAA meet up for grabs.



GLASSMAN

Whittle, Monroe would have made a clean sweep of first place honors.

Just one of the Tornadoes' top individual performers was Lester Sherman, who triumphed in the 100 and 220 yard dash events and ran as the anchor man on Monroe's winning 440 relay team.

Sherman, as you football fans remember, was a sensational running back for the Tornadoes during the 1969 football season. He led the region in scoring.

Comets Flashed

Meanwhile, it was the Coffee County Comets from Douglas who led the way in the 1-AAA (East) meet held here this past Friday.

The Comets' triumph, however, wasn't quite as impressive as that chalked up by the Tornadoes. The boys from Douglas won seven events and amassed 168 points. They were followed by Valdosta, 109; Wayne County (Jesup), 105½; Lowndes, 82½, and Ware County (Waycross), 31.

Coach Charlie Greene's VHS Wildcats won both the 1-AAA (East) and 1-AAA title in 1969 and went on to finish fourth in the state Class AAA meet.

While the 'Cats have strength in some events and seem sure to qualify some men for the state test, VHS doesn't appear to have the depth and balance needed to stick with Monroe in the duel for the region's team title.

Coach Newnan Sanchez's Lowndes Vikings, who are handicapped by the lack of a track of their own to practice on, also appear to have a chance to land some state meet berths.

Fine Sport

But no one, including eastern winner Coffee, looks strong enough to give Monroe a real battle for the region team championship.

Certainly nothing is sure in the world of sports until it happens, but unless something quite unexpected happens Monroe seems to be headed for 1-AAA track honors this time.

While VHS' Wildcats haven't done quite as well this spring as they did in '69, Greene still must be credited with doing a fine coaching job. Valdosta has had to go without many of its top performers from 1969.

This is Sanchez's first campaign as the Vikings' track boss. He also has done a fine coaching job, under difficult circumstances. Believe me, trying to turn out a track team without a track is a tough assignment.

Meanwhile, the interest in track here and at other schools in the area continues to grow. It's a fine sport and if you haven't seen a meet then I suggest you drop around at the track on the Valdosta Junior High campus on Friday and watch some of the exciting action in the 1-AAA meet.

Meets To Begin On High School

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The first two of several public meetings, to answer questions about the proposed new city high school and the May 12 school bond referendum, are to be held Tuesday night.

A Valdosta Board of Education member had erroneously stated earlier this week that the meetings were to begin this past Tuesday night at W. G. Nunn Elementary School. The W. G. Nunn meeting is scheduled May 7 at 8 p.m.

Next week's open meetings are to be held at Leila Ellis

Elementary, Sallas - Mahone Elementary schools and Magnolia Elementary schools.

On Tuesday, the Leila Ellis meeting is at 7:30 p.m. while Sallas - Mahone begins at 8 p.m. The Magnolia meeting is Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Other public meetings include Valdosta Junior High, April 20 at 3:45 p.m.; Valdosta High School - Pineval Campus, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.; South Street Elementary, April 21 at 7:30 p.m., and S. L. Mason Elementary, April 21 at 8 p.m.

Board vice chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr., who is coordinating the board's efforts to build a new high school here, said a speaker will be made available to any local group that wants more information about the proposed facility and bond referendum.

The May 12 bond referendum for \$2.3 million is to provide if passed, the city's share of financing for the proposed new school for 2,200 students.

The new school, to replace the current VHS plant, is to be financed with state and local funds.

Possible Sites

BofE Has Options On 2 Land Tracts

By MARY CROUSE

The Valdosta Board of Education has taken options on two tracts of land in the northeast section as possible sites for a new city high school.

But the board vice chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr. said the options on the property are verbal and does not mean these are the only spots the school officials are considering.

"It's just that these are the only two sites we've been able to get prices on," he said.

One 50-acre tract is adjacent to and behind the W. C. Nunn Elementary School on Forrest Street. The property, owned by Bray Lumber Co., faces Lakeland Avenue and Park Avenue.

Although Tillman declined to quote exact figures, he said the price is about \$4,000 an acre which would put that tract at about \$200,000.

The 50 acres is in the Charter Oak Subdivision on the east side of Forrest Street near Crackin' Good Bakeries. Tillman said Moore Street runs into the property owned by a corporation in which Fred Nijem of Valdosta is a partner. This acreage has been offered to the board at \$5,000 an acre and \$255,000 total cost.

"I was surprised at the prices until I checked with realtors and other land developers. That land at both sites is worth what they are asking," said Tillman.

The vice chairman who is coordinating the board's efforts to build a new school made the announcement of the land options at a Steering Committee meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The committee was set up by the board to help inform the community of the need for a new high school.

"We'll be glad to look at other 50-acre pieces of land that somebody knows about. We are open to suggestions. We'd like to find something cheaper but finding 50 acres in one lump has not been easy. We have been looking for a long time and had three others under con-

sideration but haven't even been able to get prices on them," said Tillman.

He said a board site committee headed by board attorney and treasurer Rueben Yancey, the Lowndes County Planning Commission and other residents have been working on locating possible acreage.

He said that some land in the south part of town is not feasible because water and sewer lines do not extend out that far. "This is something the residents in that area know about," said

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Tillman.

He told the committee the land purchase price does not include site development or test borings.

"We have to make sure we have adequate firefighting water, good traffic patterns, adequate water - sewer lines and about a dozen other things," he said.

The land price and development costs will come from the board's \$4 million budget for the new high school. A \$2.3 million bond referendum May 12, if passed, is to finance the city's share of construction costs. A \$1.8 million grant from the State Department of Education has been made to the system to build a new high school.

The board hopes to have the facility ready for occupancy by September 1972. The proposed plant is to replace overcrowded Valdosta High School which has 1,300 students this year. It was built in 1922 for 600 to 800 students.



VHS' Robert Koncar Gets Off Winning Toss

Valdosta Vi In Track Or

The grim gray uniforms of the local bag-toter he had never seen. A Pinkerton man said the reason was that the caddie had been threatened by a black activist group. The caddie gave Jack and his close pal from Valdosta golf days, Deane Be Nicklaus said the bullet-fast

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Vikes' David Hendrix Takes Throw In Time To Get VHS' Darrell Branam

Vikes Triumph Over Wildcats

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Lowndes' Vikings racked up four runs in the first inning and went from there to a 7-4 Region 1 - AAA (East) baseball victory over the Valdosta Wildcats here Tuesday.

With the victory coach Noel George's Vikes boosted their overall record to 4-3 and upped their sub - division mark to 2-1. The loss left coach Joe Mercer's 3-3 in all games and 2-2 in league play.

Yesterday's duel between the cross - city rivals got off to a fast start when Lowndes combined a single by Butch

Moore and a double by James Byrd with three Valdosta errors to score four times in the top of the first.

Valdosta got a pair of markers in the second. Don Golden walked and scored later on a passed ball. A pair of walks and a single by Stanley Bounds accounted for the other run.

Lowndes boosted its lead to 5-2 with a lone marker in the fourth. Pitcher Wayne Phillips walked and scored later on a Wildcat fielding miscue.

Valdosta got a pair in the fifth to cut the Vikes' advantage to 5-4. Singles by Jimmy LeFiles, Jimmy Copeland and Darrell Branam combined

a sacrifice fly by Don Golden and a wild pitch accounted for the runs.

Then Lowndes clinched the victory in the top of the seventh when Byrd reached first on an error and Jerome Register followed with a towering home run which cleared the fence in left field with plenty to spare.

Lowndes finished the game with eight hits. Byrd, with a single and a double, was the attack leader. Valdosta had five hits with Stanley Bounds accounting for two of them.

Phillips, with sharp help

VHS Notches

Net Victory

Over Moultrie

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wilcats lost only one duel out of six in handing Moultrie's Packer a 5-1 defeat in a Region 1-AAA high school afternoon.

Coach Julian LeFiles' 'Cats puched their overall record to 7-1. They are set to host Waycross's Bulldogs in another meet here next Thursday.

Results of Thursday's match follow:

Singles — John Anderson (V) beat Preston Conger (M), 6-0, 6-0; Jeff Slocum (V) beat Warren Kirk (M), 6-3, 6-5; Ken McCorkle (M) beat Jerry Lamontague (V), 6-4, 6-0;

Doubles — Lamontague-Anderson (V) beat McCorkle-Mike Chimmoun (M), 6-2, 6-1; Morgan Fordham - Gerald Alcorn (V) beat Ashly Grimmatt-Willie McCall (M), 7-5, 6-1; Len Carter - Bo Woodward (V) beat Robert Knox - Bill Acuff (M), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Horse Show Trophy Won By Beasley

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A rider from Douglas, Homer Beasley, captured the high point trophy in a horse show and frolic held here at Riverhill Stables.

The event was sponsored by the Beta Club of Valdosta High School.

Event winners are as follows:

Halter — Jim Taylor, Hahira; Clover leaf barrel race 12-and-under — Johnny Mack Haskins, Douglas; 13-19 Berrian Hamill, Valdosta; 20-and-over — Wayne Weeks, Adel; western pleasure open — Bobby Barker, Ashburn; Texas barrel weave 12-and-under — Greg Joseph, Valdosta, 13-19 — Sonny Murphy, Coolidge; 20-and-over Wayne Weeks, Adel; English pleasure — Teri Joseph, Valdosta.

Corn cob race open — Wayne Weeks, Adel; basket weave 12-and-under — Teri Joseph, Valdosta; 13-and-over-Homer Beasley, Douglas; person pick-up — Walter Rodgers and Stan Hall, Valdosta; arena race pony — Jimmy Odom, Lee, Fla.; 12-and-under — Johnny Mack Haskins, Douglas; 13-19 — Teri Joseph, Valdosta; 20-and-over, Wayne Weeks, Adel; hollow log open — Possum Jones, Ambrose.

VHS Linksmen Triumph

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Golfing Wildcats finished out their regular season and kept their home record unblemished by defeating Moultrie and Tift County in a three-way Region 1-AAA match here Monday.

The Wildcats of coach Julian LeFiles posted a low team score of 314, followed by Moultrie's Packers, 317, and Tift County's Blue Devils, 329.

The victory leaves Valdosta with a 9-2 record. Their only losses have been to the Packers in Moultrie. VHS has beaten the Moultrie team twice.

All region teams are scheduled to see action again here Friday in the region tournament to be held at Albany.

Individual scores follow: Valdosta (314) — Mike Fambrough 72, John Walker 79, Ricky Martin 81, Pierce Scott 82, alternate Don Gerlock 81. Moultrie (317) — Mike Stall

ings 74, David Hargrove 77, Lane Williams 82, Frank Clements 84,

Tift County (329) — Allen Swann 81, Keith Barr 82, Ben Walker 82, Charlie Bulmer 84.

Baseball 'Cats Turn Back Ware

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

A two - base hit by Darrell Branam followed by Don Golden's two - run homer in the bottom of the opening frame sent Valdosta's Wildcats on their way to a 6-1 victory over Ware County's Gators from Waycross here Tuesday.

Branam's double plated Jimmy LeFiles from second and then Golden's homer, which cleared the center field fence put the score at 3-0. The 'Cats had clear sailing after that.

The high school baseball victory was the fifth in eight starts for coach Joe Mercer's Wildcats and leaves them with a 3-2 Region AAA (East) record. They are scheduled to see action again Friday when they go against Coffee County's Comets in Douglas in another sub-region tilt.

Valdosta took the lead in the first inning and expanded it to five runs in the third. There Chip Bounds singled to bring Jimmy LeFiles in from second again and Branam hit his way to first sending Chip to third. Chip scored as Branam was put out trying to steal second.

The Gators' only run came in the top of the fifth when Jim Hawkins singled, went to second on an error and came home on another error.

Valdosta closed things out in the sixth when Branam was put on by a Ware error, stole second, went to third on a fielder's choice and came home on a wild pitch.

Marty LeFiles earned the hill win after going the distance for the Wildcats. The tall right-hander walked two and struck out two for his fourth win without a loss.

"Marty did a great job for us," Mercer said. "He's been

doing a great job for us all season."

Mercer also had some kind words for the defensive play of left fielder Stanley Bounds and Don Golden in center field. Bounds pulled in at least two leaning against the left field fence and Golden snagged a loose hit to throw the batter out at third from center field.

Jim Hawkins took the loss for the Gators after pitching five and two - thirds innings. He struck out seven and walked three but gave up all six runs and four hits.

Ironically, Hawkins was the only Ware player to score and the leading hitter with two sin-

Ware		ab	r	h	rbi
Mortonson, 2b	.....	3	0	0	0
Walker, ss	.....	3	0	1	0
Thomas, c	.....	4	0	0	0
Gibbs, 1b	.....	2	0	0	0
Taylor, 3b	.....	3	0	1	0
Lucas, lf	.....	2	0	1	0
A. Dryden, rf	.....	3	0	1	0
Goble, cf	.....	3	0	0	0
Hawkins, p	.....	3	1	2	0
Lee, cf, 3b	.....	0	0	0	0
Murray, cf	.....	1	0	0	0
S. Dryden, p	.....	0	0	0	0
Downing	.....	0	0	0	0

Totals		27	1	6	0
Valdosta		ab	r	h	rbi
S. Bounds, lf	.....	3	0	0	0
J. LeFiles, 2b	.....	1	2	0	0
C. Bounds, 3b	.....	3	1	1	0
Branam, c	.....	3	2	2	1
D. Golden, cf	.....	3	1	1	2
J. Copeland, 1b	.....	2	0	0	0
M. LeFiles, p	.....	3	0	0	0
Christian, rf	.....	2	0	0	0
Pride, ss	.....	2	0	0	0
Batts, 1b	.....	0	0	0	0
Parker, rf	.....	0	0	0	0
T. Golden, cf	.....	0	0	0	0

Totals		22	6	4	3			
Ware		000	010	0	1-6-1			
Valdosta		302	001	x	6-4-4			
E — Copeland 2, Pride, D. Golden, Taylor.								
DP — C. Bounds to J. LeFiles.								
LOB — Valdosta 2, Ware 8.								
2B — Branam, J. LeFiles.								
HR — D. Golden.								
SB — J. LeFiles, Branam.								
S — Walker.								
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M. LeFiles (W)	7	6	1	2	2		
Hawkins (L)	5	2	3	4	6	3	7
S. Dryden	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
HPP — Gibbs by LeFiles.								
WP — Hawkins 2, M. LeFiles.								



Paintings Mean Spring Art Thing

—Times Staff Photo

These four Valdosta High School art students study which paintings they want to display in the Third Annual Spring Show Sunday at Brookwood Park. The students, Gerald Alcorn, Gary Benner, Debbie Blanton and Pat McGrogen, are among the

50 youths who'll have examples of their work in the show which is open from 1-6 p.m. The efforts in all art media are to go on sale Monday, according to art teacher Jerry Pilcher.

For New School

They Use 4-Letter Word

By MARY CROUSE

Students at Valdosta High School have been given a new four-letter word to put on the walls and anywhere else they think appropriate.

The word is "Vote" and the Valdosta Board of Education hopes that it will become the watchword for students. In fact, the slogan, Vote Yes — VHS, is hoped to take its place among other student expressions.

"We don't think students can use this word enough. We want vote and Vote Yes — VHS to become an in term and one that will catch on," said Board Vice Chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr.

And to help the youth pass the word to others, 1,500 bumper stickers with the slogan are to be turned over to the students Monday for distribution around Valdosta.

The Vote Yes campaign is an effort to encourage people to get out and give their approval to the May 12 school bond referendum.

The \$2.3 million bond issue, if passed, is to provide the city's share of the financing for the board's proposed new high school. The facility, to be built for 2,200 students, has a target completion date of September 1972. The proposed new plant, designed by local architect Zeb Lackey, is to replace the present overcrowded Valdosta High.

And although the students now at VHS' main campus won't ever attend classes in the new facility, if it is built on schedule, that fact has not dampened their enthusiasm to help with the bond issue.

The students began to work before Christmas on their plans to help the board

build a new school. Letters were written to legislators during this past session of the Georgia General Assembly asking that consolidation funds be appropriated this year. None were appropriated last year.

The Valdosta board is in line to receive \$1.8 million for consolidating VHS and the all-Negro Pinevale High last fall. The money can only be spent on construction of a new high school.

Area state representatives and senators gave the Valdosta students credit for prompting the lawmakers to appropriate the needed funds.

The students are also serving on various academic committees to help the faculty plan the program for the new school. The students in all city schools are planning chapel programs to boost the

campaign for a new VHS.

You students are doing the kind of thing needed to really help with the bond referendum," said Tillman.

Tillman and Herbert Ross, a member of the board's steering Committee to help build the new school, talked to the VHS newspaper staff this week and asked for their continued aid in getting the bond referendum passed.

The Student Council and other groups at VHS, Pinevale and Valdosta Junior High School are to participate in the Vote Yes — VHS drive.

"The idea with the bumper stickers is to keep the positive approach before the public and to remind people to vote," said Ross.

The former city councilman said other plans are being made to involve the youth in the campaign. Literature on the need for a new high school and an idea of the program is to be sent home by the students for parents.

A parade is to be held May 8 through downtown Valdosta and will end in front of the Lowndes County Courthouse, said Ross. A pep rally is to follow the parade with the athletes, cheerleaders and other students whipping up enthusiasm for the bond issue, he explained.

The Valdosta High Marchin' Cats, the VJHS, and Pinevale bands are to lead the march.

Tillman said students should be up in arms right now over the program. "When you look at what is being planned to take place in the new school, things we should have had all along you'll realize you have been shortchanged," he said.

The board member told the students to ask their parents to visit the high school and look at the conditions under which the youth are asked to learn.

There are 1,306 students in grades 10-12 at VHS. The school was built in 1922 to house about 600 students. Next fall with the anticipated 1,600 on campus, some students must participate in an extended day program. That

State Winning DE'ers

En Route To National Meeting

By MARY CROUSE

They're all going — state winners — and there is more at stake than national awards at the Distributive Education National Meeting in Minneapolis April 25.

The Valdosta High School DE Club not only seeks recognition across the country for its work done this year but is also after one of the national offices.

And if Mary Tillman goes after the national DE secretary post the way she has done in other state and local events, she should come back with the position.

Miss Tillman, a senior, is the state DE Student of the Year. She has also won local and state recognition for her work in marketing.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Tillman, she plans to attend Valdosta State College following her graduation.

National DE officers serve after they have completed their high school education.

Besides Miss Tillman, the other first place winners in the state event this month, are to make the trip, said DE coordinator Norman Greene.

"They are all going. We wouldn't keep them back if we could," he laughed.

Greene was named coordinator of the year in the state competition and the club won club of the year honors.

David Bentley, local DE president, is to represent the chapter in the club of the year contest. David Hobbs is to represent VHS in the Project of the Year competition. The project is a documentation of the club's promotional activities during the year.

David Hunt, state officer,

is representing the Southeast District which includes groups from Valdosta, Macon, Augusta and Savannah.

Others going who were first place state winners include: Beverly Newlin, Ken Carter, Becky Eager and Nancy Griffin.

Miss Newlin's survey in variety store marketing dealt with services which variety stores offer during the Christmas season.

She tried to determine if customers felt there are enough services offered and if they would be willing to pay for some additional services.

Miss Griffin's study in speciality shop marketing surveyed the customers idea of the ideal salesperson and what store employees looked for in personnel. She also studied the effects sales clerks have on where a customer shops.

Carter's study in oil industry surveyed tourists who traveled I-75. The tourists were questioned concerning prices charged for services and their reaction to the prices.

Miss Eager's project on department store marketing dealt with the use of credit cards and preference for brand - name merchandise. Customers were asked if they would shop chain variety stores more often if these stores accepted credit cards.



Mary Tillman with Campaign Material: Running for National DE Office

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Baseball 'Cats Defeat Moultrie

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

The flaring temper of the Packers' head coach ended Moultrie's hopes of preserving its undefeated record as they dropped a 7-4 decision to the Valdosta Wildcats in a high school baseball game cut short here Thursday by an umpire's ruling.

Coach Joe Mercer's Wildcats had rallied for a 7-4 lead with a three-run outburst in the bottom of the sixth, giving the Packers one more chance to pull the game out of the fire.

But in the top of the seventh, after one man has reached base, Packer coach Ace Little left the dugout, approached plate umpire Ed Crosier and made a long and loud verbal complaint about the calling of balls and strikes. When the coach failed to calm down the umpire indicated Little had been ejected from the game.

Then Little went behind the Packers' dugout and started shouting complaints to the umpire from there. Crosier approached the Packers dugout. When Little continued shouting complaints Crosier ruled the game was over.

While both Valdosta and Moultrie are members of Region 1-AAA they belong to different sub-divisions and so the game

does not count in the league standings. The 'Cats now have a 4-3 record. The loss was the first after seven straight wins for the Packers.

The Wildcats stepped off to a quick start in the bottom of the opening frame using hits by Stanley Bounds and Chip Bounds, a fielder's choice and two base on balls to bring in Jimmy LeFiles and Darrell Branam. Chip Bounds' line-drive single brought in the two runners.

The Packers made their move in the top of the third as Sonny Murphy led off with a solo - homer over the right-field fence.

In the top of the fifth the Packers were at it again. This time Gary Boozer took his turn at orbiting baseballs as he slapped a homer over the center field fence to bring in himself, Ray Goff and Murphy.

The lead didn't last long though. In the bottom of the same frame, Branam decided to bring in himself and Stanley Bounds to tie it a 4-4.

Valdosta staged a rally to score three runs in the bottom of the sixth. Stanley Bounds boomed his second double to bring home Marty LeFiles.

Then Stanley worked his way to third and pulled off a perfect suicide play, reaching home just after Jimmy LeFile bunted. The final score came

as Branam slammed a double to bring in Jimmy LeFiles.

Marty LeFiles pitched all six innings, giving up four runs on five hits. He walked only two and fanned five batters.

"I'm sorry it had to end like it did," Mercer said, "I would have liked to finish it. I believe we finally put it together. We've been having a little trouble getting our offense and defense working simultaneously, but that has been the fewest errors we have ever given up. I just hope we can keep it up."

	ab	r	h	rbi	
MOULTRIE					
Murphy, rf	4	2	2	1	
Delprete, 2b	4	0	0	0	
Faircloth, cf	3	0	0	0	
Boozer, lf	3	1	2	1	
Norman, c	2	0	0	0	
Davis, ss	3	0	0	0	
Huber, 1b	2	0	0	0	
Groff, 3b	2	0	0	0	
Goff, p	3	1	1	0	
TOTALS	26	4	5	2	
VALDOSTA					
S. Bounds, lf	3	2	2	0	
J. LeFiles, 2b	3	2	1	0	
Copeland, 1b	3	0	0	0	
Branam, c	3	2	2	4	
Golden, cf	3	0	1	0	
C. Bounds, 3b	3	0	1	2	
M. LeFiles, p	2	1	1	0	
Moore, rf	2	0	0	0	
Pride, ss	2	1	0	0	
Christian, rf	1	0	0	0	
Batts, 1b	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS	25	7	8	6	
Moultrie	001	030	4-5-2		
Valdosta	200	023	7-8-2		
E—Pride, Golden, Delprete 2					
LOB—Valdosta 8, Moultrie 6					
2B—S. Bounds 2, Branam					
HR—Murphy, Boozer, Branam					
SB—S. Bounds 2, Golden, J. LeFiles					
S—Christian, Delprete					
	ip	h	r	bb	so
LeFiles (W)	6	5	4	2	5
Goff (L)	6	8	7	6	7
HBP—Faircloth, Norman by LeFiles					
WP—LeFiles					



—Times Staff Photo

Wildcats' Jimmy Copeland Slides Into Third Base Ahead Of The Throw

Wildcats, Devils

Divide Twin-

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta High's baseball Wildcats and the Tift County Blue Devils from Tifton broke even in a doubleheader here Saturday.

Coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats, in their home diamond debut, romped to an 8-1 win in the opening game and coach Bobby Simpson's Imps rallied late in the contest for a 7-6 win in the second tilt.

While VHS and Tift both are members of Region 1-AAA, they are in different sub-divisions and the games won't count in the league standings.

had a 2-2 chart. Valdosta is to go against Region 1-AAA (East) foe Coffe County (Douglas) here Tuesday in a game slated for 4 p. m. at Pendleton Park.

In Saturday's opener the Wildcats rapped out 10 hits, including two home runs by Don Golden and doubles by Kenny Moore and Jimmy Copeland.

Golden hit one out over the left field fence with two-mates aboard in the first innings. He cleared the barrier again, this time in center field, in the fourth frame with a blast which came one man on base.

Senior righthander Marty LeFiles went the distance on the mound for Valdosta, allowed just four hits, issued

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Oct. 3 in Jackson. is scheduled for the night of Nov. 7 - Regional, LSU vs. Alabama at Birmingham.

audience last season in a wild offensive show won by the Crimson Tide 33-32. This year's game Oct. 31 to Dec. 5, a night game that will be televised regionally.

South Regional, Valdosta from Unadilla to Atlanta, a spokesman for the Valdosta Racing Pigeon Association said, "We are presuming the contest will be a close one."

Inside Is Most Important School Committee Is Told

By MARY CROUSE

The most important aspect of the new high school is its program, not the shape of the building, said Dr. Earl Hargett, a member of the Steering Committee for the proposed new multi-million dollar city high school.

Hargett, director of Public Services at Valdosta State College, told the committee at a meeting Monday afternoon that the community needs to be told what is to be done inside the new building.

"The community needs to share in these ideas of the program. The most important part of the whole question is what we are going to be doing in the school. The whole concept is what we need to hear from the educators," he said.

Hargett said it is necessary to present the new program to gain community involvement in the high school. He also suggested neighborhood meetings be held to explain the \$2.3 million school bond referendum set for May 12.

"We are getting to the more affluent people in clubs and organizations but we need to reach everyone. We should really explain the program and the need for a new school to everyone," said Hargett.

The Steering Committee was created by the Valdosta Board of Education to help for a new high school and to help with the passage of the May 12 bond referendum.

The board needs voter approval of the bond issue to build its proposed \$4 million comprehensive high school. The state has allotted \$1.8 million toward construction of a new secondary elementary school here.

Zeb Lackey, architect for the new building, said he'll have line drawings for the board by Wednesday.

Dr. Jerry Cox, director of instruction for the Valdosta school system, said the educational specifications won't be back from the University of Tennessee for three weeks.

"They are finished and are being put in book form. We can get parts of it though and furnish you with them if necessary," said Cox.

The School Planning Laboratory at the University is consultant for the new program and has worked with the faculty and administration in drawing up the educational specifications.

"We could be using the ideas (ed specifications) and tell what we are going to do in all areas by the best educated people in the field — our teachers. We have a tremendous resource here in the teachers and we need to use them," said Hargett.

Committee member Roger Budd said the board must get a definite site, and estimate of the construction costs and provide some idea of how the school will look before the bond referendum is held.

"We've got to give the people this. I saw that TV program about why school bond referendums failed in Ohio and other places and one reason was because the people weren't told about the program.

"It is important to our business community to pass this. If we don't they'll have no school spirit. It is cheaper to vote a little more taxes than to have problems or riots. We've got peace and harmony now," said

Budd. Committee member Herbert Ross said he is heading a group called the VHS Boosters which will raise funds to help with the Vote Yes bond campaign.

"This will be money which will be donated by people interested in our schools and the education of the children. We already have three \$100 donations. This isn't coming from tax money," said Ross.

He explained the funds will pay for advertisements and other expenses incurred in the drive.

Ross said the community can't afford a negative vote on any bond issue.

"We need a new high school and the city has its other needs also. We can't afford a negative outlook. We can't afford a negative attitude in the community because all progress will come to a halt," he explained.

Ross said 1,200 bumper stickers with Vote Yes VHS have been ordered for the Booster campaign.

SECOND GAME				
	ab	r	h	rbi
Tift	3	1	1	0
Rich Henderson, 3b	4	1	0	0
Parkman, 3b	4	1	1	0
Ray Henderson, 1b	3	1	1	0
Salmon, lf	1	0	0	1
Burns, lf	2	0	0	1
Harrison, c	0	0	0	0
Whitehead, c	0	0	0	0
Hale, ss	3	0	0	0
Hare, cf	1	1	0	1
Waters, lf	2	0	0	0
Cates	1	1	0	1
Carr, p	1	0	1	0
Keith, p	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	7	4	4

Valdosta				
	ab	r	h	rbi
S. Bounds, 3b	3	0	1	0
Pride, 3b	1	0	0	0
Moore, rf	2	0	0	0
Christian, rf	1	0	0	0
D. Golden, cf-p	4	0	0	0
Branam, c	3	1	1	0
Morgan, c	1	0	0	0
Copeland, lf	0	2	0	0
Parker, lf	1	0	0	0
C. Bounds, 3b	1	1	0	0
Lumpkin, ss	0	0	0	0
J. LeFiles, 2b	1	1	2	0
Cunningham, 2b	1	0	0	0
M. LeFiles, 1b	2	1	1	0
T. Golden, 1b	1	0	0	0
Batts, p	2	0	0	0
Furth, cf	0	0	0	0

Totals 26 6 4 2
Tift 000 016 n-7-4-4
Valdosta 030 300 0-6-4-2
E — Harrison 2, Ray Henderson 2,
Rich Henderson, Parkman, Lumpkin.
P — Parker.
LOB — Tift 12, Valdosta 6.
SB — Copeland, C. Bounds, S. Bounds.
SF — J. LeFiles.

Valdosta						
	ip	h	r	er	hh	so
Batts	5	2	5	0	10	0
D. Golden (L)	2	2	2	0	2	5
Peele	3	1	3	2	2	1
Carr (W)	2	3	3	1	3	1
Keith	2	0	0	0	2	1
WP — Batts 7, Peele, D. Golden 2. 1B — Harrison, Morgan.						

Valdosta High Students Do Their Spring Thing

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Students have been working all year for it and now they'll do their annual spring thing April 19 at Brookwood Park.

The Third Annual Spring Art Show, sponsored by the Valdosta High School art department, is to be held from 1 p. m. to 6 p. m. according to department head Jerry Pilcher.

The students will be at the show to talk about their efforts and answer any questions spectators might have regarding the exhibit, said Pilcher.

All work displayed in the show is to go on sale April 20.

The art students' spring thing is their way to show the public what they have been doing all year and to provide a means to sell their work.

The shows have been successful in the past and we

are looking for a big turnout this spring. The work is exceptionally good, and there is a variety of art media to be exhibited," said Pilcher.

There are 50 students participating in the event. Many of the students have several works to display.

Media to be on exhibit includes oil paintings, water colors, acrylic paintings, ceramics, crafts, portraits, palate knife paintings and pen and inks drawing.

In the event of rain, the show is to be set up in the mall of Brookwood Plaza.

The students are framing their work and many of these efforts are handsome themselves, said the art instructor.

"I think it'll be a show we can all be proud of. I know the students have worked hard, and I think those who come to the art show will be pleased with the work," said Pilcher.

Former Stars Had Good Luck Charms

A lot of coaches, managers, players and the like will tell you they really aren't superstitious, but they still have good luck charms and they still go through certain rituals, just in case they might do some good.

Most of all you high school football fans here know, for instance, that Wright Bazemore, head coach of the super-successful Valdosta Wildcats, has a lucky green tie he always wears to games.



GLASSMAN

Then there was the time sports caster Red Barber asked Mickey Mantle, then a slugging star for the New York Yankees, if he had any superstitions.

"I've got one," Mickey replied. "When I hit a home run, I touch every base." Along these same lines Irwin Ross came up with a couple of good stories for an article he penned for a magazine put out by the Dodge folks. The first is about Babe Ruth, an all-time great diamond star. It goes like this:

On the other hand the color green is taboo around a race track. Race cars may be painted red, purple, orange, blue or even have polka dots—but never, an unlucky green.

Some baseball players who have a success streak going will keep wearing the same uniform, including socks, until it ends. Others have special places to drop their gloves when they come off the field or lucky spots on the bench where they like to sit.

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Valdosta First In Track Meet

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's Wildcats, who scored heavily in the field events, led the way in a five-team track meet held here Wednesday.

Coach Charlie Greene's 'Cats finished with a total of 159½ points. Coach Newnam Sanchez's Lowndes Vikings claimed second place with 104½. Third was Westover (Albany) with 88½ points, followed by Dough-

erty (Albany), 82, and Georgia Christian (Dasher), 60¼.

Of the 16 events which comprised the meet, Valdosta won six, Lowndes, Georgia Christian and Westover each triumphed in three and Dougherty won one. Valdosta racked up 84 points in six field events, giving them a lead in the meet the Wildcats never relinquished.

VHS is to take part in the Rose Invitational Relays at

Thomasville on Saturday. The 'Cats have another home meet slated for next Wednesday with Lowndes, GCS, Monroe (Albany) Central (Thomasville) and Wayne County (Jesup) slated to be in the field.

Results in yesterday's meet follows:

Shot put — Koncar (V), Dibois (V), Howard (G), Lott (L), Jackson (L), Hitchcock (L). D—52' 10"

Discus — Dibois (V), Holt (V), Klien (D), Howard (G), Koncar (V), Smith (W). D—147' 10"

Long jump — Whiddon (L), Golden (V), James (D), White (V), Harris (L). D—20' 10"

Triple jump — Roddey (V), Whiddon (L), Griffin (V), Legg (W), James (D), Mabry (V). D—40' 6½"

Pole Vault—Whittle (F), Copeland (G), Coxwell (D), Johnson (V) and Benton (L) tie. H—11' 6"

High jump — Roddey (V), Cave (G), Owens (L), Hackett (D), Polk (W), Jones (L), Fillmore (L), Copeland (G), Condit (W) tie. H—5' 6"

440 relay — Valdosta (Bradley, Golden, Daniels, Jones), Dougherty, Lowndes, Valdosta, Westover, Lowndes. T—:45.1

Mile — Vick (G), Charles Ussery (L), Miller (W), Anderson (V), Chester Ussery (L), Macon (G). T—4:51.3

440 — Johnson (L), Spooner D., Henderson (L), Hancock (W), Simmonds (V) and Foulk (W) tie. T—:53.9

100 — Jones (V) and Daniels (V) tie, Burrough (D), Bradley (V), Copeland (D) and Cook (W) tie. T—:10.2

High hurdles — Whittle (W), Roddey (V), Fletcher (L), Briggs (D), Koobier (W), Daniels (L). T—:16.1

850 — Vick (G), Polk (W), Miller (W), Holder (L), Owens (L), Hayes (V). T—2:22.0

220 — Burroughs (D), Daniels (V), Cooper (D), Jones (V), Rome (V), Cook (W). T—:23.2

Low hurdles — Whittle (W), Briggs (D), Looiser (W), Hardin (D) and Jordan (L) tie. White (V). T—:21.8

Two mile — Naylor (G), Ussery (L), Faulk (W), Burnham (D), Macon (G), Sirmans (G). T—10:43.0

Mile relay — Lowndes (Henderson, Daniels, Whiddon, Johnson), Westover, Valdosta, Valdosta, Dougherty, Lowndes.

VHS Golfers Turn Back Region Foe

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's golfing Wildcats chalked up a 25-stroke victory in a Region 1-AAA match with the Moultrie Packers here Monday.

Coach Julian LeFiles' 'Cats finished with a team total of 300 strokes compared to a 325 total for Moultrie. The win was the fifth straight this season without a loss for the VHS golfers.

Valdosta's and the day's low scorer was Mike Fambrough with a 71. Layne Williams paced Moultrie with a 74.

The Wildcats are to go against Coffee County (Douglas) in another region match slated here Friday.

Yesterday's scores follow:

VALDOSTA (300)—Mike Fambrough 71, John Walker 74, Jacky Martin 77, Pierce Scott 73, alternate Terry Hiers 79.

MOULTRIE (325) — Layne Williams 74, Scotty DeMott 83, Frank Clements 84, Mike Statings 84.

VHS Golfers Thump Tift In Opener

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TIFTON — Valdosta High's golfing Wildcats got their 1970 season underway here Wednesday with a 19-stroke victory over the Tift County Blue Devils.

In the Region 1 - AAA duel, coach Julian LeFiles 'Cats posted a four-man team total of 314. Tift County had a 333 total.

The Wildcats' and the match's low man was Mike Fambrough, who carded a 73. Tift's leader was Allen Swann, who shot a 76.

The Wildcats are to return to action on Wednesday when they go against Coffee County (Douglas) and Cook (Adel) in a three-way match at Valdosta.

The totals and individual scores in the match here follow:

Valdosta (314) - Mike Fambrough 73, Ricky Martin 78, John Walker 80, Pierce Scott 83.

Tift County (333) - Allen Swann 76, Kieth bbarr 80, Ben Walker 86, Charlie Bulmar 91.

Diamond Wildcats Ready For Opener

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's baseball Wildcats are getting ready to open their 1970 season and they have a new coach and only a sprinkling of experienced players.

The lidlifter for the diamond 'Cats is set for Friday when they go against the Ware County Gators at Waycross in a Region 1-AAA (East) test. Other members of the sub-division in addition to VSC and Ware are Lowndes, Coffee County (Douglas) and Wayne County.

Valdosta's first home appearance is slated for Saturday when the 'Cats meet the Tift County (Tifton) Blue Devils in a non-league doubleheader slated to begin at 1 p.m. here at Pendleton Park.

Their new coach is Joe Mercer, who joined the VHS staff back in September after moving here from Waycross.

"We've all got a lot to learn, and especially me," Mercer said. "I'm new to our boys and I'm new to our region. But I can assure you I'm going to give it all I've got and I'm both asking and expecting our boys to do the same."

Last spring, under coach Jack Rudolph, the 'Cats posted an overall record of 6-3 and a Region 1 AAA (East) mark of 6-2. They would like to improve on both this time out, but face some major handicaps, with a lack of experienced performers chief among them.

Missing from the 1969 team are pitcher Glenn Williams, who posted a 5-2 record; outfielders Alan Golden, Joe Clary and Ronnie Pitcock, first baseman Jerry Dennis and second baseman Frank Deming.

The lone returning pitcher with experience is Marty LeFiles, who posted a 1-1 mark in '69. Other returning regulars are third baseman Chip Bounds, catcher Darrell Barnam and shortstop Don Golden, who is slated for outfield duty this season.

There are three other 1969 varsity squadmen who are back in the fold. They are second baseman Jimmy LeFiles, pitcher-first baseman John Batts and outfielder Bob Christian.

Other candidates include catcher Ronnie Morgan, shortstops Stanley Bounds, Thomas Lumpkin, Jackie Pride, second

baseman Steve Cunningham, Ken Furth, outfielders Jimmy Copeland, Dick Parker, Tim Golden and Kenny Moore and pitcher-outfielder Herbert Lester.

The Wildcats' schedule follows:

April 3, Ware County, away;
April 4, Tift County (doubleheader), home; April 7, Coffee County, home; April 10, Wayne County, away; April 14, Lowndes, home; April 16, Moultrie, home; April 21, Ware, home; April 24, Coffee, away; April 25, Tift (doubleheader), away; April 28, Wayne, home; May 1, Lowndes away and May 4, Berrien, home.



— Special Photo

Something To Whistle About: Rendering of Proposed Valdosta High School, Now Money and Land Is Needed

High School Design Pleases City BofE

By MARY CROUSE

A Valdosta Board of Education member let out a long, low whistle. Another nodded his head approvingly.

