

News Of The Week At Appalachian Hi School

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The March of Dimes is growing to a close. While each homeroom has done a splendid job in collecting funds, the highlight of the drive was, probably, Friday morning's Talent Show, which featured student and faculty talent from two schools (A. H. S. and Watauga Consolidated). Any student contributing to the March of Dimes was admitted to the show, which was given during Assembly. Among the features was a quartet with Glenn Miller, "Red" Lyons, W. C. Payne, and Johnny Greene; J. M. "Tex" Culler with his guitar; Joyce Hayes singing "Let Me Go," accompanied by Betty Cook; a piano solo by Melinda Grimes; several numbers by a choral ensemble from Watauga Consolidated School. High spots were the solos by Sherry Grimes and the tap dance by Susie Hampton and Betsy Rogers.

The Social Games Club sponsored by Mrs. Tully has elected their officers for the new semester. Edith Miller will head the organization, supported by Alma Tester, Clara Winebarger, Lena Miller, and Shirley Greer. They ended the new semester by a huge bingo contest. The winners were Clara Winebarger, and Jewell Winebarger.

The annual staff finished making club pictures for the "Laurel" this week. That means, of course, that the annual is nearing completion and will soon be ready to send to the printer.

Chemistry sometimes gets the reputation of being the hardest subject in school. It also has the reputation of being about the most absorbing subject—the way Mr. Gentry teaches it, at any rate. Now it has become doubly interesting, as the students go into laboratory work. To add to the interest is the ominous tone in which the pal of

a certain chemistry student daily drops him off at the lab door: "Happy landings!"

One event of the week was the luncheon given by the National Honor Society for the students at A. H. S. who have made straight A's. Guests of honor at this luncheon were Clara Dancy and Betty Ruth Hodges, seniors; Larry Klutz, Laura Holshouser, and Scottie Hodges, juniors; Everett Lowman, sophomore; Wilma Moretz and Tom Owsley, freshmen; and Richard Greer and Jerry McCracken, eighth graders.

The wrestling team emerged victorious from their bout with Morganton on Thursday, January 27th. All wrestlers won in their classes except James Greene, who was ahead when he injured his foot and had to forfeit the remainder of the match. This made Appalachian the winner by a score of 40-10.

With the removal of the cafeteria from the high school building to the new elementary school building, Appalachian High has a new classroom. The old dining room has been repainted a light aqua, and a fluorescent lighting system installed. Offices for Mrs. Dougherty and Mrs. Tully have been made from the old cafeteria kitchen. Although at the present the room is being used for business and commercial subjects, they tell me that they've even more expansive plans for it in the future. It may serve as a clothing lab for the home economics department sometime next year!

Omitted from Distinction List of Appalachian High School in last week's list was the name of Mary Van Noppen of the ninth grade.

The estimated 1954 U. S. wheat crop of 959 million bushels is 18 per cent below the 1953 and 15 per cent below average.

Silverstone News Items

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Moore of Miami, Florida, have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moore.

Mr. Cicero Greer visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mitchell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Moretz and daughter of Hamptonville and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Wilson and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Mr. James Edward Greene of Vilas spent the week end with Mr. Bobby Greene.

Pfc. Tommy Cook of Fort Riley, Kansas, is home on a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cook.

Miss Louise Mitchell of Asheville spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Isaacs of Baltimore, Md., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Will Isaacs.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Greene visited on Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Burt Moore.

Mrs. John Saunders, who is in Grace Hospital at Banner Elk, is improved.

Mr. Eddie Perry recently spent a week in Mt. Olive visiting his sister, Mrs. Bob Futural.

Mrs. Laurie Oaks of Bristol spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Coy Harmon.

Miss Doris Perry of Asheville spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Perry.

Miss Betty Hagaman of Morganton is spending a week with her mother, Mrs. John Hagaman.

SAVINGS BONDS

Savings bond sales set a peacetime record in 1954, according to the Treasury Department, with sales of \$4,889,119,000 of Series "E" and "H" bonds. Individual holdings of these two bonds, the most commonly purchased, amount to \$36,250,000,000 at the end of the year. A total of just over \$57,500,000,000 was outstanding on December 31 in all kinds of savings bonds. Redemptions of these bonds during 1954 totaled approximately \$4,500,000,000.

News Of The Grades At The Parkway School

Mrs. Dessa Mae Edmisten spent the day with us January 19. She discussed the health program with us. We are always glad to have her visit our school.

The teachers of Parkway school attended a teachers meeting at the Demonstration School January 21. The meeting was presided over by Miss Teasley, a representative from Scott, Foresman and Company.

Our school is participating in the March of Dimes campaign. The cooperation of the parents will be appreciated. Be thankful that your child can walk, and please help those who cannot walk.

Mrs. Shoemaker's First Grade

We like to come to school when snow is on the ground. We are studying about animals and their winter homes.

Mrs. Cole's Second Grade

During all the cold weather we have had good attendance. Colen Payne was home with chicken pox several days.

Gary Hodges had a birthday on January 7. His mother, Mrs. Luke Hodges, brought delicious refreshments and served to our room.

Our fingers have been busy making pot-lifters on a square frame. We sold them for 10¢ apiece. We will use the money to help pay for the dictionary we have.

About 30 of us eat in the lunch room every day. We like the good food they serve.

