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Ed itorial

The main aims of the Taney Newspaper are as follows: to keep the student body, as well as the faculty, informed on the different happenings around the school, and to promote more enthusiasm toward the improvement of the school and its many activities.

I, the editor, and the rest of the staff would greatly appreciate your suggestions. These will be used for making your paper better to read and for making it more interesting for you, the students.

Scott Williams

Quote

"Anyone who remains calm in the midst of all this confusion just doesn't understand the situation."

Name the Newspaper Contest

Yes, name Taney's first newspaper. Fill in the entry blank below and drop it in a box in Room 213. Deadline for all entries is December 14. The prize is \$1.00.

ENTRY

		Homeroom
Name _____		Grade _____
Entry _____		

## Student Council Achievements

A lot has happened since the Student Council Steering Committee got together in room II<sup>4</sup> in Sept.. From the Steering Committee, several people were picked to be on the Election Committee. This committee decided how the candidates for the offices should be chosen. A Constitution Committee was picked to work on our school constitution.

Candidates were chosen by the Election committee in latter part of the month. The candidates were as follows.

### President

Lynn Coleman Ellen Larivee  
Artie Wimer

### Vice President

Paul Bortlein Nancy Sellner  
Carol Watson

### Secretary

Barbra Bellis Donna Gloster  
Portia Marts

### Treasurer

Beverly Baily Fati Hall  
Susan Holler

### Parliamentarian

Donna Gunthrie Virginia Vaghn

During the campaign the hall was covered with posters. Pins and campaigning tags were passed out, and speeches were made. The day before the election an assembly was given by Mr. Blandford's Civics class and the candidates. The skit showed the possibility of three different kinds of Student councils. The hard-working candidates were introduced to the student body and gave speeches.

The results of the elections were:

Lynn Coleman- President  
Paul Bortlein- Vice President  
Donna Gloster- Secretary  
Beverly Bailey- Treasurer  
Donna Gunthrie- Parliamentarian

Homeroom representatives were elected next.

After the elections the Student Council got to work on selecting an insignia and school colors. The student body selected "REBELS" and as for colors red, gray.

When the Student Council drafted the Constitution, the student body ratified it. The constitution has all the rules of the Student Council. In order to be passed two-thirds of the school had to vote it in.

On November 9th the council held the "Harvest Hop" to raise money for the convention the officers attended.

The 9th grade lunch period was given the privileges to move to the table of their choice. This is a temporary privilege and if it works out well then the other lunch shifts may enjoy it.

Some of the future plans of our Student Council are to have a Taney workshop for the officers and other students who wish to improve the appearance of the court by planting grass and flowers. The Student Council is planning a Teen Club.

By

Karen Klecka

### Can You Imagine?

Linda Peterson with just one boyfriend,  
Tank Meridith a one hundred pounder,  
Linda Cooper being six feet tall,  
Carol Watson with black hair,  
Dale Craiger without a big mouth,  
Duke Walsh with no girlfriends,  
Ricky Hurley with straight A's,  
Jean Forsht without any gum wrappers,  
Grace Long with natural hair,  
Don Messinese with a short hair cut.

## The Ninth Graders Trip to Philadelphia

On the morning of November seventeenth, everyone from the ninth grade science classes who were going to Philadelphia, met at the train station. At eight thirty, boarded the train. Sneaking from car to car, everyone had a pretty good time riding up to Philadelphia.

Upon arrival, we went to Franklin Institute, on buses. For the first hour we were there, we viewed the exhibits. One of the exhibits, I think everyone liked, was a gigantic walk in heart. We walked through all of the chambers and the veins and arteries.

After seeing the exhibits, we went to see a planetarium show. We saw the Milky Way, many constellations, and some of the many billion stars.

After the planetarium show, we walked across the street to the Academy of Science, building. Many of the exhibits here, were about animals. There were some other interesting exhibits on gems. After viewing these exhibits for about forty-five minutes, we went to see an African Safari film, which was explained to us in very lucid language. After this, we boarded our buses and went to Independence Hall where we saw the Liberty Bell and the room where the Declaration of Independence was signed.

Next we went to eat. I think that everyone was hungry enough to eat anything.

Soon after eating, we went back to the train station and started on our journey home. Arriving at the station at about nine fifteen, we found all of our parents waiting for us.