Others told local architect Zeb Lackey his design for the board's proposed new multi-million dollar high school is "great" and "beautiful."

"I like it," said board chairman John Howell.

The new facility, proposed to replace overcrowded Valdosta High School, is to be a one level plant with 201,000 square feet. The school is to accommodate 2,200 students.

"But because of the building's flexible plan, we can handle 2,500 students without crowding anyone," said Supt. Foster Goolsby.

Lackey's rendering and line drawing will be officially presented

to the board. "There should be no problem to put another diamond on any of these areas," he explained.

The architect designed the building from the program worked up by the VHS faculty and students and the School Planning Laboratory of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

"We got our design for this new school from what the teachers told us they wanted and from the ideas obtained from the planning laboratory," explained Lackey.

The building is divided into three portions. The first area is the quiet portion for academics. See High — Page 2

VHS Honor Roll Announced

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The honor roll for the third six weeks at Valdosta High School has been named, according to VHS principal Charles (Chuck) Green.

Students making the honors list include:

Seniors—John Anderson, Carolyn Arnold, Bonnie Ashcom, Jerry Beck, Anne Barnard, Tutta Bird, Debbie Blaton, Chip Bounds, Scott Bretzke, Genny Bridges, Lavonne Brownlee, Billy Carmichael, Mary Ann Carmichael, Bonita Carter, Judy Carter, Marlene Carter, Cheryl Cauton, Dorothy Coleman.

Tekla Crawford, Debbie Daniels, Vickie Dasher, Brenda Daugharty, Kay Davis, Ken Emanuel, Gloria Evans, Susan Eye, Bruce Fornes.

Navada Gaskins, Jan George, Don Golden, Berrian Hamill, Lucretia Hamill, Jeanne Hansen, David Hobbs, Sherri Holman, Angela Hughes.

Bobby Johnson, Greg Johnston, Julian LeFites, Jenny Lloyd, Kathy Malone, Sandra Moore, Robin Moran, Beverly Newlin, Freddy Norris, Vicki Pearlman, Ginny Price, Greg Quattlebaum, David Retterbush, Gayle Richards, Andy Robb, Sandra Rowe, Julie Scott, Claire Shelton, Barbara Singletary.

Jeff Slocum, Marsha Smith, Vicki Smith, Kathryn Smotherman, Ginny Sorrells, Liz Sparger, Debbie Stephenson, Marcia Stephenson, Phyllis Surrency.

Mary Tillman, Janet Ward, Angela Wetherington and Sharon Yale.

Juniors: Buck Aultman, Curt Bazemore, Chris Blane, Ballye Blanton, Nita Brantley, Steve Callahan, Bob Christian, Kay Deming, Glenn Evans.

Mike Fembrough, Morgan Fordham, Martha Alice Giddens, Marie Govoni, Ricky Griffin, Steve Halliwanger, Janice Hingson, Joy Johnson, Johnny Kalil.

Ravann Kelly, David Mathis, Carla Meadows, David Moore, Ann Morrow, Lucy Neal, Richard Neese, Marsha Noble, Patti Parrish.

Nick Quinn, Corky Rentschler, Marla Rogers, Rosanne Roskamp, Patricia Sales,

Dyan Smith, Mary Beth Smith, Joseph Tillman, Kenneth Webb and Bo Woodward.
Sophomores: Lannon Abernathy, Marf Jane Beck, Stanley Bounds, Burt Carter, Susan Cattel, Elizabeth Davis, Debbie Hanson, Jack Jenkins.

Patricia Jeter, Jo Lynn Johnson, Mary Alice King, Becky McDonald, Donna Pitts, Mark Retterbush, Diane Rowe, Susan Sainz, Keith Sasser, Pearce Scott, Paul DeMerseman, Melaine Eanes, Sidney Earnest, Margaret Espinosa, DeLores Gatewood, Debbie Glassman, Jane Miller, Ken Newlin, Anette Norris, Janis Nutt.

Robert Orr, Nancy Parrish, Cathy Sparkman, Gwen Stickley, Beth Sullivan, Nicky Tampus, Sherri Teffeteller, Al Turner, Elaine Varn, Jeneice Washington, Ann Watson, Jennie Williams, Linda Yancey and Rosanne Zatyko.

1-AAA Tourney Opens Tonight

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The four - day battle for Region 1-AAA's boys basketball championship is slated to get underway here tonight at the Lowndes High gymnasium.

There are 11 teams in the field and six of them are to go at it against each other in three games tonight.

In contests tonight, Moultrie is to meet Wayne County (Jes- up) at 5:30 p. m.; Ware County (Waycross) is to duel Dougherty (Albany) at 7 p. m. and Coffee County (Douglas) is to face Westover (Albany) at 8:30 p. m.

All of the teams seeing action tonight are seeded sixth or lower. The region's five highest ranked teams, Albany, Lowndes, Valdosta, Monroe (Albany) and Tift County (Tifton), will get their first taste of tourney action Thursday.

The schedule for Thursday follows:

Monroe vs Coffee-Westover winner, 4:30 p. m.; Albany vs Ware - Dougherty winner, 6 p. m.; Valdosta vs Moultrie - Wayne winner, 7:30 p. m. and Lowndes vs Tift, 9 p. m.

Semi - final round games are on tap Friday at 7:30 p. m. and 9 p. m. On Saturday there will be a consolation game at 7:30 p. m. with the championship duel at 9 p. m.

Region 1-AAA's winner and runner - up will move in the state Class AAA playoffs against the top two quintets from 2-AAA.

The top-seeded team in the 1-AAA affair here is coach Gordon Dixon's Albany Indians. Riding the crest of a 12-game victory streak, they are 21-2 in all games and 13-0 in region play.

Coach Charles Cooper's host game victory streak going and closed regular season play with

triumphs in nine of their last 10 starts. The Vikes are 18-6 for the season and 11-2 in region games which were used to determine the tourney pairings.

The Valdosta Wildcats, coached by Joe Wilson, are 16-5 and 11-2. Coach Lewis Smith's Monroe Golden Tornadoes are the defending region champs. They

have 11-7 and 9-4 charts this time. Tift County's Blue Devils are seeded fifth with 8-11 and 5-8 records.

On Monday the 11 girls teams in the region are slated to begin their four - day tournament at the Tift County High gym in Tifton.

Two VHS Gridders Get Scholarships

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Two more members of Valdosta High's 1969 football team, quarterback Don Golden and tackle Robert Koncar, have decided to accept the offer of college grid scholarships.

Koncar signed a grant-in-aid with Memphis State University Tuesday and Golden has indicated he will ink a pact with the University of Georgia on Thursday at an informal ceremony here.

When Golden, who stands 6-5 and weighs 200 pounds, signs

Georgia's head coach Vince Dooley and the Bulldogs' chief recruiter Starling Dupree are expected to be on hand.

Koncar tips the scales at 200 pounds and stands 6-3. He's the third member of the 1969 VHS team landed by Memphis State. Signing earlier were halfback Henry Davis and center Jim Christy.

Golden is the second Wildcat landed by Georgia. The Bulldogs signed linebacker Tom Holt earlier.

In addition, fullback Dany O'Neal has cast his lot with Tulsa and guard Mark Dibois has inked a pact with The Citadel.

That makes a total of seven players off the VHS team which went 12-0-1 and shared the '69 state Class AAA crown with Athens to get scholarships.

Golden, a multi-sports standout, has been one of the most sought after prep stars in the state. He was Region 1-AAA's leading passer and punter last fall and also saw extensive front line duty as a defensive back. In recent weeks he's helped lead VHS to the 1969-70 Region 1-AAA boys basketball championship. He also excels in baseball and track.

Wildcats, Tigers Tangle At Tifton

By Times Staff Writer

The Valdosta Wildcats and the Ballard-Hudson Tigers from Macon will be in a win-or-drop-out situation when they meet in a high school basketball playoff contest tonight at Tifton.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats and coach Warren Reynolds' Tigers are to clash at 8 p.m. at the Abraham Baldwin (Junior) College gym at Tifton in a first round game in the state Class AAA boys hoop playoffs.

The winner will move on to Atlanta on March 6 where the final three rounds of the state "AAA" tourney will be played on consecutive nights. Tonight's loser will bow out of the state title competition.

The VHS-Ballard game is just one of eight similar playoff contests to be staged between region winners and runners-up around the state at various sites this weekend.

Valdosta has a 19-5 record and claimed championship honors in the recent 1-AAA boys tourney here. Ballard-Hudson has a 22-2 record and is the runner-up from Region 2-AAA.

The Tigers are averaging better than 95 points a game and are paced by 5-11 James Outlaw, who was 2-AAA leading scorer with a 34.5 average. Ballard-Hudson's other four starters are 6-9 Artise Jackson, 6-8 Lon Smith, 6-7 Clarence Hampton and 6-5 Robert Moore.

The Wildcats' starters are likely to come from a group which includes 6-6 Roger Rome, 6-5 Don Golden, 6-2 Benjie Webb, 5-11 Willie Jones, 5-10 William White and 5-5 Warrick Taylor.

The 'Cats team scoring average of 59.7 per game is well below Ballard-Hudson gaudy offensive figure, but Valdosta led 1-AAA in defense with a 49.29 average.

Valdosta And Albany In 1-AAA Title Duel

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats and Albany's Indians are to battle it out for championship honors in the finals of the Region 1-AAA boys basketball tournament here tonight.

In the tourney's semi-finals Friday night at the Lowndes High gym, coach Joe Wilson's VHS Wildcats trimmed the Tift County (Tifton) Blue Devils, 50-43, and coach Gordon Dixon's Albany Indians beat the Monroe (Albany) Golden Tornadoes, 62-57.

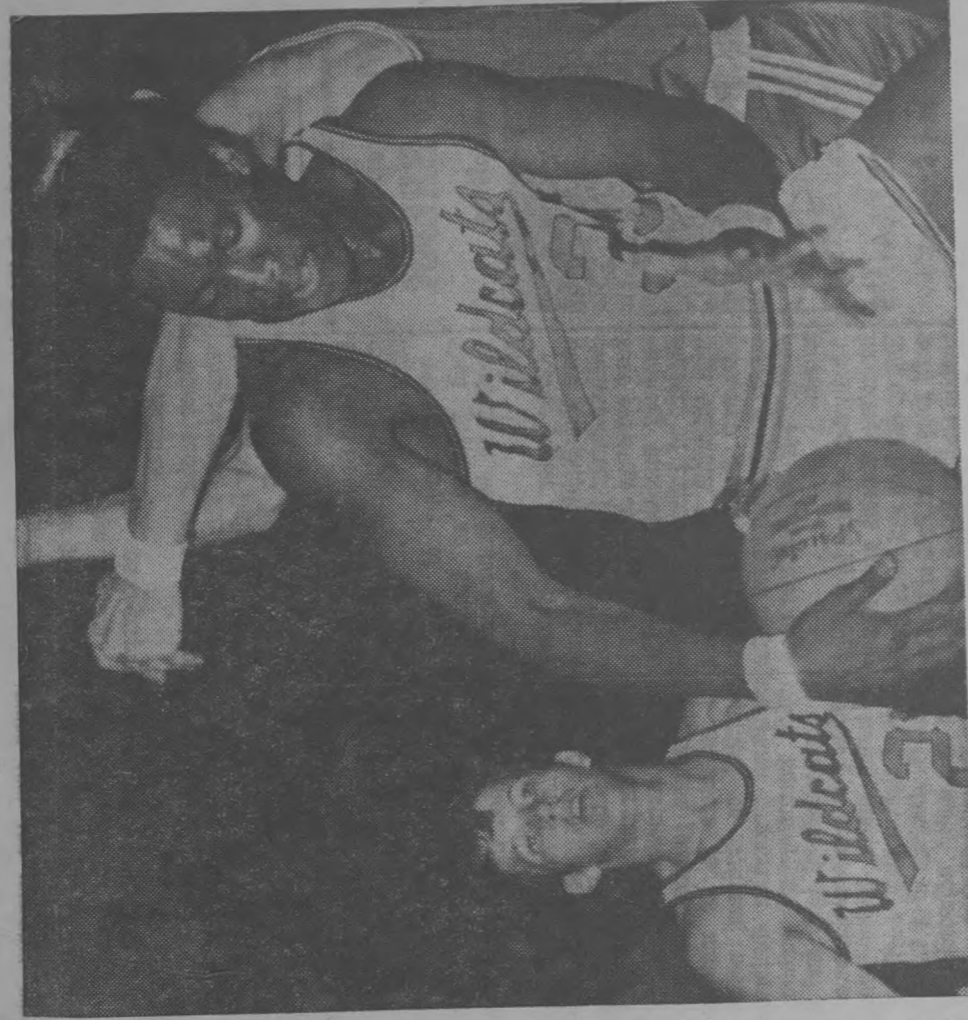
Tonight's slate calls for the Blue Devils and Tornadoes to meet in a consolation game at 7:30 p.m. The title duel between Valdosta and Albany is scheduled for 9 p.m.

Regardless of the outcome in the game between the 'Cats and Indians, both will advance into the state Class AAA playoffs against the top two teams from Region 2-AAA.

Albany will come into the finals with a 23-2 record and riding the crest of a 14-game winning streak. Valdosta will go into tonight's title match with an 18-5 record. They met just once during the regular season in a game at Albany. The Indians won that time by a 71-41 margin.

When pairing for the region, tourney were drawn, Albany was seeded first and VHS was seeded second.

In last night's games neither the 'Cats or the Indians had easy times attaining victories. That duel between Valdosta



—Times Staff Photo

Wildcats' Roger Rome (35) Comes Down With A Rebound

and Tift saw the score tied or the season. Webb got 15 points and Golden accounted for 10. The lead change hands 10 times in the first half.

But in the third stanza Valdosta built up a nine-point lead and then, under tremendous pressure, the 'Cats stayed out front to the finish. With only 3:24 left to play in the game Dosta's lead shrank to just two markers. But the 'Cats widened the gap again quickly and went on to win by seven points.

The five-man combination of Roger Rome, Benjie Webb, Don Golden, Willie Jones and William White carried most of the load for Valdosta. Rome scored 16 points, grabbed at least that many rebounds and blocked a dozen or so shots in one of his top performances of

Valdosta's scoring leaders. Monroe had four players in double figures. They were Charlie Givens, 15; Charles Riggins, 14, and Homer Hunter and James Ellerson, each with 11.

Valdosta
Tift
VALDOSTA (50) — White 4, Jones 2, Webb 15, Golden 10, Rome 16, Johnson 2, Baker 1, Mabry, Taylor, 14 of 24, fouls 10.
Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 14 of 24, fouls 10.
TIFT (43) — Cates 15, Dorminey 9, Henderson 6, Parkman 14, Mims Winkler, Thompson, Luke.
Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 7 of 12, fouls 16.

Albany
Monroe
ALBANY (67) — Mance 16, West 6, Cleveland 9, Crawford 4, Knight 16, McKemie 11.
Team totals: field goals 25, free throws 17 of 25, fouls 15.
MONROE (57) — Givens 15, Hunter 11, Ellerson 11, Riggins 14, Small 6, Robinson Brown, Davis.
Team totals: field goals 23, free throws 11 of 11, fouls 10.

Wildcat Defense Get Big Test

FF WRITER

igh Basketball, the best in this season, will

in their region.

During the regular campaign Reynolds' quintet averaged an amazing 95.5 points per game while giving up an average of 69.5. The Tigers also have 2-AAA's top individual scorer in their ranks. He's James Outlaw, a sharpshooting guard who averaged 34.5 points per outing.

While Outlaw stands just 5-11, Ballard - Hudson's four other starters are all king-size cagers. They are 6-9 Artise Jackson, 6-8 Lon Smith, 6-7 Clarence Hampton and 6-5 Robert Moore. Lewis Linder, who

stands 6-1, is a reserve who is called on for frequent duty. Everyone is averaging either in or very close to double figures.

Wilson reports that the 'Cats' starters will come from a six-player group which includes 6-6 Roger Rome, 6-5 Don Gold-

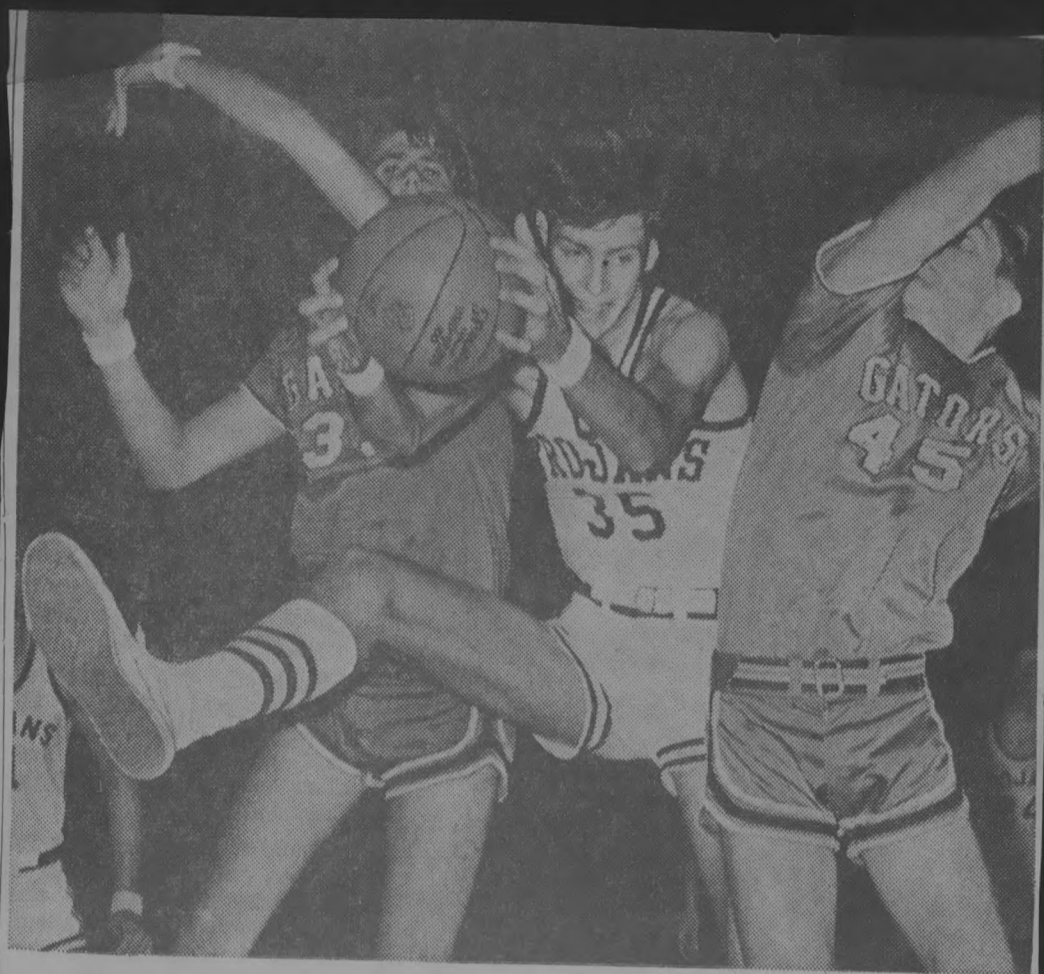
en, 6-2 Benjie Webb, 5-11 Willie Jones, 5-10 William White and 5-5 Warrick Taylor. Rome, Golden and Webb are all averaging in double figures.

Valdosta and Ballard-Hudson have met just one mutual foe this season, the Monroe Golden Tornadoes of Albany. VHS played one game with Monroe on its home court and won 49-48. Ballard-Hudson faced the Tornadoes on a home-and-home basis and won both times by better than 30-point margins.

Friday's duel between Valdosta and Ballard-Hudson is one of eight similar games to be played around the state this weekend. The eight survivors will advance in state tourney play and will gather at Atlanta on March 6 to start three consecutive nights of action there.

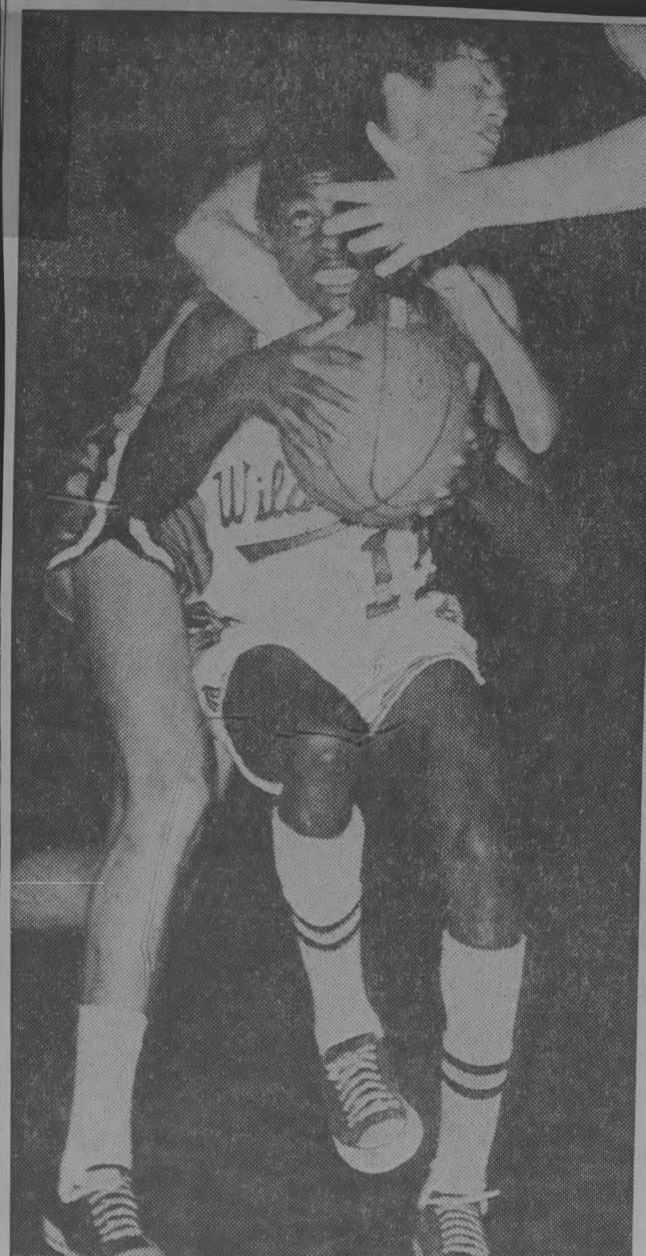
Valdosta, which moves into the playoffs as the 1-AAA champion, led its region in defense during the season by limiting its foes to just 49.29 points a game. On offense the 'Cats averaged 59.7 markers per contest. This produced a 19-5 record for VHS.

Ballard - Hudson is the runner-up for 2-AAA, but the Tigers own a 22-2 record and they ran away with both team and individual scoring honors



—Times Staff Photo

Dougherty's Bill Horne (35) Is Caught In A Jam Between Two Ware County Defenders



'Cats' Dan Johnson (11) Really Gets Fouled



Vikings' Jerome Register Grabs Rebound Over Tift Player's Head

Vikes, 'Cats For Tourney

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

The duel for Region 1-AAA's boys basketball championship moves into the second round here today at the Lowndes High gym with the five top ranked teams in the league.

Wildcats (16-5, 11-2), Lowndes' Vikings (18-6, 11-2), Monroe's Golden Tornadoes (1-7, 9-4) and Tift's Blue Devils (8-11, 5-8).

The second round slate follows:

Monroe vs. Coffee at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowndes High gym.

Following is the result of an amateur basketball game played here Wednesday night:

Hoop Scores Amateur

Miami will be in the same division in 1970 including a preseason game Aug. 29 in Miami's Orange Bowl.

Loss to F.S.U. Jacksonville is now 20-1 and Dave Cowens tallied 20 points and Willie Williams 19 for the Seminoles.

Beats Bulgaria

LEON, Mexico (AP) — Mexico's national soccer team defeated Bulgaria 2-0 Wednesday night in an exhibition in Leon Stadium.

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

The Region 1-AAA boys basketball tournament moves into the semi-finals here tonight with Valdosta, Tift County, Albany and Monroe the four survivors from an original starting field of 11 teams.

Top thriller among four second round games played Wednesday night at the Lowndes High gym was a contest in

Lowndes	11	28	45	58
Tift	8	26	36	59
LOWNDES (58) — Jones 10, H. Register 11, J. Register 19, Hendrix 7, Haines 7, Saengerhausen 4, Thomas.				
Team totals: field goals 23, free throws 12 of 22, fouls 18.				
TIFT (59) — Cates 18, Dorminey 16, Henderson 5, Parkman 9, Mims 2, Winkler 6, Thompson 1, Luke 2.				
Team totals: field goals 24, free throws 11 of 20, fouls 17.				
Valdosta	19	37	52	71
Wayne	4	18	31	50
VALDOSTA (71) — White 2, Jones 7, Webb 15, Golden 18, Rome 10, Taylor 3, Johnson 4, Kitchens, Bounds 3, Hampton 2, Baker 2, Mabry 4, Rowe 1, Demersserman 2.				
Team totals: field goals 30, free throws 11 of 27, fouls 14.				
Wayne (50) — Richardson 11, Scott 6, Strickland 10, Ledbetter 4, Purvis 3, Driggers, Collier 12, Garrott.				
Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 14 of 22, fouls 20.				
Albany	14	35	48	71
Dougherty	13	23	31	55
ALBANY (71) — Mance 19, West 10, Cleveland 18, Crawford 8, D. Knight 10, Russell 2, Smith 2, G. Knight, McKemie 2, Dubose, Anderson.				
Team totals: field goals 30, free throws 11 of 16, fouls 9.				
DOUGHERTY (55) — Clark 2, Johnson 6, Norman 16, Griffin 12, Horne 14, Christon 1, Stevens 2, Braceland 2.				
Team totals: field goals 24, free throws 7 of 9, fouls 9.				
Monroe	4	19	32	41
Coffee	6	17	30	35
MONROE (41) — Givens 9, Hunter 19, Ellerson 6, Riggins 2, Small 5, Brown.				
Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 5 of 14, fouls 8.				
COFFEE (35) — Loving 11, McElhanev 9, Pope 8, Roberts 7, Walker 2.				
Team totals: field goals 15, free throws 5 of 11, fouls 11.				

'Cats Clip Jackets; Devils Nip Vikings

which Tift County's fifth-seeded Blue Devils from Tifton nipped Lowndes' third-seeded Vikings, 59-58.

In other games, Albany's top-seeded Indians skipped past the Dougherty (Albany) Trojans, 71-55; Valdosta's second-seeded Wildcats beat the Wayne County (Jesup) Yellow Jackets, 71-50, and the Monroe (Albany) Golden Tornadoes, who are seeded fourth, defeated the Coffee County Douglas Comet, 41-35.

Tonight's slate calls for Albany (22-2) to meet Monroe (12-7) at 7:30 p.m. and for Valdosta (17-5) to go against Tift (9-11) at 9 p.m.

On Saturday there will be a consolation game at 7:30 p.m. with the championship battle set for 9 p.m. The 1-AAA winner and runner-up will move into the state Class AAA playoffs against the two top teams from Region 2-AAA.

For coach Charles Cooper's host Lowndes Vikings, last

night's one-point loss to coach A. J. Otwell Imps from Tifton was a heart-breaker.

The game was a see-saw affair in the first half with the score being tied or the lead changing hands 11 times. In the third period Lowndes built up a 13 point lead and with 4:30 left to play the Vikes were still ahead by nine markers.

However, when Lowndes starters Jerome Register and Curtis Jones fouled out the Imps launched a rally which was climaxed by Glenn Parkman's field goal that came with only one second showing on the clock to give Tift it's 59-58 win.

The Blue Devils' attack was paced by Riley Cates, 18, and 6-6 Edd Dorminey, 16. Jerome Register was the Vikes' offense leader with 19 points.

Coach Joe Wilson's Valdosta Wildcats jumped off to an early 17-point lead over Wayne's Yellow Jackets and kept a comfortable advantage to the finish.

The trio of Don Golden, 18; Benjie Webb, 15, and Roger Rome, 10, were the VHS attack leaders. Wayne's high man was Dan Richardson with 11 points.

Coach Gordon Dixon's Albany Indians opened up a 12-point lead in the second period of their game with Dougherty's Trojans and had clear sailing after that. The Tribe was led by Eric Mance, 19, and James Cleveland, 18. Bill Horne, with 14 points, paced the Trojans.

In the Monroe-Coffee duel the score was tied or the lead changed hands 10 times in the first three periods. But coach Lewis Smith's Golden Tornadoes spurred to a five-point lead at the beginning of the final period and then kept the advantage to the finish to win. Monroe was led by Homer Hunter, who had 19 points, and Coffee's top scorer was Jerome Loving, with 11 markers to his credit.

1-AAA Girls Meet Slated At Tifton

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Action in the Region 1-AAA girls basketball tournament is scheduled to get underway at Tifton on Monday and a wide open scramble for the championship is expected.

The tourney, which will run through Thursday, is to be staged at the Tift County High gym.

In the field will be sextets from the 11 schools in the region. That list, including the region records, follows:

Lowndes (11-2), Moultrie (10-3), Monroe of Albany (10-3), Albany (9-4), Valdosta (7-6), Tift (7-6), Coffee County of Douglas (6-7), Ware County of Waycross (3-10), Wayne County of Jesup (2-11), Dougherty of Albany (0-13) and Westover of Albany (0-13).

Coach Steve Kebler's Lowndes Vikettes, who have a sparkling overall record of 17-5 to go along with their fine 11-2 loop chart, are top-seeded.

Coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens, who are seeded fifth, are 9-11 in all games, but played well above .500 ball in the closing stages of their regular season.

Both the Vikettes and Kittens drew opening round byes and

won't get their first taste of tourney action until Tuesday. In the second round Valdosta will meet Monroe at 4:30 p.m. and Lowndes will face the Ware - Wayne victor at 6 p.m.

The winner and the runner-up in the region event will move into the state Class AAA playoffs against the top two teams from Region 2-AAA.

The schedule follows:
Monday — Ware vs Wayne, 5:30 p.m.; Coffee vs Dougher-

ty, 7 p.m.; Tift vs Westover, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Valdosta vs Monroe, 4:30 p.m.; Lowndes vs Ware-Wayne winner, 6 p.m.; Moultrie vs Coffee - Dougherty winner, 7:30 p.m.; Albany vs Tift-Westover winner, 9 p.m.

Wednesday — semi-final round games at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Thursday — consolation game at 7:30 p.m.; championship game at 9 p.m.

1-AAA Girls Meet Opens At Tifton

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

TIFTON — Play in the Region 1-AAA girls basketball tournament is slated to get underway here tonight at the Tift County High gym.

Six of the 11 teams in the field will be seeing action in three games tonight.

The slate calls for Ware County (Waycross) to meet Wayne County (Jesup) at 5:30 p. m., Coffee County (Douglas) to face Dougherty (Albany) at 7 p. m. and for host Tift to meet Westover (Albany) at 8:30 p. m.

All of the teams seeing action tonight are seeded sixth or lower. Lowndes, Moultrie, Monroe (Albany), Albany and Valdosta, won't make their debut in the tourney until Tuesday night.

The Tuesday schedule follows: Valdosta vs Monroe, 4:30 p. m.; Lowndes vs Ware-Wayne winner, 6 p. m.; Moultrie vs Coffee - Dougherty winner, 7:30

p. m.; Albany vs Tift-Westover winner, 9 p. m.

Semi-finals are on tap for Wednesday with games slated at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. On Thursday there will be a consolation game at 7:30 p.m. with the championship battle to begin at 9 p.m.

The tourney's winner and runner-up will advance into the state Class AAA playoffs and will meet the top two teams from Region 2-AAA.

Coach Steve Kebler's Lowndes Vikettes, who have an overall record of 17-5 and a region mark of 11-2, are top seeded in the 1-AAA affair.

The Valdosta Kittens, coached by Bill Davis, are seeded fifth after finishing regular season play with a 9-11 overall mark and a 7-6 region chart.

Moultrie, which went 10-2 in loop play, is seeded second with Monroe (10-3) third and Albany (9-4) fourth.

Wildcats Beat Tribe In 1-AAA Title Duel

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Times Sports Editor

Valdosta High's fired-up Wildcats knocked off Albany's top-seeded Indians, 66-56, here Saturday night and with the triumph claimed championship honors in Region 1-AAA's boys basketball tournament.

As the newly crowned 1-AAA champs, coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats will move into the state Class AAA playoffs with a 19-5 record. They are to meet Ballard-Hudson (21-2) of Macon in a first round game this coming Friday or Saturday at a site to be selected by the Georgia High School Association.

Coach Gordon Dixon's Albany Indians, who had a 14-game victory streak snapped by Valdosta, will also represent 1-AAA in the playoffs, with 2-AAA titleholder Carver of Columbus its first round foe. The Tribe now has a 23-3 mark and Carver has a 24-1 record.

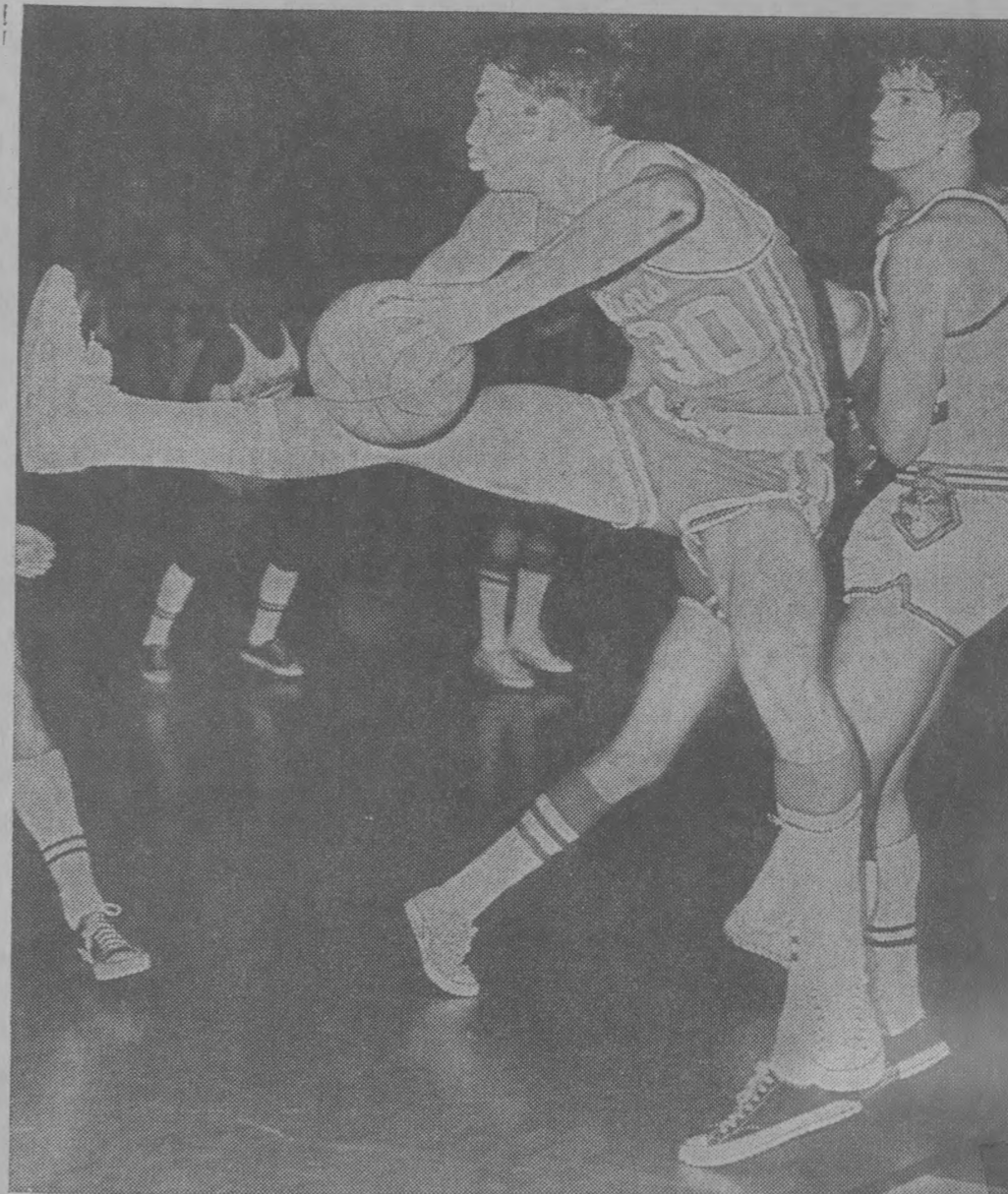
With the impressive triumph in the 1-AAA finals here Saturday at the Lowndes High gym, Wilson's Wildcats became the first Valdosta High boys basketball team to claim a region crown since 1953. They also avenged a 30-point licking they suffered at the hands of Albany the only time they met during the regular season. VHS had started the tourney seeded second.

It was the seven-player combination of Roger Rome, Don Golden, Willie Jones, Benjie Webb, Warrick Taylor, William White and Jerry Baker which produced the big victory.

"Our boys wanted this one—they really wanted it," Wilson said after the game. "They came through in great style. I'm very, very proud of all of them."

The game was a see-saw affair with the scoring being tied or the lead changing hands 16 times before a whirl-wind finish by the 'Cats tipped the scales in their favor. Valdosta got 22 points in the final period and tallied 16 of those markers in the last four minutes and 41 seconds of play.

With 6:49 to go in the final period Albany led, 46-45. But a pair of quick field goals by Jones gave VHS a 49-46 advantage. The 'Cats beat back every Albany attempt to catch up and kept the lead to the finish.



—Times Staff Photo

VHS' Don Golden Watches As Indians' James Cleveland (30) Does A High Kick

Rome, despite being double and triple-teamed at times, poured in 27 points to lead the Valdosta attack. Jones was next in line with 13, followed by Golden, 12, Webb, 8, Taylor, 4 and White, 2.

Jones suffered a blow over his right eye in a fall in the game, retired from play for a while to get it treated and came back to score nine points during VHS' winning surge at the final minute. Rome, Golden and Webb did some expert work on the backboards and all of the

Cleveland 5, Crawford 6, Knight 12, McKemie 5, Anderson.
Team totals: field goals 25, free throws 8 of 13, fouls 11.

CONSOLATION	
Monroe	17 36 51 61
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For VHS, Pinevale

Registration Forms Ready

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Students at Valdosta High School and the VHS Pinevale Campus are to begin getting registration materials and information Monday for the 1970-71 school term.

The materials and information are to be taken home and discussed with parents before the students bring them back, said VHS Principal Charles (Chuck) Green.

Registration is scheduled March 2 for students who will be in grades 10-12 next fall. These pupils will be housed at VHS, according to the Valdosta Board of Education's state approved plan.

Green said at least 600 students will be involved in the extended day program while the other 1,000 pupils attend

classes on a regular schedule next September.

The extended day proposal was approved by the State Board of Education at a meeting Wednesday. Critical housing problems at VHS prompted the state school officials to approve the local board's request for the extended program.

There are 1,350 students at VHS in grades 10-12 but 1,600 are expected next fall.

To handle the anticipated student increase, at least 300 pupils are to take four classes during the morning session and another 300 students are to attend the afternoon classes.

A survey taken earlier this month resulted in 75 per cent of the students, who returned the forms, indicating interest in participating in the extended day program.

