

# Commencement Ends Eventful Year at Cove Creek High School

Sunday night marked the close of one of the most successful years in the history of the Cove Creek High School. The school has enrolled 278 elementary and 237 high school students this year, totaling 515, and making an average attendance of 92 per cent for the entire year.

Of these students, about 250 ride in on the four buses operated by the school, some of them coming as far as 18 miles. All the buses in order to transport the large number of students have had to make two loads both morning and afternoon. One bus has been operated over the lower Cove Creek and Watauga River road which has been in a very bad condition for several months. Despite this the buses have run every day, with but few tardies and not an accident so far to their record.

The physical equipment of the school has been greatly improved during the year. Principal S. F. Horton has been instrumental in carrying on a Work Relief program which has given employment to an average of 12 men and two women since December. An appropriation for materials was secured from the government which was increased locally. The basement of the high school building has been developed with a commodious reading room, a stack room for library books, a manual arts workshop and an enlarged dining room in connection with the lunch room built last year under the C. W. A. A tennis court has been excavated and the dirt used for raising the front lawn. This lawn has been sowed in grass and the members of the Community Club have donated shrubs and flowers for its beautification. The county had a 208-foot well drilled on the school grounds last fall and the pump, pressure tank and pipe lines have been installed by E. R. A. workers.

### 100 Fed Daily

The school has averaged feeding 100 students daily since the lunch room opened in December. The lunch was assigned for three classes, the underweight, the under-privileged, and for the children of those parents who were on the relief roll. Students who could, brought produce to exchange for lunch tickets, others paid cash for their lunch, while those on relief were given lunches free. The lunch room is equipped with two large pantries, a Majestic range, oil stoves, kitchen sink, cabinets, cooking utensils and a commodious dining room that will seat 200 children at one time. Miss Annie Dougherty, home economics teacher, assisted by Mrs. Charles Fletcher and Mrs. Ralph Bingham, are responsible for the success of the lunch room project this year.

One new department was added this year, a course in Typing, shorthand and bookkeeping. Under the instruction of Mr. Roy Ellison, this department has made splendid progress. The State Department of Vocational Education appropriated \$200.00 with which to purchase typewriters and to pay the salary of the instructor for teaching those students who were taking the course as a vocational subject. This appropriation has been supplemented with fees sufficient to pay for the equipment in full.

### Agricultural Class Progresses

The class in agriculture under the instruction of George G. Farthing, has done an immense amount of good. The farmers from far around in the neighborhood have come to look upon the department as of lasting benefit because of the large amount of practical work that has been done by the class in the community, and because of the farm projects that the boys are making arrangements to carry forward this summer. A feature that deserves special mention was the community fair held last fall and also the series of meetings held this spring over the entire high school district.

The coach has made an enviable record in athletics. Under the leadership of Coach C. D. Pyatte the boys' basket ball team was able to go into the final game in two of the strongest tournaments held in this section of the State, that of Mars Hill and of Winston-Salem. In both of these, however, they lost the final game with a narrow score. It has been the policy of the school for every student to play a certain amount each day, whether or not he is on the athletic team. Classes in physical education have provided volley ball, indoor baseball, football and other forms of fun-loving play. This policy has proven successful in lessening problems of discipline, in improving health conditions and in a higher standard of class-room work.

Perhaps the most outstanding need of the school is for additional books for the library, both elementary and high school. Our aim for next year is to develop this field and also better equip the laboratory for the teaching of science. The teachers in the elementary school, without any outside aid, have already secured a fairly adequate supplementary set of books for each room.

### New Plan of Club Work

A new plan of club work and home room programs has been inaugurated this year by the principal, Mr. Horton. Clubs have been inaugurated which meet on alternate weeks, thus giving every student an opportunity of belonging to two clubs. There were nine different clubs, Home Economics, Agriculture, Debating, Nature Study, French, History, Girl Scouts, Leadership, and Glee Club. Each club was

## MAE SAYS "NO"

### Famed Screen Actress Denies Reported Marriage.



HOLLYWOOD.—Mae West (pictured above), screen lady of many curves, is still standing pat that she has never been married and denies Milwaukee reports that she became the bride of a Frank Wallace three years ago. Also, of having taken out a wedding license at Houston, Texas.

supervised by a teacher. The first 30 minutes each morning was given over for chapel two mornings a week and on the other mornings this time was used in home room activities. This plan has worked very successfully in that it has given every child an opportunity for self-expression within his own group. Four periods providing for supervised study have been used throughout the rest of the day.

Through skating parties, community fair receipts, sale of season tickets and basket ball game receipts, the gymnasium management has been able to pay a 25% dividend and the interest on the indebtedness on the gymnasium. It is hoped that this building can be paid for in full within another year. Thus far, the school and local community have taken care of the indebtedness on this building.

Members of the school faculty are: S. F. Horton, principal; Miss Annie Dougherty, home economics; G. G. Farthing, agriculture; Roy Ellison, English and Biology; Mrs. S. F. Horton, history and civics; Miss Mildred Griffin, English; Miss Jennie Love, French and English; Miss Juanita Worthington, history and mathematics; C. D. Pyatte, mathematics and coach of athletics; Dean Swift, seventh grade; Miss Blanche Stokes, sixth grade; Mrs. Charles Lewis, fifth grade; Miss Annie Mae Sherwood, fourth grade; Miss Grace Bingham, third grade; Mrs. W. T. Payne, second grade; Mrs. J. C. Mast, first grade; Mrs. Maude Spainhour, piano and Mrs. Howard Simpson, art.

