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Student Government Day at the Board of Supervisors meeting led by Chairman Edward B. Lee.

## Beta Holds Student Government Day

Monday, April 6, 1964, was observed as Student Government Day by the Juniors and Seniors after a lapse of several years. This project was sponsored by the Beta Club for two major purposes. The Club hoped this day would (1) promote better understanding of practical government and (2) act as a liaison between the school and community.

The following persons filled the town and county offices: Board of Supervisors—Jimmy Cobb, Glennie Withers, Vernon Racer, Sally Burton; School Board—Bea Davis, John Pine, Eleanor Shiley, Ruth McClaughry,

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## CAROL HANDY WINS WORLD'S FAIR TRIP

As a feature of National Electric Week, the Northern Virginia Power Company this year offered an unusual opportunity to students. Science classes in four states were invited to participate in a contest sponsored by the Potomac Edison System, in which they completed a sentence that told the advantages of electricity over other types of fuel. Winners of the district contests were awarded models of Thomas A. Edison's first electric light bulb. The grand prize—an expense-paid, three-day trip for two to the World's Fair—was won by one of Mr. Warner's eighth-grade science students. Carol Handy, whose entry won over entries submitted by 35 schools in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, and Virginia, mentioned in her winning sentence the fact that other types of fuel have to be transported and stored and also the fact that there is no open flame, when electricity is used.

For at least a week before the announcement was made, the Berryville office of the Power Company and some of the teaching staff at Clarke County High School had known the result, but they kept a good secret. "I was completely surprised," Carol said. When asked about her plans,

she said that she has chosen her sister, Jean, to go with her and that her parents will accompany them. They plan tentatively to go to the Fair in June of this year.

## THE SALT OF THE SEA

by Sally Burton

The disc of yellow was reflected by the black water—  
The incoming tide reached its height very late that night—  
The sand was smooth because it was still wet—  
The sea breeze was inland as it cooled the illumined heavens.

She knew the time had arrived;  
Not only her heart  
But her instincts also  
Told her she must go to the shore.  
The danger would be very great;  
And the pain  
And the anguish  
Would make the reward minute.  
She wished to remain protected;  
Not to venture  
Out on the shore  
Frightened and alone in the moonlight.

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## Girls' State To Be Attended This Year

### Lambert Wins Public Speaking

Saturday, April 18, dawned exceedingly warm and sunny as the Clarke County High School Forensic team journeyed to Warren County to compete in the District Contest. Perhaps the good weather was indicative of the success which the team was to achieve, for when the results were announced, CCHS had two first place winners and two second place winners. It should be noted that this was the best showing that our high school has ever had in its history of forensic competition.

First place winners were Sharon Lambert, girls' public speaking and Patti Gosnell, girls' prose reading.

Other members of our team included Gerry McWhinney, poetry, Charles Woodward, public speaking, and Rob Osth, prose.

This year for the first time, a trophy was awarded to the school having the most over-all points, and CCHS, with 16 points, was able to bring the trophy home to the Eagles' nest.

On Friday, May 1, Sharon Lambert placed first in Girls' Public Speaking at the State Contest, held at New Cabell Hall at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. This is the first time a student has won first place in the State Contest.

The faculty has recently chosen seven candidates from the Junior class to go to Girls' State. Two of these girls were selected by the Juniors to represent our high school.

Girls' State, which is very similar to Boys' State, will be held at Radford College this summer. During their stay, they will attend classes in state and local government, citizenship and other classes on legislative tactics. They will also serve in a local government position, such as a Town Councilman. The election of a Youth Governor, Lieutenant Governor and an Attorney General will also occur during their stay.

Those girls chosen for this honor are Margueriet Verloop, Ruth McClaughry and two alternates—Gail Mallory and Jinx Woodward.

### FHA TOURS D.C.

On April 19th members of the FHA toured Washington, D. C. in celebration of National FHA Week. The trip consisted of sightseeing in Washington, trips to the Smithsonian Institute, Washington Monument and morning services at the National Cathedral.