"We were pleased with the results and expect a lot of cooperation to come out of this. I want the students now to take home this material we'll be giving out Monday and talking registration over with their parents," said Green.

The majority of sophomores will be scheduled for the regular school day which is from 8:30 a.m.-3:20 p.m., he said. "We are interested in keeping them in the regular school routine," said the principal.

He explained that the exact times of the morning and afternoon sessions have not been decided. The lunchroom program must also be studied to determine if meals will be served and if so on how large an operation.

There has been some discussion about converting the lunchroom into classrooms next fall.

Students involved in the extended day program will not be

allowed on campus before or after their class session, according to school officials.

"The whole point of this is to keep the three grades together but to have fewer students on campus than we now have," said Supt. Foster Goolsby.

Another way the board hopes to ease the crowded conditions at VHS, is the expansion of the summer school program which is to begin in June. The state board has given VHS permission to grant a maximum of two credits for study instead of the usual 1½.

Rising seniors will also be allowed to take courses at Valdosta State College this summer and next year if they can meet admission requirements. This enrichment program has been worked out between city school officials and VSC administrators with state board approval.

State Funds Seen For City School

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta school system will get its capital outlay funds for consolidation to help finance the city board of education's proposed multi-million dollar high school, if the appropriations bill is signed by Gov. Lester Maddox, said Supt. Foster Goolsby.

He said State Supt. Jack Nix told him in Atlanta Tuesday there are enough funds in the appropriations bill for consolidation of schools and that Valdosta will have its money for a new high school.

Dr. Nix told the superintendent that the state board will not officially make a commitment to the Valdosta Board of Education until the next fiscal year which begins July 1.

"And we can't go ahead with all of our plans until Gov. Maddox signs the appropriations bill. If he vetoes it, like he has threatened to do, we'll be out of luck," said Goolsby.

A veto by Gov. Maddox means the state would operate on the budget passed last year. "And we don't want that," said the city school superintendent.

Goolsby said Sen. Bobby Rowan and all local legislators have "done really good jobs for us this session." Rowan is credited with making certain ample money was included in the appropriations bill for capital outlay funds for consolidation of schools.

Money had been approved for school growth funds but there was some doubt as to whether enough has been allocated for consolidation.

Valdosta is in line to receive about \$1.8 million in consolidation money for merging Valdosta High School and all Negro Pinevale High School. All 10th-12th graders are now at VHS and the ninth grade is at the Pinevale campus.

The board has proposed to build a new high school estimated to cost \$5 million to construct and equip. Valdosta architect Zeb Lackey has been hired to design the facility and

the School Planning Laboratory of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville has been contracted to aid local officials in working up a program for the plant.

A site committee is working with the Lowndes County Planning Commission to secure a minimum of 50 acres of land on which to build the new high school.

"But you see we must have the state money before we can do anything. I'm not going to commit anything towards a site until the bill is signed and we know we are going to get state money," said board attorney and treasurer Reuben Yancey.

The state financial facet is one of several money obstacles the board must clear before the proposed high school 1972 becomes a certainty.

The other hurdle is the passage of a local school bond referendum. The city has about a \$4 million bonding capacity.

"But the city has money needs, too, and we (board) must sit down and talk about this before we say how much we want for local financing of the high school," said board chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr.

Rowan's Help For School

A relatively minor item — funding of the State School Building Authority — in the state's proposed \$1 billion appropriations bill greatly affects Valdosta. It will mean we are in line to receive about \$2 million toward construction of a new high school.

Our state senator, Bobby Rowan of Enigma, was responsible for making a minor change in the appropriations bill that puts us in a position to get the school building money. As enacted by the House, the appropriations bill provided most of the building authority funding on the basis of school population growth. Only a small amount was provided for school consolidation.

The House version would have meant very little for Valdosta toward a new high school. When the bill went to the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Rowan led a move to remove all restrictions for the building authority's disbursing the funds.

State School Supt. Jack Nix has told Valdosta's superintendent, Foster Gools-

by, that under the Senate version of the appropriations bill, the need for a new high school here puts Valdosta near the top of the priority list for the capital funds.

There is still one big "if" involved. It is Gov. Maddox's threat to veto the appropriations bill. Such a veto would delay a commitment from the building authority for the high school funds. It would delay the construction of the school.

Despite it all, we owe our thanks to Sen. Rowan for eliminating the restrictions and putting us in a position to get the much-needed building money.

21-COUNTY AREA

Students Invited to Enter Science Fair at Valdosta

Times-Union Bureau

VALDOSTA, Ga. — School students from throughout 21 South Georgia counties have been invited to submit entries to the Valdosta Region Social Science Fair to be held in the all-purpose room of the J. E. Mathis Auditorium here March 5-6.

Entries are due in the auditorium March 5 before noon. A three-judge panel will judge the displays that afternoon and awards will be announced at the opening of the auditorium Thursday evening.

Those exhibiting at the regional fair must have had first place exhibits in local school system fairs.

The Valdosta region fair is one of 10 to be held in the state prior to the state fair at Georgia State University in Atlanta, March 18-20. Blue ribbon winners in regional fairs will be eligible to participate in the state fair. The outstanding exhibitor at the regional fair will receive a \$25 savings bond.

It was pointed out that social science fairs have been under way in Georgia for six years in an effort to upgrade social science work in schools and to encourage students to do quality research in the social sciences. The fairs are financed by the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

Counties constituting the Valdosta region are Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien,

Brantley, Brooks, Camden, Davis, Lanier, Lowndes, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Jeff Ware, Pierce, Thomas, Tift and Ware.



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Valdosta's New 'First Family'

Valdosta Mayor-elect Aubrey J. Stump (center) is shown with his family following his victory over incumbent Mayor James Beck in a runoff election. On the mayor-elect's left are Mrs. Stump and son, Tom, and his wife, while on his right are daughter Shirley Stump Gupton, and husband, Steve.

Worried About Grades

Bowers Named VHS Star

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Bill Bowers, a Valdosta High School senior who was worried about his grades, has been named 1970 STAR student for the Valdosta school system.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowers Jr. of Oak Drive, he chose Mike Rogers, VHS mathematics teacher, STAR teacher "because of the great contribution he has made to my scholastic development."

The Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) program is sponsored statewide by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and in the Valdosta school system area by the Kiwanis Club.

Star students are chosen on the basis of scores made on the Nov. 1 or Dec. 6, 1969 college Board Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) and scholastic averages the first semester of the senior year.

"I thought I had a chance at the honor," said 17-year-old Bowers. "But I was worried about my grades. I knew I needed to be in the top 10 per cent of my class for first semester of my senior year. But I wasn't sure my grades were that good."



BILL BOWERS
Hopes For Tech



MIKE ROGERS
Math Teacher

Historian of the Distributive Education Club and a member of the Hi-Y, Bowers is a route supervisor for the circulation department of The Valdosta Daily Times.

He is planning to major in

electrical engineering at Georgia Tech this fall.

School system STAR students and teachers from Georgia will be awarded a trip to Atlanta by their sponsors to attend the Georgia Chamber STAR banquet April 24 at the Regency Hyatt House.

Congressional district STAR students in each district and four top-ranking SAT scorers from the state-at-large will leave immediately for a week-long educational STAR tour of Georgia.

VHS' Davis Inks Pact With MSU

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The fifth member of Valdosta High's 1969 grid team, halfback Henry Davis, has accepted the offer of a football scholarship.

Davis has signed a grant-in-aid with the Memphis (Tenn.) State University Tigers. The Tigers campaign in the Missouri Valley Conference under head coach William Murphy.

A standout runner and one of the 'Cats' 1969 tri-captains, Davis helped spark Valdosta to a 12-0-1 record and a co-champion's share of the state Class AAA crown this past fall. He was also a regular on VHS' unbeaten state title team in '68.

He's the second VHS player landed by Memphis State. Center Jim Christy inked a pact with the Tigers earlier.

Other VHS players who have "signed" are linebacker Tom Holt with Georgia, guard Mark Dibois with The Citadel and fullback Danny O'Neal with Tulsa.

High School Investment

Within a couple of months Valdostans will get an opportunity to say whether they want to invest in a new high school for our town. School board chairman Bubber Tillman says Mayor-Council will be consulted shortly on the amount of a bond issue and a date for its referendum.

He hopes the referendum date can be in April, but no later than in early May. And the school board is going to need about \$2½ million as the local contribution toward building the new school.

It is estimated, although at this stage of the game it is really speculation, that it will cost about \$5 million to build the school, pay for the land and buy the equipment. Part of the cost, or almost \$2 million will come to the Valdosta system from the State School Building Authority. This was made possible by a supplemental appropriations bill enacted by the recent session of the legislature. The supplemental bill provided for funding of the building authority.

There is no question that our town needs a new high school. Presently there are about 1,300 students using a building constructed in 1922 that will suit about 800. Three hundred more students are expected to be enrolled at Valdosta High next fall.

Due to the crowded conditions, the Valdosta school board is going into what it calls an "extended day" program at VHS next year. This will mean some students will attend classes early, some late, but the majority will attend on a

normal schedule. Board chairman Tillman has said many times the extended day program is not double or split sessions, although it is somewhat of a modified form.

Even without the problem of crowding, this town would still need a new high school. The present building is not adequate for the type of academic and vocational program being taught in schools today. In fact, VHS lacks much in the way of a vocational program, but a new high school building can solve this.

No amount has been determined for the bond issue. This must be worked out between the school board and Mayor-Council. For the schools to get \$2½ million it needs toward the new school will almost exhaust the city's bonding capacity. The amount is about \$3 million, and there are many capital needs in the city that must be financed through bonds. It will be up to Mayor-Council and the school board to work out a means of filling the needs of both. But a new high school is our first priority and the city council must temper any other considerations to this fact.

It will be up to the school board, parents and all other Valdostans interested in the future of this place to convince any doubters among the electorate that we must make this investment in our schools. The board must present to the voters a firm plan for a high school program that will meet the needs of future generations.

Tillman's remarks came at a meeting Wednesday of the steering committee, composed of about 50 members, is predominately a group of lay people asked by the board of education to help convince the people of Valdosta of the need for a new high school.

Plans are already underway on the school, but the first breakthrough on its financing came through a supplemental appropriations bill enacted by the past legislative session. The legislation provides for funding of the State School Building Authority. This will put Valdosta in line for \$1.7 million in state funds for the new high school. "We hope to make it more," said Tillman.

If Valdostans approve a bond issue of \$2.5 million for the new high school, it will mean the board will have funding of \$4.2

School Bond Issue

BofE Will Request Referendum Date

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Board of Education will shortly ask Mayor-Council to set a referendum date on a bond issue for construction of a new high school. Chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr. said the referendum will probably be held in April, or early May.

Tillman said the board must sit down with the Mayor-Council and "find out how much we can get, on a realistic basis, for a new high school."

The figure most discussed has been \$2 million, here and now.

This doesn't mean the board will go to Mayor-Council and demand an amount of \$2½ million, he said. This must be worked out. "We are not going to fight with the city over this. We want to cooperate with them and them with us."

The city has definite needs for capital improvements and must obtain these resources through bond financing. The board of education must work out with the city the best way for both to fill their needs, said Tillman.

For the school system to use \$2½ million of the city's bond capacity would almost exhaust it. According to city hall records, Valdosta has an outstanding capacity of \$3 million.

Plans for the school are being drawn by Valdosta architect Zeb Lackey. The University of Tennessee School Planning Laboratory is a consultant on the project, helping in the building's design and the program for the comprehensive high school.

Teachers Worry About Open Space

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

Concern has replaced the objections to the proposed open space teaching stations among teachers at Valdosta High School. The instructors are concerned because they lack experience in this type of educational atmosphere.

But VHS principal Charles (Chuck) Green has suggested a means to give the teachers some open area teaching experience beginning this summer at the school.

Green explained his idea at a meeting to plan the program for the new multi-million high school proposed by the Valdosta Board of Education. The session between teachers and representatives of the School Planning Laboratory of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville was held Wednesday afternoon in the VHS library.

The principal said he had plans to knock out some walls at VHS, put down carpet and put up good acoustical tile.

money and we are able to give him more for his tax dollar in the way of an educationally sound school," said Dr. John Gilliland, head of the university's planning school.

Valdosta School Supt. Foster Goolsby said the idea of open area teaching appeals to him because the money will be going in areas that teachers can use instead.

"Instead of putting money in useless halls, that add about 25 per cent to building costs which are used to just get from one place to another, the money is put into something else we can use more often and to a better advantage," said the superintendent.

Mable Wolinsky, head of the English department at VHS, said she would like to have some sort of preparation for this type of building. "They don't teach them how to teach in this situation in education courses," said Mrs. Wolinsky.

Gilliland said something should be done to prepare the

teachers but that school systems for the most part "have just sat around and done nothing."

"I think we should do something even if we have to give up our auditorium and let history classes have it for six weeks, English classes for another six weeks and so forth so that everyone can have some sort of experience," said Mrs. Wolinsky.

Mrs. William Wisenbaker, head of the history department, said she is also willing to try the idea.

"But I have heard that the majority of young teachers are the ones who don't want this approach and the older teachers are willing to try it. I thought it would be the other way around," she said.

The VHS principal said he is also anxious to see how open space teaching would work even at the present school.

"I think we could get enough bits and pieces of carpet and tile to put something together without too much expense. We want to try it," he said.

The planning lab and the department representatives are to meet here again March 11 for a final session before the educational specifications are to be drawn up for the new school.

After the ed specs are turned in, architect Zeb Lackey of Valdosta is to work on his preliminary drawings for the building.

The new school is to be financed with state and local funds. A local bond referendum is needed to provide the city's portion of the financing.

-BofE

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high school. "We must also convince the community the money is going to be spent wisely," he said.

No site for the high school has been obtained, but the board chairman said several are under consideration. With the funds now available through the State School Building Authority, the board is in a position now to talk seriously with land owners on purchase of a site.



Has It For Life: Miss Tillman, Hobbs with DE's New Life Member Varnedoe

-Times Staff Photo

Annual Meeting

DE Honors Three

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Members of the Valdosta High School Distributive Education Club gathered at their 22nd Annual Employer-Employee Banquet Thursday night to honor their own.

A pair of seniors, Mary Tillman and David Hobbs, received awards as the Female and Male Students of the Year. And a pioneer women's clothing store operator here, C. C. Varnadoe, was awarded an honorary life membership for his contributions toward the growth of the club.

Miss Tillman, DECA's state secretary, and Hobbs, the local club's parliamentarian, are to compete in the state student-of-the-year contest, according to D. E. coordinator Norman Greene.

Varnadoe was cited by club vice-president Teckia Crawford for his support as an employer during the past seven years. During that time, she said, Varnadoe has always employed

three or four D. E. students.

Miss Crawford also received recognition for her work with the club. She and Cissy Williams, club reporter, were given the Warren Horton Memorial Award.

Greene said the award is presented to the student who is most outstanding in club activities not directly connected with classroom work. This is the first year the voting has ended in a tie.

Club president David Bentley received the W. E. Glenn Award which is given to the student who is most valuable to the club as a whole. Bentley was voted the honor by the other members of the club.

The Coordinator's Award, given to the second year student who shows the most improvement over his first year's work, went to Johnny Johnson, the club's sergeant-at-arms.

Rookie of the year honors, given to the most outstanding junior in the club, went to Billy

Valdosta DE Wins In District

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Six members of the Distributive Education Club at Valdosta High School have won in district competition and are to compete on the state level in April, according to club director Norman Green.

Southeast District competition was held Saturday at Fitzgerald for 14 clubs in the area bordered by Valdosta, Macon, Augusta and Savannah, said Green.

VHS DE clubbers won in six of eight categories and brought back one district officer.

Finalists who are to compete at the state level April 5-7 are seniors Anne Bernard in job interview, Beverly Newlin in spelling, and David Hobbs in speech.

Debbie Daniels, senior, was a finalist in sales demonstration; junior David Bentley is to compete in the speaker's bureau; and senior Mary Tillman is to compete for student of the year honors.

David Hunt, a junior at VHS, was named chairman of the district for 1970-71, said Green.

The other two categories of competition were student of the year for boys and math.

Superintendent's Building Set For High School Use

By MARY CROUSE

The city board of education wants to move the superintendent and his staff into the old federal building as soon as possible so that the present administrative facility can be

turned over to Valdosta High School.

The superintendent's building, located on the back side of the VHS campus facing Slater Street, will house counseling and administrative offices at VHS next fall, according to

board plans.

The additional room is needed to accommodate the anticipated 1,600 students in grades 10-12 next September. There are now 1,350 students at VHS.

The materials center, which is also located in the superin-

tendent's office, would be re-located in the old federal facility. The board has been talking about converting the materials center portion of the building into classrooms or industrial shop areas.

When the City of Valdosta purchased the old federal building, the school board put in its bid for part of the space for the superintendent's offices and its materials center.

But the move holdup seems to be money. The city budget does not provide for the needed renovation in the building this fiscal year which ends July 31. Plans are to start some remodeling and begin moving into the building in March or April.

The board needs to have the superintendent and his staff settled while work is going on at the VHS facility.

The board has wanted additional office space for the superintendent and his staff for several years. There has also been serious discussion about getting larger facilities for board meetings to accommodate spectators.

Critical crowded conditions at VHS this year prompted the board to take steps to provide better offices for the principal and counselors.

Supt. Foster Goolsby said Principal Charles (Chuck) Green needs more office space and the counselors must have additional areas.

To house the expected 1,600 students next fall, the board has proposed an extended school day operation. The State Department of Education has given tentative approval to the plan and the State Board of Education is expected to act on the request at a meeting in Atlanta this week.

The extended school day would have some students attending classes in the morning and others taking classes in the afternoon. The majority of students would have a regular school day from 8:30 a.m.-3:20 p.m.

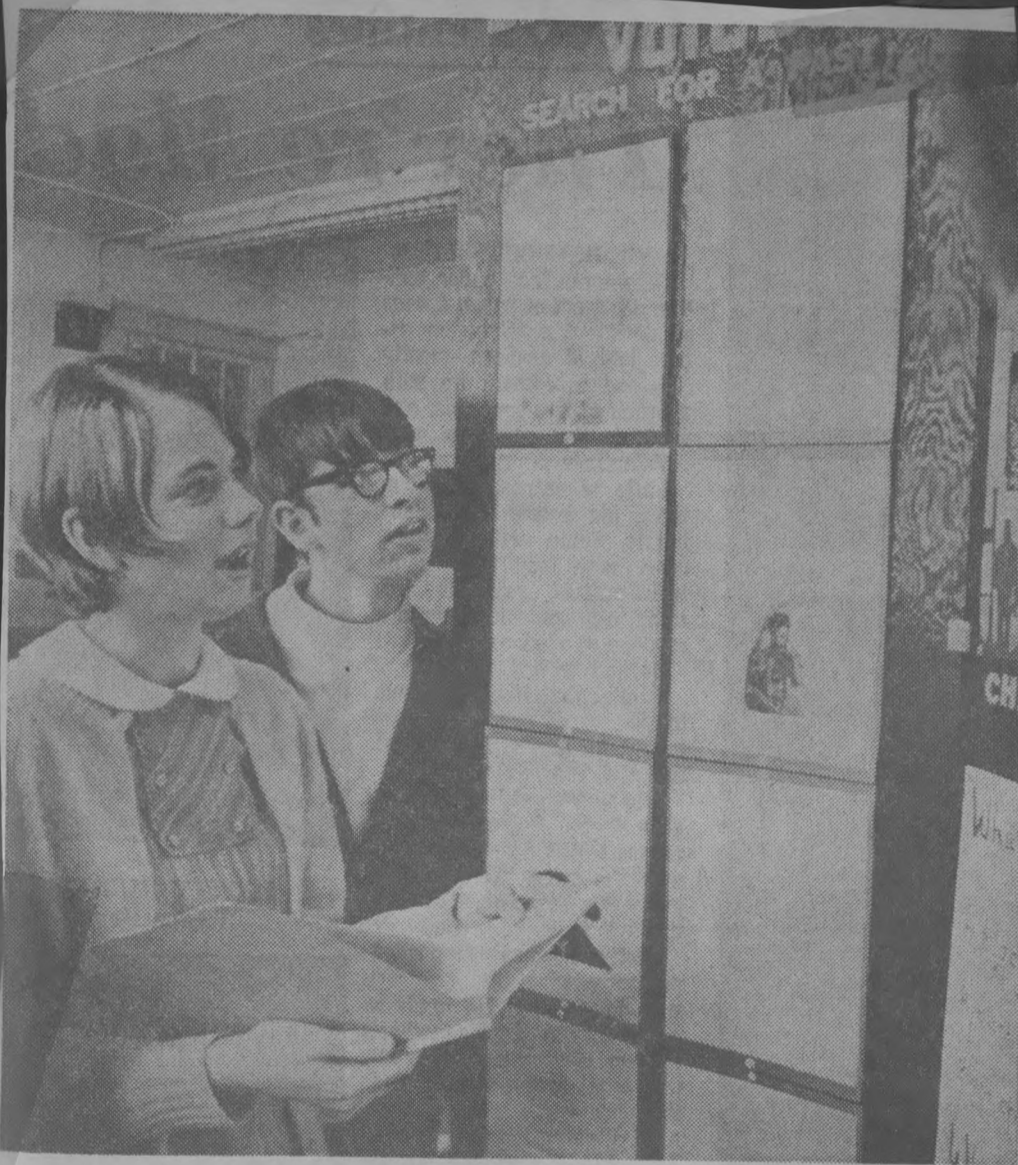
Goolsby said the idea is to have fewer students on campus next school year at any given time during the day than the number now enrolled.

Green sent a questionnaire and information sheet to every student grades nine-11. Students and parents were asked to sign the forms and return them to the principal's office. The form asked if the students would be interested in attending school on the extended day basis.

Returned forms indicate the proposed plan interests more students than necessary for operation next school year, said Goolsby.

"I anticipated 50 per cent of the students would be interested in this now. We had thought we might have to even counsel some of the students into signing up for this plan, but now it looks like we might have to counsel some to go into the regular program," said the superintendent.

He said this plan has met



—Times Staff Photo

Checking Exhibit at Valdosta High School: Nita Brantley, 17, and Gary King, 16

Who's New? Science Fair Scheduled Feb. 22

Smith, Nixon Jr. and Mrs. Hoke will hostesses are Mrs. J.F. Judge" by Mrs. Edwin Powell. "How To Become a Student" 10 a.m. for a program on Griffin at 222 High Street. the home of Mrs. Archie TOWN AND COUNTRY. of flower or vegetable seed. and Mrs. Dorothy Hall. Each member is to bring a packet and Mrs. Dorothy Hall. Each

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ring the bell and run," she said, "I've got about 20" she love and valentines. and

jects," he said. Winners from the local fair are to compete in the region event to be held this spring in the Mathis municipal auditorium, said Cox. Dr. Joe Tomberlin, history professor at Valdosta State College, is coordinator for the regional exhibit.

The fair is to be divided into age categories with prizes awarded to each age group.

"The idea is for these students to use the scientific method to come up with a project which answers a question. They are to utilize some method to come up with a collection of data and answer the question," said Cox.

Students are utilizing data furnished by local industries as well as writing to state and federal agencies for information on their project subject.

with more definite plans after the state board meets," said Goolsby.

The superintendent said he plans to attend the state board meeting and present the local case to the school officials.

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They're On The School Team

By MARY CROUSE

A former contractor, a junior college administrator and



JOHN TUNSTALL
Bricklayer

layer and contractor said every situation is different and what would be good for one school system might not be needed in another.

"That's why you have to work with the faculty, citizens and others in planning these things to fit their needs," he explained.

Tunstall was a brick layer in his father's construction business and later a contractor. He



BILL WISE
Former Coach

received his bachelor's degree at Clemson University in S.C., and his masters at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee.

Tunstall started out as an engineering student but just before he got enough credits for a degree in that field he switched to mathematics. He wanted to teach.

The planner taught high



BILL DAY
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school math and became a principal in Pickins County, S.C.

"I went into school planning because it is the only area I know I can use everything I have learned. With my background in construction, experience in teaching and administration, this is a natural for me," he said.

Tunstall, a native of Scran-

ton, S.C., explains forms and shapes and their relationship to better teaching and learning environments to instructors during the planning session.

"The idea is to arrange space for teaching. The comprehension of the group is unaffected in large numbers as long as everyone can see and hear well. The wedge and triangle we know can see and hear well. The wedge and triangle we know can provide better hearing and viewing situations over the square or rectangle," he said.

Tunstall says he'll work in school planning after he receives his Ph.D. in June.

Wise, 34, a former football coach at Florence State University, says he'll resume his coaching career but plans to be available to systems needing help with new facilities.

A graduate of Florence State, he received his masters at the University. Wise coached three years in high school and has been at Florence State for four years.

Wise says he's been surprised at the amount of cooperation the team has received during the various jobs. "People seem to understand what we are trying to help them accomplish and want to work with us to that end," he said.

Miss VHS Pageant Set March 21

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Miss Valdosta High School beauty contest has been set for March 21 at the Mathis city auditorium.

There are 36 contestants in this year's event, sponsored by the Junior Class. The entries are to be judged in evening gown competition, stage poise and beauty.

Ann Powell, math teacher, is faculty advisor for the junior class project.

Tickets are to be on sale at the auditorium the night of the event.

Contestants include: Juniors — Dee Dee Durden, Carol Crook, Becky Eager, Janice Wilson, Diana Corns, Leslie Hunt, Sherrie Snider, Reada Moore, Carol Colson.

Janice Hingson, Jan Alderman, Jerre Barker, Ann Morrow, Harriette Ladrow, Marcia Rykard, Sara Ann Moore.

Carol Rush, Liz Hattaway, Gwendolyn Thompson, Sandra Alderman, Almarean Ward, Brenda Jensen, Linda Tharps, Mary Elizabeth Williams and Elizabeth Wade.

Seniors — Nancy Wise, Anita Tillman, Cynthia Jones, Kathy Colson, Dorothy Coleman, Debbie Daniels, Robin Moran.

Sharon Yale, Gloria Evans, Emily Schroer and Pat Jeffery.

VHS '50 Plans 20th Reunion

It's been 20 years since members of the 1950 graduating class at Valdosta High School got together but they're planning a big reunion for next summer.

The only flaw in their plans right now is that they've lost contact with a number of their classmates.

According to Jane Blanton Greene, all sources and leads have been investigated — and still some members are missing.

"If anyone," pleaded Mrs. Greene, "knows of any way we can get in touch with any of these people, please let us know. We are anxious to make this reunion a big success and we don't know of any other way to find them than to appeal to the people who read this."

The "lost people are: Cornelia Caldwell, Billy Califf, Andrew Crawley, Dolphus Eunice, Sara Ben Freeman, Walter Harrison, Eugene Hunter, Mary Louise Kelly, Jimmie King.

Also, Charles Sirmans, John A. Spell, Shirley Taylor, Joe Tomlinson, Donald Woods and Jack White.

"Even though the reunion is not until July 17-18," said Mrs. Greene, "we need to get in touch with the members as soon as possible.

"We've got plans for a buffet supper, picnic and dinner dance. And our committees want to get out letters right away."

REG. OF LEG. ENVELOPES (LIST 49c) 100 REG. OR 50 EXTENSION GORD (LIST 59c) 9 FT. LENGTH - THIS MONEY CONTINUES LADIES FASHION RING (LIST \$1.00) LARGE ASSORT. AJAX FOAM PADS (LIST 4c) PKG. OF 18 - LIN. DRESS HANGERS (LIST 19c) DURABLE WOOD RUBBER GLOVES (LIST 49c) LATEX - ALL PURPOSE NIGHT LIGHT (LIST 69c) DAISY DESIGN

Wildcats, Trojans Battle To Tie

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats and Athens' Trojans staged a furious offensive battle here Saturday night, and when the dust settled, the smoke cleared and the fans' hearts stopped pounding, they were deadlocked, 26-26, and each had a co-champion's share of the 1969 state Class AAA high school football crown. A crowd of approximately 11,000 looked on as coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and coach Weyman Sellers' Trojans storm ed up and down the field in a game that was a super thriller

STATISTICS	
	Valdosta Athens
First Downs	20 13
Yards Rushing	266 206
Yards Passing	106 156
Passes	4-9 6-14
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Fumbles Lost	3 1
Punting	4-42.7 5-41.4
Penalties	6-42 2-20

all the way and Athens didn't gain enough points to produce the tie until there were just 25 seconds left to play.

While this is the first time they've had to share the honor the 'Cats now have been state champs in classes ranging from "B" to "AAA" 14 times since Bazemore joined the VHS coaching staff in 1940. It is their seventh Class AAA diadem since 1960, but their first as co-champs. They are still unbeaten, but now once tied, in a string of 27 games that dates back to 1967.

The 'Cats closed out their current campaign with a 12-0-1 mark and Athens finished 11-1-1.

It all boiled down to a case of Valdosta pitting team balance against the individual brilliance of Athens super star Andy Johnson and the duel finished even on the scoreboard.

While the 'Cats racked up 20 first downs and had 372 yards in total offense, 266 rushing and 106 passing, Johnson could not and would not be stopped. The Trojans made 13 first downs and had 362 yards in total offense, 206 rushing 156 passing. The individual figures on Johnson a 190 pound quarterback, were 109 yards along the ground and 156 passing. He accounted for 20 points either running or throwing.

VHS' TDs came on a 63-yard pass from Don Golden to Willie Jones, a 14-yard run by Golden and romps of one and five-yards by Danny O'Neal. O'Neal kicked two extra points.

Athens touchdowns came on a

43-yard run by Benny Edmondson, runs of 68 and 7 yards by Johnson and a 29-yard pass from Johnson to Rand Lambert. The Trojans got their two extra points on an aerial from Johnson to Gary Sellers after their final touchdown.

The 'Cats lost the ball three times on fumbles late in the game deep in Athens territory. A pair of bobbles at the one chilled scoring chances. After a 'Dosta fumble at the 25, Johnson hit with two long passes as the Trojans covered 75 to score the TD which led to the deadlock with only seconds to spare.

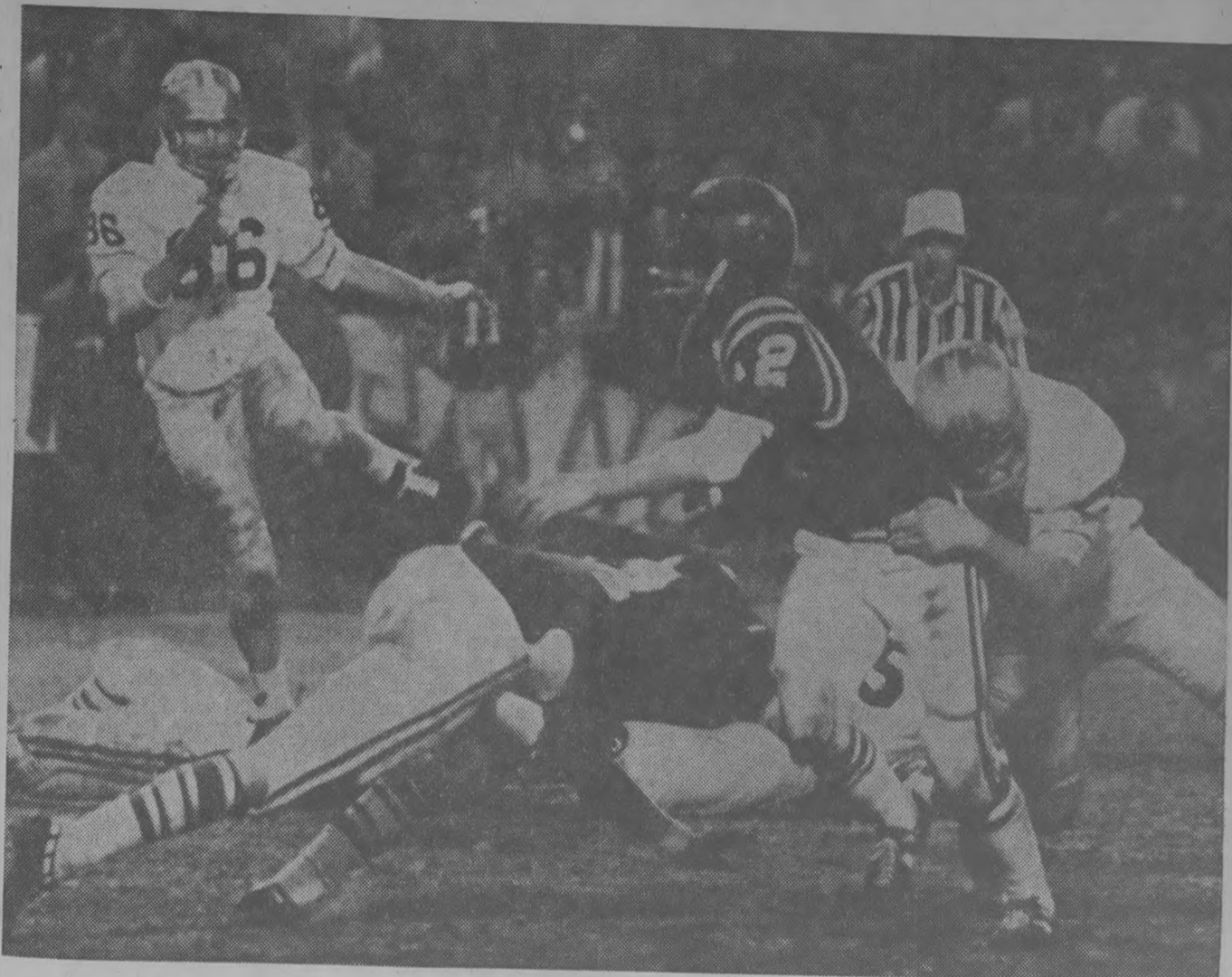
Johnson's 68-yard dash to paydirt actually came after time had run out in the first half. Because of a VHS penalty on the final play, the Trojans got one more chance, and Johnson cashed it in for six points.

Had the PAT boot after VHS' final touchdown been good it would have put 'Dosta out of reach. But the ball hit the goal post and bounced off target.

It was that kind of night for the Wildcats.

Behind sharp blocking all the way, the VHS backfield corps of Golden, Jones, O'Neal, Charles Daniels and Henry Davis moved the football with authority. Golden passed for 106 yards and O'Neal rushed for 115 to become the VHS leaders in those departments. On defense linebacker Tom Holt was credited with the most stops, 12.

Here's the way things went:
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Athens' Fullback Bennie Edmondson (12) Strains for Yardage With Valdosta's Vance Quillian Holding Him Back

—Times Staff Photo

SECOND PERIOD — Athens drove from its own 24 to the VHS 19, but was forced to give up the ball on downs at that point.

It was 'Dosta's turn again and the Wildcats wheeled 84 yards in 11 plays for their second TD. The score came on a 14-yard run by Golden. A 16-yard pass from Golden to Davis, a 10-yard run by O'Neal and a 12-yard sprint by Daniels were big gainers in this march. When O'Neal kicked the PAT Valdosta was ahead 13-6.

Athens had the ball deep in its own territory and was apparently stopped. But when VHS drew a five yard penalty on the final play of the half, Athens got one more chance.

With 0:00 showing on the scoreboard clock Johnson galloped 68 yards to paydirt. Lambert missed on a PAT boot and VHS had a 13-12 lead at intermission.

THIRD PERIOD — In its first series of offensive plays in the second half VHS moved 60 yards in nine plays for its third TD. O'Neal scored from a yard out. The long gainers were runs of 9 and 12 yards by O'Neal, a

12-yard sprint by Golden and a 9-yard ramble by Davis. O'Neal booted the PAT and Valdosta led 20-12.

Athens responded by wheeling 64 yards in nine plays for its third touchdown. The big gainer was a 33-yard pass from Johnson to Rusty Carter. Johnson got the tally on a 7-yard run. Johnson again tried to pass for two PATs, but missed. VHS' lead was now 20-18.

Before this stanza ended VHS drove to the Athens one, but lost the ball there on a fumble.

FOURTH PERIOD — For VHS the final stanza began just as the third one ended. The 'Cats wheeled down to the Athens one, but lost the ball on a fumble.

But they got another chance this time when Athens fumbled at its own 11 and Holt claimed the football for Valdosta. Two plays later O'Neal scored on a five - yard run. The PAT boot was missed when it hit the goal post and bounced away. Valdosta now had a 26-18 lead.

Time was starting to become a factor and the 'Cats had the football again and were driving. They moved from their own 41

to the Athens 25. Then there was a fumble and the Trojans claimed it.

Just over a minute was left to play and Athens was 75 yards away from paydirt. Edmondson picked up four yards on a run, then Johnson uncorked a pair aerial bombs. He hit Gary Travis on a tackle eligible play with a 43-yard air strike and then tossed one 29 yards to Rand Lambert for a TD. With just 25 seconds showing on the clock Athens went for two extra points and got them on a pass from Johnson to Gary Sellers to tie the score at 26-26 and produce the co - champion situation.

Over in the Athens dressing room, a celebration was going on.

"It was a tremendous game," Sellers was saying. "Boy I thought we could contain Valdosta's rushing better than we did. They just had a tremendous offense. I think we did a better job on offense than defense on the line.

"Sure a win would have been better for us, but half is better than nothing, much better. Some of our fans had given up on us, but they just don't know these boys like I do. They really came through for us.

"I'd be afraid to say who stood out in the game. I believe everybody did. It was team effort both ways. But for our side it has to be Andy (Johnson). He really came through. But he's been doing that all season. Also our tackles Gary Travis and Rand Lambert and our full back Benny Edmondson played fine games too.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing: Valdosta — Golden 11-43, Jones 8-39, O'Neal 19-115, Davis 3-11, Daniels 9-58; Athens — Johnson 21-109, Sellers 3-14, Collins 1-3, Edmondson 12-77, Smart 1-2, Russell 1-1.

Passing: Valdosta — Golden 4-7-106, Jones 0-1; Athens — Johnson 6-14-156.
Pass Receiving: Valdosta — Jones 3-90, Davis 1-16; Athens — Collins 1-37, Carter 3-47, Travis 1-43, Lambert 1-29.
Kickoff Returns: Valdosta — Jones 1-20, Daniels 1-39, Athens — Sellers 1-3, Johnson 2-18, Carter 1-10.

Defense (Number of Tackles): Valdosta — Holt 12, Holder 7, Skoropat 6, Baker 6, Quillian 5, Shenton 5, Hampton 5, Golden 4, Everson 4, Jones 4, Bazemore 3, Athens — Carithers 9, Carter 7, Lambert 7, Allen 5, Sellers 5, Epps 5, Collins 4, Jordan 4, Williams 4, Johnson 4, Nash 3, Johnson 3.

LINEUPS
VALDOSTA
Ends: Mabry, Dove, Baker, Skoropat, Rome.
Tackles: Everson, Koncar, Jarmillo, Quillian.
Guards: Parr, Shenton, Holt, DiBois, Crawford.
Centers: Christy.
Backs: Bazemore, Taylor, Golden, Jones, Savage, Quattlebaum, Lee, Blacklock, Meeks, O'Neil, Holder, Davis, Hampton, Branan, Daniels.

ATHENS
Ends: Colle, Williams, Carter, Jordan, Branberry, Fitzgerald.
Tackles: Nash, Allen, Kitchens.
Guards: Stuchell, Travis, Lester.
Centers: Lambert.
Backs: Epps, Edmondson, Johnson, Sellers, Collins, Smart, Russell, Saunders, Carithers, Davis.