### Commencement Activities

The children of the grades presented an operetta, "Peter Rabbit," on Friday night, April 19. This program was well given and was enjoyed by everyone present.

On Friday morning of last week the seventh grade graduates of the entire district met in the auditorium of the school and were awarded diplomas by Superintendent W. H. Walker. There were 97 who received diplomas. A reading and declamation contest was held in which Ruth Banner of Cove Creek School and Glenn Farthing of the Valle Crucis School won the prizes for first place. Perfect attendance certificates for the year were given the following students:

First Grade: Leo Mast and Barbara Sue Farthing.

Second Grade: Gordon Spainhour.

Third Grade: Louise McConnell, Clara Norris, Gordon Bingham, Sophronia Banner, John Bingham.

Fourth Grade: Mary Dotson, Mary Ruth Greene, George Hill, J. V. Miller, Cap Ward, Fred Ward.

Fifth Grade: Albert Moody, Bennie Baird.

Sixth Grade: Margie Baird, Billy Harmon, Ruby Bingham, Margaret McConnell, Bobby Brooks, Rachel Henson.

Seventh Grade: David Graham, Sue Mast, Frankie Ward.

Eighth Grade: Erylene Hartley, Marian Graham, Chloe Palmer, Georgia McConnell, Lewis Farthing, Shelton Dugger, Gordon Spainhour, Hay Johnson, Carroll Shook, Hoy Isaacs, A. P. Glenn, Conley Presnell, Jack Grogan.

Ninth Grade: Roxana Bingham, Blanche Fletcher, Beryl Graham, Jamie Harmon, Maxine Moody, Ersal Presnell, Brady Campbell, Lenwood Blair, Lynn Isaacs (7 years).

Tenth Grade: Fred Greene, Durward Hartley, Russell Oliver, Ruth Johnson, Olive McGinnis.

Eleventh Grade: Bob Bingham, Dottie Glenn, Wheeler Farthing, Paul Phillips, Ruby Glenn, Elizabeth Johnson.

### Reading Circle Certificates

Reading Circle certificates were also awarded to the following students:

Second Grade: Gordon Graham,

Probert Presnell, Fred Walker, Houston Mast, Herbert Tester, Dean Tester, Jimmy Billings, Billy Billings, Hoyt Edmisten.

Third Grade: Everette Tester, Lora Greene, Earl Tester, Louise McConnell, Gene Reese, Sophronia Banner, Grace Banner.

Fourth Grade: Howard Cole, Ruth Greene, Jari Presnell, Margaeae Palmer, Junior Williams, J. V. Miller, Geraldine Bingham, Eugene Smith and Paul Brown.

Fifth Grade: Junior Swift, Robert Bingham, Albert Moody.

Sixth and Seventh Grades: Ruby Atkins, David Graham, Francis Gragg, Elizabeth Bingham, Harold Mast, Frankie Ward, Lillie Presnell, Luella Walker, Smith Walker, Rachel Henson, Clyde Tester, Margaret McConnell, Ruby Bingham, Ernest Lewis, Virginia Banner.

### Class Exercises

On Friday night the Senior Class had full sway for their class exercises. The theme was "Attic Memories" and was carried out in an appropriate setting. The stage was decorated with ferns, Easter lilies, palms and the class colors, lavender and gold. At the close of this exercise Commander Wilson Norris of Watauga Post of the American Legion, presented citations and medals to Miss Alma Smith and to Wheeler Farthing, who had been elected by popular vote of fellow students as the best citizens of the school. Immediately following this presentation, Principal S. F. Horton awarded diplomas to the following members of the Senior class:

Alfred Adams, Margaret Adams, James Barlow, Marion Bentley, Helen Bingham, Bob Bingham, Loy Brown, Beulah Baird, Wheeler Farthing (Salutatorian), Fuby Glenn, Dottie Glenn, Stanley Harris (Valedictorian), Louis Hartley, John Henson, Jack Henson, Dean Jennings, Ned Jester, Elizabeth Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Thomas, Lawrence, Pauline Mast, Ora Mast, Luther Miller, Harold Moody, Nannie Mundy, Paul Phillips, Loy Presnell, Alma Smith, Hensel Stokes, Selma Thomas, Dewey Thomas, Grady Tyree, Dottie Warner and Beatrice Winebarger.

The classes in Home Economics gave a fashion show at the beginning of this program.

### Senior Play

Saturday night the Senior class presented its annual play, "Ted Drops In." This play was perhaps the best ever presented here. Music for this exercise was rendered by Mr. G. G. Farthing and his orchestra.

The final exercise was given Sunday night at the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church when the Rev. E. D. Butt, pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross at Valle Crucis, preached the baccalaureate sermon. He urged upon members of the graduating class the importance of character building

if success is to be attained. Music for this service was rendered by the high school glee club and members of the faculty.

PARIS.—The library of the Bibliothéque National of Paris, one of the largest in the world, was founded by King Louis the 14th.

The recent freeze in Avery County injured the cherries and plums but did not hurt the apple crop to any extent, reports the farm agent.

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So, believe me, you don't catch my parents driving in anywhere except at a familiar Esso sign!

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