

# Appalachian Hi School News

### Basketball News

The local high school's 1946 basketball quintet got off to a good start by defeating Blowing Rock 28-15 before the Christmas vacation. Although Blowing Rock scored the first basket, the Blue Devils soon came ahead and from the first quarter on kept the lead.

With only two days' practice after the holidays, the Blue Devils won their second game by conquering Bethel 29-7. Fine teamwork by both first and second fives and especially the good defensive play kept the Bethel boys from scoring a field goal until the last quarter.

On January 5 the team extended its winning streak to three games when they defeated Appalachian State's "B" team 29-24. The game was a hard-fought, hotly contested duel all the way, neither team gaining a decisive lead until the closing minutes when the high school managed to forge ahead by 5 points. High scorer for the game was Hal Shoemaker with 8 points. High for the high school were Edmisten and Cuddy with 8 points each. The following boys played for the high school: Co-captains Aldridge and Cuddy, Edmisten, Calloway, Hodges, Greene, Norris and Blackburn.

The next home game will be a stiff one against Walkertown. Last year the Walkertown boys beat Boone 29-12 and the Blue Devils are pointing for revenge.

**Eighth Grade Elects New Officers**  
On Jan. 4, Mrs. Nash's homeroom elected the following officers to

serve for the second semester: President, Mary Belle Fangle; vice-president, Nancy Shull; secretary and treasurer, Iva Lee Cook; reporter, Lois Townsend; and Reba Smith as student council member.

### Assembly

The assembly program last week was conducted by the Assembly Club. The student body participated in a quiz program. J. V. Honeycutt acted as master of ceremonies and introduced Faye Waugh, Harry Clay, Clauden Garland, John Broyhill, Ava Lee Payne and Evelyn Hartley who acted as his assistants and chose the contestants who received prizes for answering the questions correctly.

### Homeroom Project

At their Monday morning business meeting, the eleventh grade boys voted to change their second project. Instead of purchasing an electric score board the boys agreed to buy a basketball wall pad. This was brought about by the accident to Harry Clay in the Bethel game. Several parents have signified their intention of helping with this project, so that their boys will have a safer place to play. This help will be greatly appreciated by the school administration as well as the players.

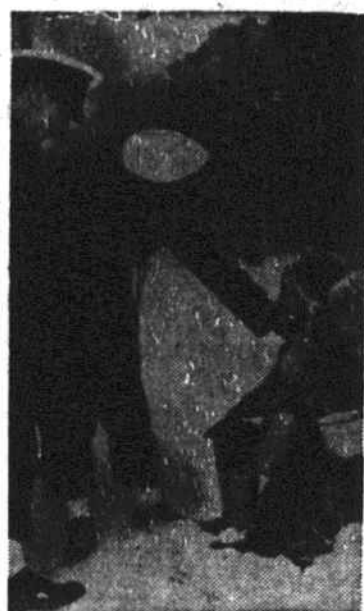
### Girls' Basketball

Friday night, Jan. 3, the Blue Devils met the Bethel team on Appalachian's court. The game proved to be close up to the last few minutes of the game. But the Boone girls kept a lead of about 6 points. Annie Mae Carroll led with 17 points for Appalachian's team. Helen Hodges was next with 13 points.

For Bethel, Helen Moody led with 17 points. The score at the final ending was 32-28 in favor of Appalachian.

Dr. Williams' dramatics class presented a play, "Our Aunt From California," on Tuesday. The cast was: Erma Norris, Mary Lee Stout, Betty Lou Clawson, Mary Sue Greene, Mary Sue Clawson and Sallie Cerick.

Mines laid by Nazi submarines closed the entrance of New York harbor for a 30-hour period in November, 1942.



**HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS** . . . The streets of Berlin, not so long ago, were covered with blood and destruction, created by war, now lie under a peaceful blanket of snow. Two Royal air force MPs strike up an acquaintance with a couple of young inhabitants, as they enjoy the snow.

## News of Men and Women in Uniform

**LIEUT. HORTON GRAGG** and Mrs. Gragg spent the holidays with Lieut. Gragg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg. They left December 27th for Roswell, New Mexico, where Lieut. Gragg, who is an army pilot, will take a two weeks personnel training course.

**ROBERT N. BROOKS**, former army corporal, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Brooks of Sherwood, has been discharged from the army, after 27 months service in Europe. He, wife and baby are residing for the time being with his parents.

**DAVID FRANKLIN MAST**, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mast of Valle Crucis, went into the navy April 25, 1945. He was trained at Bainbridge, Md., spent three weeks at San Francisco, and has been at Pearl Harbor since.

**B. T. ROBERTSON, JR.**, Q.M. 3-c, USN, above, is spending a 28-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Robertson, Sr., of Conover Route 2. He volunteered for service while living at Boone. Twenty-three of his thirty-two months of service have been spent in the Pacific theatre on the USS Nicholson. He has taken part in seven major engagements.

**S-SGT. ALBERT A. WARD**, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ward, of Reese, entered the army in December, 1942, and received training at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Bragg, N. C. He went overseas in October, 1944, and served in the South Pacific. He has been discharged, but re-enlisted for 18 months.