Score by Quarters:
Valdosta 6 7 7 6-26
Athens 6 6 6 8-26

Scoring: TDs — Valdosta — Jones — (63 yd. pass from Golden); O'Neal 2 (1 and 5 yd. runs) Golden (14 yd. run); Athens — Edmondson (43 yd. run), Johnson 2 (8 and 7 yd. runs) Lambert (29 yd. pass from Johnson); PATs — Valdosta — O'Neal 2 (placements), Athens — Sellers 2 (pass from Johnson).

Coaches Had Two Opinions

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

If someone had told either coach Wright Bazemore's Valdosta Wildcats or coach Weyman Sellers' Athens Trojans they were going to tie for the state Class AAA high school football title, they would never have believed it.

But the battle is over now. Athens came from behind to tie the 'Cats at 26-26 in the last minute of play and they are co-champs. But after the game the two coaches had mixed emotions about the whole thing.

"We looked like we had it won," Bazemore commented. "And we should have had it won. But that Athens group just kept hitting and that quarterback (Andy Johnson) gave them something to hit with.

"We just couldn't get that boy hemmed up. But it wasn't a one - man ball club by any means. They had a fine team. They were well coached, well-prepared and they were ready. Everyone knows Athens had a good team.

"They scored more points on us than anyone else, but our defense was still up. They just made it look bad. . . that Johnson just made it look bad," he corrected. "He just ran some tremendous plays.

"A tie is better than a loss I guess, but we should have won that game. We had it won and then we let them slip up behind us. That really hurts. We turned them loose on the last play of the half and in the last minute of the game and they scored both times.

"We had the possibility of two more touchdowns in that game and fumbled both times on the one yard line. Then we had them on their one and Johnson was so good he just opened us up and came through."

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Valdosta High Honor Roll Announced For 2nd Session

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

One hundred forty-four students have attained honor roll listing for the second six-week term at Valdosta High School, officials announced.

Honor roll students include:

Seniors — John Anderson, Carlyn Arnold, Jenny Beck, Ann Bernard, Debbie Blanton, Chip Bounds, Scott Bretzke, Genny Bridges, Sheryl Caldwell, Billy Carmichael, Mary Ann Carmichael, Ronnie Carter, Marlene Carter, Carol Cattell, Cheryl Cauthan and Tekla Crawford.

Debbie Daniels, Vicki Dasher, Brenda Daugharty, Kenneth Emanuel, Gloria Evans, Susan Eye, Bruce Fornes, Nevada Gaskins, Berrian Hamill, Lucretia Hamill, Jeanne Hansen, David Hobbs, Sherri Holman, Angela Hughes, Carolyn Jewett and Bobby Johnson.

Marty LeFiles, Jenny Lloyd, William Mackey, Kathy Malone, Robin Morin, Barbara Murajda, Peggy Myddelton, Beverly Newlin, Elaine Parkerson, Bruce Pearlman, Vicki Pearlman, Ginny Price, Greg Quattlebaum and David Retterbush.

Aretha Richardson, Andy Robb, Sandra Rowe, Julie Scott, Claire Shelton, Barbara Singletary, Jeff Slocum, Marsha Smith, Kathryn Smotherman, Ginny Sorrells, Liz Sparger, Debbie Stephenson, Mike Story, Phyllis Surrency, Lynn Van

Horn, Judy Welch, Angela Wetherington and Vicki Smith.

Juniors — Buck Aultman, Curt Bazemore, Chris Blane, Vallve Blanton, Nita Brantley, Steve Callahn, Bob Christian, Archie Culbreth, Bruce Daniels, Debbie Daniels, Kay Deming, Delores Edwards, Glenn Evans, Mike Fambrough, Morgan Fordham and Martha Alice Glidens.

Junior Marie Govoni, Ricky Griffiths, Steve Haltiwanger, Joy Johnson, Johnny Kalil, Rayann Kelly, Gary King, David Lasster, Jimmy LeFiles, Maryliz Mayo, Carla Meadows and David Moore.

Ann Morrow, Lucy Neal, Richard Neese, Marsha Noble, Patti Parrish, Nick Quinif, Corky Rentschler, Gayle Richares, William Riggie, Rosanne Roskamp, Patricia Sales, Mary Beth Smith, Joseph Tillman, Phillip K. Webb and Bo Woodward.

Sophomores — Mary Jane Beck, Stan Bounds, Fay Brass, Susan Cattell, Paul De Mersseman, Melanie Eanes, Margaret Espinosa, Debbie Glassman, Lynn Haynes, Jack Jenkins, Patricia Jeter, Laura Jones, Mary Alice King and Becky McDonald.

Ronald Moore, Annete Norris, Janis Nutt, Wonnie Overby, Donna Pitts, Mark Retterbush, Gay Robertson, Nancy Rogers, Dianne Rowe, Pearce Scott, David Slowik, Lauren Smith, Cathy Sparkman, Gwen Stickley and Beth Sullivan.

Nicky Tampus, Sherri Teffeteller, Elaine Varn, Jeniece Washington, Ann Watson, Ann Williams, Jeanie Williams, Linda Yancey and Rosanne Zatyko.

O'Neal Inks Grid Pact With Tulsa

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The fourth member of Valdosta High's 1969 grid team, fullback Danny O'Neal, has accepted the offer of a college football scholarship.

O'Neal has signed a grant-in-aid with the University of Tulsa at Tulsa, Okla.

During the '69 season O'Neal, a hard-running 185-pound back and place kicking specialist, was the Wildcats' leading rusher and scorer. He helped spark the 'Cats to 12-0-1 record and a co-champion's share of the state Class AAA crown.

O'Neal was also a regular on VHS' undefeated state championship team in 1968.

His teammates who inked collegiate pacts earlier are line-backer Tom Holt with Georgia, offensive guard Mark DiBois with The Citadel and center Jim Christy with Memphis State.

'Cats Ready To Begin Diamond Play

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's baseball Wildcats were to get their 1970 season underway this afternoon with a game against the Ware County Gators at Waycross.

Today's duel between coach Joe Mercer's 'Cats and coach Tommy Johnson's Gators is a Region 1-AAA (East) affair.

Valdosta is to make its first home appearance when it meets the Tift County (Tifton) Blue Devils in a doubleheader set to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday here at Pendleton Park.

While VHS and Tilt are both members of 1-AAA, their games won't count in league standings since they belong to different sub-divisions.

W. O. (Bill) Bassford, Valdosta's mayor pro tem, is to be on hand to throw out the first baseball on Saturday, according to Mercer.

39 Members New In VHS Beta Chapter

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Beta Club at Valdosta High School took in 39 new members Friday, according to chapter president Ginny Bridges.

Miss Bridges, a senior, said the new members wore small gold bows during the day.

New members in the honor group include:

Lanny Abernathy, Steve Haltiwanger, Glenn Evans, Johnny Kalil, Richard Earl Neese, Cathy Sparkman, Phyllis Surrency, Paul DeMersseman.

Stanley Bounds, Lynn VanHorn, David Slowick, Debbie Glassman, Carolyn Arnold, Sherri Teffeteller, Ann Watson, Jeanie Williams.

Margaret Espinosa, Brenda Daugharty, Donna Pitts, Gwen Stickley, Annette Norris, Lavonne Brownlee, Bonnie Carter, Kathy Malone.

Mary Alice King, Willie Head, Gloria Evans, Marie Govoni, Kenneth Emanuel, Ray Kelly, Lucy Neal.

Joy Johnson, Kay Deming, Ricky Griffiths, Melanie Eanes, Sharon Tidwell, Robin Moran, Sherrie Holman and Berrien Hamill.

All American Youth Image Still True Says Miss VHS

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A newcomer to beauty contests who won the Miss Valdosta High School title last weekend says the image of the All American teen-ager still holds true.

"But we are a little more mature, I think," said Leslie Hunt, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hunt.

The VHS junior who won the title over 30 other contestants said her idea of a typical All American youth is one who is always friendly and happy.

"It's a girl who is nice to everybody and who smiles at everyone and has a lot of friends," said Miss Hunt.

A native of Valdosta, she and her family lived in Quitman 14 years before moving back here 1½ years ago. She still keeps up with friends in Quitman.

The teen-ager's beauty title has made her more conscious of her appearance. "I think I have to pay more attention to the way I look. People seem to notice me and some call me 'Miss VHS' and this makes people look my way," she said.

Miss Hunt who is 5-7 and measures 36-24-36 said there is a lot of attention given to the generation gap but she said there is no such thing in her own family.

The second oldest of four girls, Miss Hunt said she and her sisters are close and the entire family enjoys being with each other. "We do things together and I believe this is one way to eliminate



—Times Staff Photo

Leslie Hunt: Newcomer But A Real Winner

any sort of generation or communication gap," she said.

Miss Hunt said her mother made the dark blue dress studded with silver sequens

which she wore in the contest. "She found a pattern and sat down and made it. She likes to do things like that for me. It's great," said the 1970 beauty queen.

(4) The Valdosta Daily Times, Thurs., Mar. 26, 1970

Cost Of Supplying Milk Bugs City's School Board

By MARY CROUSE

The Atlanta school system pays 6 cents per half pint of milk but the same amount of milk costs the Valdosta Board of Education 7½ cents, according to city board treasurer and attorney Reuben Yancey.

The Atlanta school board has also filed suit charging conspiracy against milk companies and are seeking treble damages. The Atlanta Board of Education feels milk companies are guilty of price fixing and want damages for the past three years, explained Yancey.

And there are some school officials here who are wondering if Valdosta isn't getting similar treatment from milk suppliers.

The Valdosta Board of Education has asked Yancey to look into the local situation and see if perhaps the city system could join the Atlanta suit if it appears to be true here.

Only one milk supplier Pet Inc., which Valdosta deals with is among the concerns named in the Atlanta suit.

The local board is concerned over the milk price not on-

ly because it is higher than what Atlanta pays, but that all bids are the same.

"Every company we deal with has issued exact bids for the last few years. The only difference each year has been the bid price has kept going up. Even in 1964 we were paying 6¼ cents per carton (half pint)," said Yancey.

Yancey said that milk is not

the only item used in the city school lunchrooms which carries a high bid. "Meat is real high and so are other things. I haven't finished or had time to go into this thoroughly, I've really just begun," he said.

In spot checks in stores around town, Yancey said the people he's talked to about milk prices said they are not paying as much as the school board.

"The last year contract we had with Pet Milk for 1 million half pints was for \$75,000. That's a lot of money. That bid was for 7½ cents a half pint," he explained.

Yancey said he doesn't think the board can join in the Atlanta suit "although we may be in the same boat. We may have to do something on our own if we feel it necessary."

Besides Pet, the city buys milk on a bid basis from Freeman's Daily and Dairyco.

"If there is price fixing, it is against the Sherman Antitrust law. The Sherman Act allows for treble damages for the amount of overcharges if it can be proved there is conspiracy among the defendants," said Yancey.

No Baccalaureate Services Slated

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

The city board of education has voted to discontinue baccalaureate services as a part of graduation exercises this June at Valdosta High School.

VHS Principal Charles (Chuck) Green said Students who expect to graduate in June and senior teachers proposed the idea. The senior faculty and administration at VHS endorsed the proposal.

At a board meeting Wednesday night, Green said it is "the recommendation that we propose to the Ministerial Association that every senior be recognized in his own church and that the individual churches have a religious service for their graduating students."

The Rev. James Pitts, at the meeting with four other members of the ministerial association, said he feels the move to end school baccalaureate services is another step toward taking faith out of the school.

The ministers left before the board cast its vote to stop having the traditional church services the night before graduation.

The Rev. Paul Carmichael, pastor of the Lee Street Baptist Church, offered to have the services at Lee Street if a location was the problem.

Pitts, president of the association, said he does not feel the group would crusade to keep baccalaureate as it has been in the past.

Some of the churches here have for years recognized member graduates at the Sunday morning services preceding graduation.

"I feel this will continue. See Baccalaureate — Page 2

-Baccalaureate

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understand that some felt the traditional service had lost its meaning," said Pitts.

Green said that some students and faculty do feel that the service has lost its significance and that it is looked upon more as a chore.

In the past all graduating seniors were required to attend the services in a designated local church unless previously excused by the principal with a note from the parents.

Graduation plans are not complete but the exercises will be held June 5 at Cleveland Field, said Green. In the event of rain, the program is to be held at Mathis city auditorium.

This year's speaker has not been decided upon, said the principal.

The seniors have submitted several names in order of popularity that they wish to have speak at this year's graduation. Green said no action has been taken yet on the students' recommendations.

Program For School Will Remain Intact

By MARY CROUSE

Should bids on the proposed new multi-million dollar city high school exceed estimates, only the top three grades will be housed in the facility so the comprehensive program will remain intact, said Valdosta

Board of Education member Stanley Bishop.

Bishop said the board does not want to trim its proposed new program because the curriculum is the most important aspect of the new school plans and includes vocational courses. "We are planning the school for students, to serve them better, and we feel the program which has been planned is essential," he said.

Bishop was the spokesman for the board at a meeting at Magnolia Elementary School Thursday night. He talked to the 25 persons present and answered questions about the May 12 bond referendum.

If passed it will provide the city's share of financing for the proposed high school.

He said the board prefers to have all four grades at one location but that if construction costs exceeded the new school budget, the ninth graders would be put at another site.

"We don't want to cut the program," he said. Bishop indicated that the ninth graders

might be housed at the present Valdosta High if that grade had to be temporarily located somewhere besides the new school. The ninth grade is presently part of VHS but located on the Pinevale campus.

He turned to Magnolia's principal George Duckworth and asked the administrator how he felt about having the top four grades at one school.

"I think there are definite advantages to having four grades together. You can offer a broader curriculum and have a better faculty," said Duckworth.

A woman asked Bishop if the board is considering consolidating with the Lowndes County school system.

"The consensus of the board is it is not going to help the present situation. I personally feel consolidation would be a real savings, but I've been sort of knocked down about it. I've got to get back up and fight because I feel this is the right

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Masonic Lodge Here Backs School Bond Referendum

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

A Valdosta Masonic lodge has not only endorsed the May 12 bond referendum, which if passed is to provide the city's share of financing for a proposed new high school, but wants to provide transportation to and from the polls for those who need it.

The Rev. J. L. Lomax, district deputy of Masonic Lodge No. 19, said the vote to support the referendum was unanimous at a meeting Tuesday night.

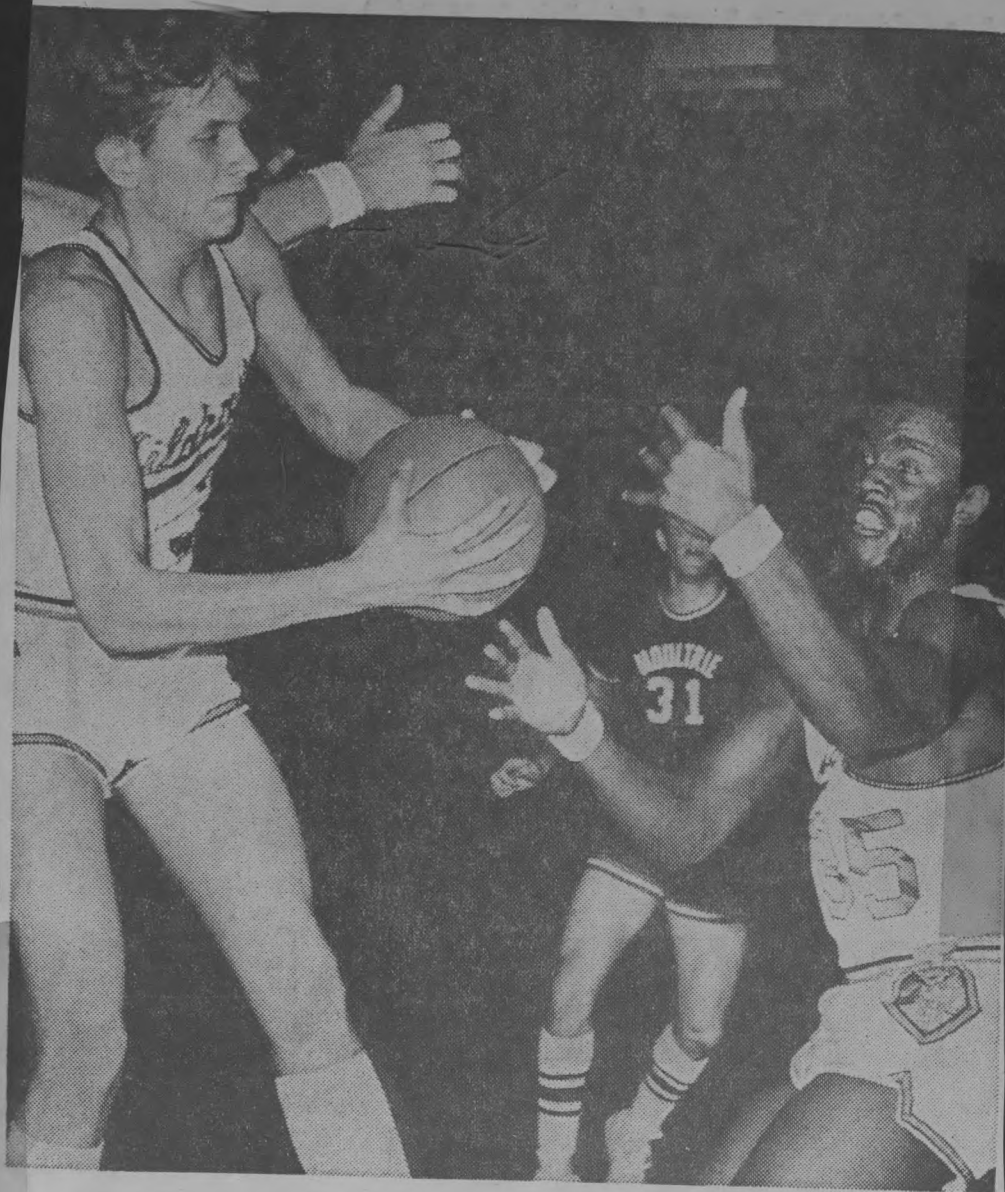
"We want to help the Valdosta Board of Education in its effort to build a new high school. These funds are necessary for a new school and we whole heartedly endorsed the referendum," said Lomax.

He said a committee to provide voter transportation is to be formed.

The Civic Roundtable also voted at its meeting Tuesday to endorse the bond referendum.

The city board of education is sending speakers to civic and fraternal groups who request more information on the need for a new facility to replace overcrowded Valdosta High School.

Public meetings are also scheduled at the various city schools to answer questions on the bond issue and proposed new high school.



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Wildcats' Benjie Webb Has Firm Grip On The Basketball

'Cats, Kittens Thump Moultrie

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Although their styles were a little different, Valdosta High's Wildcats and Kittens swept both ends of a Region 1-AAA basketball doubleheader with Moultrie here Friday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's "Cats" trailed through out the first half, but surged after intermission to lick coach Roy Saturday's Moultrie Packers, 62-47.

Or the other hand, coach Dais' Kittens grabbed the lead early in the game and then kept the advantage to the finish in a 57-41 triumph over coach Travis Allgood's Moultrie Packerettes.

The Wildcats are now 15-4 in

all games and 12-2 against regional competition. The Kittens are now 8-9 and 7-8. They got a measure of revenge last night. In an earlier game at Moultrie, the Packerettes had trimmed the VHS sextet, 49-36.

Moultrie's boys are now 4-10 and 3-9 while the MHS lassies are 13-4 and 9-3.

The Valdosta cagers are slated to return to action here tonight. They are to face Dougherty (Albany) in a twin-bill starting at 7 p.m. at the gym or the Valdosta Junior High campus.

In last night's boys contest, Moultrie jumped off to a quick eight point lead and at the half VHS was still five markers down. But the 'Dosta combo of Willie Jones, Benjie Webb, Don Golden, Roger Rome and William White really turned it on in the third period. During the stanza VHS outscored Moultrie 19-5. That put the 'Cats nine points ahead and they went on from there to victory.

Webb, 18; Golden, 12, and White, 10, paced the Wildcats' attack. Moultrie had just one player in double figures. Carl Johnson got 11 points.

In the girls game it was Valdosta who opened up a quick eight-point lead and the Kittens, with one of their best overall performances of the season, stayed out front until the end.

The VHS sextet offered a balanced attack with Marsha Stephenson getting 20 points, Ann Sutton 19 and Joy Johnson 18. The Valdosta guard trio of Nita Brantley, Debbie Stephenson and Evelyn Graham sparkled all the way one defense. Time and again they nipped off would-be rallies by the Packerettes.

Moultrie's tops scorers were Glenda Bridges, 16. Rhonda DeMott, 12, and Peggy Moss, 11.

GIRLS

Valdosta	16	28	39	57
Moultrie	10	20	30	41
VALDOSTA (57) — Sutton 19, Johnson 18, M. Stephenson 20, D. Stephenson, Brantley, Graham.				
Team totals: field goals 22, free throws 13 of 17, fouls 9.				
MOULTRIE (41) — Moss 11, Piland 2, DeMott 12, Brown, Mathews, Rogers, May, Bridges 16.				
Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 7 of 9, fouls 13.				

BOYS

Valdosta	8	23	42	62
Moultrie	13	28	33	47
VALDOSTA (62) — Jones 2, Webb 18, Golden 12, Rome 7, Rowe 2, Taylor 3, Baker, Mabry 2, White 10, Johnson 6.				
Team totals: field goals 26, free throws 10 of 17 fouls 9.				
MOULTRIE (47) — C. Johnson 11, Luke 8, Allman 8, Holloway 7, LaFevre, Norman, A. Johnson 6, Pate 6.				
Team totals: field goals 19, free throws 9 of 10, fouls 12.				



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Easter Bouquet

Pretty girls and lilies are among the more secular traditions of Easter but 17-year-old Janet Hiers of Valdosta finds she's surrounded by flow-

ers daily. She works in a flower shop so there was no trouble finding the lilies to pose with her. She's daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hiers.

VHS Elects Grid, Cage Cheerleaders

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Cheerleaders have been elected for the 1970-71 school year at Valdosta High School. The basketball and football groups were chosen by popular vote.

Football cheerleaders include Martha Alice Giddens, Beth Howell, Nita Bramley, Joy Johnson, Joy Paine, Kay Coats, Donna Pitts, Gay Robertson, Jan Nutt and Sharon Flanders.

Those on the basketball squad include Ray Kelly, Judi Bernard, Ann Morrow, Beth Sullivan, Dee Dee Durden, Carol Reddick, Sharon Everson, Julie Davis, Mary Alice King and Anita Sharp.

JULIAN

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Times Staff Writer

Wildcat Seniors Praise Will-Bes

Valdosta Wildcat football players like Don Golden, Mark DiBois and Danny O'Neal aren't used to losing. And since all three have signed scholarships to play for universities in the near future, they don't want to become accustomed to it.

But that 20-14 loss Thursday night to the upcoming Wildcats was not nearly as hard to take as the tie with Athens for the state championship last fall.



JULIAN MILLER

"These boys are better than a lot of people thought they would be. They have their weak spots but I believe they have the material to go all the way again if they keep going like they did Thursday.

"Both Stanley Bounds and Daryl Branham did a great job at quarterback. It looks like there's going to be a contest between those two for the spot next season. It will probably depend on which kind of game Coach Bazemore decides to run.

Impressed A Lot

"They impressed me a lot. It's hard to say if they are as strong as we were. On offense they might not be as strong right now, but they looked mighty good on defense."

Of course the Wildcats still have that summer camp to go through and Golden agrees that Bazemore will be able to iron out most of the weak spots before the season gets going.

Guard Mark Dibois, who had a little more to do with the line than the backfield spots, said the offensive line needs a little work but the defensive group looks fine.

"They have good potential," said the Citadel-signed DiBois. "They made many little mistakes that will have to come out in practice but they look promising."

"It looks like the offense could use a little stronger line but on defense they seemed real sound.

Need Polishing

"Mainly their blocking needs some polishing. Just from the way I saw it, Bounds looked good at quarterback and Charles Daniels did a fine job as a halfback. It looks like Mike Everson might be their number one man on defense."

Veteran fullback Danny O'Neal who has signed with Tulsa, Okla., agreed with his colleagues that the upcoming Wildcats would be a good team.

"They are a great bunch of boys," O'Neal said. "They ought to go all the way next year if they keep that spirit up and I believe they will."

"They were good on defense when they were supposed to be weak. They had a pretty good offense too. They could move real good and weren't afraid to put a lick on you."

"Kim Marshall, who was a center and got moved to the end, stayed on me the whole night. I thought he did a fine job. And besides the others mentioned Willie Anderson did a great job in the offensive backfield."

So even though the seniors were handed their second loss in 29 outings — the Has-Beens defeated them 26-13 in 1969 — they aren't bitter about it. It just went to show that nobody could beat the Wildcats, except some more Wildcats.

'Cats, Has-Beens Ready For Battle

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Wildcats are to close out four weeks of off season grid practice when they meet the Has-Beens here tonight in their annual spring football game.

The duel between coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and a Has-Been squad composed of graduating seniors is slated for 8 p.m. at Cleveland Field W. L. (Dynamite) Goodloe Jr. and Billy Grant will serve as coaches for the Has-Beens.

This year's crop of 26 graduating seniors includes 18 start-

ers off the 1969 VHS team which compiled a 12-0-1 record and earned a co-champion's share of the state Class AAA crown.

This means the 'Cats will be facing one of their toughest spring tests in recent years.

"We (the Wildcats) certainly have our work cut out for us and I'd say we'd have to be rated as the underdogs," Bazemore said. "Now the Has-Beens might beat us, but they aren't going to run over us. I'm looking for a good game."

"We feel that in some respects we're further along than we were at this same time last spring," Bazemore said. "But we certainly lack experience, we lack polish on both offense and defense."

"The whole purpose of spring practice is to get organized and find out which boys really want to play football. This helps us to move along faster with our plans when fall drills begin."

"Well, the game tonight is going to start giving us some answers to some questions we have—regardless of which team wins."

The game, as in the past, is being co-sponsored by the Valdosta Touchdown Club and the V Club, an organization of VHS varsity sports letter winners.

Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

VHS With Music, Pool?

By MARY CROUSE

Imagine a student lounge with piped in music, soft drink machines and smoking areas. Consider a heated indoor swimming pool and exercise room in the athletic facilities.

Think in terms of air conditioning, carpet and sound proof rooms, bright colors and modern equipment.

Think about a new high school and all the things one could want in a multi-million dollar plant. Students at Valdosta High School know what they'd like to see in a new building in which they'll never attend classes.

The Valdosta Board of Education's proposed new high school is at least three years away. State and local funds are needed to finance the construction.

But just because this group of high schoolers won't be able to go to school in the new facility hasn't stopped the students from expressing their views on what should be included in a new plant.

Students interviewed by The

Valdosta Daily Times on what they'd like in a new school all shared one view — air-conditioning. All want air-conditioning in the new school.

And that's one item they are sure to have. All new schools must be airconditioned, according to State Department of Education regulations.

The next priority on the student list is privacy for teachers, counselors and principals when discussing youth problems.

"There is no place where a student can go to a teacher and talk about a problem. I mean you stand by her desk in front of the room and you feel like the entire class knows what you are talking about. Everyone listens," said Susan Sainz, 15-year-old sophomore.

She said the principal's office is now such a small place and that students who want to see him must sit in the hall.

"I'd also like to see something done about the heating system. We need aircondition-

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'Teens

Mary Crouse, Staff Writer

ing in the worst way," she said.

Vicki Pearlman, 17-year-old senior and editor of the 'Dosta Outlook, likes the idea of large modern building with big rooms.

"The idea of going through the library to get to other parts of the building just sounds great to me. I just can't imagine being in a new school," she said.

A larger and more organized lunchroom with piped in music and a better meal selection is Debbie Rabon's suggestion for the new school. The 15-year-old sophomore also thinks a student lounge is needed.

"Personally, I think smoking areas should be included in the new high school. There are some kids who like to smoke and they should have some place set aside so they would not crowd in the restrooms," said Glyn Cook, 16.

A sophomore, Cook believes large dressing and locker rooms are needed for boys and girls and modern restroom facilities. "What we have now is pretty bad," he said.

"I want to be able to breathe. Man, you can't breathe in this place," said a VHS senior.

His female counterpart quipped that while breathing

is a problem at VHS, so is dirt. "The place is filthy and not maintained. I'd like to see a maintenance crew hired for a new high school. It's done at other high schools," she said.

Dorothy Coleman, 18-year-old senior, hopes the new school will be a one level facility with a student lounge.

Some students want to see better equipped classrooms and the addition of a music department which includes choral rooms. Larger art facilities and the creation of a speech and drama department are other areas which need consideration, according to the students.

"I think we need better desks and areas for study halls. Now we have study halls in the auditorium," said Billy Ponder, 17-year-old sophomore.

Chester Thomas, 16, a junior, hopes better music facilities will be in a new high school. He pointed to the auditorium stage and said, "That's where glee club and that sort of thing is held now."

Berrien Cagers Defeat Valdosta

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NASHVILLE, Ga. — Berrien's Rebels did some sharp-shooting from the foul line as they posted a 56-52 high school basketball victory over Valdosta here Tuesday night.

Berrien made it a sweep as the Rebelettes turned back VHS' Kittens, 42-20, in the girls game. Coach Stanley Simpson's Berrien boys are now 11-1 after winning 11 in a row. His girls are unbeaten after 11 starts. Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats are 6-2 and coach Bill Davis' Kittens have a 2-5 mark.

In the boys game the count was deadlocked at the half and VHS had a 12-point edge after the third period. But the Rebs tallied 22 points in the final stanza to rally and win. For the night Berrien hit 24 of 32 from the charity line.

Roger Guess, 15, and Bobby Taylor, 16, were attack leaders for the Rebels. Don Golden, with 20 points, and Warrick Taylor, with 14, were leaders for the 'Cats.

Marla Brown got 21 points to pace the Rebelettes. Top scorer for the Kittens was Joy Johnson with 13 markers to her credit.

GIRLS

Berrien 8 14 25 42
Valdosta 3 11 15 20
BERRIEN (42) — Brown 21, Jernigan 9, Bailey 4, Langford 2, McMillan 6, Cary, Barber, Rudeseal.
Team totals: field goals 15, free throws 12 of 16, fouls 10.
VALDOSTA (20) — M. Stephenson 4, Johnson 13, Roberson 3, D. Stephenson, Brantley, Graham.
Team totals: field goals 9, free throws 2 of 9, fouls 11.

BOYS

Berrien 10 22 34 56
Valdosta 12 22 42 52
BERRIEN (56) — Guess 15, B. Taylor 16, Tucker 9, Wright 4, Sorrell 11, W. Taylor 1.
Team totals: field goals 16, free throws 24 of 32, fouls 9.
VALDOSTA (52) — Taylor 14, Jones 4, Webb 6, Golden 20, Rome 6, Baker 2.
Team totals: field goals 24, free throws 4 of 10, fouls 20.

It's Butenschon's Day

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Friday is the day 120 Valdosta High School students have looked forward to for months. The students, members of the VHS Marchin' Cats, leave for New Orleans to participate in Mardi Gras festivities and to defend their title in the Greatest Bands in Dixie Contest.

But today belongs to director Frank Butenschon. Mayor James Beck in a proclamation issued Wednesday has declared today Frank Butenschon Day in appreciation of the young red-haired director's achievements with the band.

Butenschon, 31, appreciates the recognition but said his students deserve the credit. "They are the ones who work and sweat to make everything go right. They are the ones who should get this honor," he said.

The director has been with the Marchin' Cats for 10 years and he has led them to national acclaim with his attitude of "give it your all, your best."

It was this hard work and know-how with his students combined with their talent and determination which won the Marchin' Cats the first place trophy in the Greatest Bands in

Dixie competition in New Orleans last year.

"The kids worked hard for that title. That's why we are going back to defend it. If we lose it, it won't be because we haven't given it our all. Somebody else will have to work to win it from us this year," said Butenschon.

But it isn't just the band and the director who are putting heart and soul in the New Orleans trip. Valdostans have opened their pockets to the musicians in an effort to help finance the \$4,500 trip.

Cakes were baked, pine trees, postcards and car stickers were sold by many of the high school students and the Band Boosters.

The New Orleans trip is a community effort, said Butenschon. "We are going to do our best to win the title for the whole town. Valdosta has got to be the most wonderful place in the world. You people have done so much to help us and there is no way we can ever show our appreciation," he said.

Making the trip at noon Friday besides Butenschon, his wife, band students and 12 parents will be Supt. and Mrs. J. Foster Goolsby. The trip marks

Goolsby's first venture with the band.

"We are proud of our band, they are a credit to the entire school system and community. It is a privilege to be able to attend the competition with them," said Goolsby.

The group will be staying in military quarters at the Naval Air Station in New Orleans. Four chartered Greyhound buses and a station-wagon purchased for the band by the Booster group will haul all the instruments, other equipment and students and adults, said Butenschon.

The director said VHS principal Charles (Chuck) Green has given the band support and has been invaluable in working with the music department at the school.

"You know you have to have cooperation, and we have gotten it from our principal. This is not a Frank Butenschon effort, this is Valdosta High School's and Valdosta's thing," said Butenschon.

But while the director and students are high on excitement and anticipation over the contest and trip, they are also nervous. A couple of band members complained of being afraid they'll forget something while

marching.

Butenschon said they won't. "We've been polishing this week. We have 100 small things to work out. A band will progress to a peak and then they begin to go down. I hope we've paced it just right so the let-down will be after the contest," said the director.

He has instilled a sense of urgency in the students. This is evidenced in the sharp looks of the band during practice. It is felt as the honor guard fires the 12-gauge pumps during the "Overture of 1812" which the band has been rehearsing for weeks.

The 1812 selection is hoped to be a surprise to the New Orleans crowd. The band is to play six songs in three minutes of competition. The last part of 1812, "Mardi Gras" which Butenschon wrote for the trip last year, "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans," "Dixie," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "By the Time I get to Phoenix."

The contest is Sunday and the word on which band is the Greatest in Dixie will be known that night, said Butenschon.

If Valdosta wins, the band will return Tuesday night. If they lose Monday night will find them back home, he said.



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Checking Exhibit at Valdosta High School: Nita Brantley, 17, and Gary King, 16

City Science Fair Scheduled Feb. 22

By MARY CROUSE

One student has ordered \$700 worth of camera equipment to use in his project for the city-wide Social Science Fair sponsored by the Valdosta school system.

Another student has been working since September on her exhibit.

The fair, scheduled for Feb. 22, is an annual event in the local school system. This year's fair coordinator is Dr. Jerry Cox, director of instruction in the city schools.

Cox said the fair will be held Feb. 22 at Valdosta Junior High School. Open house at the school will be from 2-4 p. m. at which time the projects and the winners will be on display, he said.

More than 100 projects are expected to be entered in the fair. The event is open to any student in the fourth through 12th grades in the Valdosta schools.

Students may enter one of six divisions: anthropology, sociology or social psychology, history, political science,

jects," he said.

Winners from the local fair are to compete in the region event to be held this spring in the Mathis municipal auditorium, said Cox. Dr. Joe Tomberlin, history professor at Valdosta State College, is coordinator for the regional exhibit.

The fair is to be divided into age categories with prizes awarded to each age group.

"The idea is for these students to use the scientific method to come up with a project which answers a question. They are to utilize some method to come up with a collection of data and answer the question," said Cox.

Students are utilizing data furnished by local industries as well as writing to state and federal agencies for information on their project subject.

Holt Signs Georgia Grid Pact

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A standout defensive performer for Valdosta High's 1969 football Wildcats, linebacker Tom Holt, has accepted the offer of a grid scholarship from the University of Georgia.

Holt signed a grant-in-aid with the Bulldogs Saturday night after VHS and Athens had battled to a 26-26 tie in the state Class AAA playoff game here.

On hand for the occasion was Georgia's head coach Vince Dooley and the Bulldogs' director of recruiting Sterling Durree.

Holt, who tips the scales at 200 pounds, served as a Wildcat tri-captain this year and has been a defensive regular for the 'Cats for three seasons.

Top School Problem Is Finding Money

By MARY CROUSE

The biggest problem facing local school officials in the 70's is finding money to solve housing and curriculum worries.

The Valdosta Board of Education hopes to eliminate its space concern with a proposed multi-million dollar high school which it wants to build in the next three years. Getting the estimated \$5 - \$6 million to construct the new facility is the big hurdle.

But while space is not a pressing problem with the Lowndes County Board of Education, the school program is, said Supt. A. B. (Sonny) Martin.

New buildings and just keeping up the present school programs involve millions of dollars and the two superintendents here do not see less spending in the city and county systems in the next 10 years.

Valdosta's Foster Goolsby sees more financial sup-

port for schools coming from the state and local levels. "I do not see an overall decrease in local taxes for the schools. It costs money to run a school system and when prices rise in other areas, it naturally affects the education of a city," said the superintendent.

City board chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr. said as long as the state legislature makes no effort to help the property owner, "the property owner will be taxed more and more."

Supt. Martin said more money will be needed to operate the schools in the next 10 years.

"I don't know if taxes will go up or down. I'm hopeful the money to run the schools will come from another source other than the local taxpayers but if we don't get additional money in the next few years, the schools will suffer. The money must come from somewhere," he said.

Martin, the County Board and Valdosta school officials

are interested in a state-wide kindergarten and non-graded elementaries.

The Lowndes County superintendent said the trend in education now is toward individualized instruction for the students and pupil evaluations in terms of behavioral objectives.

He sees statewide kindergartens on the horizon with efforts being made to obtain this pre-school program next year.

Valdosta's innovative Virgil

Beck, principal of predominantly Negro Lomax Elementary School, sees an awakening of the people to the needs of the pre-school programs, especially for children of low income parents.

"These children have suffered long enough. To be productive citizens, the underprivileged must have kindergartens and even some sort of nursery school experience. Without it they are lost from

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Architect Sought For Proposed VHS

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to select the best possible architect or groups of architects for the proposed new high school here, the Valdosta Board of Education has sent out questionnaires to all local designers.

The questionnaires must be completed and back in Supt. Foster Goolsby's office by 5 p. m. Tuesday, according to Gordon Southwell, vice chairman of the school board. Southwell is chairman of the committee to formulate a plan for obtaining an architect for the new facility.

He said the entire board or a committee from the board will select a designer immediately. Southwell said an architect is needed before the board goes any further with its plans for the new complex.

"We should have an architect before we buy any land for the new school," said the committee chairman.

The architect for the proposed 200,000 square foot building has to be secured before the School Planning Laboratory at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville will begin their part, said Dr. Jerry Cox, director of instruction for the city school system.

Several members of the board, Cox, Goolsby and other members of the superintendent's staff, met with the planning laboratory group in Thomasville last week for a preliminary discussion. The Thomasville Board of Education is also planning to build a new high school.

Cox said another preliminary meeting has been set for Dec. 28 here. Cox and Dr. John Gilliland of the laboratory are to schedule other meetings with the board for January.

The cost for the help of the planning laboratory is \$10,000 but the Ford Foundation will pay \$4,000 of this in an effort to help raise the level of school building construction nationwide, said Cox.