When the ninth graders reached their homes that night, they had no trouble getting to sleep.

by  
Patty Lindahl.

## Teacher of the Month

Our teacher of the month is Mr. William E. Blandford. He was born on February 12, 1940, at Sibley Hospital, Washington D.C. Mr. Blandford graduated from

Gwynn Park High School. He attended Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland. While in college, Mr. Blandford was Co-captain of the Soccer team for two years, and he was president and secretary of the Student Council also. Last year he taught seventh grade core and was the Student Council sponsor at Gwynn Park.

Some of his favorite sports include soccer, water skiing, and basketball. His favorite food is steak, and his color is blue. His favorite actor is Tony Perkins, and actress is Susan Hayward. Mr. Blandford usually spends his "pastime" socializing. Mr. "B" as he is frequently called, by his students, is currently captain of the Washington International Soccer team. He is twenty-two years old and lives at home near Brandywine Maryland.

by  
Lynda Cooper  
Pat Hall

## Movie of the Month

The picture, Whatever Happened to Baby Jane, stars Bette Davis and Joan Crawford, together for the first time.

These two stars were selected by producer - director Robert Aldrich because they have much in common. Both are fine-middle-aged stars, have been rearing adopted children, have published autobiographies, and are Academy Award winners.

Bette Davis plays the role of Jane, a former child-star. Joan Crawford plays the role of Blanche, an aging woman who had been a star in her twenties. Miss Crawford's whole role is played from a wheel chair. There is not a bit of glamour in the entire movie.

This motion picture is really worth seeing. It is quite different from the ordinary entertainment usually offered.

by  
LYNDA ALLEN

## Student Opinion

A recent survey was made among Taney students to get their opinions in world affairs. Some of the questions asked were about the recent Cuban crisis. These questions and answers are as follows:

Questions: Do you think that the Cuban crisis could have been prevented? If the United States had not blockaded Cuba, what other measures could have been taken? Do you think that the crisis is over?

Answer: No, the crisis could not have been prevented. If Cuba had continued to build up her bases, the United States should have invaded Cuba. Perhaps the crisis is over, but our relationship with Cuba will not be good as long as she continues to pose a problem.

Answer: I don't know that the crisis could have been prevented. I think that the U. S. did its best. No, the crisis is not over.

Answer: I think that we could not have done anything else.

Answer: It seems that the wise thing was done.

Answer: That was the only wise measure to take. The crisis is not completely over.

Answer: The United States did its best. If the people of Cuba had expelled Castro the first time he announced that he was a communist, the situation would have been easier.

From the opinion of the above, it seems that the students here are, for the

most part, passive about world affairs. One person merely said, "I don't know; I think so; I don't know." Such an attitude indicates that we have no opinion about the things that are going on in the world around us. This is sad because the Cuban crisis could have resulted in a nuclear war, and a nuclear war would affect all of us.

Gene Dawson .

## Annual Student Council Workshop

Held on Thursday, November 29, 1962, the annual Student Council Workshop met at John Hanson Jr. High School for the purpose of "exchanging ideas for the improvement of the student council and the school." Taney was fortunate to send five representatives to this gathering. These were Lynn Coleman, Paul Bortlein, Gary Simmons, Art Wimer, and Shirley Lloyd.

After receiving a greeting from area student council executives, the delegates were given information pertaining to the meeting. The representatives from Taney and many of the neighboring junior high schools were divided into four discussion groups:

- (1) Student Council Parliamentary Procedure
- (2) Better Student-Teacher Relations
- (3) Exchange of Student Council Ideas
- (4) How To Raise School Spirit

When the discussion groups had finished their work, they were combined to hold a mock student council meeting.

If the people from Taney really gained anything from this exchange, only time and their actions will tell.

## The Harvest Hop

On Friday evening of November 9, 1962, the Student Council of Tancy Jr. High sponsored its first dance.

The dance was held to earn money to repay the school the \$60 that sent the Student Council officers, in early October, to a convention in Bethesda, Maryland, it was a swinging success; consequently our Student Council isn't in the red now! The total profit was \$161.00.