At the last monthly meeting of the FHA, the officers for the coming year were elected. They are, Gail Mallory, president; Carolyn Householder, vice-president; Judy Sechrist, secretary; Dorothy Duke, treasurer; Susanne Pickett, historian, and Sharon Crim, reporter.



Sharon Lambert and Patti Gosnell display the District 10 Forensic Trophy the Forensic Team won at Warren County.

Carol Handy shows her prize in the Northern Virginia Power Company Science Contest to her science teacher, Mr. Dan Warner.





# TWENTY HAVE 'B' OR ABOVE AVERAGES

As June 5 approaches with almost alarming rapidity, the Eyrie has another important announcement to make to the student body concerning the Class of 1964.

The seniors have about one month more here at CCHS. Many look back over their high school years and ask themselves, "What have I really accomplished?" Many feel that they have performed a routine for so long that their years in secondary school have been wasted, uneventful, almost unrewarding. And yet, in these final days, the rewards are surfacing, as does a submarine after a long stay under water. Indeed, the rewards for the Class of '64 have been many and large. One of these is the concern of my editorial today.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the names of twenty members of the senior class. They are unique in that they represent the top quarter of our class. And what is even more remarkable is that each of these seniors has a "B" or above average. Take a good look underclassmen. Wouldn't your name look good in this list in the years to come?

The twenty seniors who made a "B" or above average during his years at CCHS or any other high school before entering here, are, in alphabetical order: Danny Allen, Sarah Beard, Sally Burton, Margaret Cather, Bea Davis, Tom DeHart, Diann Duvall, Carolyn Edmunds, Patti Gosnell, Brenda Heflin, Kay Hoff, Eileen Kimble, Sharon Lambert, Rick Niemann, John Pine, John Ramsburg, Eleanor Shiley, Barbara Strickler, Sally Whiting and Glennie Withers. P. G.

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## Nothing Is Gray

by Jean Handy

I could remember better times. If I thought back to my earliest years, I could recall frosty evenings when friends came over and we sat around a huge, crackling wood fire and ate apples and nuts and popped corn, while our parents made small talk about the early snow and the church supper and the new family in town. I wistfully reminisced about Christmases when we pressed our faces against the cool, moist glass of the front window and savored the spicy aroma of baking turkey and pumpkin pie and candied yams, while we waited for Papa to stomp up the front walk, chuckling, blowing great white puffs of steam into the cold night air and setting down an overloaded bundle of packages, while he brushed the fine white snowflakes off his thick work coat and coveralls.

On summer evenings, my two older brothers and I used to take our little sister down to the crossroads and look down the long, converging tracks to the spot where they disappeared into the tunnel in the lush green mountain which marked the limit of our little valley—and, we supposed, of Kentucky. We would rivet our eyes on this tunnel and watch eagerly for the emergence of the short, sooty train which carried the day shift men out of the mine and left them at the crossroads.

When Papa emerged from the car, he was always very grimy and sweaty, and his face and blue coveralls were covered with coal dust; but, when he swung my sister into his arms, he always looked like the strongest man in the world. Papa worked hard, but he sang while he worked. He was always happy.

As I thought about these things continued on page 3

## 69 Tour New York

by Patti Gosnell

Sixty-three "bright-eyed and bushy-tailed" seniors stifled their yawns, lugged their voluminous and scattered baggage to a central gathering place, and impatiently waited for the two Greyhound buses which would escort us to New York City. The seniors had been dreaming about this trip for almost a year, and had been earning money for it for over eight months. Innumerable Bake Sales, the Candy Sale, and many similar projects were executed in the knowledge that every penny brought them closer to New York. And on that beautiful Friday, April 10, the six chaperones' and the 63 seniors' dream came true.