"The architect who is chosen should pay the remaining \$6,000 because of the services the School Planning Laboratory will be able to render to him

on specifications, products and relevant research impinging on the project.

"I mentioned the 60-40 split in costs to one local architect and he readily agreed that the cost of such consultation was a legitimate expense to the architect which he would gladly pay for," said Cox.

He explained that the original idea was to have the superintendent's staff draw up educational specifications for the proposed school and have them ready by Feb. 1, 1970.

"But this was a little too unrealistic because we couldn't get this drawn up by that time. Now the laboratory said it will coordinate all of this for us," said the director of instruction.

He explained that the new concepts in building suggested by the group not only eliminate wasted space but keep construction costs down, too.

"This laboratory group will save the taxpayers so much money that the time involved in getting this school planned will be well worth it.

"We'll be using this school for about 50 to 60 years and it has got to be what we'll need in the future as well as serve our present needs," said Cox.

The pressing need for a new high school to house 2,000 students has been discussed by the board for several years. This year, however, space in critical and next year is expected to be worse with about 200 additional students in the 10th grade.

VHS principals Charles (Chuck) Green said there is no room for the student increase and that the school is overcrowded now. Green has told the board he must begin making plans for VHS by January.

There are 1,330 students at VHS in grades 10-12. The ninth grade is at the VHS-Pinevale Campus, VHS and former all Negro Pinevale High consolidated this fall as part of the board's desegregation plan.

The board has talked about using some of the classrooms at South Street Elementary School which is adjacent to the

Pinevale Campus next fall.

"You can see why we need to go ahead as quickly as possible with our plans for a new school because we need it more and more as time goes on," said Cox.

He said the planning laboratory from Tennessee will involve citizens, teachers, students and administrators in one or more meetings to establish board support for a new school building.

In addition, the planners are to help write the educational specifications with the involvement of the school officials and taxpayers.

But one of the most valuable services is the aid the group gives to the architect on materials, concepts, standards, educational practices and minimum requirements for the educational program and activities as all of these affect the building, explained Cox.

The group acts an impartial advisor to the superintendent and board architect if any differences of opinion arise, said the director of instruction.

Valdosta Cagers Turn Back Coffee

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

DOUGLAS — Valdosta High's Wildcats and Kittens continued their winnings ways here Friday night as they swept a Region 1-AAA basketball doubleheader with Coffee County.

Stall tactics by Coffee's Comets didn't work as coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats rolled to a 44-33 victory. In a game that was close all the way, coach Bill Davis' Kittens trimmed the Coffee girls, 38-36.

The win was the sixth in a row for the 'Cats, boosted their overall record to 12-2 and upped their region mark to 9-0. The Kittens have now won four in a row. They are 6-7 for the season and even at 5-5 in region play.

Valdosta's cagers are to return to action tonight when they go against Monroe at Albany in another region test. Here last night, the Comets came out stalling and for a while it had some success. Coffee led 11-9 at the end of the first period and was ahead 17-14 at the half.

But the 'Cats built up a five-point lead and then really turned it on in the final stanza to win going away.

Roger Rome, with 21 points, led the 'Dosta attack. He got 13 of his points in the final stanza. He was the only player in the game to score in double figures.

Ann Sutton tallied 18 points. Marsha Stephenson accounted for 12, and Joy Johnson scored eight as the Kittens won in a squeaker. Guards Nita Brantley, Debbie Stephenson and Evelyn Graham sparkled on defense.

GIRLS

Valdosta 11 17 29 44
Coffee 9 22 27 36

VALDOSTA (38) — Johnson 8, Sutton 18, M. Stephenson 12, Brantley, D. Stephenson, Graham.

Team totals: field goals 13, free throws 12 of 15, fouls 14.

COFFEE (36) — Ingram 22, Fletcher 8, Thomas 6, Fletcher, Clark, Buckhalter.

Team totals: field goal 13 free throws 10 of 15, fouls 14.

BOYS

Valdosta 9 14 25 44
Coffee 11 17 22 33

VALDOSTA (44) — Taylor 7, Jones 2, Webb 5, Golden 5, Rome 21, White 4, Baker.

Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 10 of 18, fouls 13.

COFFEE (33) — Pope 7, Loving 7, McElaney 8, Roberts 9, Walker 5, Carver 2.

Team totals: field goals 12, free throws 9 of 15, fouls 12.



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Loaded For Mardi Gras

The honor guard of the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats prepare to load the two 12-gauge pump guns for "Overture of 1812" selection to be played Sunday during the Greatest Bands in Dixie contest at Mardi Gras

in New Orleans. The band is defending its title in the competition there. Loading the shotguns are Mike DeCesare, 18, Mike Phillips, 17, Ray Selph, 17, and Robert Johnson, 18.

VHS, Lowndes Play Friday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Cross-town rivals Valdosta and Lowndes are scheduled to meet her Friday night in a Region 1AAA high school basketball twinbill and then they are to take on teams from Albany schools in other league doubleheaders Saturday.

Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes are scheduled to meet the Wildcats and Kittens of Valdosta in a twinbill beginning at 7 p.m. in the Valdosta Junior High School gym Friday.

Saturday Lowndes is scheduled to host Monroe's Tornadoes and sextet from Albany, while

Saturday night finds Nichols at Clinch County (Homerville), Berrien at Bainbridge and Brooks at Thomasville, with Hamilton at Williston, Fla., in a boys game.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats, front-runners in Region 1AAA with an undefeated 10-0 league record, will put it and their 13-2 overall mark up against the 8-2 and 12-6 records of coach Charles Cooper's Vikings. Meanwhile, the Vikettes of coach Steve Kebler will take their 9-1 and 14-4 marks against the 5-6 and 6-8 slates of coach Bill Davis' Kittens.

The 'Cats have a seven-game victory streak going and the Vikettes have triumphed in their last five starts. Valdosta and Lowndes broke even in an earlier twin-bill. Valdosta won the boys game, 87-79, and Lowndes triumphed in the girls contest, 48-41. The Vikettes and Kittens also met in a tourney during the Christmas holidays.

The Lowndes sextet also won that time, by a 67-21 margin.

Saturday, Valdosta travels to Albany to face the Indians who are 15-2 overall and 8-0 in region play. The Kittens must play the Squaws, who own a 6-6 overall mark and a 4-3 region slate.

Lowndes is to host the region's top girls team and one of the stronger boys squads Saturday. The Monroe sextet has a 6-0 region mark and 6-2 overall record, while the boys are 7-5 overall and 6-2 in the region.

Over in Nashville, Crisp County should have its hands full with coach Stanley Simpson's Berrien Rebels and Rebellettes. Both squads have 18-game winning streaks going, with the girls undefeated at 18-0 and the boys standing 18-1.

To top it off the Crisp squads will be meeting the Berrien teams on their home court and the boys haven't lost there in

49 games over a five-year period, while the Rebelettes have lost only two tilts during the same time at home.

The Rebels are the only team to put losses on the otherwise perfect records of Valdosta and the Lanier County Bulldogs of coach Billy Pafford. The Bulldogs will take a 13-2 record into battle against Whigham Friday.

AREA HOOP SLATE

Friday
 Lowndes at Valdosta
 Fitzgerald at Cook
 Crisp at Berrien
 Lanier at Whigham
 GCS at Mt. Dora
 Brooks at Mitchell
 Echols at Doerun
 Cross City at Hamilton
 Saturday
 Valdosta at Albany
 Monroe at Lowndes
 Nichols at Clinch
 Berrien at Bainbridge
 Brooks at Thomasville
 Hamilton at Williston

Valdosta travels to Albany to take on the Albany Indians and Squaws.

Those games head a list of doubleheaders and three boys games involving 10 area schools this weekend.

Scheduled for Friday night are twinbills involving Crisp County (Cordele) at Berrien (Nashville), Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) at Whigham, Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Mt. Dora, Brooks County (Quitman) at Mitchell County (Camilla), Echols County (Statenville) at Doerun, with boys games finding Fitzgerald at Cook (Adel) and Cross City, Fla., at Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.).

-Top School Problem Cash

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the time they enter the first grade. They never quite catch up and eventually drop out of school," said Beck.

The Lowndes school system has the space available for such undertakings, but the city facilities are hard pressed for adequate housing especially at the junior high and senior high school levels. And if the proposed new high school isn't built within the next three years, the situation will become more critical administrators contend.

The proposed multi-million dollar high school is to house a minimum of 2,500 students in the ninth-12th grades. The board has selected Valdosta architect Zeb Lackey to draw the plans and the School Planning Laboratory of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville is the consulting firm for the board.

The board now needs a site for its new facility and must ask the taxpayers to approve a local school bond referendum to help finance the new high school.

When completed, the board expects the new plant to be the most innovative of its kind with a learning atmosphere for students and teaching conditions second to none in south Georgia.

But while the Valdosta school administration is counting heavily on the new building it is giving other areas in the system much needed attention.

Both Martin and Goolsby

see the need for non-graded elementaries. Martin has plans to move further in this direction next year. He also wants to put the multi-million dollar Lowndes High School on a three-quarter basis next fall.

A new elementary school, which is to operate on a non-graded and team teaching basis, is expected to be completed in Valdosta next fall. Virgil Beck is to be the principal of the West Gordon Street building.

Both the city and county systems are undergoing complete desegregation of the school facilities. Lowndes County is under a federal court order to eliminate the dual school system by next fall. Next September the four all-Negro plants and the former are to be closed and the early all-white Naylor facility Negroes transferred to predominantly white schools.

To accommodate the student move, the county board is involved in a \$1.3 million building program adding classrooms to the seven predominately white schools it plans to keep open.

Valdosta is in compliance with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare desegregation guidelines.

Consolidation has taken place in the past year within both systems at the junior high and high school level. Some school officials and taxpayers are wondering when the two systems will merge, if ever.

Lowndes County Commissioner Billy Langdale said he feels the people are ready for a discussion of consolidation of the schools.

"It would not have the opposition today it would have had 10 years ago. You could sit down and discuss the situation sensibly, and its merits some discussion, too," said the chairman of the commissioners.

Valdosta's Goolsby sees a merger as a definite possibility in the next 10 years. Martin said a move to consolidate will have to come from the people.

"I know of no formal discussions or any serious discussion on anybody's part about consolidation. I can't predict the future on that because the schools belong to the people and this would be their decision," said the superintendent.

Martin and Goolsby see more interest shown in schools and their programs by parents in the next decade.

"We are seeing more and more involvement by the community and this is what we want to see in the future. Their interest will bring needed improvements in the schools," said Goolsby.

According to estimates, one out of every four people in the world heard or watched the Apollo 11 astronauts by radio or television as they pioneered a path to the moon.

New High School: Our Top Priority

When we talk about needs for our town, there are a lot of things that pop to mind. But first and foremost on any list must be a new high school. Everything else takes a back seat to that priority.

Slowly, but surely, it appears the Valdosta Board of Education is moving toward building the new high school.

This week the board hired an architect for the project and employed the University of Tennessee's School Planning Laboratory as consultant for the planning processes.

The next step will be to find the appropriate site. This will be a major hurdle for the board. It must find a site with a minimum of 50 acres, but it should have about 100. There just aren't many tracts of land that fit these requirements in Valdosta. It may be the board will have to go outside the city, find a site and have it annexed.

Along the way, the necessary financing will have to be found. It is going to take close to \$5 million to build the kind of high school that will meet the needs of this community.

There will probably be some funds available through state and federal sources. But most of the financing will have to come through local sources.

This will mean borrowing the money against the city tax digest through the issuing of revenue bonds. These bonds must be approved by the public in a referendum and financed through an increase in the tax rate.

The need for a new high school is openly apparent. Valdosta High School is a virtual mob scene. There are many more students than the 48-year-old building will hold. The campus is so crowded with portable classrooms and additions, there is virtually no room for physical education classes, much less anything else.

On top of this, the high school population is growing. There's not room enough at VHS now for all its students. Next fall there will be more and the year after that, there will be even more.

If the board of education moves with all deliberate speed, which it must, toward completion of the high school, the earliest the new building can be occupied will be the fall of 1972.

Along the way the board must have the support of the public here. It is going to mean slightly higher taxes, and that's what they mean when they talk about sacrifices. But that's what the future of our children have always demanded — sacrifices by their elders.

VHS Students Get Behind New Building

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

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There is a move by some students at Valdosta High School to lend their support to the city board of education's efforts to build a new 9-12-grade facility here.

Angelia Wetherington, president of the Student Council, said she and other VHS youth plan to begin work on the project after the Christmas holidays.

"But we want to do something to let the board and town know we are behind the idea for a new high school and that we think one is needed. We just want to do our part in getting a new school," said Miss Wetherington.

The board is to obtain an architect immediately for the proposed 200,000 square foot facility which will house about 2,000 students.

Selection Of School Site Is Expected Within Days

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Board of Education hopes to have a site pinpointed within a few days for its proposed new high school, according to vice chairman I.H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr.

Tillman told members of the Valdosta Junior Service League at a meeting last week that negotiations are being made on several possible locations.

"We are real anxious to have something nailed down but the prices are out of sight right now. We want to come to terms on something suitable real soon," he said.

The vice chairman is coordinating the board's efforts to build a new high school and to get voter approval on the

May 12 \$2.3 million school bond referendum. The referendum, if passed, is to provide the city's share of financing for the proposed secondary education facility.

The state Department of Education has allotted \$1.8 million towards the construction of a new high school.

Tillman said the League members tackled the problem of educating the mentally retarded children and asked the young women to help the board with the task of providing a better educational program for high school youth.

"Until four years ago the only work done in Valdosta for these mentally retarded children was done by you. You had

only one teacher then. You convinced the board of education of need to help these children and even paid teachers' supplements.

"Thanks to you there are 11 teachers in special education and we could use two more if we could find them. You could accomplish the same thing in the high school," said Tillman.

He said a new comprehensive program to be housed in the proposed plant would enable every student to be qualified for college or a job after graduation.

"We have plans for expanding the business education, putting in a big shop and industrial arts program so that when a child graduates he will be prepared to earn a living," said the board member.

He told the group that the need for a facility to replace over crowded Valdosta High School would not diminish should the city and county school boards merge today.

"Lowndes High can't handle the 1,600 we are anticipating in the top three grades next year. Westside, the former all Negro high school in the county, certainly can't.

"There will always be a need for two high schools. When we build a new Valdosta High, the old building will be used to teach people something for a long, long time," said Tillman.

The league members unanimously adopted a resolution backing the

Study Of Teachers Under Discussion

By MARY CROUSE

Public pressure for better schools has increased because of integration here and the Valdosta Board of Education chairman said "it falls on our shoulders to make sure we have qualified people on the faculties."

Board chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr. said the need for a good in depth type teacher evaluation program is great and would benefit the instructors as well as the children.

The evaluation would be done by the principals and the superintendent's staff. The program would determine among other things just how effective the teacher is in getting material across to the students, how well she knows the material, how well she uses the resources at her disposal and how she handles her pupils.

The board and Supt. Foster Goolsby's staff began planning for a new way to evaluate teachers last year. The entire

program has not been formulated but the idea has the support of the two teacher groups.

Meeting with the board to talk about the proposed evaluation were representatives from both organizations. Valdosta High School Principal Charles (Chuck) Green and VHS teacher Mrs. Harry Wolinski represented the Valdosta Education Association. Green is president of the predominately white group.

George Duckworth, principal of Magnolia Elementary School, spoke for the all Negro Georgia Teachers and Education Association, of which he is president.

Mrs. Wolinski said the use of the controversial National Teachers Exam would probably be sanctioned by the VEA provided the majority of all the instructors in the city system favored it.

"We certainly wouldn't recommend using the test as a sole means of evaluating the teachers," she added.

Duckworth said the NTE might be useful in areas such as English, science or math.

Mrs. Wolinski said the evaluation should have some sort of system of adjustment for racial crossovers, pupil assignment, teaching out of field, teaching in poverty areas and first year teachers.

Both groups favor teachers going back to summer school for refresher courses every three to five years.

"Without this post graduate work it is impossible for a teacher to meet the challenges



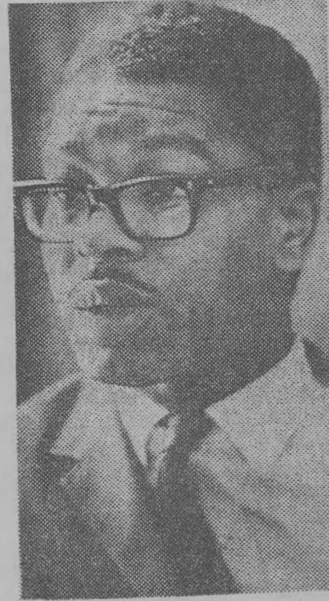
CHARLES GREEN
More Incentive

of her profession," said the English teacher.

Director of Curriculum Jerry Cox said the majority of progressive systems in the state encourage and even require their teachers go back to school.

One of the teachers at the meeting said an excellent way to evaluate the instructors is to test the children at the beginning of the year and again at the end of the term to determine how much they have learned.

Mrs. Wolinski said teachers who know this is how they are to be evaluated will second guess the program and feed their students facts the test will cover.



GEORGE DUCKWORTH
'Just A Pittance'

"And then we run into the difficulty of the culturally deprived. I had only five to pass a course I taught one time," said Mrs. Wolinski.

Principal Green said his big problem with teaching is trying to get competent people to move here. "A \$100 supplement is not much incentive when they can get much more from other systems," he said.

Board member Dr. Robert Quattlebaum said it "still galls me that we are ever lower in supplements than Moultrie."

Duckworth said an increased teacher supplement is one of the keys to a better faculty. "That'll do a lot in any evaluation program but if the increase is just,

say \$100, then I think the teachers would rather the board put that \$100 per teacher into materials for the classroom because this is a pittance," he said.

Earlier this year there had been a little reluctance on the part of some teachers to even talk about a new evaluation program for instructors. Some felt that because of integration jobs were in jeopardy. Parents became upset after full desegregation this year and began pressuring the school officials "to do something about the schools."

Chairman Tillman said there is no doubt that the public has applied the pressure because of integration, but that a new instructor evaluation has been needed for some time.

Board member J. L. Newbern Jr. said he had just as many complaints about teachers before integration as he's had this fall.

"We all know that some teachers were hired because they were good old Joes or Susies and they were rehired because we didn't know what else to do with them. Well, the public has a right to expect an end to it. The board needs to let the principals know we are behind them in their decisions," said Newbern.

Supt. Goolsby said the major part of any evaluation program is the administrators who must be knowledgeable of what a good teacher is and what poor teaching is and then to have the courage to take the needed action.

"And I mean this takes cour-

age. It is much easier to just recommend the teachers for another year. But if a principal sees a teacher needs help and talks to her about it, and she makes an effort to correct the weakness by summer school courses, then this is fine.

"But if she fails to correct the weaknesses after they have been pinpointed by the principal courses, then this is fine.

then we must back up the principal when that teacher is not recommended for rehiring," said Goolsby.

Green and Duckworth both agreed this support for their decisions would be needed and appreciated.

"I think the public will support this too," said Newbern.

Goolsby feels the majority of teachers will go along with this part of the evaluation because "I know they want to do a good job in this system."

A science teacher at the VHS-Pinevale Campus, Martha Freeman, said she would appreciate a principal coming to her and explaining what he felt she was doing wrong.

"I would much rather have this done so I could correct it instead of having a principal at a faculty meeting saying "alright faculty you are not doing thus and so," said Mrs. Freeman.

Dr. Cox said teachers can use the video tape recorder in the materials center to help them in self-evaluation.

"We'll be available to give the teachers any help they may want and need in the evaluation," he explained.

Funds From State Are Needed

By MARY CROUSE

The chairman of the Valdosta Board of Education told the steering committee for the proposed multi-million dollar high school that they must join with the administration in urging local legislators "to turn loose some capital school funds."

Board chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr. told the committee at a meeting in the Valdosta High School library that getting the legislators to "free capital school money is the first major hurdle the board faces in financing a new high school."

The meeting was called by steering committee chairman Tenney S. Griffin to hear from the board chairman and other school officials the progress and problems involved in getting a new plant.

"We've got to clear that hurdle before we can do anything else. And it is up to you people to help us with this. Call the representatives and our senator this weekend. Let them know you want this money. It is ours. We've been told by state school people that we are at the top of the list for these funds. We've just got to get the legislators to turn loose some of this money," said Tillman.

He said that the Valdosta school system is due about \$2 million in colodiation and growth funds, but that the Georgia lawmakers have failed to appropriate any money in a year which would allow some \$34 million to flow into school systems throughout the state.

"All they need to do is let

\$3 million go and it'll mean we'll get ours. The \$3 million, according to formula set up for this consolidation grant, unties millions of dollars. We don't have to match it, we've earned it by consolidation with Pinevale High School enrollment increases," said the board chairman.

Tillman told the 50 persons present that it is up to the people of Valdosta whether a school is completed in three years or five.

"We can build a new high school that we so desperately need but we need your help," he said.

The second hurdle in the financial maze is a local issue, he added. Tillman said a bond referendum would be needed to get the needed local portion of the building cost.

"But I've promised the Mayor-Council that we (board) would not even talk about how much we wanted out of the city's bonding capacity until we've had a chance to sit down together and discuss it," said Tillman.

The city has its problems, too, he said and cited the paving needs here.

Councilman W. O. (Bill) Bassford, also on the steering committee, said the city's present bonding capacity is about \$4.8 million.

Tillman said Valdostans can pass a bond issue even though school referendums are being beaten across the country and schools are being forced to close. "But that's not the kind

of town we live in. We are always being compared to Albany and Dougherty County and they have built four new high schools in the past 10 years. Lowndes County, right here has built two," he explained.

The board is proposing to build a comprehensive high school for 2,500 students in grades nine-12. M. E. Nichols, federal funds coordinator for the city school system, said that the facility will cost \$5 million to build and equip.

Tillman said the job of the steering committee is to help get the finances for the new school and to help plan the program for the plant.

VHS principal Charles (Chuck) Green said the present high school was built in 1922 and is far from adequate for the 1,350 enrollment and program.

"We can't carry on the type of program we'd like to have and that Valdosta deserves. There isn't any room for a physical education program, and the girls are bouncing balls at Brookwood and we'll con-

tinue to do that until we are told to stop. There is no room for expansion and we are in need of more space," said Green.

The principal said the new high school would be built for grades nine-12 which is a more feasible way of operating a secondary education program. The ninth grade is now at the VHS-Pinevale Campus.

Board attorney and treasurer Reuben Yancey said a site has not been located for the new school and that the Lowndes County Planning Commission

has been asked to suggest acreage which would be suitable. He said 50 acres are needed for the school.

Planner Wade Pierce said the commission has so far found four tracts of land which could be used for the new high school. All are in the northern part of town because the trend is for industrialization of the southern part of the city and surrounding area, he said.

Pierce said the locations were studied for their access routes and population growth trends of the community.

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School Officials Get In Game To Plug Bond Vote

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The football players did their annual spring thing at Valdosta High School's Cleveland Field Thursday night but this time school officials got into game with a plea to "vote yes" in the May 12 bond referendum to help finance a new secondary education plant here.

The VHS Has-Beens vs. Will-Be's football tilt resulted in a 20-14 victory for the Wildcats. School officials who spoke over the public address system during halftime activities said the passage of the \$2.3 million school bond issue will mean victory for students and the entire community.

The Marchin' Cats band formed a big "Vote Yes" on the

field and director Frank Butenschon asked the spectators to give the youth a chance for a better education by approving the bond issue.

He said that students today need more educational program than they did 10 or 20 years ago. To keep pace with the advancements in the world, the studies must be in a rapid state of change, he said.

Head football coach Wright Bazemore said a new high school is needed if students are going to become productive citizens. He cited the crowded conditions in the current facility which was built in 1922 for about 600 students.

The Valdosta Touchdown Club picked up the school bond ball

earlier this week when the group passed a resolution approving the bond issue and citing the need for a new high school.

The Valdosta Board of Education has proposed to build a \$4 million high school for use September 1972.

VHS and all Negro Pinevale High School consolidated this fall and all 10th-12th graders are housed at VHS. The ninth grade is at the VHS-Pinevale Campus.

There are 1,330 students at VHS and about 300 more are expected next fall.

The board has been allotted \$1.8 million from the State Board of Education to help build a new high school.

Brooks, Lowndes, Valdosta Students In Honor Program

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Four local students and a Brooks County High School pupil have been selected to attend the 1970 Governor's Honors Program this summer at Wesleyan College in Macon.

The five youths are among 400 students chosen to participate in the session sponsored by the State Department of Education.

The students include Richard Earl Neese, Rosanne Roskamp and Lucy Stewart, all of Valdosta High School, Carolyn Irving of Lowndes High School and Robin Lewis of Brooks County High.

The Honors Program, begun during the administration of former Gov. Carl E. Sanders, is an educational project for gifted students. The program is eight weeks enrichment study.

Nomination and selection procedures for the 1970 program were slightly changed from last year, according to Margaret O. Bynum, Georgia Department of Education program

director. One of the major changes was the deletion of the requirement that all finalists have an IQ of at least 120.

All of the 7,198 students nominated for the program were required to take the Ohio State University Psychological Test.

Better Race Relations

Four Honored For Help

By MARY CROUSE

Race Relations Day was quietly observed Sunday at the Macedonia Baptist Church and three white educators and a Negro student became the first recipients of the awards for promoting better racial understanding here.

Receiving the awards were Virgil Beck, principal at predominantly Negro Lomax Elementary School; T. H. Wall, principal at Lowndes High School; Dr. Richard McMurry, history professor at Valdosta State College, and Greg Homer, student at Valdosta High School.

Mayor James Beck presented the honors Sunday afternoon following a program at the church. Beck said the idea of a race relations Sunday and the citations for outstanding work in promoting racial harmony here should be encouraged and expanded next year.

"This is a great thing. We need for everyday to be race relations day but the idea of a program is something we need to promote," said Beck.

B. C. Williams, counselor at Lowndes High School, coordinated the effort to recognize those whom he and a group of Negroes here felt have done outstanding work in improving understanding between the two races.

"We'd like for this to be a communitywide project next year with city and county officials and representatives from the various civic and service organizations taking part," said Williams.

Speakers for the program were Virgil Beck, the Rev. Billy Oliver, assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church; the Rev. Daniel T. Johnson, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church; and C. T. Dickerson, principal at the Valdosta High School - Pinevale Campus.

The choral groups from VHS and Lowndes High School presented the music for the program.



GREG HOMER
Only Student

Representatives from the Valdosta and Lowndes County school systems and Valdosta State College were among the 150 at the program.

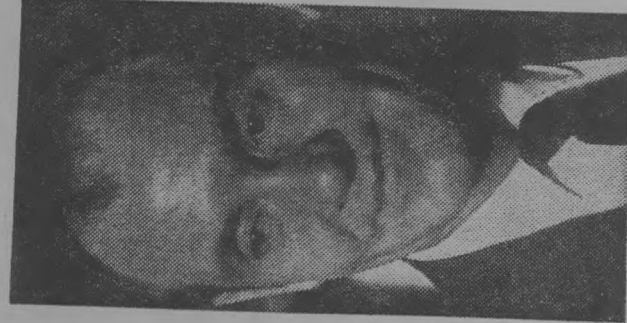
Virgil Beck, 49, has been with the city schools since 1958. A retired lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Air Force, he is to be the principal at the new Gordon Street elementary facility when it is completed next fall.

He was born near Mason City, Iowa, and did his undergraduate work at the University of Iowa. He got his masters and doctorate degrees at Florida State University in Tallahassee. He and his wife have four children.

Beck is coordinator of the Adult Education program here and has worked to provide better teaching methods for needy children.

In his speech, Beck said the country is in an emergency and the people have found themselves uninvolved. "What we are, the manner in which we are to each other, determines what this country becomes," he said.

He said education is not limit-



VIRGIL BECK
Be Counted

ed to the classroom but involves educating the people in the community to the needs here — the good and the bad.

"If there are good things going on, people are aware and should be aware of them, but if there are things which need attention — the problems — the public needs to be aware of this also," said Beck.

The principal explained that people learn by practice and that adults must not only commit themselves but their children to the cause of helping each other.

"We must have the heart, the intellectual capacity to stand up and be counted. We have to have the courage to say, 'we do not condone these things which are wrong'. Our problems can not be solved until we can understand, trust and respect each other. The schools should be a place to foster this," said Beck.

Dr. McMurry is a native of DeKalb County and did his undergraduate work at Virginia Military Institute. He completed his Masters and doctorate at Emory University in Atlanta. He is in his third year at VSC.

The 30-year-old professor has one child. He is working on a non-credit course in Afro-American history which he hopes will be offered once a week for educators in public schools. He has taught the only Afro-American history course at VSC.

Sunday he was sick and unable to attend the program. Wall, 60, has been principal at Lowndes High since 1959, except for one year. He was principal at Jeff Davis High in Hazelhurst and was superintendent for 12 years in Douglas. He and his wife have 3 children. He was graduated from Mer-



T. H. WALL
Credits Students

cer University in Macon and got his masters from the University of Georgia in Athens. He has done additional study toward his doctorate at Duke University and Columbia University.

Lowndes High was consolidated with all-Negro Westside High School this fall. Students and educators contend Wall is mainly responsible for the smooth desegregation process.

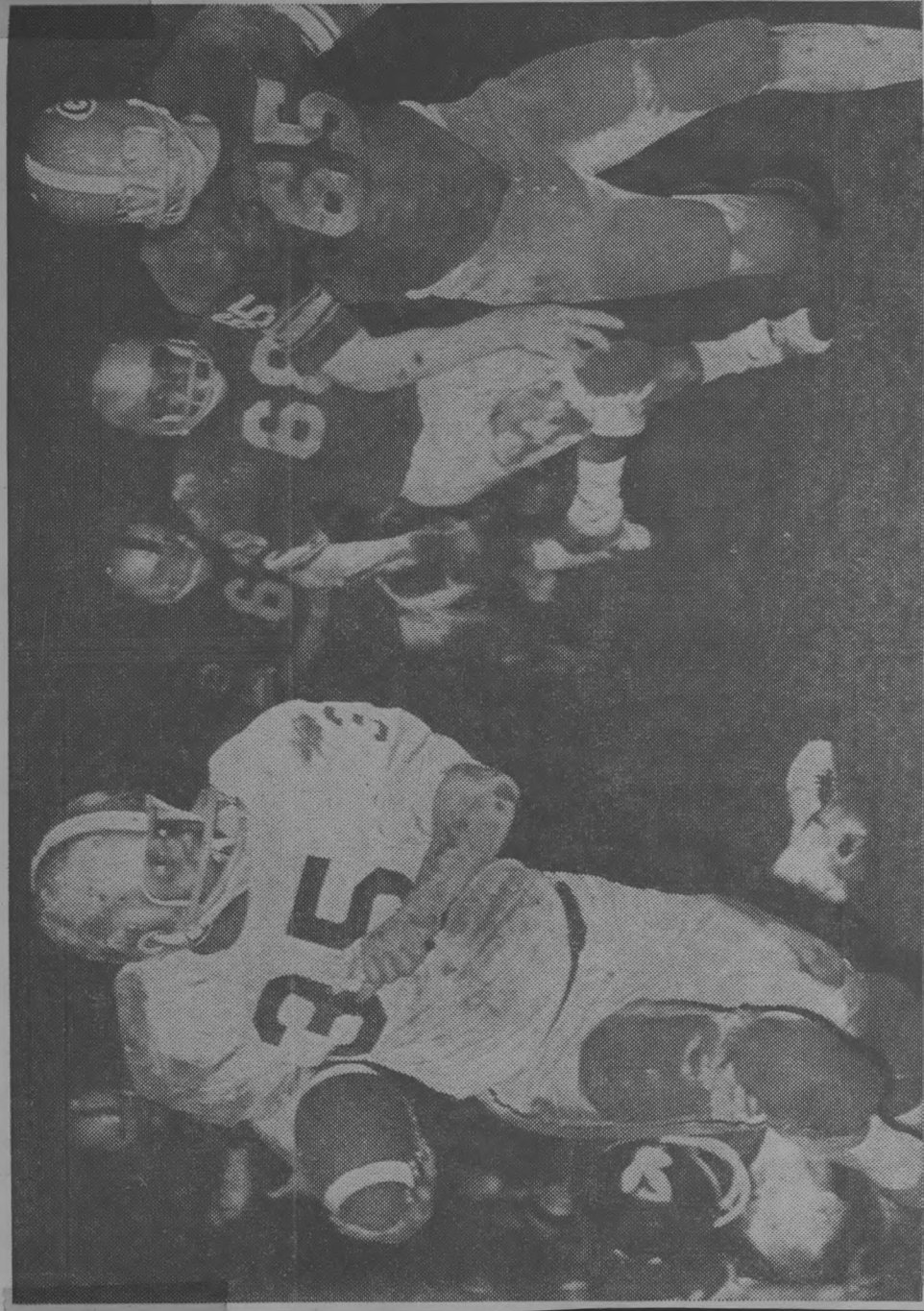
The principal said the credit goes to the students, parents, Supt. A. B. (Sonny) Martin and the Lowndes County school board. "We don't have a discipline problem because we let all the students know if there is any trouble we tend to it in a hurry. We have an excellent student coordinating committee which is helping to promote racial harmony," he said.

Greg Homer was the only student and Negro to receive an award. Homer, 17, a senior, is a former co-president of the VHS Student Council.

He was asked to resign by the principal following a protest walkout last fall of about 400 Negro students. Homer and the other Negro council members were removed from office because of "their failure to function," said principal Charles (Chuck) Green.

Green and the faculty appointed Homer to serve on the student Bi-Racial Committee at VHS. The group is composed of school leaders and its function is to promote better race understanding. Homer is a member of the school chorus.

Homer said the walkout is over and should be forgotten. "The student committee Mr. Green and the faculty have formed is a good thing and one which will help students of both races," he said.



—Times Staff Photo

Wildcats' Willie Anderson Rolls Out Around Right End On A 35-Yard TD Run

Bazemore Pleased

Wildcats Upset Has-Beens

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor
Valdosta High's Wildcats faked a field goal and struck through the air for a touchdown in the final moments of play to post a 20-14 upset victory over the Has-Beens in their annual spring football game here Thursday night.

A crowd of approximately 3,000 looked on as coach Wright Bazemore's 'Cats and a squad composed of graduating seniors staged a see-saw battle which had a cliff-hanging finish.

The Has-Beens, with 18 regulars off VHS' outstanding 1969 team, were favored, but it was the 'Cats who took an early 13-point lead, fell behind 14-13 after intermission and then rallied at the finish to triumph.

The game left Bazemore wearing a smile of approval on his face.

"I'm quite proud of our boys, all of them," the Valdosta mentor said. "This was a very strong Has-Been team, one of the strongest we've faced in several years. "But we took the fight to

the older boys in the first half. Dan Johnson did the throwing and hit end Stanford Rome with a 31-yard toss. Bounds unlimbered his arm again and this time passed 20 yards to Charles Daniels for a touchdown. After Darrell Branam's PAT try missed the 'Cats took a 13-0 lead into the dressing room.

Early in the third quarter the Has-Beens got their offense going for the first time in the game and moved 38 yards in six plays for their first touchdown. The TD came on a four-yard sprint by Benjie Meeks. Danny O'Neal's PAT kick missed and the Wildcats' lead stood at 13-6.

A short time later the Has-Beens' Gary Dove intercepted a pass at the Wildcats' 19 and six plays later O'Neal scored from a yard out. This time the Has-Beens went for two-points after the TD and got them on Willie Jones. That put the veterans outfront 14-13.

Time now became a factor, but the 'Cats got another chance when Curtis Lee intercepted a pass and returned it 28 yards to the Has-Beens' 32. The Wildcats moved down to the 15 and were then pushed back to the 18.

On fourth down the 'Cats lined up as if they intended to try a field goal with Bran-

am the kicker. Instead of trying to boot the ball, Branam passed it to Stanford Rome in the end zone for a touchdown. When Curt Bazemore booted his second PAT the Wildcats had their final victory margin of 20-14.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing: Wildcats — Branam 54, Bounds 19, LeFites 3-6, Anderson 8-45, C. Daniels 67, Johnson 1 minus 5, McCaskill 1-3; Has-Beens — Golden 7 minus 21, O'Neal 10-33, Jones 10-30, Davis 6-23, Meeks 3-11.
Passing: Wildcats — Bounds 7-16-105, Branam 1-3-18, Johnson 11-31, Has-Been Golden 37-20.
Pass Receiving: Wildcats — Demerseman 2-8, Johnson 2-56, S. Rome 2-49, C. Daniels 1-20, R. Rome 2-21; Has-Beens — Davis 1-5, Jones 1-7, O'Neal 1-8.
Punt Returns: Wildcats — C. Daniels 1-10.
Kickoff Returns: Wildcats — C. Daniels 1-14, LeFites 1-15, Has-Beens — O'Neal 2-30, Davis 2-24.
Defense (Number of Tackles): Wildcats — Quillin 8, Everson 7, Henry 6, Savage 5, Lee 5, Bell 4, Hampton 4, Bazemore 4, Roundtree 2; Has-Beens — Holder 6, Holt 6, Bates 5, Sherion 5, Golden 4, Puckett 4, Lawrence 4, Jones 3, Daniels 3, Crawford 3, Quattlieb 3, Davis 2, Skoropat 2.

LINEUPS
WILDCATS
Ends: S. Rome, Marshall, Demerseman, Clarkston, Roundtree, Rome, Dewar.
Tackles: Cox, Quillin, Henry, Akins, Guards: Savage, Everson, Herron, Mahery, Tillman, Lesier, Joseph.
Backs: Bazemore, Branam, Bounds, Welch, Johnson, Bell, R. Daniels, LeFites, Walters, Lee, Rowe, McCaskill, Pompey, Anderson, Hampton C. Daniels, Fordham, DeLoach.

Has - Beens
Ends: Taylor, Puckett, Henderson, Dove, Baker, Skorpat.
Tackles: Koncar, Jarmille, Guards: Holder, Parr, Charles Daniels, Sherion, Holt, Diboin, Crawford, Centers: Christie,
Backs: Golden, Jones, Lawrence, Quattlieb, Emanuel, Blalock, Meeks, O'Neal, Davis, Waller.

Scores by Quarters:
Wildcats 13 0 0 7-2
Has-Beens 0 6 8-14
Scores: TDs — Wildcats — Anderson (35 yd. run), C. Daniels (20 yd. pass from Bounds), S. Rome (10 yd. pass from Branam); Has-Beens — O'Neal (1 yd. run), Meeks (4 yd. run). PATs — Wildcats — Bazemore 2 (placements); Has-Beens — Jones 2 (pass from Golden).

At New Orleans

'Dosta High Band Comes In Second

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats placed second in the "Greatest Bands in Dixie" contest at New Orleans Sunday.

The local band lost to the Dalton marchers who won the title in 1966 and 1967. Dalton's Cata-mount group is the only band to ever win the title two consecutive years.

VHS won the honor last year and went back to try for a repeat performance. Director Frank Butenschon said the Marchin' Cats lost by one point. There were 17 bands from 11 states competing in the Mardi Gras contest.

The local band lost to the group Butenschon said would probably give them the most competition.

"They have a great band and both groups went to New Orleans to win," said Butenschon.

The loss was sure to be a heartbreaking one to the Valdosta High students, the director and Band Boosters who worked on the program for weeks while raising the \$4,500 to make the trip.

