



ARGENTINA, MY COUNTRY

—Martha Occhi, foreign exchange student from Argentina

Once the homeland of the Gauchos in their extensive "pampas", Argentina is today a dynamic and progressive country.

The name Argentina comes from the Latin word "argentum" which means silver. Early Spaniard explorers came to Argentina to find a way to reach the Inca empire in Peru, very rich in gold and silver. Thinking the Inca empire was closed, they later discovered that the Andes Mountains were hindering their way. Therefore, Argentina got its name by mistake. Most of the people came to Argentina to get rich. They carried with them all the things that Europe had at that time. They did not intend to build a better world as your great-great-great (perhaps) grandparents did here in the United States.

People from all over Europe, especially from Spain and Italy, have found their home in Argentina during the last two centuries. A strong European influence is still noticeable in customs and institutions, even though we have developed our own way of life, the Argentinian way with its own culture.

Argentina, called the "Granary of the South", is famous for her flats and for her rich grass lands. In the Northeast can be found the wonderful scenery of the Ignazu Falls, one of the most magnificent in the world. This fall is the only one surrounded by wild forests, full of flowers and exotic birds. In the West are the Andes Mountains which are composed of some of the highest summits in the world. In the South, one can go water skiing, horseback riding, fishing and yachting, or merely enjoying the sunny beaches.

On the shores of the world's widest river, the Rio de la Plata, is the city of Buenos Aires, the capital of the Republic. Its seven million inhabitants, imposing skyscrapers, broad streets, magnificent avenues, and well-kept parks, make Buenos Aires one of the most beautiful and largest cities in the world. Santa Fe is another famous city, not only because it was the home of the Incas, but also because our Constitution was drafted and signed there.

Argentina has been independent of Spain since 1816, but only in 1853 was the Constitution accepted. Our Constitution is similar to that of the United States because it is based on the same principles.

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Library - Libs

By JULIE LINDSEY

Hooray for 1934! Tooting whistles, spattering firecrackers, and strains of "Auld Lang Syne" rang out the welcome to the new year. A whole new year made its entrance, a year with new lessons, new laughs, new romances, and new worries. It was a time, also, for new resolutions and a brand-new record. It brought a time, best of all, many of us think, for renewed reading.

Now with mid-term examinations out of the way, regardless of the grade made (or perhaps, because of the grade made!) there's more time for reading. 1964 brings that second chance to read those books each plans to read but somehow did not do during the first term of school. Interested in adventure stories? Then, may be suggest HANNIBAL, ENEMY OF ROME, MAGNIFICENT DESTINY, MEN AGAINST THE SEA, and DIVING FOR PLEASURE AND TREASURES? You will enjoy every moment of reading these. For those romantically inclined (and name one who isn't!!) these are recommended: PRESIDENT'S LADY, HOW DO I LOVE THEE?, AMERICAN TRAGEDY, AND REBECCA. Even those so-called "classics" required of all students can be pleasurable reading, you know. For instance there's both romance and adventure in A TALE OF TWO CITIES and WUTHERING HEIGHTS. Speaking of entertaining books, you really must read LITTLE WORLD OF DON CAMMILLO and NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS. If you like true stories of real people, you will enjoy MADAME CURIE, FINAL VERDICT, MAN CALLED PETER, AND TO CATCH AN ANGEL, just to mention a few.

1964 is a good year, with each day a chance for reading enjoyment. In your school library, we are happy to help you find just the book you want. Let 1964 be a good year for you—let it be a year of reading more good books!

Christmas 1963 In Retrospect

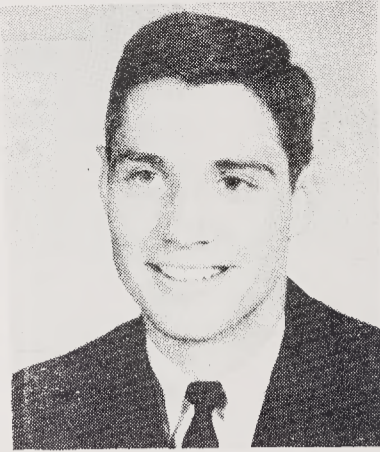
—JOHN McWHORTER

About three o'clock Christmas morning, twenty-six back doors creaked open and fifty-two worried parents breathed a sign of relief. Members of the Student Council and their dates finally got home. They were supposed to leave John McWhorter's house about 11:30, but had to wait for Thompson and Cheryl until about a quarter after one. The Student Council will vow that the roads to Silver Valley are the slickest in the county, but that the trip was worth all the trouble.