There are many people who should be recognized and thanked for their support in planning and helping to get "the show on the road". We should especially thank Mr. Burgess and Mr. Turner for the use of the school and thank the janitors for cleaning up the mess afterwards. Sparky Culp was our Disc Jockey, Duke Walsh and Paul Kennedy sold tickets. Ellen Larivee, Shirley Lloyd, Signe Ann Bush, Lynn Coleman, Pat Hall, Donna Gloster, Steve Barnard, Steve Mayer, Doug Quillon, Doug Cain and Scott Williams were on the decorating committee. Shirley Lloyd and Cheryl McGinnis should be given a big hand for staying in back of the counter all night and serving refreshments. Our Civics teacher and Student Council supervisor, Mr. Blandford, should also be thanked for his help in planning and decorating.

Some of the students said they didn't have much fun. They were either complaining about too many lights or not enough slow records. But! You can tell that some people had a good time. Pat Hall and her partner, Steve Mayer, won the first twist contest, and the prize was fifty cents apiece. The second was a jitterbug contest which was won by Artie Wimer and Sylvia Sarda Anna, and the last twist contest was won by Linda Ingwersen and Bobby Jamerson.

I hope that in the future we will be able to have more dances which I'm sure will be a bigger and better success.

## The Tancy Teen Club

The Tancy Teen Club is an organization for which many people have waited. It is sponsored by the Prince George's County Recreational Department. The teen club will be held every Friday night, starting December 7. The proposed time is 7:30 to 10:30 but is subject to change before next Friday.

Your student council representatives will bring up your suggestions about the teen club in the student council meetings.

## What's The Jazz Man

Certainly everyone has noticed the general fads around school. Things had not struck you as being such before.

Have you seen the latest in chewing gum? It's a long chain of fastened gum wrappers that students work on during spare class time (choke!)

You've hardly heard anyone say "no" to a piece of chewing gum. Well now it's "Have Some Gum?" "No Thanks, but I'll take the gum wrappers!"

Another thing that has had its part in the fads were the wigs, which could be worn also as hats.

Some of the boys stated them as "Not for school", "corny", and "they're pretty sharp!"

Of course, girls generally answered, "Real neat!"

On the fourteenth of this month the gym in this school was hopping with boys to try out for the basketball team. A few days later the first cut was made, and many boys walked away unhappy. After a few days and three cuts, we finally ended up with 15 players, 4 managers, and 1 mascot. They are as follows:  
"Team"

Tom Anthony  
Steve Bernard ( Capt. )  
Hal Black  
James Crupi  
Danny Hall  
Bobby Jameson  
John Marshall  
Steve Mayer  
Tank Meredith  
Don Messinese  
Curtis Peterson  
Doug Quillin  
Tom Schoenbauer  
Ronnie Spangler  
Duke Walsh

## "Managers"

Mike Cope  
Horace Chandor  
Dennis Butler  
Danny Sheehy

## "Mascot"

Allen Newport

On November 29 th the managers received the roster of the games which included 12 games, six at home and six away

## Basketball Schedule

Dec. 20	*Oxon Hill	Home
Jan. 7	John Hanson	Away
10	Surrattsville	Home
17	Sasser	Away
21	Douclass	Home
24	Gwynn Park	Away
28	*Suitland Jr.	Away
31	John Hanson	Home
Feb. 4	Surrattsville	Away
7	Sasser	Home

\* Not a League Game

By

Danny Sheehy

## Football.

The football season opened with a big bang and Taney Jr. High was their fighting. Although there was no interscholastic team, sections from every gym class, in the eighth and ninth. Grades, competed for school championship. Four teams from each of the boys gym classes played against each other and the finalists from each of the six classes played in the finals. The final results saw the Texans in first place and the champions of Taney Jr. High. The members of the team are:  
Richard Money, Chuck Hutcheson, and Lynn Munyon in the backfield, with Ray Muirhead, Richard Kennen, Danny Richie, Chuck Hutton, Hunter Penn, Doug Quillin and Jaime Muniz on the line.  
Also, there was a football tournament held in the seventh grade.

The season was very successful in Taney Jr. High this year, and we hope it is the same or better next year.

By

Jim Kolakowski

## An Hour With Bobby Mitchell

November 3rd, 1962, dawned a cold and bleak day, but for me, it was to be both exciting and rewarding. On that day, I was lucky enough to attend a Junior Journalism Press Conference, sponsored by the Downtown Junior Chamber of Commerce, in Washington, D. C.

The conference, scheduled to officially start at 1 P.M. was held by the Jaycees, to help High School and Junior High students gain valuable experience in the field of reporting.