The band is to arrive back at the high school campus Tuesday at 9 p. m. Band Boosters and parents plan to meet the students at the band room while

several citizens say they will greet the marchers at the city limits and escort them into town.

But while the band and boosters wanted to win the big first place trophy, one parent said "second place is nothing to be ashamed about. The Dalton crowd really had to go some to beat our band."

'Cats, Kittens Trim Dougherty

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens coasted to victories over region 1-AAA foe Dougherty in high school basketball twin-bill here Saturday night.

Coach Bill Davis' Kittens started things by rolling past Dougherty's Trojanettes, 49-17. Then coach Wilson's 'Cats entered the action and handed the visiting Trojans a 69-49 wallop.

The Kittens jumped off to a 16-3 lead. In the second stanza when the Valdosta forwards Marsha Stephenson, Ann Sutton and Joy Johnson were busy scoring another 20 points, guards Debbie Stephenson, Nita Brantly and Evelyn Graham were holding the Trojanettes scoreless.

'Dosta started the second half with substitutes and kept them in for the rest of the game.

Marsha Stephenson was the top scorer for the Kittens with 14 points with Sutton and Johnson accounting for 11 points each.

The Kittens are now 9-10 overall with an even 8-8 region record after the victory. Coach Sherlene Salter's Trojanettes now own 1-16 overall and 0-12 region records.

The Trojans gave the Wildcats little more trouble than the

Dougherty girls gave the Kittens.

With 4:32 remaining in the first quarter Valdosta's Don Golden sank a field goal to break a 6-6 tie and the 'Cats spent the rest of the time in the lead.

Golden was the top scorer for the night with 20 points for the 'Cats, followed by Roger Rome with 19. Leading the scoring for Dougherty was Cedric Johnson with 16 points.

The victory left the 'Cats with a 13-2 region record and a 16-4 overall mark. The Trojans of coach James Cook are now 6-14 overall and 2-9 in region play.

GIRLS

Valdosta	16	36	40	49
Dougherty	3	3	13	17
VALDOSTA (49) — M. Stephenson 14, Johnson 11, Sutton 11, Norris 7, Nichols 6, D. Stephenson, Brantley, Graham, Flanders, Cates, Robertson, Miller.				
Team totals: field goals 20, free throws 9 of 19, fouls 12.				
DOUGHERTY (17) — Kichy 12, Sanky 5, Davis, Council, Clark, Drake, Davis, Nicholls, Goerling, Myers, Clifton, Johnson, Justice.				
Team totals: field goals 6, free throws 5 of 15, fouls 12.				

BOYS

Valdosta	15	31	55	69
Dougherty	11	26	30	49
VALDOSTA (69) — Golden 20, Rome 19, Webb 9, White 8, Jones 5, Johnson 4, Taylor 2, Mabry 2, Rowe, Bounds, Baker.				
Team totals: field goals 28, free throws 13 of 29, fouls 10.				
DOUGHERTY (49) — Johnson 16, Horne 11, Norman 8, Griffin 4, Winkfield 4, Braceland 3, Clark 2, Cooper 1.				
Team totals: field goals 20, free throws 9 of 12, fouls 19.				

VHS Soph Wins Slogan Contest

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A 15-year-old Valdosta High School sophomore, Richard Martin, is the winner of the Chamber of Commerce safety slogan contest.

Martin's entry, "The Speed that Thrills is the Speed that Kills," won him a \$25 savings bond, announced John Wiggins, Chamber project chairman.

First runner-up was Paul Lloyd, a 16-year-old junior at Lowndes High School. His slogan, "Don't Be a Bumper-Sticker," won a \$10 cash award.

Martin is the son of Shirley Martin and lives at 910 Mystic St. He is a member of Adventuretours Inc., a non-profit travel club here for youth. Martin has a learner's license.

"We were very pleased with the response to our contest. The content of many of the entries shows that our young people are also very concerned with

safety on our streets. The concern that they feel was even more apparent to us as we tried to select the winners," said Wiggins.

He explained that the committee received more than 250 entries and the majority of these were from Lowndes and VHS students. The slogans will be made available to business men who might want to use them in their publications and on their outdoor marquees, said Wiggins.

"We hope that this project will make a meaningful contribution to traffic safety and that the efforts of these youngsters will help all of us to realize the importance of driving carefully," said the chairman.

Serving on the committee with Wiggins were Doyle Miller and Dewey Foster. The project was part of the Chamber's Traffic Safety Committee headed by Paul Sanders.

Vote To Support School Bonds

Let's Stay No. 1, Jaycees Are Told

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Jaycees Tuesday night endorsed the city Board of Education's efforts to construct a new high school and voted to actively support a \$2.3 million bond issue for the local share of the school's financing.

The action came after I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr. of the board and VHS Coach Wright Bazemore told the Jaycees of the city's need for an adequate high school program.

Said coach Bazemore: "In six weeks the most important question you'll have to answer since you said 'I do' to your better half will be the one on this high school." The date for the bond referendum has been set for May 12.

Bazemore said, "Valdosta High School was outdated when I came here in 1940." He said the facilities are such that the school can't attract and hold the better classroom teachers. "We do have great teachers, though, and how we can keep them with what we give them to work with, I don't know.

"What we are doing wrong at Valdosta High, we aren't bringing our classroom program up to our football program."

On the subject of athletics, Bazemore said unless this new high school is constructed the athletic and other extra-curricular programs could be wrecked. "If we have to split our school onto two campuses, it will gut athletics, band and the other programs," he said.

In addition, he said the facilities afforded students at Lowndes High School will mean in a few years that that school will surpass VHS in athletics and other areas.

"I challenge you," said Bazemore, "to walk through Lowndes High School and then come back and see Valdosta High, you'll be ashamed."

The board of education is proposing to construct a high school plant estimated to cost \$2.3 million in local bond funds, \$1.8 million will come to the board from the State School Building Authority toward the school's cost.

Tillman said unless the bond

issue is approved, Valdosta will lose the state money. "This is your money and if we don't pass these bonds, then it will go to another school system."

He said, "Valdosta has never been a negative community. We are accustomed to being a winner—being number one. If we ever turn negative, then we are in deep trouble.

"We've got the No. 1 football team in the nation, the best band in Dixie, the finest student body anywhere and the best faculty in the world. They've got to be the best to

do all these things in the facilities we have provided for them," said Tillman.

He said it will take 2½ additional mills of city taxes to fund the \$2.3 million in bonds. This means it will cost a property owner \$1 per thousand of fair market value per year in additional taxes. For a person with a home which has a fair market value of \$30,000, the additional taxes will be \$30 per year, without consideration of homestead exemption, said Tillman.

Valdosta School Bonds Gain Jaycee Support

doesn't talk about defeat in football.

"I paint a bleak picture because it is dim," Tillman said of the present situation.

Both men explained that the new school is also needed in order to offer a total program to include training students who will not go to college. Bazemore said the 20 percent who go to college "will make it some way but I'm concerned about the 80 percent who will become mamas and daddys."

AND HE FURTHER warned that although VHS

graduates have held their own in college up until now they will have more and more trouble as the quality of education drops at their high school due to lack of modern facilities.

The school officials also pointed out that it is difficult to obtain and keep good faculty members in the old crowded facilities but having Moody Air Force Base and Valdosta State College does give the school "captive teachers" from the wives of persons employed at the college or stationed at Moody.

Tillman cited Jacksonville's loss of school accreditation a

few years ago as an example of what can happen when bond issues are defeated and tax levies for schools are not increased.

Retirement of the bond issue is expected to cost about 2.5 mills annually. This is equivalent to \$10 for each \$10,000 of value on a home, Tillman said. The equation he cited was apparently based on the 40 percent of market value assessments now on city property.

The Jaycees agreed to not only support the bond issue with a resolution but to name a committee to seek ways to actively support it.

MUELLER SAID he'd implement strict criteria for use and qualifications of private consultants. Asked whether a transportation board should be created so the secretary would not have absolute control over road-building and transit operations, he said "Yes, so long as it is strictly advisory." "The old road board was pretty horrible," he said, harking back to his service under the administration of former Gov. Farris Bryant. "They didn't just set policy," he said, "but told you what to do and where to go." Sen. John Broxson, D-Milton, subcommittee chairman, said Mueller appeared to have all the qualifications required by law for the job. HE HAS COMPLETED everything but the thesis for a doctorate degree in civil engineering, has academic credits in public administration and government and "a minor in politics." He supplements his

'Dosta, Lowndes See League Play

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta is scheduled to host Moultrie's Packers and Packettes here tonight while Lowndes Vikings and Vikettes travel to Albany to take on Dougherty High in Region 1-AAA high school basketball doubleheaders.

Then Saturday, Dougherty's Trojans and Trojanettes travel here to meet Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens while Lowndes takes on the Tift County Blue Devils and Angels in Tifton in other region twin-bills.

Other games slated tonight find, Berrien (Nashville) at Thomasville, Doerun at Lanier,

AREA HOOP SLATE TONIGHT

Moultrie at Valdosta
Lowndes at Dougherty
Doerun at Lanier
Berrien at Thomasville
Hamilton at P.K. Younge
Echols at Baker
Brantley at Clinch
Norman Park at GCS
SATURDAY
Dougherty at Valdosta
Lowndes at Tift
Lanier at GCS
North Marion at Hamilton
Cook at Fitzgerald
Brooks at Cairo

County (Lakeland), Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.), at P.K. Younge (Gainesville, Fla.), Echols County (Statenville) at Baker County (Newton), Brantley County (Nahunta) at Clinch County (Homerville) and Norman Park at Georgia Christian School (Dasher.)

Saturday's slate finds Lanier at GCS, North Marion at Hamilton, Cook (Adel) at Fitzgerald and Brooks County (Quitman) at Cairo.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats will take a 10-2 region and 15-4 overall marks against the 3-8 and 4-9 records of coach Roy Saturday's Packers. Meanwhile

coach Bill Davis' Kittens put 6-8 and 7-10 marks on the line against the 12-3 region slate of coach Travis Allegood's Packettes.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikings will be protecting 14-6 overall and 11-2 region records when they go against coach James Cook's Trojans who are now 6-12 and 2-7. The region leading Vikettes of coach Steve Kebler will take 16-4 and 12-1 overall slates into battle against the 10th ranked Trojanettes of coach Sherlene Salter. The Dougherty girls are 0-10 in the region and 1-14 overall.

Both Coach Stanley Simpson's Berrien Rebels and Rebellettes will be putting 20-game winning streaks on the line against the Thomasville Bulldogs and Bulldogettes tonight.

Simpson's Rebels are 20-1 overall while the Rebellettes are undefeated at 20-0 and both

squads own 5-0 region marks.

Another set of Rebels, Coach Ray Rollyson's Hamilton County Rebels from Jasper Fla., will be going up for the Suwannee Conference lead when they take on P. K. Younge in Gainesville, Fla.

The Rebels took a 54-48 licking from the P. K. Younge boys earlier in the season then dropped another game to Live Oak by a 75-71 margin. But since then the Rebels

High School Help

Steering Panel Is Boosted

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

There have been 32 additional persons asked to serve on the steering committee for the Valdosta Board of Education's proposed multi-million dollar high school, said committee chairman Tenney S. Griffin.

He explained that the list was expanded from 25 to 57 to get more people involved in the planning of the school and to get a wider cross section of the community.

"We haven't gotten a refusal from anyone we've asked to serve on the committee," said Griffin.

The committee is composed of educators, administrators, lay persons and students in Valdosta. Its job is to work with the school officials and School Planning Laboratory of the University of Tennessee on the proposed plant which is to replace the present Valdosta High School.

The planning laboratory is the consulting firm on the new facility. The laboratory together with the steering committee and VHS department committees are to plan a program for the new school. The architect then takes the educational specifications and designs a school to fit the needs. Zeb Lackey, Val-

dosta architect, is to design the estimated \$5 million facility.

Griffin told his steering committee at a meeting Thursday at the VHS library that the next session will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Georgia Power Co. auditorium. The general ses-

sion with the school planning laboratory representatives will be at 1 p.m. at the VHS library, he said.

Another session has been planned for 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the VHS library.

The new committee members include: Don Schutt, Dr. Matt Mathis, Dr. S. Walter Martin, Earl Hargett, Fluker Stewart, Mrs. Emmett Singleton, Mrs. Ralph Clark, Mrs. Wade Pierce, Mrs. Louis Schmier.

Mrs. Wayne Yeager, Mrs. Tom Shelton, Mrs. Henry Halter, Maj. Travis Israel, Dr. Herbert Kalin, Dr. L. W. Williams Jr., Ralph Harrington, P. E. Golden.

McGrogan, Ernest Nijem, R.H. Chuck Northcutt, John Rowe, Woodrow Harris, Herbert Ross, Chief Wilbur Perkerson, Tom Scott, Dr. James Pitts, Turner Johnson, Ferrell Singleton, W.O. (Bill) Bassford, Pardee Goodloe, Joseph Vickers and the Rev. O.C. Hardrick.

Extended Day Operation Forms Are Due On Monday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Monday has been set as the deadline for Valdosta High School students to return the form on the proposed extended day operation for next fall.

VHS principal Charles (Chuck) Green said about 75 per cent of the forms have been returned but that he wants a completed sheet from every student in school.

Green said the forms must be signed by parents and students to be complete. "We won't be satisfied until we have one back from every student in school," he added.

The forms were distributed to high school students last in an attempt to give information about the proposed operation for next September and to provide an opportunity for everyone in the school to express an opinion on the proposed program.

Every parent and student fully understand what is proposed for next year

and I want them to have the chance to express an opinion on it. We need this information back in our office by Monday so that we can go ahead with our study on this program," said Green.

The extended day operation was proposed by the Valdosta Board of Education at a meeting last month as a means to keep the 10th-12th grades on the main campus next year.

About 1,600 students are expected in the top three grades next September. There are about 1,350 students now at VHS. The board plans to keep the ninth grade at the VHS-Pinevale Campus next fall.

The State Department of Education has given tentative approval to the proposed program which also encompasses an expanded summer session.

The summer session will enable students to earn two credits instead of 1½ which has been the maximum in the past, said Supt. Foster Goolsby.

The extended day during the regular term beginning in September would involve two sessions — a morning and an afternoon study. Students would attend either session and take four subjects.

Green and the school board say the housing problem at VHS is critical. The administrators do not want any more students on campus at any given time than are presently enrolled.

"We would like to have less, even 100 less, than what we now have would help the traffic in the halls," said the principal.

The proposed extended day is one of several plans the board and administration have studied to ease the crowded conditions at VHS until a new facility can be built.

The board has a target date of September 1972 for the completion of its proposed multi-million high school for grades nine-12. An architect has been hired and the School Planning Laboratory of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville has been contracted for consulting purposes.

A steering committee of educators and lay persons has been named by the board to work with school officials in planning the proposed facility.

VHS, Lowndes Play Friday

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Cross-town rivals Valdosta and Lowndes are scheduled to meet her Friday night in a Region 1AAA high school basketball twinbill and then they are to take on teams from Albany schools in other league doubleheaders Saturday.

Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes are scheduled to meet the Wildcats and Kittens of Valdosta in a twinbill beginning at 7 p.m. in the Valdosta Junior High School gym Friday.

Saturday Lowndes is scheduled to host Monroe's Tornados and sextet from Albany, while

AREA HOOP SLATE

Friday
 Lowndes at Valdosta
 Fitzgerald at Cook
 Crisp at Berrien
 Lanier at Whigham
 GCS at Mt. Dora
 Brooks at Mitchell
 Echols at Doerun
 Cross City at Hamilton

Saturday
 Valdosta at Albany
 Monroe at Lowndes
 Nichols at Clinch
 Berrien at Bainbridge
 Brooks at Thomasville
 Hamilton at Williston

Valdosta travels to Albany to take on the Albany Indians and Squaws.

Those games head a list of doubleheaders and three boys games involving 10 area schools this weekend.

Scheduled for Friday night are twinbills involving Crisp County (Cordele) at Berrien (Nashville), Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.) at Whigham, Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Mt. Dora, Brooks County (Quitman) at Mitchell County (Camilla), Echols County (Statenville) at Doerun, with boys games finding Fitzgerald at Cook (Adel) and Cross City, Fla., at Hamilton County (Jasper, Fla.).

Saturday night finds Nichols at Clinch County (Homerville), Berrien at Bainbridge and Brooks at Thomasville, with Hamilton at Williston, Fla., in a boys game.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats, front-runners in Region 1AAA with an undefeated 10-0 league record, will put it and their 13-2 overall mark up against the 8-2 and 12-6 records of coach Charles Cooper's Vikings. Meanwhile, the Vikettes of coach Steve Kebler will take their 9-1 and 14-4 marks against the 5-6 and 6-8 slates of coach Bill Davis' Kittens.

The 'Cats have a seven-game victory streak going and the Vikettes have triumphed in their last five starts. Valdosta and Lowndes broke even in an earlier twin-bill. Valdosta won the boys game, 87-79, and Lowndes triumphed in the girls contest, 48-41. The Vikettes and Kittens also met in a tourney during the Christmas holidays.

The Lowndes sextet also won 49 games over a five-year period, while the Rebelettes have lost only two tilts during the same time at home.

Saturday, Valdosta travels to Albany to face the Indians who are 15-2 overall and 8-0 in region play. The Kittens must play the Squaws, who own a 6-6 overall mark and a 4-3 region slate.

Lowndes is to host the region's top girls team and one of the stronger boys squads Saturday. The Monroe sextet has a 6-0 region mark and 6-2 overall record, while the boys are 7-5 overall and 6-2 in the region.

Over in Nashville, Crisp County should have its hands full with coach Stanley Simpson's Berrien Rebels and Rebelettes. Both squads have 18-game winning streaks going, with the girls undefeated at 18-0 and the boys standing 18-1.

To top it off the Crisp squads will be meeting the Berrien teams on their home court and the boys haven't lost there in

'Cats Shade Tift In Hoop Thriller

By JULIAN MILLER

Times Staff Writer

Two field goals by Benjie Webb with less than 25 seconds remaining in the game brought Valdosta's Wildcats from one-point behind to a 54-51 victory over Tift County's Blue Devils as the two schools split a region 1-AAA high school basketball doubleheader here Tuesday.

The victory broke a two-game losing streak for coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats. In the girls contest, Tift's Blue Angels trimmed coach Bill Davis's Kittens, 34-25.

The victory left the Wildcats with a 11-2 region record and a 14-4 overall mark. The Kittens are now 6-8 in the region and 7-10 overall.

The Tift sextet is now 7-7 in the region and 9-10 overall coach Arthur Otwell's Imps are now 8-10 and 5-8.

The boys affair was a thrill-a-minute type game, with the score being tied or the lead changing hands no less than 22 times.

It was nip-and-tuck during the early going and VHS' Don Golden hit a pair of free throws to tie the score at 30-30 at the half.

In the third stanza the Imps built up a five-point lead at 41-36. Then Golden, John Rowe, Willie Jones and Roger Rome sparked a VHS surge which carried the 'Cats to a 49-44 advantage as the tilt moved into the final period.

Then it was the Imps' turn. With less than a minute left to play, Tift had surged ahead 51-50. In the time remaining Webb hit on a pair of field goal tries from the corner and the Wild-

cats had the victory.

Edd Dorminey, who fouled out with 2:58 left to play in the game, led the Tift attack with 20 points. The 'Cats were led by Roger Rome, 18; Golden, 12, and Webb, 10.

In the girls game Tift moved off to an early lead and kept the advantage all the way.

Jaunita Dickens was "Miss Everything" for the Angel offense, scoring 18 points. Marsha Stephenson was the top scorer for the Kittens with 10 points.

GIRLS

Valdosta	7	14	20	25
Tift	9	23	31	34

VALDOSTA (25) — M. Stephenson 10, Johnson 9, Sutton 6, Brantley, D. Stephenson, Graham, Flanders.
 Team totals: field goals 10, free throws 5 of 8, fouls 14.

TIFT (34) — Dickens 18, Evans 6, Cole 10, Whittington, Crowley, Evans, Hawkins.
 Team totals: field goals 10, free throws 12 of 19, fouls 8.

BOYS

Valdosta	15	30	39	54
Tift	16	30	42	51

VALDOSTA (54) — Rome 18, Golden 12, Webb 10, Jones 6, Rowe 5, Baker 3, Taylor.
 Team totals: field goals 19, free throws 16 of 20, fouls 12.

TIFT (51) — Dorminey 20, Cates 11, Luke 10, Parkman 6, Mims 4, Winkler.
 Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 9 of 13, fouls 17.

Band, Athletes To Go In Morning

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Officials at Valdosta High School hope to have 600 students involved in the extended day program scheduled for this fall with all band and varsity athletes attending the morning session.

"That's what we are working toward now," said principal Charles (Chuck) Green.

He explained that students had completed registration for courses next year but that class scheduling will not be finished until April.

Green anticipates 300 of the 600 students participating in the split session to be in the morning program while the other half will have afternoon classes.

There will be about 1,000 students who'll be regular students, he said.

Classes for the morning session are tentatively scheduled to begin at 7:30. Afternoon classes are to terminate at 4:30.

The extended day proposal is necessary to accommodate the anticipated 1,600 students in grades 10-12 next fall at VHS. The school, built in 1922 for about 800 students, is over crowded this year with 1,330 youth.

The Valdosta Board of Education was faced with two alternatives to handle the increase. The first was to have extended sessions and the second was to split the school with all ninth and 10th graders at the VHS-Pinevale Campus and



CHUCK GREEN Awaits Scheduling

the 11th-12th at VHS.

The second suggestion was frowned upon by state and local educators because of the duplication of programs and added expenses.

The extended day allows students to earn up to two units in summer school beginning in June. It also provides for seniors who can meet admission requirements at Valdosta State College next fall, to take freshman courses there in addition to their regular VHS work.

The board is in hopes the split sessions or extended day program won't be in effect more than a couple of years. The school officials have proposed to build a \$4 million plant by 1972.

The board asked Mayor-Council last week to call a \$2.3-million school bond referendum to help finance the new high school.

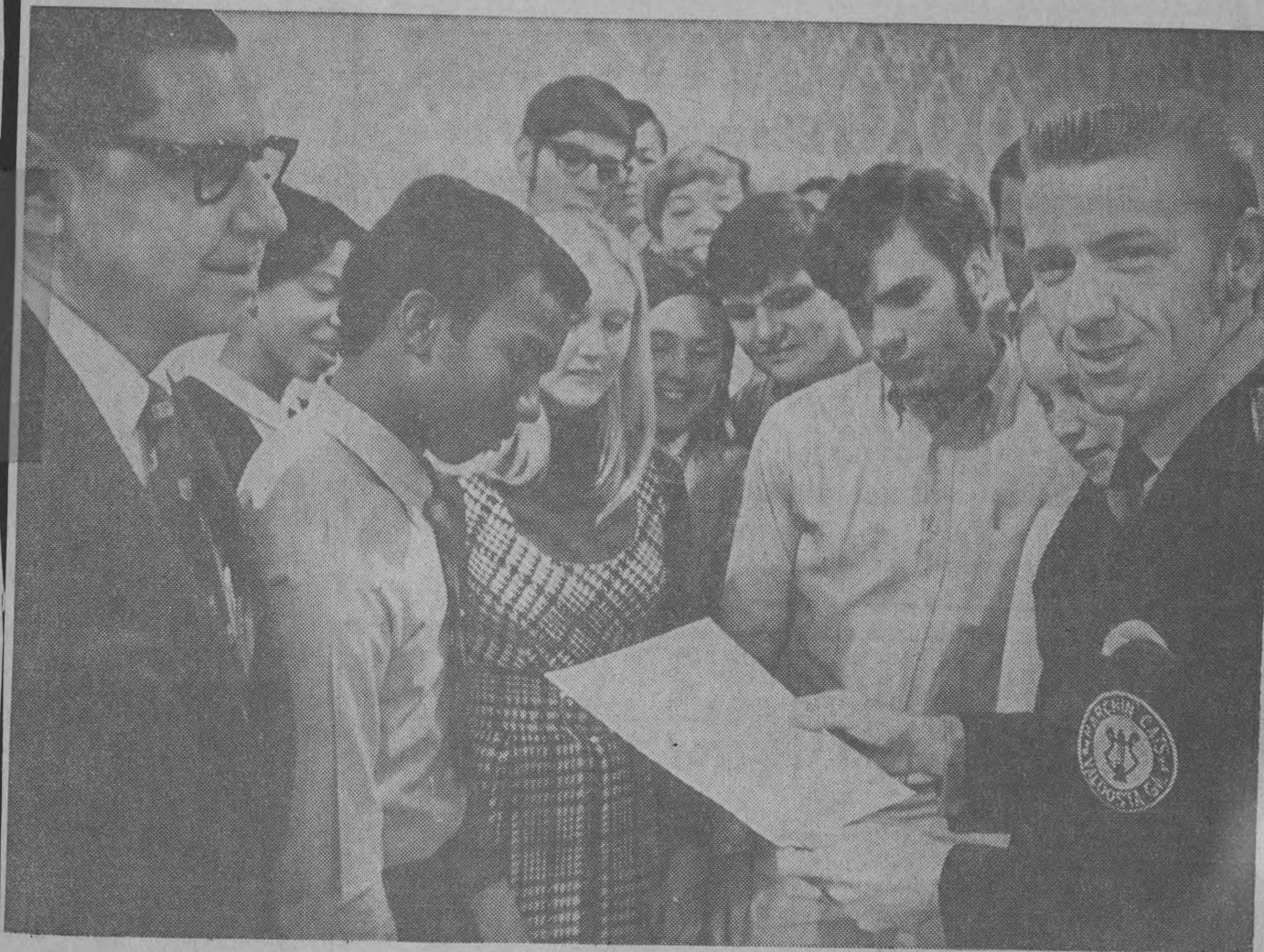


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Loaded For Mardi Gras

The honor guard of the Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats prepare to load the two 12-gauge pump guns for "Overture of 1812" selection to be played Sunday during the Greatest Bands in Dixie contest at Mardi Gras

in New Orleans. The band is defending its title in the competition there. Loading the shotguns are Mike De-Cesare, 18, Mike Phillips, 17, Ray Selph, 17, and Robert Johnson, 18.



—Times Staff Photo

It Was His Day

Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats director Frank Butenschon holds the proclamation issued by Mayor James Beck declaring Thursday as Frank Butenschon Day. The VHS band left at noon today

for New Orleans to defend its title in the Greatest Bands in Dixie Contest during Mardi Gras festivities Sunday.

Tax Story Was The Biggest

By MARTIN MILLER

Grumbings about taxes which resulted in mass court action and arbitration and finally a suit against the county's entire network of taxing officials made the top Valdosta area story of 1969, as judged by the staff of The Valdosta Daily Times.

The year started hot as new property values from a \$258,000 tax revaluation went on the books. Property owners immediately planned to arbitrate, and when they finished, a number of values were lowered.

Lowndes County then made use of a new state law which allowed it to appeal all arbitrations in which the difference between originally assessed and arbitrated values was more than \$1,000. Suits were filed by the county in 62 such cases.

The other side countered. A suit charging the revaluation figures were null and void and the new state law was unconstitutional was filed in Superior Court. Judge Marcus Calhoun, after an October hearing, ruled in favor of the county. But the suit was carried to the Georgia Supreme Court where a ruling is still awaited.

Six members of the Lowndes County Property Owners Inc. filed the countywide suit in the name of all county landowners.

The group opposes increased taxes which the revaluation wrought. Although both city and county millage went down, much larger tax digests accounted for an accumulated increase of about \$800,000 in city and county taxes.

The county's tax levy was delayed about three months because of the extra work on assessors in arbitrations and suits.

The year's No. 2 story was in the protest walkout of 400 Negro students at Valdosta High School after city schools were totally integrated for the first time.

The walkout, touched off by the election of a homecoming queen, was the culmination of several months of ill-feeling between the races at the school. One of the most frequent arguments involved VHS' playing the song "Dixie."

Students were suspended for



-Times Staff Photo

Walkout: VHS Principal Green Is Shown Talking with Students Involved

three days, and most stayed out of school an extra day awaiting the board of education's meeting Negro demands. They were not met, although some of the provisions the demands covered had already been cleared by the board.

The controversy ended with 16 Negro student council members being kicked off the council for participating in the walkout and another controversy about who was president of the NAACP here.

Approval of a \$1.3 million county school bond referendum made the third place story.

The bond issue, which passed 1,138 to 887, was to combine the county's 12 schools into seven thus providing for the best possible means of totally desegregating county schools. Eighty-nine additional classrooms were to be built.

It climaxed seven months of planning by the Lowndes County Board of Education.

Passage of a bill in the state legislature and the death of Superior Court Judge

George R. Lilly of Quitman gave the Southern Judicial Circuit two new judges in a matter of months to create the No. 4 story.

District Atty. Marcus Calhoun of Thomasville was named to a second judgeship after a bill which was opposed 16-1 by the Valdosta Bar Association was passed in the Georgia General Assembly.

Calhoun was junior judge only about four months. In July, veteran Judge Lilly died of cancer. Calhoun became senior judge, and Valdosta lawyer Omer Franklin was chosen by Gov. Lester Maddox to complete Lilly's unexpired term.

Other top 10 stories selected by the Times staff are listed in order as follows:

-Valdosta motel chain operator Frank Strickland, 36, and his 64-year-old mother-in-law, Fredanel Mixson Miller, died when their small private plane crashed as a landing was attempted at the Valdosta airport.

It happened during a year of increased tragedy. Forty-one lives and more than \$500,000 worth of vehicles were scrapped on roads and highways of Lowndes and three surrounding counties during the year.

-A controversy developed at Twin Lakes when developer Elmon Gaskins and lawyer Reuben Yancey began a 73-lot subdivision on Long Pond.

Residents feared the construction of canals in the project would jeopardize the level of the water in the lake, and after several meetings went into Superior Court seeking an injunction.

After a lengthy hearing, Judge Marcus Calhoun ruled in favor of the development. Canals were dug and the water level of Long Pond was not visibly affected.

-Cows and children caused a communications gap on the Salem-Church Road near Hahira when the General Telephone Company left working phone lines strung along fences and in trees for months.

Each time a cow would

North Georgia, South Georgia and Negro Georgia Methodist Conferences had to be approved by all three to become effective. It lost approval of the South Georgia Conference by a vote of 400 to 289.

-Valdosta businessman Fred Thomas filed and then withdrew a civil rights suit against Mayor James Beck and six city councilmen after they failed to grant him a whiskey license.

The suit, filed in Middle District Federal Court, led to the city's adopting an ordinance outlining specific requirements for obtaining liquor and wine sales licenses.

Before, the city had had no ordinance and the decision to grant or not grant licenses had been left to the arbitrary discretion of the city fathers. Thomas charged the procedure unconstitutional.

-The Valdosta post office moved into a new \$2.3 million federal building and because of federal court regulations photographers were not allowed inside to record the proceedings.

Federal Court Judge W. A. (Bill) Bootle of Macon disallowed cameras because of regulations which are designed to prohibit picture taking during trials.

1969 was also the year:

-Valdosta's Wildcats were Class AAA co-champions in high school football, and the Valdosta State College Rebels, under new coach Jim Melvin, won the Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Basketball Championship for the fourth straight time. The Rebs won the District 25 NATA title for the fourth straight time.

-Valdostan Mrs. Douglas Holt was on a flight hijacked to Cuba.

-The city of Valdosta managed to slice its deficit by a quarter of a million dollars.

-Murder suspect Ernest T. Brewster of Gainesville was accidentally freed from Reidsville State Prison (He was to stand trial for murder here.)

-The Lowndes County Sheriff's Department finally impounded a herd of Black Angus cattle which were constantly getting through a faulty fence in northern Valdosta and causing a real headache to law enforcement officials.

-Reid Bingham State Park at Adel received appropriations to replace a faulty dam.

A proposed merger of the



—Times Staff Photo

Lowndes' Jerome Register (25) Goes Up To Score Field Goal

Lowndes Cagers Defeat Valdosta

By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Defense was the key as Lowndes' Vikings and Vikettes swept a Region 1-AAA basketball doubleheader with Valdosta here Friday night.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikings trimmed coach Joe Wilson's VHS Wildcats, 54-44, to avenge an earlier loss to the 'Cats and hand the Valdosta quintet its first region setback this season. Coach Steve Kebler's Vikettes defeated coach Bill Davis' VHS Kittens, 36-29.

The Lowndes boys are now 13-6 in all games and 10-2 in region play. LHS' girls, who have now won six in a row, are 15-4 and 11-1. For the 'Dosta quintet, the loss was the first after 10 straight region wins. The 'Cats are now 13-3 in all games. The Kittens have 6-9 and 5-7 marks.

Teams from both schools are

to return to action tonight. Lowndes is to host Monroe (Albany) while Valdosta goes to Albany to duel Albany High's Indians and Squaws.

In last night's boys game, the five-player combo of Curtis Jones, Martin Hendrix, Henry Otis Register, Jerome Register and Tommy Haines went all the way for Lowndes. Jones, 17; Hendrix, 15, and Jerome Register, 11, were the attack leaders.

The Vikings jumped off to a 13-2 lead in the early minutes of the game and kept the advantage to the finish. The 'Cats never got their offense going against Lowndes' zone defense. VHS pulled within six points early in the third period, but could get no closer.

Don Golden, with 14 points, was the only 'Dosta player in double figures.

In the girls game Valdosta took an early eight-point lead. But when Lowndes' talented guard trio of Earlie Mitchell, Debbie Lumley and Kathy Vann held the Kittens scoreless in the second period, the Vikettes moved to a one-point lead with the tally 11-10 at the half.

In the third period Lowndes boosted its lead to seven points, the Kittens rallied and got within two, then the Vikettes widened their advantage again and headed for victory.

Susan Shaw, 16, and Kay Price, 14, were scoring leaders for Lowndes. Marsha Ste-

phenson, 16, and Ann Sutton, 10, were top scorers for Valdosta.

GIRLS

Valdosta	10	10	22	29
Lowndes	3	11	29	36

VALDOSTA (29) — Sutton 10, Johnson 3, M. Stephenson 16, D. Stephenson, Brantley, Graham, Robertson, Flanders.

Team totals: field goals 12, free throws 5 of 11, fouls 13.

LOWNDES (36) — Passmore 4, Shaw 16, Price 14, Mitchell, Lumley, Vann, Liseberger, 2.

Team totals: field goals 12, free throws 6 of 18, fouls 10.

BOYS

Valdosta	6	15	27	44
Lowndes	16	23	37	54

VALDOSTA (44) — Taylor 4, Jones 2, Webb 5, Golden 14, Rome 6, Baker 3, White 8, Johnson 2.

Team totals: field goals 15, free throws 14 of 26, fouls 17.

LOWNDES (54) — Jones 17, Hendrix 15, H. Register 8, J. Register 11, Haines 3.

Team totals: field goals 21, free throws 12 of 25, fouls 17.

'Dosta, Monroe

Split Twin-Bill

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ALBANY — Valdosta's Wildcats scored an important victory and the Kittens suffered a heart-breaking loss as VHS divided a Region 1-AAA basketball twin-bill with Monroe here Saturday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats nipped coach Lewis Smith's Monroe Golden Tornadoes, 49-48. It marked the first time since Monroe joined 1-AAA two years ago that the Tornadoes have bowed on their home court to a region foe.

In the girls game coach Bill Davis' Kittens dropped a 48-44

decision in double overtime to Monroe.

The win was the seventh in a row for the Wildcats. It boosted their overall record to 13-2 and upped their region mark to 10-0. The loss snapped a four-game winning streak the Kittens had going. It left them 6-9 for the season and 5-6 in region play.

Monroe's Tornadoes are now 6-5 and 5-2 while it's sextet is 7-2 and 7-0.

Saturday's boys game was close all the way with the lead changing hands often. With two

minutes left to play VHS had a four-point edge then Monroe cut it to one. With just 59 seconds showing on the clock Warwick Taylor sank a pair of free throws that put the 'Cats three markers ahead and out of danger.

The 'Cats' attack leaders were Don Golden, 19, and Benjie Webb, 11. Taylor did some slick ball handling, Willie Jones was sharp on defense and Roger Rome did a big job for the 'Cats in the battle of the backboards. They got relief help from Jerry Baker and Joshua Mabry.

"We got excellent team effort under tremendous pressure," Wilson said. "I'm very, very proud of all of players."

The Tornadoes' top gun was Charlie Givens with 20 points.

In the girls game Valdosta was down by as much as 12 points in the third period, but rallied and the count was tied at 40-40 when regulation playing time ended. After one three-minute extra period it was still tied at 44-44.

Four points by Joann Harrell in the second extra period tipped the scales in Monroe's favor. Howell finished with 18 points and teammate Cynthia Holsey got 21.

For the Kittens the attack leader was Ann Sutton with 26 points.

GIRLS

Valdosta 5 12 25 40-44-44
Monroe 9 22 33 40-44-48

VALDOSTA (44) — Johnson 9, Sutton 26, M. Stephenson 9, Brantley, D. Stephenson, Graham, Flanders.

Team totals: field goals 15, free throws 14 of 28, fouls 15.

MONROE (48) — Harrell 18, Holsey 21, Davenport 7, Wright 2, Holmes, Parks, Bones, S. Holmes.

Team totals: field goals 22, free throws 4 of 22, fouls 21.

BOYS

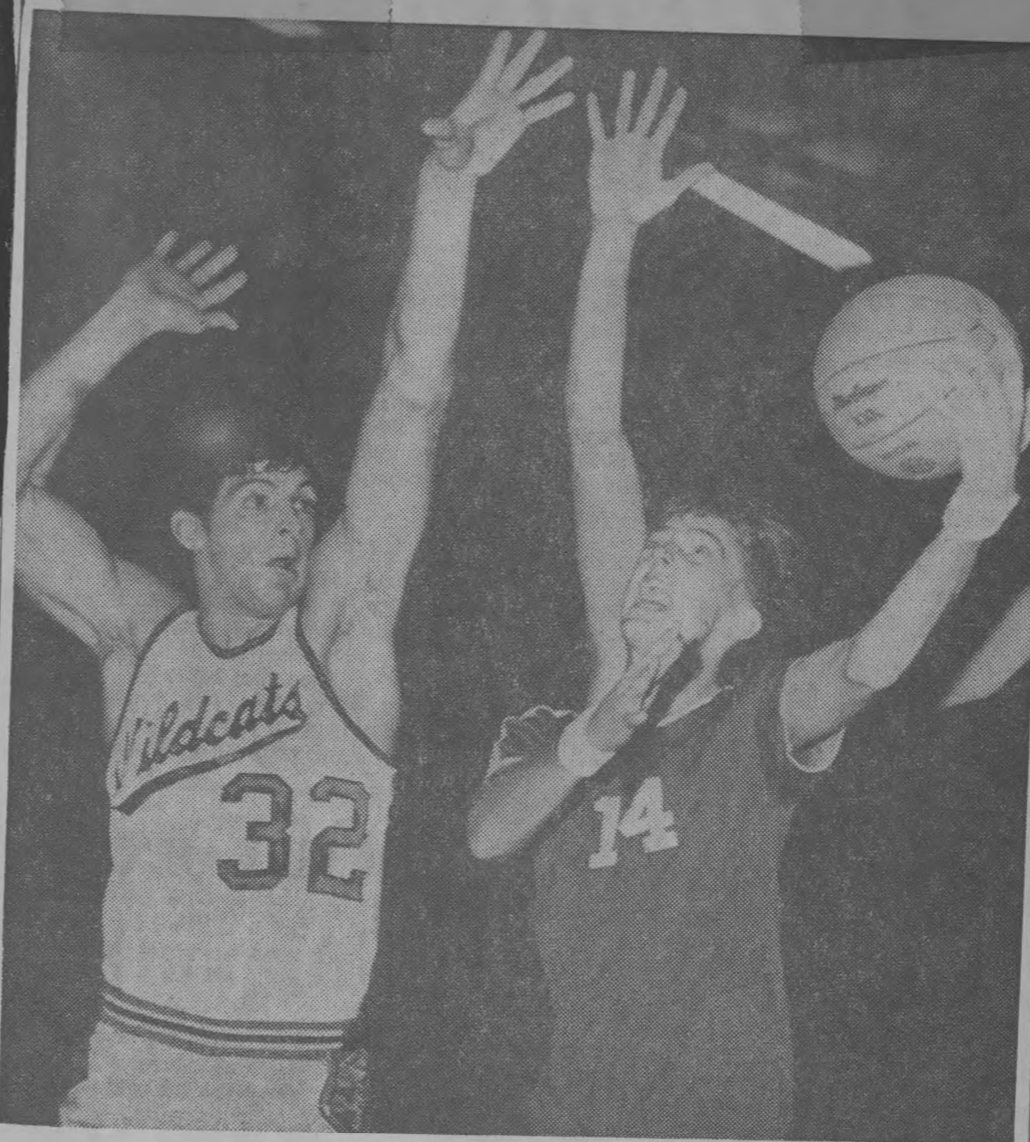
Valdosta 16 22 34 49
Monroe 12 24 38 48

VALDOSTA (49) — Taylor 6, Jones 5, Webb 11, Golden 19, Rome 8, Baker, Mabry.

Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 13 of 29, fouls 9.

MONROE (48) — Givens 20, Shead 10, Small 2, Riggins 8, Hunter, Ellerson 4, Robinson 4.

Team totals: field goals 22, free throws 4 of 13, fouls 20.



— Times Staff Photo.

There's An Extra Arm There Helping Don Golden (32) Guard Tim Vick

'Cats, Kittens Post Victories

Times Sports Editor

By SAMMY GLASSMAN

Valdosta High's Wildcats and Kittens took both ends of a basketball doubleheader with Georgia Christian School of Dasher here Thursday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats trimmed coach Jon Hazelip's GCS Generals, 71-50, and coach Bill Davis' Kittens defeated the GCS girls, who are coached by Mrs. Martin Jean Copeland, by a 63-36 count.

The win was the fourth in a row for the Wildcats and boosted their record to 11-2. The Kittens, who have won three in a row, are now 5-8. GCS's boys are 11-4 and the girls from Dasher have a 1-12 chart.

In the boys game Valdosta took an early lead and kept the advantage all the way. But the Generals kept battling and never gave the 'Cats a real chance to relax until just before the finish.

Valdosta's early advantage was 14 points, but it dipped to four in the second period. The

'Cats built up a 13-marker lead in the third stanza, but saw it shrink to five early in the final stanza. In the last six minutes of play, 'Dosta put the game on ice by pouring in 17 points to just one for the Generals.

The Wildcats' attack leaders were Don Golden, 20; Willie Jones, 14, and Benjie Webb, 11. Donnie Wisenbaker and Tim Visk, each with 18 points, led the way for the Generals who have had a bout with the "flu bug" this week, forcing five members of their seven-man squad to miss one or more days of practice.

In the girls game the Kittens broke up a close game with a strong second-half show-

that put them 19 points ahead. The VHS sextet had clear sailing the rest of the way.

Ann Sutton got 28 points and Joy Johnson tallied 22 to become scoring leaders for the 'Dosta girls. Vonda Darwin, 13, and Faye Dykes, 11, were pacesetters for GCS.

In a boys "B" team game John Rowe got 20 points, Steve Kitchens tallied 15 and Joe Pinner accounted for 14 as VHS to a 73-35 triumph.

GIRLS

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Kittens, Tribe Notch Triumphs

ALBANY — Valdosta's Kittens and Albany's Indians were the victors in a Region 1-AAA basketball doubleheader here Saturday night.

Coach Bill Davis' VHS Kittens trimmed Albany's Squaws, 57-52, and Albany's Indians defeated coach Joe Wilson's VHS Wildcats, 71-41.

With the victory the Kittens are now 7-9 in all games and 6-7 in region play. The 'Cats are now 13-4 and 10-2. Albany's boys own 18-2 and 11-0 marks while the Squaws are now 8-7 and 6-4.

The girls games was a seesaw affair for two periods, but the Kittens moved to an eight-point lead in the third stanza, then held the advantage to the

finish. Valdosta's sextet offered a balanced attack with Ann Sutton getting 22 points, Marsha Stephenson 20 and Joy Johnson 15.

The boys game was close until mid-way the second period when the Indians, led by Erice Mance and Don Knight, went out front to stay. Mance finished with 22 points and Knight accounted for 18. Roger Rome, with nine points, was the 'Cats' top scorer.

GIRLS	
Valdosta	13 29 46 57
Albany	14 28 38 52
VALDOSTA (57) — Johnson 15, Sutton 22, M. Stephenson 20, Brantley, D. Stephenson, Graham, Flanders.	
Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 23 of 34, fouls 14.	
ALBANY (52) — Holman 14, Benford 22, Fountain 13, Levie, Reynolds, Driscoll, Kirksey, Lawrence.	
Team totals: field goals 18, free throws 16 of 18, fouls 22.	
BOYS	
Valdosta	12 19 28 41
Albany	15 28 49 71
VALDOSTA (41) — Taylor 4, Jones 8, Webb 7, Golden 6, Rome 9, White 3, Baker, Mabry 4, Johnson.	
Team totals: field goals 16, free throws 9 of 20, fouls 9.	
ALBANY (71) — Mance 22, Cleveland 6, Crawford 12, D. Knight 18, McKami 7, G. Knight 4, Dubose 2.	
Team totals: field goals 32, free throws 7 of 14, fouls 14.	

School Space Solutions

Three Plans Eyed

By MARY CROUSE

The Valdosta Board of Education has three plans to solve its problem of where to put the expected 2000 students in grades nine - 12 next fall. And all three of the ideas present

multiple problems.

But the one the board prefers, double sessions with grades 10-12 being housed at the Valdosta High School main campus, seems to have the fewest curriculum and social problems.

The three plans were presented at a board meeting Wednesday night in the VHS library. About 15 parents also attended.

Hulyn Smith, who said he had talked with a number of other parents, feels the majority of adults want their children all on the same site in grades 10-12.

One of the other two plans mentioned was segregating the sexes with all ninth - 12th grade boys at the VHS-Pinevale Campus and all girls in those grades at the VHS plant on Williams Street.

The second was to put all 11th and 12th graders of both sexes at VHS, all ninth graders at South Street Elementary School and all 10th graders at Pinevale. When the new elementary facility under construction on W. Gordon Street is completed there are to be about 15 classrooms at South Street available for use.

Marguerite Ford, guidance counselor at VHS, was asked by the board how the segregation of sexes would work. She said the disadvantages of such an operation far outweigh any advantages the program might offer.

"It would be expensive. We have advanced courses, or honors courses, which we couldn't duplicate without a lot of expense. We'd have to have two of everything and some of the classes would be too small to even operate," she said.

Jack Coffee, assistant principal at Pinevale, said he did not like the plan because boys and girls have a stabilizing influence on each other at this age. VHS Principal Charles (Chuck) Green also frowns upon

the idea because of the duplication of courses.

"This would be the same problem we'd run into if we split the school up with two grades on campuses. I think boys and girls should go to school together. This is a co-educational world we live in and we need to prepare them for this," said the principal.

Splitting the school into two campuses with two grades each or even segregating the sexes would wreck the band and extracurricular activities. Without getting into a transportation problem, the athletic program would be greatly effected.

Board Chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr. said some people have intimated the segregation by sexes is favored because of the desegregation program. All Negroes in grades seven-12 are attending formerly all white schools.

Green said either of the other plans would eliminate such courses as third year Spanish and French and even physics.

"We have enough students now for one class but we wouldn't have enough to warrant two classes if we split the campuses or segregated the sexes. I'm just afraid the academic program would suffer," said the principal.

"This is what we don't want to happen," said board member Robert Quattlebaum.

Board member Dr. J. Ralph Thaxton said Macon has had schools segregated by sexes since the end of the Civil War. "It's too expensive for them to make the change now," he said. "I don't think the parents look with favor on this plan and the students don't either," said Miss Ford.

Double sessions with grades 10-12 at VHS would keep the high school students together but would eliminate or curtail such programs as physical education and lunchroom operation. Some students would attend the morning classes while others would probably come in at noon. Several school officials feel this plan would help to keep students in school because every year some drop out because of financial difficulties.

Some teachers would be at the school for longer hours but others would come in at staggered intervals.

Valdosta To Host Region Foe Tift

By Times Staff Writer

Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens are scheduled to host Tift County's Blue Devils and Angels in a Region 1-AAA high school basketball doubleheader here tonight.

In other action in the area, Echols County (Statenville) will be at Cook (Adel), Charlton County (Folkston) at Clinch County (Homerville) and Brooks County (Quitman) at Central (Thomasville).

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats hope to break a two-game losing streak and they will put 10-2

Tonight's doubleheader is scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock with the girls game in the Valdosta Junior High gym.

Coach Larry Prestridge's Brooks Tigers and Tigerettes are scheduled to travel to Thomasville to take on the Central Yellow Jackets and sextet. The Tigers will take a 10-6 record into battle, while the Tigerettes are 7-10 overall.

Over at Homerville, coach Austin DeLoach's Clinch Panthers will take a 10-6 record into battle against Region 2 B foe Charlton County. The Indians defeated the Panthers, 49-43, earlier in the season at Folkston.

Coach Herbert Tomlinson's Pantherettes will be hoping for their second victory over the Charlton Squaws when they take their 6-11 record into battle. The Pantherettes defeated the Folkston six, 49-48, earlier.

Area Hoop Slate
Tonight
Tift at Valdosta
Echols at Cook
Charlton at Clinch
Brooks at Central

region and 13-4 overall records against the Blue Devils' 5-7 and 8-9 marks.

Coach Bill Davis's Kittens face coach Sandra Withrow's Angels, putting a 6-7 league and 7-9 overall record against Tift's 6-7 and 8-10 marks.

The VHS squads took both ends of an earlier doubleheader in Tifton defeating the Tift boys, 48-41, and the Angels, 35-34.

Double Sessions Studied For VHS

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Board of Education has directed the superintendent and his staff to immediately begin work to determine if all 10th-12th grades could be housed at Valdosta High School next fall with students attending class on a double session basis.

And although the school board did not take a vote, it was the general consensus of the nine members present that the plan to keep the three grades on the main campus is the one which will be put into effect next September if all the problems can be worked out.

The main problems involve finding enough classroom space and scheduling a shorter school day for some students while keeping longer hours at the facility.

The administration said the only way this plan will work is to find enough students who will come to school and take just four courses and leave. This would mean some students would attend school during the mornings while others would have all afternoon classes.

The other two plans mention-

ed involve segregating the sexes in grades nine-12 and putting them on different campuses or splitting the high school by housing ninth and 10th grades at one site and 11-12th graders at another plant.

These suggestions presented multiple problems and were not enthusiastically received by the board or parents at the meeting held in the VHS library.

Board Chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr. said Supt. Foster Goolsby and his staff and VHS Principal Charles (Chuck) Green should start now to see if the three grades could be housed on the main campus.

"We've come to the point where we must roll up

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Valdosta Cagers Play At Tifton

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta's Wildcats will be trying to keep their league record perfect when they go against Tift County's Blue Devils in a Region 1-AAA high school basketball twin-bill in Tifton tonight.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats are 8-2 overall after losing twice to non-region foe Berrien. But they are still undefeated at 6-0 in the region. Meanwhile, coach Bill Davis' Kittens will be trying to halt a three-game losing streak and better their

Area Hoop Slate

Tonight
Valdosta at Tift
GCS at Lanier
Clinch at Blackshear
Pelham at Brooks

2-7 overall and 2-5 region records against Tift's Blue Angels.

Coach Arthur Otwell's Blue Devils are now 2-7 overall and 1-5 in region play. One of their wins came by a 46-45 margin over Berrien in the season opener. The Berrien avenged the loss by defeating the Imps, 50-31, last Saturday.

The Blue Angels, coached by Mrs. Sandra Withrow, will be trying to even-up their present 2-3 region record and better their 3-7 overall mark when they face the Kittens.

The VHS-Tift duel is one of four doubleheaders involving

five area school scheduled to be played tonight.

Other area action includes Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Lanier County (Lakeland, Ga.), Clinch County (Homerville) at Blackshear and Pelham at Brooks County (Quitman).

The action should be going high as Coach Jon Hazelip's GCS Generals (11-1) travel to Lakeland to meet coach Billy Pafford's Lanier Bulldogs (9-1) in a Region 1-C affair.

Pafford's Bulldogs will have the home court advantage, but may have to do without team leader Drew Dickson who has been out since early in the season with a leg injury. Dickson played some in a game against Baker County Saturday, but Pafford says he still can't go full speed.

Other region decisions are at stake when coach Larry Prestridge's Tigers and Tigerettes meet Pelham in a Region 1-B affair and Clinch County's Panthers and Pantherettes take on Blackshear in a Region 2-B meet.

Both of Prestridge's teams are 4-1 in the region, but the boys are 7-4 while the girls are 4-7. Coach Austin Deloach's Panthers are now 5-4 while coach Herbert Tomlinson's Clinch sextet ate 3-7.

VHS With Music, Pool?

By MARY CROUSE

Imagine a student lounge with piped in music, soft drink machines and smoking areas. Consider a heated indoor swimming pool and exercise room in the athletic facilities.

Think in terms of air conditioning, carpet and sound proof rooms, bright colors and modern equipment.

Think about a new high school and all the things one could want in a multi-million dollar plant. Students at Valdosta High School know what they'd like to see in a new building in which they'll never attend classes.

The Valdosta Board of Education's proposed new high school is at least three years away. State and local funds are needed to finance the construction.

But just because this group of high schoolers won't be able to go to school in the new facility hasn't stopped the students from expressing their views on what should be included in a new plant.

Students interviewed by The

Valdosta Daily Times on what they'd like in a new school all shared one view — air-conditioning. All want air-conditioning in the new school.

And that's one item they are sure to have. All new schools must be airconditioned, according to State Department of Education regulations.

The next priority on the student list is privacy for teachers, counselors and principals when discussing youth problems.

"There is no place where a student can go to a teacher and talk about a problem. I mean you stand by her desk in front of the room and you feel like the entire class knows what you are talking about. Everyone listens," said Susan Sainz, 15-year-old sophomore.

She said the principal's office is now such a small place and that students who want to see him must sit in the hall.

"I'd also like to see something done about the heating system. We need aircondition-

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'Teens

Mary Crouse, Staff Writer

ing in the worst way," she said.

Vicki Pearlman, 17-year-old senior and editor of the 'Dosta Outlook, likes the idea of large modern building with big rooms.

"The idea of going through the library to get to other parts of the building just sounds great to me. I just can't imagine being in a new school," she said.

A larger and more organized lunchroom with piped in music and a better meal selection is Debbie Rabon's suggestion for the new school. The 15-year-old sophomore also thinks a student lounge is needed.

"Personally, I think smoking areas should be included in the new high school. There are some kids who like to smoke and they should have some place set aside so they would not crowd in the restrooms," said Glyn Cook, 16.

A sophomore, Cook believes large dressing and locker rooms are needed for boys and girls and modern restroom facilities. "What we have now is pretty bad," he said.

"I want to be able to breathe. Man, you can't breathe in this place," said a VHS senior.

His female counterpart quipped that while breathing

is a problem at VHS, so is dirt. "The place is filthy and not maintained. I'd like to see a maintenance crew hired for a new high school. It's done at other high schools," she said.

Dorothy Coleman, 18-year-old senior, hopes the new school will be a one level facility with a student lounge.

Some students want to see better equipped classrooms and the addition of a music department which includes choral rooms. Larger art facilities and the creation of a speech and drama department are other areas which need consideration, according to the students.

"I think we need better desks and areas for study halls. Now we have study halls in the auditorium," said Billy Ponder, 17-year-old sophomore.

Chester Thomas, 16, a junior, hopes better music facilities will be in a new high school. He pointed to the auditorium stage and said, "That's where glee club and that sort of thing is held now."

TD Club Banquet Slated Jan. 29

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Valdosta Touchdown Club has scheduled its annual football banquet for Thursday, Jan. 29.

That announcement was made by TD Club president David Waller.

The banquet will honor Valdosta High's 1969 football Wildcats who posted a 12-0-1 record and shared the state Class AAA crown with Athens.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Noah Langdale, a former collegiate grid great who is now president of Georgia State College in Atlanta. Langdale, a Valdosta native, is recognized as one of America's foremost speechmakers.

In addition to the 'Cats and their coaches, other guests will include members of the VHS

band and the school's cheerleaders.

The banquet dinner is to be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Valdosta High lunchroom. The program for the evening is to begin at 8 p.m. in the VHS auditorium.

Touchdown Club members may attend the banquet without additional costs. Wives of club members may attend for a fee of \$3 per plate.

The TD Club has approximately 900 members and is one of the largest of its type in the country.

Powerful Valdosta Blanks Savannah

At Moultrie

Wildcats Romp; Kittens Beaten

Special To The Times

MOULTRIE — Valdosta's Wildcats and Moultrie's Packerettes were the victors in a Region 1-AAA basketball twin-bill here Tuesday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's VHS 'Cats jumped off to a quick 8-1 lead and went from there to a 67-47 victory over coach Roy Saturday's Packers. It was the cage 'Cats second win in as many outings and their first triumph over a league foe. The Packers are now 2-4.

The Moultrie girls boosted their overall record to 6-0 and won their fifth straight region game with a 49-36 triumph over coach Bill Davis' VHS Kittens. The 'Dosta girls are now 0-2.

In the boys game the trio of

Roger Rome, 17; Don Golden, 16, and Warrick Taylor, 10, led the Valdosta attack. They had plenty of help from Benjie Webb and Willie Jones.

Rome, Golden and Webb helped the 'Cats stick with the tall Packers in the battle of the backboards while Taylor and Jones excelled with their playmaking and ball hawking.

Carl Johnson, 13; Joe Lee Norman, 12, and Frank Lefevre, 10, were scoring leaders for the Packers.

Sandra DeMott racked up 23 points and Peggy Moss tallied 21 to lead the way for the Packerettes. Top scorers for the Kittens were Linda Lawrence, with 16, and Debbie Stephson, with 12.

GIRLS

Valdosta 16 20 26 36
Moultrie 12 31 43 49

VALDOSTA (36) — Lawrence 16, D. Stephenson 12, Johnson 7, Robertson 1, Brantley, M. Stephenson, Graham, Flanders.

Team totals: field goals 7, free throws 22 of 33, fouls 19.

MOULTRIE (49) — DeMott 23, Moss 21, Tiland 5, Bridges 1, McGee, Rogers, Matheys, Brown, Causey, May, McKorkle, Alderman.

Team totals: field goals 16, free throws 17 of 26, fouls 24.

BOYS

Valdosta 22 35 48 67
Moultrie 9 18 34 47

VALDOSTA (67) — Taylor 10, Jones 4, Webb 9, Golden 16, Rome 17, Love 3, White 4, LeFiles, Mabry, Baker 4.

Team totals: field goals 22, free throws 21 of 39, fouls 12.

MOULTRIE (47) — Luke 2, Wiley 5, Lefevre 10, Johnson 13, Norman 12, Pate 5.

Team totals: field goals 20, free throws 7 of 14, fouls 19.

VALDOSTA, Ga. — The Valdosta Wildcats ran their 1969 scoreboard to 407-7 here Friday night as they took a giant step towards their third straight AAA prep football championship by whipping the game Savannah Blue Jackets, 20-0, before 12,000 at Cleveland Field.

Stymied on the ground, the Wildcats rode the golden arm of Quarterback Don Golden and the legs of his favorite target, Willie Jones, to victory.

The last time Valdosta faced Savannah was in the championship playoff of 1965. That time the Wildcats were 32-3 winners. Both team's went into Friday's action with 11-0 marks.

FROM the outset, it was a clash between Valdosta's high powered offense and Savannah's tough defense. The Wildcats had averaged better than 35 points a game and the

Blue Jacket defense had limited its opponents to seven points a game.

It was Valdosta's tough de-

STATISTICS		Valdosta	Savannah
First Downs	.....	13	5
Rushing Yardage	.....	77	130
Passing Yardage	.....	209	7
Passes	.....	9-12-0	1-8-0
Punts	.....	6-36	7-36
Fumbles Lost	.....	0	1
Yards Penalized	.....	25	15

fensive corp along with Golden's bombing that did the trick. The Blue Jackets didn't rack up their first first down

until the third quarter and were held to five for the night.

The first quarter was scoreless with both clubs playing tough defense. With 9:55 remaining in the second stanza, Golden uncorked the first of three scoring aerials to Jones, a 48-yarder. Danny O'Neal converted to put Valdosta out front 7-0 and in the lead to stay.

AFTER swamping punts for most of the third quarter,

Golden whipped another scoring bomb to Jones, this time for 36 yards with 36 seconds remaining in the period. O'Neal's try for the 14th point was blocked.

The last Valdosta score came with 6:56 remaining in the final quarter and it caught the Blue Jackets flat-footed. With third down and long yardage at the Wildcat 26, Golden dropped back into punt formation. As seven Savannah defenders charged in, he flipped an aerial to Jones at the 45 and the 165-pound senior speedster eluded one tackler and carried it all the way for the touchdown. O'Neal converted to end the scoring for the night.

WILDCAT Head Coach Wright Bazemore called Savannah "the toughest team we've faced this season, they were ready for us. But, the 'Cats were ready too."

Middle linebacker Tom Holt, defensive center Charles Shenton, and a pair of defensive tackles, Robert Koncar and Vance Quillin, anchored the Wildcat defense that held Savannah to 137 yards total offense.

Blue Jacket running back Mike Hicks was the workhorse for Savannah, picking up 99 yards in 28 carries.

Score by Periods:
Valdosta 0 7 6 7-20
Savannah 0 0 0 0-0

Scoring Summary:
V—Jones 48 pass from Golden
(O'Neal kick)
V—Jones 36 pass from Golden
(kicked blocked)
V—Jones 74 pass from Golden
(O'Neal kick)



'Cats, Kittens Turn Back Tift

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TIFTON — While their victory margins were rather slim, Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens triumphed in both games of a Region 1-AAA basketball twin-bill with here Tuesday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats notched a 48-41 win and coach Bill Davis' Kittens posted a 35-34 victory.

The victory was the third in a row for the 'Cats and boosted their overall record to 9-2 and upped their region mark to 7-0. With their win the Kittens are 3-7 in all games and 3-5 in regional play. The Tift Blue Devils are now 3-8 and the sextet from Tifton has a 3-8 chart.

In the boys game Don Golden poured in 29 points to lead the way for the Wildcats. He got 11 of his points in the final period. For the Imps, 6-7 Ed Dorminey was the top gun with 20 points.

Joy Johnson tallied 19 points and Marsha Stephenson got 14 for the Kittens who took an early lead in their game and then simply refused to let

Tift's Angels catch up. Tift's scoring leader was Patty Cole with 17 markers to her credit.

In a boys "B" team game, Dan Johnson tallied 15 points to lead Valdosta to a 48-46 win.

GIRLS

Valdosta 7 18 28 35
Tift 9 17 26 34

VALDOSTA (35) — Johnson 19, M. Stephenson 14, Robertson 2, Brantley, D. Stephenson, Graham.

Team totals: field goals 11, free throws 13 of 22, fouls 15.

TIFT (34) — Dickens 9, Evans 8, Patty Cole 17, Whittington, Croley, Evans.

Team totals: field goals 11, free throws 12 of 20, fouls 15.

BOYS

Valdosta 13 23 33 48
Tift 7 22 31 41

VALDOSTA (48) — Taylor 5, Jones, Webb 7, Golden 29, Rome 6, Baker 1, White.

Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 14 of 20, fouls 14.

TIFT (41) — Dorminey 20, Winkler 4, Thompson 4, Parkman 2, Luke 5, Mims 6, King.

Team totals: field goals 13, free throws 15 of 20, fouls 15.

City Schools Said 'At Best, Awful'

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

The chairman of the Valdosta Board of Education, I.H. (Bubber) Tillman Jr., says what the school system has to offer high school pupils here is "at best, awful."

Tillman, speaking at the Rotary Club Wednesday, said this community deserves better facilities in a high school than those now offered. "The teachers deserve better. The students deserve better."

He said some sort of temporary arrangement will be worked out for housing the high school students next fall and for the next few years until "we build this great new high school that we are all praying for."

Tillman and Supt. Foster Goolsby circulated a straw ballot among the Rotarians asking them to express their opinion on how the campus arrangement should be worked out next fall.

The three choices were to split the students on two campuses by sex, to put the 9th and 10th grades on the Pinevale Campus, or to retain the VHS

grade set up as is and go into what was termed as an "extended day" program. The extended day was explained as a sort of limited double session program by students who would volunteer to attend classes early or late.

Members of the Rotary Club in their selections chose the segregation by sex first; the 9th and 10th grades on the Pinevale campus, second; and the extended day, third.

Tillman said the problem of crowding is one that is like a "rolling stone. It keeps coming at you."

He said the enrollment at VHS is expected to increase by 350 next year and will continue to increase as Valdosta grows. "The school system has just got to get up and keep up with the town. It is up to you to help us do this," he said.

There are enough classrooms in the city system, but they are not in the right places. While there is room in some elementary schools, there just aren't enough classrooms for high school students, Tillman said.

Valdosta Cagers Turn Back Coffee

By TIMES STAFF WRITER

DOUGLAS — Valdosta High's Wildcats and Kittens continued their winnings ways here Friday night as they swept a Region 1-AAA basketball doubleheader with Coffee County.

Stall tactics by Coffee's Comets didn't work as coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats rolled to a 44-33 victory. In a game that was close all the way, coach Bill Davis' Kittens trimmed the Coffee girls, 38-36.

The win was the sixth in a row for the 'Cats, boosted their overall record to 12-2 and upped their region mark to 9-0. The Kittens have now won four in a row. They are 6-7 for the season and even at 5-5 in region play.

Valdosta's cagers are to return to action tonight when they go against Monroe at Albany in another region test.

Here last night, the Comets came out stalling and for a while it had some success. Coffee led 11-9 at the end of the first period and was ahead 17-14 at the half.

But the 'Cats built up a five-point lead and then really turned it on in the final stanza to win going away.

Roger Rome, with 21 points, led the 'Dosta attack. He got 13 of his points in the final stanza. He was the only player in the game to score in double figures.

Ann Sutton tallied 18 points. Marsha Stephenson accounted for 12, and Joy Johnson scored eight as the Kittens won in a squeaker. Guards Nita Brantley, Debbie Stephenson and Evelyn Graham sparkled on defense.

GIRLS

Valdosta 11 17 28 38
Coffee 9 22 27 36

VALDOSTA (38) — Johnson 8, Sutton 18, M. Stephenson 12, Brantley, D. Stephenson, Graham.

Team totals: field goals 13, free throws 12 of 15, fouls 14.

COFFEE (36) — Ingram 22, Fletcher 8, Thomas 6, Fletcher, Clark, Buckhalter.

Team totals: field goal 13 free throws 10 of 15, fouls 14.

BOYS

Valdosta 9 14 25 44
Coffee 11 17 22 33

VALDOSTA (44) — Taylor 7, Jones 2, Webb 5, Golden 5, Rome 21, White 4, Baker.

Team totals: field goals 17, free throws 10 of 18, fouls 13.

COFFEE (33) — Pope 2, Loving 7, McElaney 8, Roberts 9, Walker 5, Carver 2.

Team totals: field goals 12, free throws 9 of 15, fouls 12.

RETURN TO MARDI GRAS

Valdosta's 'Marching Cats' Raising Funds for Trip

By CAREY CAMERON
Staff Writer

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Vickie Pearlman and Debbie Blanton are seniors but they would like to have a job to leave to two other girls next football season.

Miss Pearlman and Miss Blanton are the two Valdosta High coeds who carried the sign reading "Greatest Band In Dixie" around during the 1969 season.

THE "MARCHING CATS" of director Frank Butenschon won the title at last year's Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

This week they were in the midst of a fund-raising campaign in which the Band Booster's club was helping the band try to raise funds to return to New Orleans next month to defend the title.

Following the first half of a football game involving the nationally known Valdosta High Wildcats is a tough chore but the VHS band has more than lived up to the job since Butenschon arrived on the scene. In fact some of the football triumphs the past two seasons have been so one sided that the second half of the game had a tough time following the band act.

An Atlanta writer wrote recently that the Marching Cats are not only better than other high school bands, they are better than many college bands. He's probably right. The band which supports Wright Bazemore's team has to be good and it is.

Butenschon, an Auburn graduate from Oxford, Ala. became director in 1962. Since then, within his own field, he has collected a list of honors about as lengthy as that of Bazemore's. The only difference is that Bazemore had already piled up a long list in the 22 years before Butenschon arrived on the scene.

THE BAND HAS been to New Orleans and to the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington twice. On the first visit to each it placed fourth in competitive events. On the second visit it won top honors in each festival. The band has received a long list of invitations to play at ball games other than at VHS. The last Blue-Gray game in Montgomery, a New Orleans Saints professional game and an appearance as "Honor Band" at Troy State University in Alabama are on the list.

Naturally, the director has picked up his share of the awards. He was recently named Georgia's winner of the National Band Association of Musical Excellence award, given annually to one director in each state.

"I guess one of the biggest thrills of this whole business is to have your former student go to college, major in music and do something with it. Another one is the fact they don't forget you," Butenschon told a reporter for a recent special edition story in a local newspaper.

HE RECALLED the time the kids called a rehearsal on their own time without him present to work out some rough spots in a show; the time 30 former students came to his house to talk about forming a Marching Cats Alumni Association; and the way band members like to drop by his house for visits.

"Band is not extracurricular as far as I'm concerned. It is important to these students who love music and they don't take it lightly," he said.

There are 122 band members and there is also another group that doesn't take the band lightly. It would be safer to insult the football Wildcats in front of Bazemore than to make a disparaging re-



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FLAG PROCLAIMS "GREATEST IN DIXIE"
Bearers: Debbie Blanton (left), Vicki Pearlman

mark about the band in front of C. M. (Chuck) Northcutt.

Northcutt, the city building inspector, is president of the 80-member Band Booster's club. He is not known for restraint in expressing his love for the band.

His current aim is to collect \$6,000 to send the band back to New Orleans.

"As far as we know this will be the first band ever going back the following year to defend their title," he commented.

THE BOOSTERS went into the second week of January with \$1,500. The club had three fund-raising projects scheduled in which it expected to raise at least another \$2,000.

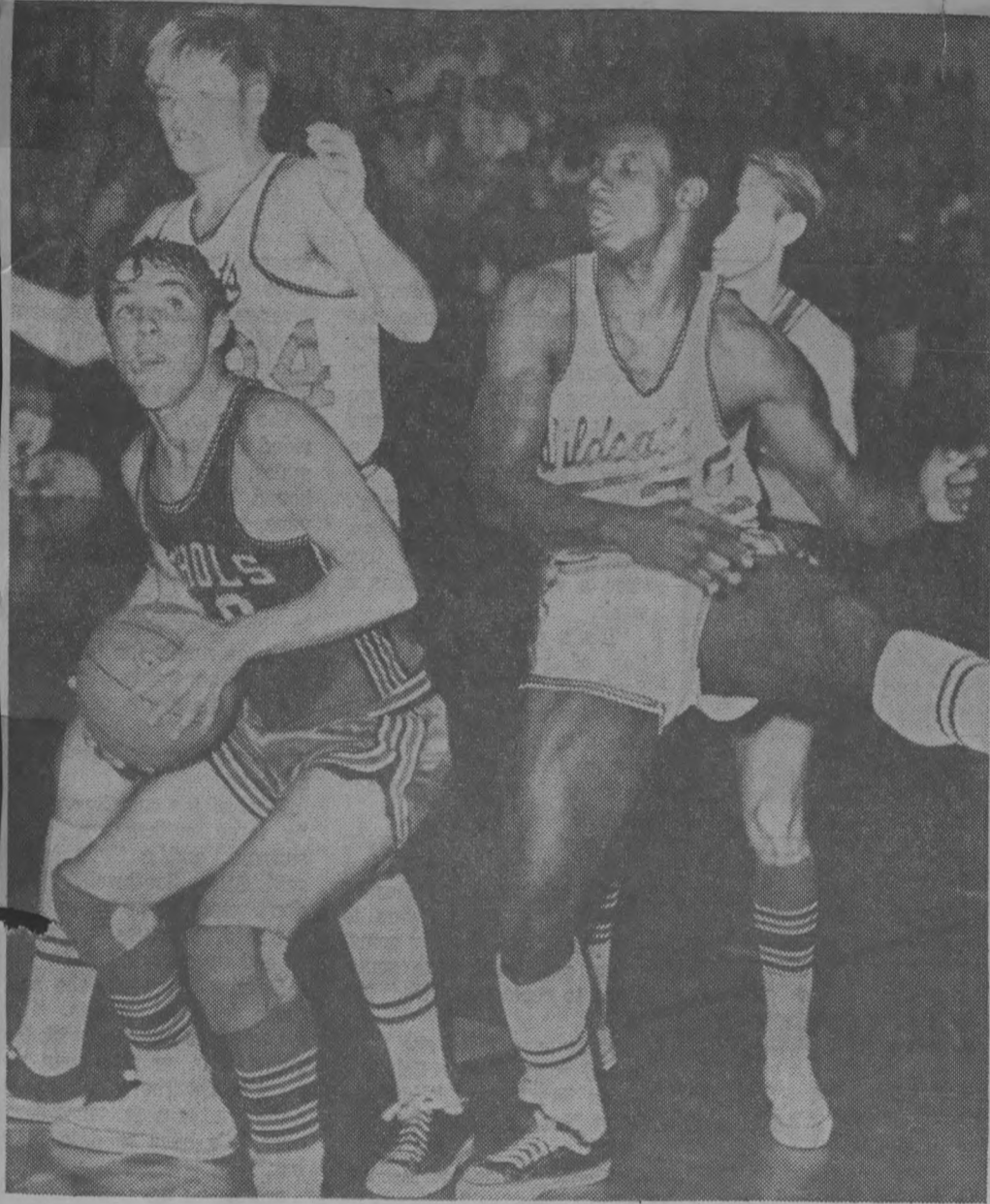
McDonald's hamburger place here agreed to donate its profits Tuesday and Wednesday of that week to the boosters. Harold Dixon agreed to give the band four cents a gallon for the gasoline pumped at his two service stations Jan. 17 and Northcutt hopes Dixon does a record business at the Phillips 66 stations on North Ashley and Bay-tree Rd. that day.

Dr. W. E. Wynens has donated 1,000 pine trees to the band and members will be selling them in cans Jan. 23 and 24 for \$1.25 each or \$12.50 a dozen.

NORTHCUTT SAID there may be a fourth project before the Mardi Gras and others afterward. If the \$6,000 is not raised before time to go, the club may borrow enough from the bank to finance the trip and try to raise funds to repay it after the members get back, hopefully with a new flag for Miss Pearlman and Miss Blanton.

Last year the band had to stay in a large building at New Orleans' port of embarkation. This year the club would like to have enough money to provide motel rooms.

"The students may possibly have to chip in money on this Mardi Gras trip, which is rather ridiculous that they should have to pay to perform to represent the City of Valdosta and Valdosta High School," Northcutt said with his usual vigor.



—Times Staff Photos

Echols' Morris Swilley (40) Looks For the Goal In the Final Minutes Of Play LOHI's Kay Price Shoots Over Debbie Stephenson's Head

'Dosta Nips Echols In Tourney

By JULIAN MILLER
Times Staff Writer

Valdosta's Wildcats showed why they were undefeated as they rolled to an 87-54 victory over Echols County's Wildcats in one of three high school basketball games opening the 18th Annual Christmas Invitational Tournament at the Lowndes High Gymnasium, Friday night.

In the other two games, both in the girls bracket, Coach Sandra Withrow's Tift County (Tift) Blue Angels trounced Clinch County's Pantherettes from Homerville, 54-22, and the Lowndes Vikettes of Coach Steve Kebler pounded coach Bill Davis's Valdosta Wildkittens for a 67-21 victory.

The Valdosta quintet of coach Joe Wilson took a 27-7 lead by the end of the first stanza before substituting five reserves. The first string returned after halftime and raised the score from 37-20 to 63-31 at the third stanza. Then the substitutes got back into the action.

Those three winning teams will take a rest from the action tonight as the second half of the first round starts at 6:30 p.m.

when Berrien's 5-1 Rebels from Nashville take on Cook's 3-5 Hornets of Adel.

At 7:45 p.m. Echols' 2-5 Wildkittens are scheduled to meet Cook's 0-8 Wasps in the only girls game before Tift's 2-4 Blue Devils go against the host Lowndes Vikings, who are 5-3.

Winners are to swing back into action in the semi-finals Monday with the championship issues to be settled Tuesday.

Recaps of last night's action follows:

TIFT COUNTY 54-CLINCH 22

Angel forward Jaunita Dickens did almost all the damage to the Pantherettes of coach Herbert Tomlinson by notching a total of 31 points. While she was racking up the scores, Tift guards Sheri Whittington, Gerry Crowley and Kelly Evans were holding Clinch to a measly five points per quarter.

The height lacking Pantherettes could offer no serious threat to the high-flying An-

gels. Phyllis Register was the pointmaker for Clinch with nine.

Both teams cleared the benches by mid-way the final stanza.

VALDOSTA 87-ECHOLS 54

Echols' Wildcats of coach Billy Ellis were no match for the starting Valdosta five of Roger Rome, Benji Webb, Don Golden, Warrick Taylor and Willie Jones.

With Rome at 6-6 cleaning the backboards along with Golden and Webb at 6-4 and 6-3 respectively and Taylor and Jones aceing on outside shots, the 'Dosta quintet racked up 27 points in the first stanza while allowing only seven to Echols.

Valdosta took a quick five point lead and never came close to losing it.

Meanwhile Echols' Morris Swilley and Mike DeLoach were repeatedly finding gaps in the Valdosta defense as they totaled 20 and 13 points respectively.

Most of Echols points came in the final stanza when Wilson

began cleaning the Valdosta bench. The losing quintet scored 23 points then, after entering the stanza with 31. They now leave the tourney with a 4-8 record.

LOWNDES 67-VALDOSTA 21

Valdosta's kittens had problems. But if it wasn't for 5-3 junior Joy Johnson, it would have been in more trouble. The petite blonde forward scored 19 of the Kittens' 21 points.

Kay Price, a 6-2 senior, was the spark plug for the Vikettes and stole the game by scoring 30 points and dominating the backboards. She had ample help from Susan Shaw with 19 points.