Arrival in New York was about 12:10, at the United Nations Building. The tour started promptly, and immediately thereafter, the buses headed for our hotel, the Sheraton-Atlantic. One group never paused after leaving the buses, but headed immediately for the Philharmonic Hall of the Lincoln Center to hear Leonard Bernstein. At 7:00, all met in the lobby of the hotel to leave for Radio City Music Hall to see a movie, "The Wonderful World of Henry Orient" and also the Rockettes in the Easter Show.

Saturday was filled with a tour of New York. The seniors visited the Bowery, Chinatown, Wall Street, Statue of Liberty, the docks, and many other landmarks. That night, each senior and chaperone had a ticket to either a Broadway Play or the Circus.

Sunday morning and early afternoon were optional (as were other times on the trip), and places frequented were various churches, Rockefeller Center, Greenwich Village, Chinatown and the World's Fair. At 4:00 everyone wearily climbed aboard a bus for the long ride home.

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## NEW ARRIVAL The Impostor

by Barbara Strickler

The adults of our nation believe in rearing their children in a Christian manner; yet, why, once a year do they deliberately push aside the basic foundations of the Christian religion? By this, I mean, why do parents tell their children that there is a Santa Claus?

Immediately one would say to me, "Well there is a Santa Claus! There's a spirit of Santa or a spirit of unselfish giving." In the first place, children do not believe in the spirit of Santa Claus, they believe in him literally. They actually believe that Santa comes flying through the air, lands on their roof, and slides down their chimney. In the second place, why should children even believe in the spirit of Santa? The spirit of giving should come from the Christmas story—the Wise Men bringing gifts to the Christ Child. How many children today know why they give and receive Christmas gifts?

Next, one would say to me, "A small child can't understand the full meaning of Christmas. Why take away all his fun?" I agree, a very small child cannot comprehend the full meaning of Christmas, but he can begin to understand, and then as he grows older, he will have an open and receptive mind. Concerning fun at Christmas, I do not believe that children need an impostor to make their fun for them. Children automatically have fun at Christmas because of the pure joy and excitement of Christmas. They would be just as thrilled with a new sled from Mom and Dad as from Santa. Children look forward to the Christmas tree, caroling with the Brownie and Cub Scout troops, and the Sunday School pageant. They can have fun without Santa!

I sometimes think that parents cling to Santa for their own enjoyment. I know a little boy who was told by a friend that there was no

Santa Claus. However, for another year he "believed", because he hated to ruin Mom and Dad's fun".

After the Christmas holidays, all the children return to school excited about their Christmas gifts. However, there are always a few children whose parents could not afford an elaborate Christmas; perhaps they received only one small gift from Santa Claus. How can you explain to a small child that Santa brings lots of gifts to the rich but few to the poor? To me, this doesn't seem like a very good example of unselfish giving!

From this, I do not want you to think that I do not believe in telling fairy tales to children. On the contrary, I believe that a child's imagination is a wonderful thing and I often envy them their ability to escape reality whenever they wish; however, when the world of reality is as important as it is at Christmas, I don't think children should flee from reality, and if children could decide for themselves, I believe that they would admit that they have plenty to think about and find pleasure in at Christmas without the impostor, Santa Claus.

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Eagles Baseball Team prepares for District 10 championship

## Baseball News

### Eagles Lose To Herndon 8-6

The Clarke County Eagles baseball team opened its season with a loss to Herndon of Group 1-B Northwestern district. Errors proved costly to the Eagles as all the Herndon runs were unearned. Larry Buckner was the losing pitcher for the Eagles.

### Eagles Drop Close Game to RMA

The Eagles jumped off to a quick 4-0 lead early in the game and held that margin through most of the game. RMA rallied in the fifth for five runs, however, to win. The game was called after six innings to comply with the RMA curfew.

### Eagles Wallop RMA in Second Meeting

The Eagles gained a large measure of revenge as they downed RMA by 17-3. The Eagles chased four RMA pitchers from the mound and had no trouble in disposing of the RMA batters. Mike McCarty led the way with a three run homer and a triple. Dickie Longerbeam was the winning pitcher.

