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## MAXIMUM CREDIT DESERVED

For West Montgomery, <sup>by John Hodge</sup> regular  
 season basketball is over. Neither  
 the boys nor the girls had a spec-  
 tacular won-lost record. Sure,  
 West lost a lot of ballgames. But  
 so what? A graceful loser is  
 rather to be desired than a poor  
 winner, and West had good losers.  
 Statistic-wise, the Warriors had a  
 pretty poor season; but as indi-  
 viduals, they're the greatest bunch  
 of athletes in the world. Those  
 ballplayers devoted valuable time  
 and energy to something they  
 really love. They played hard ball  
 and stuck with it right through  
 until the end. Each member of both  
 teams did a fine job and deserves  
 supreme credit for it. I wish to  
 extend my personal thanks for the  
 representation these Warriors gave  
 West Montgomery, and, if I may, I  
 suggest you do the same: Laraine  
 Safrit, Sarah Ingram, Stencil Treese,  
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 Loretta Gray, Nancy Bruton, Marsha  
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 Myrick.

Everybody has a few unlucky  
 breaks. This season was one of ours.

## UNION CARD, PLEASE

by--Ellen Highsmith

"WINDOW-WASHER INC." Like to  
 join the union? It's been a good  
 sight to see student-elbow-grease  
 being used finally for something  
 besides sending a soaring spit ball  
 on its way. Could it be that we  
 have at long last become infected  
 with that very useful bug, the WHF  
 (translation - West High School  
 Pride)? It seemed during the first  
 semester that all of us had a per-  
 manent immunity to any type of con-  
 sturctive task concerned with keep-  
 ing our school from looking like a  
 modern art painting done exclusive-  
 ly with muddy feet, dirty fingers,  
 pencils, and knives.

The students who have partici-  
 pated in the "Wash West" campaign  
 should be commended, while you other  
 lazy so and so's should go bury your  
 heads in shame.

It's been said that "A pretty  
 girls is like a melody;" therefore  
 could we not say that our pretty  
 clean school is worth a whole an-  
 them, each stanza of which raises  
 our school in the eyes of its stu-  
 dents and the community?

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS GIVEN TO FRESHMEN  
AND JUNIORS

The IOWA test of Educational Develop-  
 ment was given to the juniors and fresh-  
 man of West Montgomery on February 20-21.  
 It's purpose was to test student schol-  
 astic achievement since school opened  
 in September.

The grades will be used by students  
 applying for scholarships and will help  
 the teacher and Mrs Wright to understand  
 where special help is needed.

The juniors are eligible to compete  
 for scholarships offered by the National  
 Merit Scholarship Corporation on March 6.  
 The corporation offers 2400 scholarships  
 each year and the test is based on  
 achievement. Those who reach a certain  
 grade are eligible to compete with other  
 juniors in other schools. The following  
 juniors will take this test: Liz Dickens,  
 Loretta Gray, Marion Dorsett, Jane McRae,  
 Fincher Jarrell, Benny Crepps, Pressley  
 Rankin, Larry Kerns, Mike Harvell, Joe  
 Zerbach, John Hodges, Carol Campbell, San-  
 dra Garner, and Ann Saunders.