Meanwhile, holding back the Valdosta scoring were guards Kathy Vann, Kristine Wheeler and Nancy Webb who held the Kittens to only six points in the first stanza and 10 in the half.

The Victory brought Kebler's Vikettes to a 7-3 record while the Kittens have bowed out with

a 1-4 mark.

GIRLS					
Tift	14	28	38	54
Clinch	5	10	17	22
TIFT (54) — Dickens 31, B. Evans 8, Cole 6, Conner 7, Fordham 2, Harmon, Whittington, Crowley, K. Evans, Taylor, Hawkins, Tucker, Harrison, Bruce, Jones.					
Team totals: field goals 19, free throws 16 of 22, fouls 13.					
CLINCH (22) — Register 9, M. Griffin 4, C. Gilley 5, W. Gilley 4, Allen, James, Griffin, Burch, Watson, Futch, C. Mathis.					
Team totals: field goals 8, free throws 6 of 15, fouls 16.					

BOYS					
Valdosta	27	37	63	87
Echols	7	20	31	54
VALDOSTA (87) — Rome 20, Webb 18, Golden 17, Taylor 13, Jones 6, Baker 5, White 5, Dove 2, Mabry 1, LeFites, De-Messerman, Williams.					
Team totals: field goals 40, free throws 7 of 11, fouls 9.					
ECHOLS (54) — Swilley 20, DeLoach 14, Jay Carter 8, Treadaway 6, Crosby 2, Young.					
Team totals: field goals 23, free throws 8 of 12, fouls 9.					

GIRLS					
Lowndes	18	34	52	67
Valdosta	6	10	15	21
LOWNDES (67) — Price 30, Shaw 19, Lineberger 7, Passmore 6, P. Dawkins 3, T. Dawkins, Jackson 2, Martin, Moye, Mitchell, Vann, Wheeler, Webb, D. Lumley, Adams, Drennon, DeLaney, Puett.					
Team totals: field goals 27, free throws 13 of 25, fouls 19.					
VALDOSTA (21) — Johnson 19, Robertson 2, M. Stephenson, D. Stephenson, Brantley, Graham, Carter, Moss, Lumpkin, Norris, Miller.					
Team totals: field goals 8, free throws 5 of 16, fouls 19.					

Go 'Cats, For Another One

Some have claimed that Valdosta is the best football town in the world. People say the fans of Valdosta's Wildcats are the best anywhere.

It is all probably true, thanks to the great winning tradition the Wildcats have developed over all the years VHS has had a football team.

Yet, there are times the fans tend to take some games lightly. Such was the case last week when the Wildcats played Savannah. The fans thought that game would be a romp for the 'Cats. It proved anything but.

The game was much closer than the 20-0 score indicated. The 'Cats ground game was stalled by a fast, sharp Savannah defensive team that came here to play.

Farm Problem

The Agri-Business Council of Oregon points out that in 1949 the average price of a pound loaf of bread was 13½ cents. Of this, the wheat farmer received 3.3 for what went into the loaf.

Now 20 years later, the average price of that same loaf of bread is 26 cents. The wheat farmer's share? It is still 3.3 cents.

That's what inflation, coupled with agricultural efficiency and overproduction, has done for the American farmer.

Now comes Athens and its Trojans to town Saturday night. All the marbles are at stake. The winner will be the new state AAA champions, the title the 'Cats hold now from last year.

This Saturday night test is one that shouldn't be taken lightly. Coach Wayman Sellers and his band will come to town ready to play. They'll be out to avenge a 14-13 loss when the Wildcats captured the state title at Athens in 1965.

The Wildcats through the years have proved themselves true champions. Cleveland Field, which has become known as "Death Valley," and the thousands of fans who flock there on Friday nights during football season have become a symbol of the champions.

As a prelude to tomorrow night's championship game, The Valdosta Daily Times today is publishing a special section about the game. It deals in great part with the Wildcats and their winning tradition.

We think this bunch of 1969 'Cats can do it again against Athens to nail another state title. It won't be an easy task (an Atlanta sportswriter has picked Athens to win.) This is something Coach Wright Bazemore and his boys realize. The fans must realize this, too. That was a lesson the Savannah Bluejackets taught us. Go, 'Cats, go!

DE Club Heads VHS Drive For The Needy

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

A drive at Valdosta High School to raise toys for the needy is being coordinated by the Distributive Education club.

Mary Tillman, DECA State Secretary, said about 100 toys have been collected so far in the joint effort by the DE Club, Beta Club, Key Club, Band Club, Tri-Hi-Y and Interact Club at VHS.

Miss Tillman said the project was undertaken after the Valdosta Fire Department announced it could not sponsor its annual toy repair operation due to training requirements.

The participating clubs are purchasing new toys for distribution to the needy at Christmas, Miss Tillman said. The list of recipients is to be obtained from area churches.

VHS Band Director Gets Honor From National Group

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Frank Butenschon, director of the Valdosta High School Marching Cats, is to be nationally recognized in January as the Georgia recipient of the National Band Association Citation of Musical Excellence.

Butenschon was notified this week he would receive the award and believes it will be presented in January at the state convention of the Georgia Music Educators Association in Atlanta.

"The award is made in each state if someone is nominated from the state," he said. "I think I'm the first from Georgia to receive it."

Butenschon said last fall he was notified he had been nomi-

nated for the award and sent in a resume of his activities and other honors.

"This had to be approved by the state chairman and then sent to a national committee in Chicago."

A graduate of Auburn University, Butenschon became director of the "Greatest Band in Dixie" in 1962.

He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, national music fraternity, NBA, GME and the National Music Educators Association.

He has been listed in "Who's Who of High School and College Band Directors" in the First Chair for American National Honor Yearbook for Bands.

Valdosta Wildcats Defeat Savannah, 20-9

Victory Is Giant Step Toward 3 Straight Triple-A Title. Story on Page A-19

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Lowndes, 'Dosta Return To Court

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Teams representing five area high schools, including Lowndes and Valdosta, are scheduled to resume regular season basketball action this weekend.

On Friday Lowndes is to be at Brooks County (Quitman) while Berrien (Nashville, Ga.) is to host Cairo. Saturday Valdosta will be meeting Ware

AREA HOOP SLATE	
	Friday
Lowndes at Brooks	
Cairo at Berrien	
	Saturday
Cairo at Berrien	
	Saturday
Valdosta at Ware	
Berrien at Lowndes	

County at Waycross while Lowndes is at home for a twin-bill with Berrien.

Area delegates Lowndes, Valdosta, Brooks and Berrien all saw action in recent holiday tournaments. So they will be returning to the hoop "wars" with hardly a pause to catch their breath.

But some quintets and sextets in this section did actually break for the holidays and many of them won't be returning to the courts until next week.

Lowndes' Vikings own a 7-4 record and the Vikettes have an 8-3 chart. Both were runners-up in the 18th annual Christmas Invitational tourney held here earlier in the week.

Brooks' Tigers are 6-3 and the Tigerettes are 4-5.

Berrien's Rebels (8-1) and Rebelettes (8-0) both emerged as victors in the Yule tourney her. Cairo's Syrupmakrs are 9-1 and the girls from Grady County have a 4-5 mark. The Syrupmakers triumphed in a tourney they hosted earlier this week, seating Brooks in the finals.

Valdosta's Wildcats are 5-1 and the Kittens have a 1-4

mark as they look forward to their Region 1-AAA doubleheader with Ware's Gators and Gatorettes at Waycross Saturday. The 'Cats have a 3-0 mark against region foes.

Lowndes and Berrien will be meeting for the third times when they clash here Saturday night. So far the Rebs have trimmed the Vikings, 58-40 and 48-37, while the Rebelettes have turned back the Vikettes, 51-30 and 44-37.

New High School: Our Top Priority

When we talk about needs for our town, there are a lot of things that pop to mind. But first and foremost on any list must be a new high school. Everything else takes a back seat to that priority.

Slowly, but surely, it appears the Valdosta Board of Education is moving toward building the new high school.

This week the board hired an architect for the project and employed the University of Tennessee's School Planning Laboratory as consultant for the planning processes.

The next step will be to find the appropriate site. This will be a major hurdle for the board. It must find a site with a minimum of 50 acres, but it should have about 100. There just aren't many tracts of land that fit these requirements in Valdosta. It may be the board will have to go outside the city, find a site and have it annexed.

Along the way, the necessary financing will have to be found. It is going to take close to \$5 million to build the kind of high school that will meet the needs of this community.

There will probably be some funds available through state and federal sources. But most of the financing will have to come through local sources.

This will mean borrowing the money against the city tax digest through the issuing of revenue bonds. These bonds must be approved by the public in a referendum and financed through an increase in the tax rate.

The need for a new high school is openly apparent. Valdosta High School is a virtual mob scene. There are many more students than the 48-year-old building will hold. The campus is so crowded with portable classrooms and additions, there is virtually no room for physical education classes, much less anything else.

On top of this, the high school population is growing. There's not room enough at VHS now for all its students. Next fall there will be more and the year after that, there will be even more.

If the board of education moves with all deliberate speed, which it must, toward completion of the high school, the earliest the new building can be occupied will be the fall of 1972.

Along the way the board must have the support of the public here. It is going to mean slightly higher taxes, and that's what they mean when they talk about sacrifices. But that's what the future of our children have always demanded — sacrifices by their elders.

Planned School Drawings Should Be Ready By April

By MARY CROUSE

The architect for the proposed multi-million dollar high school here has agreed to have schematic drawings ready for the Valdosta Board of Education's approval by April 1.

The board and architect Zeb Lackey of Valdosta decided on the spring date to give the community an idea of what the new high school would look like.

Line drawings are also valuable in selling a bond referendum for construction costs to the taxpayers. But no date for a local bond issue has been set. Board chairman I. H. (Bubber) Tillman said "we'll talk about dates when we get with the Mayor and Council and see about our bond indebtedness and get together on sharing it."

The board's site committee is

expected to meet with Lackey the first of this month and look at available acreage here for the new school. Board members wanted to wait until an architect was hired before taking an option on any land.

The earliest the new school could open would be the fall of '72, contend some board members. Some school officials think the new school is four or five years away depending on the availability of state money.

Tillman said state funds are a must for building the proposed facility. The board along with other school officials in the state are anxious for the legislature to appropriate educational funds for consolidation. The Georgia lawmakers failed to do this last year.

The city school system is overcrowded at the junior high and high school levels. Tillman said Valdosta High School is

bursting at the seams with its 1,330 students in grades 10-12. Next year will be worse when at least 200 additional students enroll he added.

The ninth grade is housed at the VHS-Pinevale Campus. The board wants the new facility to include grades 9-12.

Dr. Jerry Cox, director of instruction in the city schools, said, the new plant should be built for at least 2,500 students. "We have to plan for the future, too, in this school because it will be in use 70 years," he said.

There is not any room left for expansion at VHS, a school intended to house about 850 students, explained VHS principal Charles (Chuck) Green. He has told the board he must know by this month the plans for VHS next fall so that his staff can begin getting ready.

Tillman said the board will discuss the VHS situation at its regular meeting Jan. 13.

The board has hired the School Planning Laboratory of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to help them and Lackey prepare for the new facility. The consulting firm is a private, non-profit organization supported by the Ford Foundation.

A preliminary planning meeting between school officials and representatives of the planning laboratory has been set for Friday afternoon.

'Cats Share Lead In Loop Standings

There's three-way traffic at the top of the Region 1-AAA high school basketball standings; and Valdosta's Wildcats are in the middle of the struggle.

Coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats are deadlocked with Albany and Monroe of Albany for the lead. All have 3-0 region records.

That's pretty good company for Valdosta. Monroe is the defending champ, and Albany was last season's runner-up.

Not considering games during the Christmas vacation, Valdosta is the only team in the league which is undefeated in all games. When school closed for the holidays, the Wildcats had a 4-0 overall record. Albany had lost one game to a non-league opponent, and Monroe had lost two.

The Lowndes Vikings finished the 1969 portion of the current season with a 5-1 region record to hold down fourth place in the standings.

Since the standings were released by region statistician Ellwood Moyer, Valdosta,



JULIAN MILLER

Lowndes and Albany have been playing in holiday tournaments. Valdosta dropped a 53-43 decision to Region 1-AA foe Berrien in the semi-finals of the 18th Annual Lowndes Invitation Tournament Monday night.

The Wildcats have been led this season by Don Golden and Roger Rome. Golden, a 6-4 senior, had 62 points in the first four games, while Rome, a 6-6 senior, had 61 points. Eric Mance scored 180 points in the first eight games for Albany and Don Knight hit for 166 in the first eight for Monroe.

VHS Shares First On National List

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Valdosta High's 1969 Wildcats have been picked to share the number one spot on a national ranking list for high school football team.

Coach Wright Bazemore's Cats and Coral Gable, Fla., were both tagged number one in the nation on a rating chart compiled by Art Johlfs of the National Sports News Service in Minneapolis, Minn.

In 1968 Johlfs picked Coral Gables and Reagan High of Austin, Texas, to share the No. 1 spot with Valdosta rated second.

Seven times in the past 10 years Johlfs has included the Wildcats among his top-10 prep teams in the country. He also made VHS his top choice in 1962.

Other's on Johlfs' list this year are as follows:

2. Bogulusa, La.;
3. East High, Morristown, Tenn.;
4. Washington High, Tulsa, Okla.;
5. Washington High, South Bend, Ind.;
6. Blair High, Pasadena, Calif.;
7. Wichita Falls, Texas;
8. McCluer High, St. Louis, Mo.;
9. Carrol Catholic High, Washington, D.C. and 10. Poudre High, Ft. Collins, Colo.

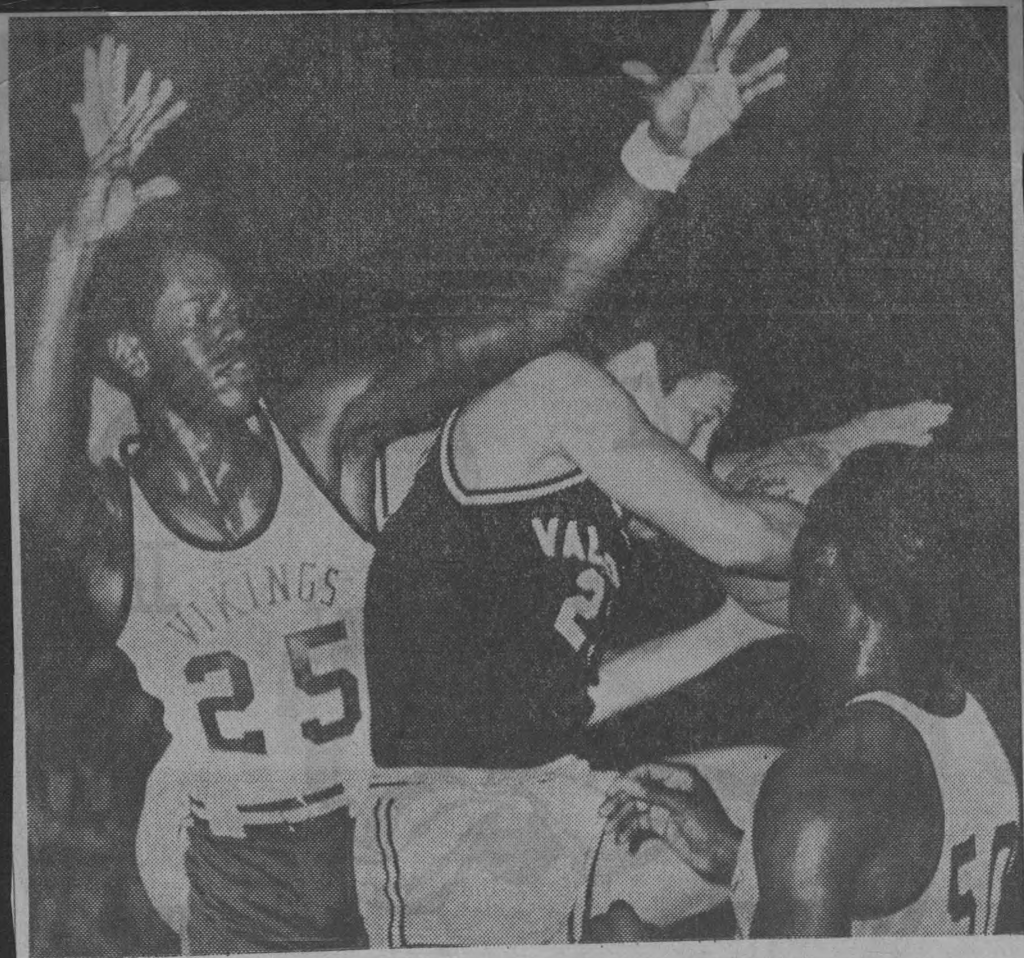
The Wildcats of 1969 compiled a 12-0-1 record and were by a unanimous vote of sportswriters around the state, Georgia's No. 1 Class AAA team.

This past season VHS won the Region 1-AAA and South Georgia Class AAA crowns and ruled as state "AAA" co-champions with Athens after a 26-26 tie in the finals.

In 13 games Valdosta scored 333 points and allowed just 33.

Among 80 Class AAA teams in Georgia, Valdosta was the only one to make it through the '69 campaign without a loss. Since Bazemore joined the VHS coaching staff in 1940 the

'Cats have won 14 state crowns ranging in class from "B" to "AAA." They've been state Class AAA champs or co-champions seven times since 1960. Those title years were 1960, 1961, 1962, 1965, 1966, 1968 and 1969.



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VHS' Jerry Baker (23) Finds Vikes Jerome Register (25) In His Way

'Cats, Vikettes Notch Victories

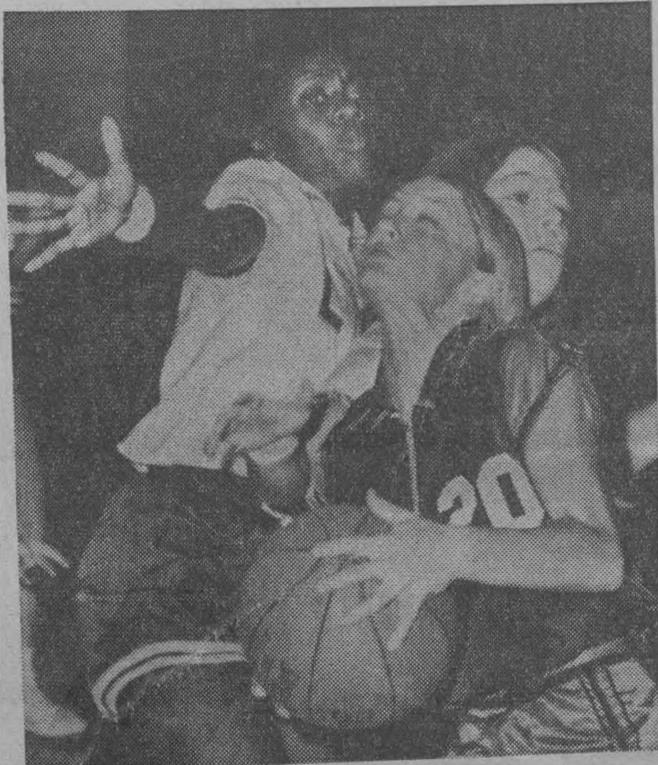
By SAMMY GLASSMAN
Times Sports Editor

Valdosta's Wildcats and Lowndes' Vikettes were the victors in a Region 1-AAA basketball twin-bill here Friday night that offered the fans a full measure of hardwood excitement.

Coach Joe Wilson's VHS 'Cats trimmed coach Charles Cooper's Lowndes Vikings, 87-79, in a game that followed a see-saw pattern and wasn't decided until the final seconds of Kebler's home-standing Vikettes beats coach Bill Davis' Valdosta Kittens, 48-41. This one was close for a half, but the Lowndes girls put on a surge in the third stanza that carried them to a 17-point lead started them down the victory trail.

The VHS boys are now 3-0 overall and 2-0 in region play. The VHS girls have lost three in a row, two to league foes. The Lowndes boys are now 4-3 in all games and 3-1 in 1-AAA competition. The Lowndes girls have a 5-2 overall mark and a 3-1 loop chart.

Valdosta's and Lowndes' cagers are to swing back into action tonight at their home courts. VHS will be hosting Wayne County (Jesup) in



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Two Lowndes Defenders Stop VHS' Joy Johnson

a twin-bill at the gym on the Valdosta Junior High campus. Lowndes will be hosting Ware County (Waycross) in a double-header at the Lowndes gym.

Last night's boys game was a fast-paced affair with the emphasis on offense. The score was tied or the lead changed hands 13 times.

Valdosta led by as much as 12 points during the early going, but at the half Lowndes was up by three. The Vikes stretched their lead to 10 points in the third period, but 'Dosta pulled even midway the final stanza and went ahead 76-72 with 2:51. Twice near the finish Lowndes pulled within one point, but the 'Cats hung on to the lead and claimed the victory.

The fivesome of Don Golden, 20; Benjie Webb, 20; Roger Rome, 18; Willie Jones, 10, and Warrick Taylor, 9, carried most Lowndes' Jerome Register gunned in 23 points to become the high individual scorer in the game. He got plenty of help from Herbert Thomas, 18; Martin Hendrix, 12; Curtis Jones 9, and Henry Otis Register, 8. Henry Register went out via the

the game and Hendrix fouled out with 4:09 showing on the clock.

In the girls game the Vikettes had three forwards who scored in double figures, Susan Shaw, 21; Kay Price 12, and Debbie Lineberger 11. The guard trio of Christine Wheeler, Debbie Lumley and Kathy Vann sparkled on defense.

Top scorers for the Kittens were Joy Johnson, 20, and Gay Robertson, 13.

In a boys "B" team game Steve Kitchens scored 22 points to lead Valdosta to a 53-46 win over Lowndes.

GIRLS			
Lowndes	12	17	34
Valdosta	7	12	20
LOWNDES (48) —	Shaw 21, Price 12, Lineberger 11, Passmore 4, Wheeler, Lumley, Avnn, Dawkins, Moya, Cooper.		
Team totals:	field goals 19, free throws 10 of 20, fouls 21.		
VALDOSTA (41) —	Johnson 20, M. Stephenson 8, Robertson 13, D. Stephenson, Brantley, Dixon, Flanders.		
Team totals:	field goals 11, free throws 17 of 27, fouls 15.		

BOYS			
Lowndes	15	42	60
Valdosta	22	39	56
LOWNDES (79) —	Jones 9, Hendrix 12, H. Register 8, Thomas 18, J. Register 28, Whiddon 3, Haines 1, DeLoach.		
Team totals:	field goals 30, free throws 19 of 33, fouls 23.		
VALDOSTA (87) —	Taylor 9, Jones 10, Webb 20, Golden 20, Rome 18, Dove 3, LeFiles, Baker, Mabry 3, White 4.		
Team totals:	field goals 32, free throws		



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DE Member Tutta Bird and Toys: Some Even Donated Fair Animals

DE Club Collects Toys For Tots

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

About 60 youngsters should have a happier Christmas because of the efforts of the Distributive Education Club at Valdosta High School.

The DE members held a Toys for Tots drive this month and got about 70 gifts for under privileged children. The toy campaign was headed by Mary Tillman, a senior who is state DE secretary.

The 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Tillman said the drive was one of the most successful the club has ever undertaken and "meant a lot to all of us because children will benefit from it."

The toys, stuffed animals and other playthings were piled high on tables in the DE Department this week. Miss Tillman said the gifts will be distributed this weekend and next week in plenty of time for Christmas.

The project was not limited to the DE students, however. Members of the Key Club and Tri-Hi-Y also gave toys, said Miss Tillman.

"Some people got so carried away they even donated their animals they won at the fair," said Jeanne Hansen, a senior.

The gifts ranged in value from \$3 to \$5 each.

"Two people went together to buy a gift so that it wouldn't cost just one person a lot," said Miss Tillman.

The students paid for the toys with the money earned from their regular jobs.

"I'm proud of the way the students came through to help someone in need. The toys are all cute and things children

'Cats, Kittens Post Victories

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WAYCROSS — Fast finishes carried Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens to victories in a Region 1-AAA high school basketball doubleheader with Ware County here Saturday night.

Coach Joe Wilson's 'Cats trimmed coach Tommy Johnson's host Ware Gators, 44-35, and coach Bill Davis' Kittens nipped the home-standing Gatorettes, 45-44.

The Wildcats are now 6-1 in all games and 4-0 against 1-AAA competition. The Kittens have a 2-4 overall mark and a 2-3 chart against league foes.

In the boys game Ware played a stalling type game and it worked for a while. Early in the final stanza the Gators had a four point lead. But the 'Cats put their attack in high gear and gunned in 17 markers to finish on top.

VHS' attack leader was Don Golden with 12 points. He got plenty of help from Warrick Taylor, Willie Jones, Roger Rome and Benjie Webb. Some sharp defensive play by reserve Jerry Baker in the final stanza was a big factor in the 'Cats' triumph. Ware's top gun was Jerry Lucas with 18 points.

The girls game was a seesaw affair. Valdosta had a nine-point edge at the start of the final period, but then fell two

points behind mid-way the stanza.

With just a minute left to play the Kittens' Joy Johnson hit a field goal and a free throw to put VHS three points ahead. The 'Dosta girls held on to win.

Johnson finished the night with 22 points to her credit. Mary Wright, with 23 points, was the leading scorer for Ware.

In a boys "B" team game Joe Rivers hit for 20. Joe Roe got 10 to lead Valdosta to a 51-33 victory.

GIRLS

Valdosta 11 27 39 45

Ware 16 27 30 44

VALDOSTA (45) — M. Stephenson 10,

Johnson 22, Robertson 11, Brantley 2,

Graham, D. Stephenson.

Team totals: field goals 14, free throws

17 of 40, fouls 18.

WARE (44) — Lee 15, Strickland 6,

Wright 23, Middleton, Rose, Cribb, Barnes,

Moore.

Team totals: field goals 15, free throws

14 of 24, fouls 24.

BOYS

Valdosta 7 14 27 44

Ware 7 17 27 35

VALDOSTA (44) — Taylor 6, Jones 7,

Golden 12, Rome 9, Webb 6, White, Baker

4.

Team totals: field goals 19, free throws

6 of 14, fouls 6.

WARE (35) — Gibbs 8, Lucas 18, Hand

4, Grupposo 2, Tatum, Taylor 3.

Team totals: field goals 17, free throws

10 of 14, fouls 13.

Lowndes, 'Dosta Head Area Slate

BY TIMES STAFF WRITER

Lowndes High's Vikings and Vikettes are scheduled to host Valdosta's Wildcats and Kittens in a Region 1-AAA high school basketball doubleheader tonight.

That duel between the cross-town rivals is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Lowndes High Gym.

In other action around the

AREA HOOP SLATE

Tonight

Valdosta at Lowndes

Cook at Norman Park

Clinch at Waycross

Worth at Berrien

GCS at Doerun

Saturday

Wayne at Valdosta

Ware at Lowndes

Clinch at Patterson

area tonight, Cook (Adel) is to be at Norman Park, Clinch County (Homerville) at Waycross, Worth County (Sylvester) at Berrien (Nashville) and Georgia Christian (Dasher) at Doerun.

Saturday's slate sees Wayne County (Jesup) at Valdosta, Ware County (Waycross) at Lowndes and Clinch at Patterson.

Coach Charles Cooper's Vikings will put their 4-2 overall record and an undefeated 3-0 region mark on the line when they take on coach Joe Wilson's Wildcats. The 'Cats have played only two games, defeating Thomasville and 1-AAA opponent Moultrie, 67-47.

Lowndes' boys defeated the Moultrie squad 58-54, earlier.

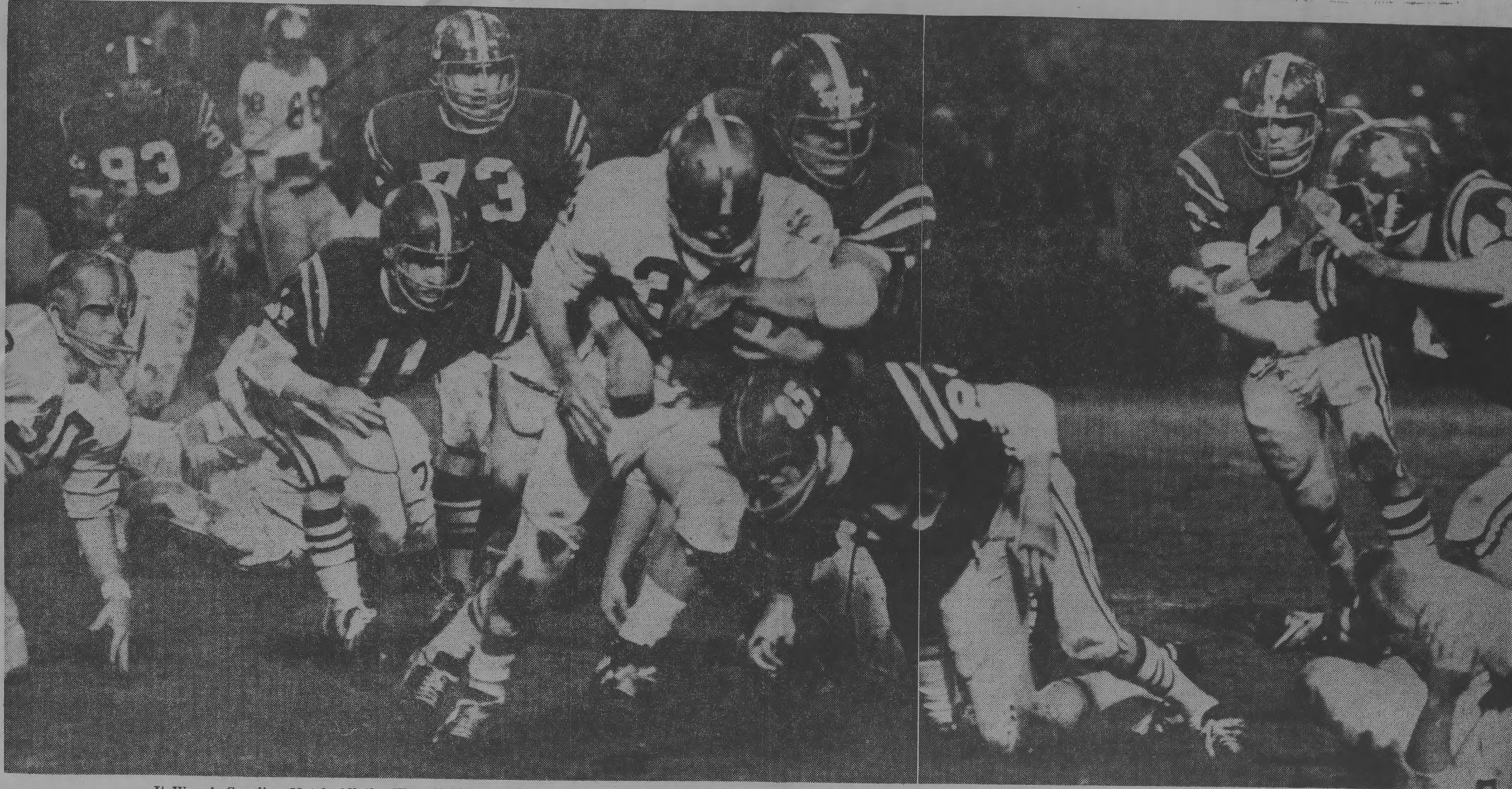
Coach Steve Kebler's Vikettes are also 4-2 and own a 2-1 region mark, while the Kittens of coach Bill Davis are 0-2. Both teams lost to Moultrie's Undefeated Packerettes.

Coach Jon Hazelip's Georgia Christian Generals will take an

8-0 record into action against Region 1-C foe Doerun.

Coach Stanley Simpson's Berrien Rebelettes from Nashville should give Worth girls all they can handle when they take their perfect 5-0 record into battle.

And Worth's Rams won't be having a night off. They must face Simpson's once defeated Rebels who are 4-1 and have a four-game winning streak going.



It Was A Grueling Match All the Way: Valdosta Fullback Danny O'Neal Grinds For Every Yard He Can Muster On A Drive Which Put The Wildcats In The Athens End Zone



Like They Won: Athens Head Coach Weyman Sellers (Center) Gets His Hugs

'Still No. 1'

It Was A Standoff

By MARTIN MILLER

The Magnificent Seventy met their match in Death Valley Saturday night, and the Decade of the Wildcats, as great as it has been, came to a bland tasting end.

The score was 26 to 26. The number is painfully significant because it was a 26-game winning streak, stretching over parts of three seasons, the tie burst.

"A tie's not really a tie when you are supposed to win, is it?" commented a former Valdosta High School quarterback with a hurt look on his face.

"Nope," answered his companion. "I guess it isn't."

But that was it, 26-26. The Wildcats didn't win. Their fans were sure they would because in the decade of the 'Cats they had never before played in a state championship game which they didn't win.

Head Coach Wright Bazemore, his assistants and his players were not satisfied with half a championship. They had had too many whole ones.

And while some fans were stressing, "What the hell's a matter with everybody? We

didn't lose," the stage was set for sadness.

The Wildcats are state Class AAA co-champions with Athens High School. Athens seemed satisfied. They acted as if they had won. They had managed to fight the mighty 'Cats to a draw. It was a feat for them.

The visiting players lifted their unbelievable quarterback Andy Johnson on their shoulders and carried him off the field.

They had good reason to be proud. It had been Valdosta's decade of high school football. Until Saturday, the Wildcats had claimed six of nine state championships in the 10-year span of time. They wanted a seventh to end the decade in style.

During those years, Bazemore coached VHS elevens have had 97 wins, 16 losses and now three ties. They have also had what is accepted to be one national championship, 1962.

Like it has so many times before in this decade, the Valdosta Touchdown Club called a special ceremony before the 12,500 spectators at the game to give Bazemore a new car. It wasn't quite the same.

Bazemore, with his wife, Bettie Lou, cheering him on, was able to muster up a smile every now and then.

The most sincere one came when 35 or 40 grade school youngsters gathered around his new 1970 Chevelle Malibu with their one fingers in the air hollering, "We're number one."

The assistant coaches and their wives were also able to produce a few smiles, when the Touchdown Club gave the girls 12 red roses each and the coaches envelopes containing checks.

The checks went to coaches Joe Wilson, Bill Myddleton, Joe Mercer, Jack Rudolph, Julian Lefles and Charles Greene. One also went to VHS band director Frank Buteschon, who was honored at halftime by the National Band Directors Association of America.

The presentations were made on the field while Valdosta Mayor James Beck handled the narration from the press box.

He called Bazemore "Valdosta's number one citizen." The fans agreed.

While sports fanatics on each side could go away say-

ing just a shift in any given play here or there could have meant victory, to the impartial observer it was a fantastic game.

One nudged a friend and said during the contest, "We just might be watching the two best quarterbacks in the state."

His friend replied: "I don't think there's any doubt we're watching the two best teams."

And when the contest was over they agreed: "This is the greatest high school football game I've ever seen!"

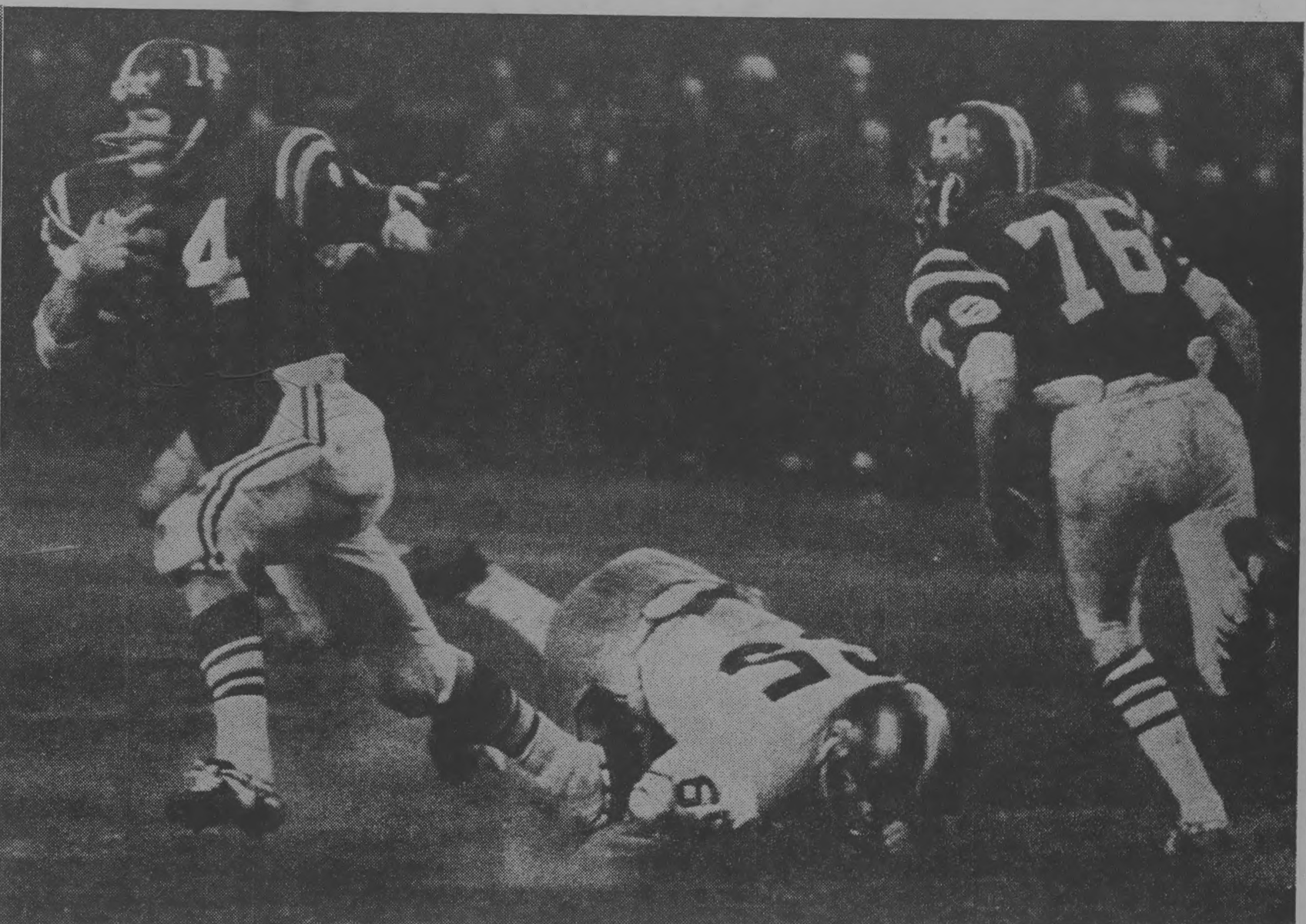
The game and the dual championship were the culmination of two fine schools and two rampaging sets of fans. Each came to Cleveland Field with a pot of pride a mile high.

Athens, now has a 11-1-1 record and a piece of the state championship. Valdosta has a 12-0-1 record and a piece of the state championship.

The decade of the 'Cats is over, and the Magnificent Seventy is ready to start a new decade in 1970. They will probably be champions again. And as far as this year is concerned, the Valdosta High School Wildcats are still the only undefeated Class AAA team in the state of Georgia.



VHS Halfback Charles Daniels (44) Goes For Long Yardage



Getting A Toe Hold: VHS Linebacker Tom Holt Pulled Athens Quarterback Andy Johnson Down By The Toe