**ROY KENNETH HAYNES**, seaman first class, is in Tokyo Bay on the USS Carmick, a mine sweeper. He has been in service 19 months and overseas 14 months. He was in the following battles: Iwo Jima, Mindaio, Philippine invasion. He has the Presidential citation, the other ribbons. During the war he was on the USS Terror, a mine layer.

**SGT. H. NEAL BLAIR, JR.**, has arrived at Fort Bragg and will be at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal Blair, of Boone, this week-end. Sgt. Blair has been in the army for four years, and in the Philippines since June.

**PFC. ROBERT C. WINKLER** has reached home after receiving his discharge at Fort Bragg, N. C., Jan. 2. He spent 32 months in service, 20

of them in overseas duty. The battles and campaigns he served in were Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winkler of Boone.

### Gets Bronze Star

Captain Phil H. Mast, son Mr. and Mrs. W. Mast of Valle Crucis, has received the bronze star for his outstanding military services on Okinawa. The citation accompanying the medal, is signed by Major General A. D. Bruce, and says: "Captain Phil H. Mast, infantry, army of the United States. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa, R. I., from 1 May to 25 June, 1945. As commanding officer of the . . . counter intelligence corps detachment, Captain Mast directed the investigation of subversive activities among the civilian population and Japanese conscript laborers on Okinawa. Working under all conditions, both day and night, with inadequate personnel, and equipment, he contributed materially to the success of the . . . infantry division in this operation. The information furnished by Capt. Mast aided G-2 in accurately determining the identity, strength and location of Japanese troops in the division zone of action. The co-operation given military government officials by Captain Mast made for the efficient operation of the Nodake civilian internment camp. The diligence, fidelity and ability demonstrated by Captain Mast reflected great credit on himself and the military service."

**JAMES H. COTTRELL** was discharged from the army at Fort Bragg Sunday and is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Cottrell, RFD 2, Boone. Mr. Cottrell, who was a corporal, had been in the army for 36 months, and spent 25 months in Europe.

**WM. DANA FARTHING**, electrician's mate, third class, has been discharged after 20 months naval service, and is with his family at Sugar Grove. Mr. Farthing was on board an LST in the Pacific which participated in six major engagements, and made two trips into Tokyo. He describes sections of Japan as scenes of utter destruction and desolation.

**PVT. JOHN S. BROWN**, of Camp Wheeler, Ga., visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown of Boone. He goes to Camp Pickett, Va., for further assignment.

**COUNCIL HENSON**, seaman first class, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Henson, of Vilas. Seaman Henson has been in the service for three years and has just returned from Japan. He goes to Raleigh for reassignment.

**CYRUS GREENE**, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Greene, of Deep Gap, has been discharged from the army and is now at the home of his parents. He has spent 16 months in the European theatre.

**PFC. HARLEY AUTON** has returned to Fort Sill, Okla., after spending a 15-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Auton of Shulls Mills RFD. Pfc. Auton has been in service since June, 1944, and spent three months in France and Germany. He holds the Good Conduct and the ETO ribbon with two battle stars.

**T-SGT. JAMES M. BURKETT**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burkett of Mabel, has returned home after three years of service. He spent 21 months overseas in the 44th tank battalion as a tank driver. He served in New Guinea, Dutch East Indies, the Philippines, and last in Tokyo.

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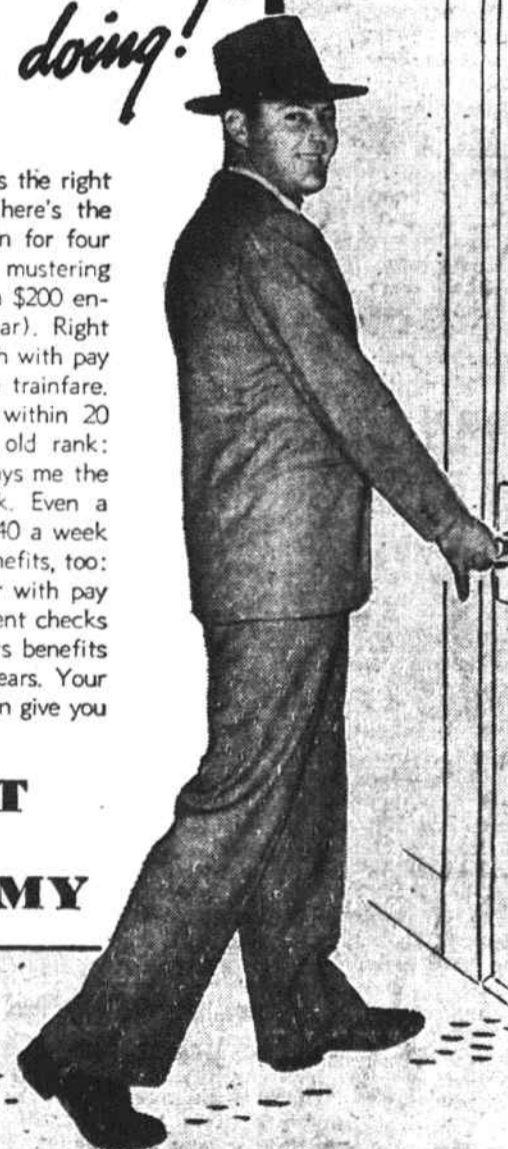
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