The D.E. Club wen to South Rowan High School in China Grove to a Christmas party. Lexington provided some entertainment with their singing group, Tommy Meador, Jacky Byrd, and Jerry Byrd. Their guest, Wayne Stovall and Charles Tesh, accompanied on the guitar.

Mrs. Padgett tore up the keys on the piano at Library Club's Christmas party. The girls gave her a bottle of "Spirits" to liven things up. It cost one-hundred and thirteen dollars to replace the piano keys.

The Library Club had a supper at Lee Hill's. The party was crashed. It cost Richard and Jim thirty-seven dollars and



Citizen Of The Month

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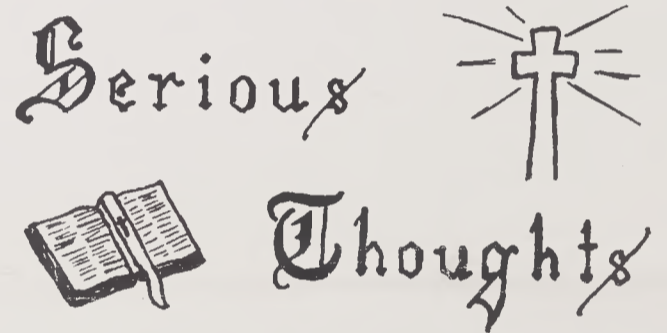
Here he comes! Douglas Dussel Pritchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Pritchard, is on his way to Lexington Senior High School. He smiles to everyone he meets, and everyone smiles back to him; he is one of the most popular seniors at school.

Doug is a member of the Honor Society, and he is also president of the Student Council where he has done a great job. When the bell rings at 3:15 p.m., Doug leaves the LEXHIPEP staff room, where he is the chief sports editor, in order to go to basketball practice; he is co-captain for the basketball team. One can never confuse him with any other player on the team. He leaps across the court, throws himself up toward the basket, and then . . . the goal is made!

Doug also played on the football team this past season. Because of his many sports activities, he is the owner of a traditional monogram jacket containing a letter and three stars.

Outside school Doug is the senior counselor for the Order of DeMolay in Lexington, and he is also a member of the First Baptist Church.

Take your hat off for Doug today. He is citizen of the month.



—LARRY YOUNG

"The lip of truth shall be established forever; but a lying tongue is but for a moment."

Proverbs 12:19

There is no valid substitute for truth. Sometimes we feel that telling a lie will solve a problem or gain something for us. It is understood that a lie may become a useful tool in times of trouble or anxiety, but every lie—however small—eventually is exposed because truth conquers and endures forever. We need to examine our lives for the falsehoods we are tempted to tell each day. It has been said that a man is only as good as his word. If we are to be good Christians, we must let the words of our mouths, as well as the meditations of our hearts, be honorable and acceptable in the eyes of the Lord. PRAYER: Father, govern our tongues as well as our hearts and minds as we face the daily temptations of life. Amen.

WHAT IS A TEACHER?

—WRITTEN IN DEDICATION TO ALL TEACHERS ON THE L.S.H.S. FACULTY

Webster's dictionary defines the word "teacher" as "a person who instructs or one whose occupation is that of an instructor." However, a teacher's occupation is far more than simply the instruction or the education of his pupil. A teacher is a human being who must be careful never quite to act like one, for human nature is what a teacher was placed on earth to rise above. A teacher turns runny-nosed, grubby-fingered little kids into professionals at doctoring, storekeeping, and even orbiting. A teacher must be a delegation-of-one many times to over a hundred stu-

forty-six cents to pay for the broken dishes.

Everyone enjoyed the Key Club's program on safety. Barry Sink ran off the road on an unfamiliar curve. A lot of people got tired of driving and just parked their cars in ditches.

dents, teaching them the things that their parents cannot handle themselves. Even in a world of divorce, crime, political scandals, and school drop-outs, a teacher keeps the faith. If he lets go, who else is there? A teacher believes that children need example more than criticism. He tries to be that example, even if it means competing with Mickey Mantle or Elizabeth Taylor. A teacher dresses neatly, and, in order to remain reserved, refrains from asking bus drivers to cash his pay check. A teacher never gets old, because each pupil sees him for only a couple of years at a time; however, a teacher turns old in five seconds when one of his pupils walks in with kids of her own to visit him. A teacher must be one of the most honest people on earth as he is entrusted with the dearest profession on earth—the shaping of lives for future management of the world.