

# Advice Is Given To Students Regarding Catching A Sweetheart

During the recent and perhaps forgotten Valentine season, the BLACKBIRD'S attention was drawn to the fact that a minimum amount of flowers and candy was sent to the sensitive and meritorious girls at RMSH. It has also been realized by the beneficent and noble staff that, after waiting long months, after looking toward the coming event of Valentine's Day, the hard-working females of this school were sadly disappointed. The lack of smiles and fluttering eyelashes after February 14th has led the editor of the Blackbird to publish these words. So, this being the month of February, a time for cupids and lace and bashful blushes, the management of this newspaper would like to express a few sentiments in behalf, and in encouragement of that vague and awesome institution which we call Love.

Ah ha! Just as we predicted! We see those eyebrows lifting. We see those shocked faces. Well, for all those prudish Victorians who believe that a high school newspaper is definitely not the place for discussion of such a controversial subject, we will attempt to explain ourselves a little further. Love, we mean, in the shyest sense of the word. The love which tangles itself among class rings, book carrying, bashful glances, and Junior-Seniors. It is the

love of the sophomore, the senior, the junior, the fifteen and the seventeenth year love. It is the anxious, painful, excited caring for the soft-voiced girl, the dark-eyed boy. This, we hope, has discouraged any evil suspicions that the BLACKBIRD is encouraging the immorality rate among American youth.

And now, being incurable romantics, we would like to say that, along with the advent of February Fourteenth, we would be delighted to see more football players waiting at lockers, more poets writing love sonnets, more band members serenading in the moonlight, and in general, although we don't know how the teachers feel about this, more couples blocking traffic in the halls between classes. To the girls we say, bat your eyelashes a little more, let him know how special you really are, and create your own uniquely mysterious attentiveness toward him. Whether you are a gay and wind-kissed cheerleader, a formidable and worldly sophisticate, a quiet dreamer, or just a very typical female, (as most of us are) we tell you that a feminine giggle and a demure smile aimed in the right direction will end forever your "I hate school" days.

As for the boys, if you have never had the experience of noticing a very special smile especially for you, we suggest that you experiment a little,

with our full guarantee for your surprise and pleasure at the results.

And so, finally, it is with sincere best wishes, prayers, and good luck that the management of the BLACKBIRD ushers you from the amorous month of February, and, to be very corny, we say, "have a heart". We don't celebrate Valentine's Day for nothing.

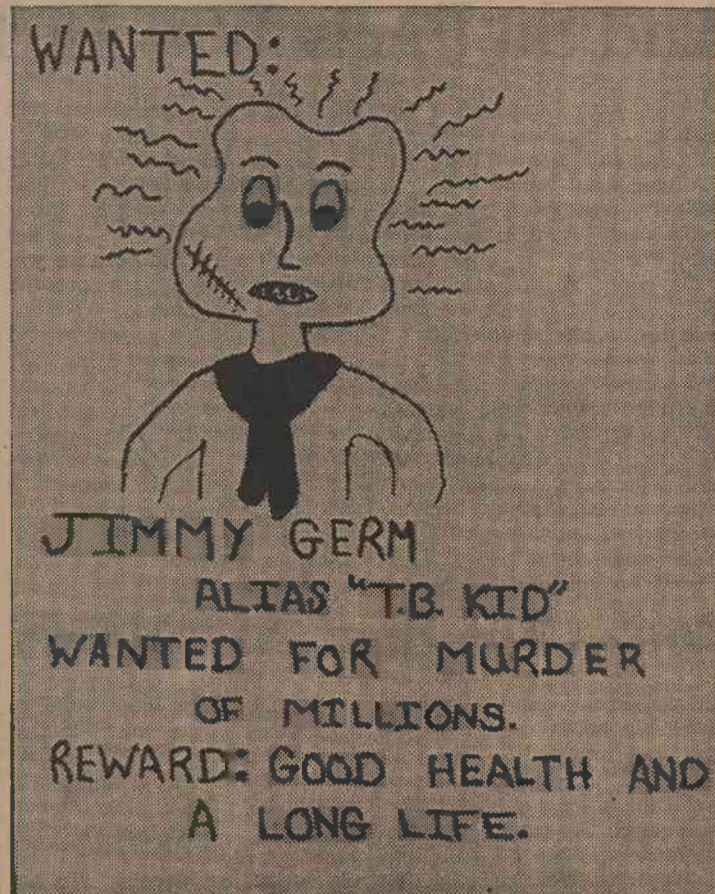
## People Of Brittany; A Look At Simplicity

The sun rose with startling quickness above the fields of Brittany, penetrating every crevice and eroded gully and sending the shadows of night scurrying to the innermost recesses of the land. In the fishing village nestled on the banks of the Vilaine, the rays of the sun reflected from the white-washed cottages with dazzling brilliancy.

A road came into the village from the mountains and where the road was cobblestone the houses of the village stretched along both sides. There were no sidestreets. A wagon piled high with fruit for the market rolled slowly through the village. The driver, asleep from too much wine the night before, hunched over the seat. The dogs of the town followed close to the wagon, looking for something to fall from it.

On the quay below the town, the day's work had begun. A few boats were pulled up on the sand. Those which were sailing and had their nets aboard were already well out to sea.

The women went to market while the children played in the streets, and the sun rose high overhead.



## Journalism Staff's Intelligence Initiative and Purchased the Great Literary Magazine, The Paradigm. Kathy Viverette and Staff of Monks Have Been Working Hard to Produce a True Masterpiece for the World to Hold. Contributions of Art, Poetry, Prose, and Even Music Are Still Being Earnestly Requested. So to all budding Van Goghs, Voltaires, and Sousas, Put in your work and let us know how good you really are.

Journalism students from Senior High, Northern Nash, Wilson Fike, Rockridge, and Booker T. Washington attended the annual Tuberculosis Press Convention and luncheon held at People's Bank and Trust Company. The students were told of the affects of TB and how to prevent it by Dr. Maude Battle.

The students were given information about the competition for articles written or cartoons drawn concerning TB by Don King. The city editor of the TELEGRAM then told them how they were to complete their

January 27 issue of The Blackbird. The part he left out was sportsmanship.

True, a school does include a hush of the crowd as the shot is in the air," although I hope that he wasn't referring to a shot by a Black-

their grumbles when they see the superior results of Kathy Viverette's efforts.

The paradigm will come out in May, giving all subscribers something to look forward to besides going barefoot in May

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