## Girls' Softball Team Chosen

The Girl's Softball Team started its practice Thursday the 16th. They practice four nights a week from 3:30 to 5:00 p. m. The members of the team are as follows: Bonnie Broy, Barbara Butts, Lucy Byrd, Betsy Carper, Mary Jane Click, Ella Mae Coffelt, Barbara Corbin, Linda Dofflemeyer, Shirley Dofflemeyer, Linda Denney, Brenda Goldizen, Connie Larrick, Glynda McGuinn, Linda

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### Eagles Down Warren County

Clarke County won its second game of the season, beating the Warren County Wildcats 10-7. The Eagles jumped off to a 7-0 lead and survived a seventh inning rally to win. Dickie Longerbeam was the winning pitcher and Yates Hall the loser.

The remaining baseball schedule is as follows:

Fauquier—Away	May 12
Fauquier—Home	May 15
District playoff	Week of May 18

Owens, Sally Potts, Jill Regan, Mary Richards, Karen Seibel, Sandra Strosnider, and Carolyn Wood.

Most of the games will be played with Loudoun Valley, though no game has been scheduled yet. Miss Cunningham, the girls' Physical Education instructor, is coaching.

## CHEERLEADERS ATTEND CONVENTION

The new varsity football cheerleaders attended a clinic in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, April 4. Here they had an opportunity to share ideas with other cheerleaders from northern Virginia, central Maryland, and central Pennsylvania. They were accompanied by Miss Betty Lou Bauserman and Miss Mary Cunningham.

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# TRACK HAS SLOW SEASON

The Eagles' track team coached by Mr. Carroll Reid has run three track meets this year and, although they have lost all three, they have made a good showing. The JV team has fared somewhat better, having one victory in three starts.

Clarke County has competed thus far with Central, Strasburg, Fauquier, and James Wood. In the total number of individual points, Dickie Longerbeam (100 and 200 yard dashes, 800 relay team) is the leader with

31½ points. Harlan Combs (discus, shot, hurdles) is second with 16 points, followed by John Piine (high jump), 12 points. Steve Wratchford (880 and the mile) and Gary Strebel (440) 11 points and Steve Denny (pole vault) 8 points.

Other members of the team who have scored points this year include David Ames, Dev Morrison, Robert Larrick, Kenny Brill, Bill Sturm, Jock Hoff, Bill Baldwin, Mike McCarty, and Tom DeHart.



Scenes of New York taken by senior Barbara Strickler

The new cheerleaders have plans for a very active season next fall, including many pep rallies and the introduction of eight new cheers. Recently selected by Miss Bauserman, Miss Cunningham, and Mr. G. K. Levi, were Jinx Woodward, Ruth McClaghry, Mary Lou Shugars, Lynn McClaghry, Sherry Glascock, Beverley Whiting, Tucker Childs, and Shelby Thompson. Alternates are Linda Cook and Linda Click.

### NOTHING IS GRAY

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and gazed at the tunnel, my green leaves and blue sky melted and dripped away before my eyes, and I again found myself staring at the stark, rickety skeleton of the deserted trestle silhouetted against the passive, gloomy sky, surrounded by gray heaps of slag, with the straggling sticks of last summer's weeds and burr plants cluttered about its feet, waving stiffly in the icy wind. The black entrance of the tunnel in the

side of the lifeless mountain surveyed the bleak scene like a dark evil eye and glared at me with foreboding intent.

Slowly I pulled myself back into  
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# SENIOR PERSONALITIES



### Glennie Withers

Gennie Withers, energetic and ambitious, is one of the most active members of the Senior Class.