At the door of the conference room, I was greeted by a member of the Jaycees, and given a folder containing background information about the conference and a short biography of the personality. The auditorium was almost filled when the conference began.

The first speaker, Chairman of Journalism for the Jaycees outlined the purpose and aims of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. As he presented the guests of honor, I could feel a rustle of anticipation flow through the assembly. Eddie Gallager, "the Voice of the Redskins," assumed responsibility as moderator, and presented the person we were all waiting to see and hear.

Bobby Mitchell, the Washington Redskins' star flanker and halfback, walked up to the podium and began to speak. To tell the truth, I previously had the impression, from reading accounts of his feats, that Mr. Mitchell was a small, scrawny fleet-back with great athletic prowess, but little real intelligence. Nothing could be further from the truth. The moment Bobby Mitchell began to talk, I realized that I, like many many people, had sorely underestimated this tall,

poised, highly educated, mature individual. As he spoke, he further impressed me by speaking sincerely and thoughtfully about his past, the present, and his hopes for the future.

Robert C. "Bobby" Mitchell was born in the resort town of Hot Springs, Arkansas, on the sixth day of June, 1935, the fifth child of Albert and Avis Warthon Mitchell. At 14, he entered Langston High, and in the eighth grade, successfully tried out for the Varsity football team. A versatile sportsman in both high school and college, Bobby, who described himself as short, gaunt, but exceptionally speedy, set many records that still stand today.

Outstanding in track and football (he averaged more than 25 T D's a season), Bobby was naturally offered many athletic scholarships. He chose the University of Illinois, and although he was not particularly interested in Education, received his B.S. in that field. As in high school, Bobby excelled in collegiate sports and led the track team to two conference championships. On the gridiron, he averaged 8.6 yards per carry, a standing record in the Big Ten Conference.

During his first year in college, Bobby felt he owed his scholastic success to the fact that perhaps he was a little more mature than many of his friends. Also, he was impressed with the idea of getting a good education. His first misgivings about being a small town boy at a big school vanished, and he went on to achieve a remarkable record, both on and off the athletic field. Although he did his best in football, track is Bobby's favorite sport. He liked the individualism that goes along with competing in the sport.

After college, Bobby was drafted by the Cleveland Browns,

and was chosen from 20 tryouts to be a flanker back on the team. He felt that it was a big change from a college team to a professional team. After four seasons with the Browns, Bobby was traded to the Washington Redskins, where he has given the team a new lease on life and contributed greatly to its success this year.

During the Press Conference, Mr. Mitchell expressed the aim of the Redskins to bring good football and fine teams to Washington. In speaking of his career, Bobby spoke of the fact that football to college men, was just a "stepping stone toward a career". Mr. Mitchell, who hopes to have a career with Pepsi-Cola Company of Washington D. C., is on his way to becoming a marketing representative. He also stated that most grid stars are very proud of their college backgrounds. "We aren't just football players". Mr. Mitchell felt that most football players were not given much credit for intelligence and maturity.

Bobby Mitchell's humoring side was revealed when he was asked if it were true that he intended to be the highest paid player in pro-football. His answer was "Why not? It's money. We have to support our families".

There were too many questions asked to be able to decide which were the most important, but the two that impressed me most, and I think will interest my male readers, concerned the youth participation in sports. They are: Q: Do you think that youth of today take an active interest in sports? A: "No, they don't take full advantage of the sports facilities and opportunities." Q: Do you think that boys should participate in more than one varsity sport, and why? A: "I think that every individual should participate in many varsity sports, only if it

doesn't interfere with classes".

So spoke the good-humored sports' "jack of all trades", Bobby Mitchell, the player who sparked to success the Redskins, and who has helped greatly in making them a top-notch team. Bobby Mitchell, the small-town boy who "made good," has become one of the most-talked-about players in the game of football, and will probably go down in the annals of football history as a player whose remarkable rise to fame, will always be remembered.

By

Pete Lennon

An elderly gentleman-wealthy and very deaf-came into our shop to purchase a new hearing aid. Two weeks later he returned to report that he could hear conversations quite easily, even in the next room.

"Your friends and relatives must be very happy that you can hear so much better," I said.

"Oh, I haven't told them," he chuckled. "I've been sitting around listening-and do you know what? I've changed my will twice!"

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