

## *John Edie, Head of History Department, Leaves for Service*

On February 26 Blake suffered a great loss when Mr. Edie was called by the army. Although he doesn't have to report for a month, Mr. Edie left school so that he might have time to clear up his business problems and to visit his parents in New York. When he came to Blake to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Bittinger, Mr. Edie had his work cut out for him. However, he has handled his jobs in the school very well, and he has proven his worth as a teacher and adviser to the boys. In the fall he has coached the formidable "C" team. In the spring he coaches "A" team baseball. In the winter term he was in charge of the debating team, and he



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also helped to arrange the programs for the forums. It was a great surprise to Mr. Edie when he was ordered to report. He had tried to enlist in the navy several times, but he was rejected because of color-blindness. However, now that he is in the army, he hopes to get into the morale department of the air corps. We, here at Blake, know that regardless of where he is put Mr. Edie will do a splendid job.

When Mr. Edie left so suddenly, Mr. Alder set about to find a man to take his place. He succeeded in getting Mr. Johnson, who formerly taught at Patrick Henry. Mr. Johnson has taken over the economic geography courses and the debating team. Mr. Johnson comes to us with a fine record behind him. He has coached several baseball teams and no doubt will be a great help to Blake this spring. Blake extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Johnson, and we hope that his connection with the school will be pleasurable.