She participates in many extra-curricular activities, being a member of the Beta Club, Latin Club and Tri-Hi-Y. She is also on the SCA Council, Business Manager of **The Talon**, and Co-Editor of the **Eyrie**. Last fall Glennie was voted one of the Top Ten Seniors. Besides these many activities, she also finds time for piano and ballet.

In the fall, Glennie will enroll at the College of William and Mary. Asked what she feels is the greatest benefit of higher education, she remarked: "Any institution of higher learning is a world within itself. There one tries to find himself and his place in society while gaining all the knowledge possible. I feel that



### Tommy DeHart

in college, or in any other type of specific training, one should work hard, play hard, and get the most out of everything—each of us has only one short life!"

### Tommy DeHart

Quiet, friendly, and persevering are just three adjectives which apply to the senior personality for this month, Tommy DeHart.

During his five years at Clarke County High, Tommy has been active in all phases of school life. Presently, he is a member of the National Beta Club, Reporter for the French Club, and Sports Editor of the **Eyrie**. Aside from the more academic activities Tommy has also found time to participate in varsity baseball, basketball, and football.

Tommy plans to enter Virginia Polytechnic Institute next September and will probably study aerospace engineering.

home, because it was all Papa could afford. When I got there, Mama would be cooking the surplus government potatoes, if any were left, and worrying about how to clothe her seven children. Papa would probably be chopping a log for the stove; we had not been able to get coal since the mine shut down when I was eleven years old. He and the men didn't get together very often any more when they did, we kids would go outside because we knew they would only be talking about the mine in the "good ole days", the scantiness of relief checks and the indifference of Uncle Sam. Papa's face was creased with deep wrinkles now, and he seldom laughed. His bushy mustache had turned a steely gray.

I used to dream a good deal in those days. I would pretend to be in New York or Paris or London or Prague. I might be a hostess in an elegant French chateau or a skater on a canal in the Netherlands or a tourist in Red Square. Usually, I met the President or the Prince of Wales or the Shah of Iran, but always I was dressed in soft pastel chiffon or a linen suit, and my little sisters were eating cookies, my brother was in college, and Papa had work. My dream-scenes were always bright with every color imaginable except gray—hateful, dreary gray.

We didn't have a radio then, so we didn't even hear of the government "rehabilitation program" until Mr. Benson came to talk with Papa one evening. I was in the back yard bringing in some kindling for Mama, and I didn't know Mr. Benson was in the house until I heard Papa's booming but tired voice "So that's one more stupid thing to waste the tax money on. When's the Guv'mint gonna see that what we need's a little meat now and then?"

"They claim it's a constructive action t'elim'nate poverty. They're gonna take any of us wants t'go to the high school at Bridge Bend and train 'em over the summer. Teach us to operate a factory, I reckon."

"Ain't no fact'ry in this here town. They 'spect us to move, too?"

"Nope. Gonna build some kinda cab'net place. To make record player cab'nets for them new-fangled hi-fis or somethin'."

"Now ye talkin. When they gonna put up the fact'ry? In ten years?"

Papa was finally convinced. He went to the Bridge Bend High School for the summer of training, and when he came back, he went on a construction job to finish building the new factory.

The factory was finished in March, and everybody had spring fever for the first time in five years. Old Mrs. Roberts began to paint again, but instead of her lifelike portrait of the miners coming home, she now did watercolors of a neat little town nestled deep in the protective hills, its houses clustered about the cabinet factory. Her pictures always included trains snaking around the curves in the mountains—the life-stream of our factory, bringing in lumber from the forest and carrying cabinets to we knew not what corner of the world. Mrs. Roberts must have been at least seventy-nine then.

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### THE SALT OF THE SEA

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The mustard clothed body  
With its withered limbs  
Carefully trod on the shore  
Tears filled her eyes  
Her body trembled  
She was oblivious now  
Of dangers  
She would never know  
Of her success or failure  
She had fulfilled her  
Part in the plan.  
The figure on the beach  
Was a mother sea turtle  
Who had ventured  
From the depths of the ocean  
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