Mrs. Todd's Fourth Grade

These pupils have not missed a day in school this year: Barbara Moretz, Fay Ellis, and Lois Smith.

Several have been sick this week. They are Mertis Bently, Howard Triplett, Betty Stanbury, Willie Watson and Paul Hamby.

Our Hobby Club meets on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The following new officers were elected for the last half of the year. President, Gail Cooke; vice-president, Linda Kay Greene; secretary, Betty Stanbury; treasurer, Jerry Winebarger; program committee, Barbara Moretz, Mack Critcher,

Willie Watson and Lois Smith.

Mrs. Miller's Fifth Grade

We are very happy that Linda Perry's mother, Mrs. Royce Perry has returned home from Duke Hospital.

Our group has shown much interest in the polio drive. We have five students who have had polio. The following children have contributed a dollar or more: Barbara Cox \$3.00, Linda Triplett \$1.25, Elaine Hartley \$1.20 and Jimmy Greene \$1.10. We have a total of \$10.90.

Mrs. Hartley's Sixth Grade

We are happy to report that we are making good progress in raising enough money to pay for our desk dictionary and easel that we are enjoying very much.

We are working toward a goal in the March of Dimes that we hope to reach.

We are having good attendance even though the weather hasn't been good.

Miss Cowles' Sixth Grade

Cooper Triplett has moved to Caldwell county. He is attending Happy Valley School.

We are pleased to have a new student, June Adams, who came to us from Kings Creek School, Caldwell County.

The following children have already made their contribution to the polio fund: Blake Hampton, Martha Wellborn, Virginia Cole, Shirley Holman, Loretta Miller, Louise Shirley, Sammy Church, Jerry Moretz, Patsy Hodges, June Adams, Reba Norris, Annie Miller, and Carolyn Harmon.

Mr. Greer's Seventh Grade

We have now completely paid for our room dictionary. We made the money by selling plastic lace for landyards. We had some money left over and bought some games such as Rook, Chinese checkers, Flinch, Authors, Checkers, and Mr. Greer is making a Carrom board.

We are giving what our class has in the treasury to the polio fund.

We are having better attendance in our room during this last month. We only have two children who haven't missed a day. They are Patsy Vannoy and Daniel Greene. Some of the boys and girls have been sick and couldn't be present. We are glad they are better and are back. We hope that everyone can be here more regularly.

Watauga Hospital

Patients admitted to Watauga Hospital from January 24 through January 30 are as follows:

Win M. Greer, Mrs. Betty Ford, Master Merritt Ford, Baster Benny G. Winebarger, Miss Maude Morrison, Gladys Smitherman, Miss Faye Pate, Miss Patsy Ellis, Bobby Sue Tester, Mrs. Ina Cook, Miss Theda Holder, Mrs. Ettie Berry, Mrs. Mildred Harmon, A. Y. Howell, Miss Leta Kay Tester, J. B. Payne, Gus Hampton, Charlie Harmon, Mrs. Patsy Smith, Miss Edith Smoot, Baby Lester Calvin Ward, Arnold Cooper, Mrs. Margaret Cutts, Miss Gay Waters, Master Teddy Conley, Baby Orbie Lee Tester, Lloyd Hayes.

BIRTHS:

Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver, boy, January 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cornett, boy, January 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greene, boy, January 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Greene, girl, January 30.

Durocher counts on the same men who won flag in 1954.

Says Grass Damage May Be Avoided

You can probably hold down damage to pastures by June beetle grubs quite a bit by avoiding excessive amount of barnyard manure when fertilizing.

Insect specialist J. R. Dogger of the North Carolina Experiment Station has noticed that pastures damaged the worst by June beetle grubs also had been most heavily manured. Over-stocking with too many animals per acre also results in excessive manure.

For some reason, manure seems to attract the beetles when they're flying in June and July. They pick the heaviest manured fields and lay their eggs there. Then grubs develop and do their damage underground for the rest of the summer.

Most farmers do not notice the damage until late summer and it's fall before they decide to treat with chemicals to kill the grubs—after the damage is done. Thus, most farmers do not get their money's worth from treating.

The ideal time to apply chemicals is before seeding. This is especially true if you're reseeded an old pasture that's been ruined by June beetle grub before. Five to six pounds of chlordane in dust or granular form is recommended now in North Carolina. Other long-lasting, chlorinated hydrocarbons have also given good results.

For established pastures, the earlier you discover grub injury, the better off you are in controlling it. You're also farther ahead

to put on a long-lasting chemical like chlordane. It takes about 45 days to kill all the grubs it's going to kill. But chlordane stays in the soil much longer and may prevent damage the next year too.

Prevention is best though—avoid heavy applications of barnyard manure.

Simple Sudsing 'Saves' Curtains



Above: Crush the folds together to test the curtain for soil, which shows more clearly than when light filters through a single layer. Right: Dainty Orlon curtains can be re-hung when damp and pulled gently into a proper drape. Then, place the ironing board under the window to press the hems.

Clean curtains last longer, and in these days of easy-to-keep wonder fabrics, there's no need to let dingy curtains mar the brightness of your rooms. Those sheer beauties in nylon, Orlon, Dacron or Saran take little effort to refresh. First rule is to wash them at the first sign of soil.

The various "miracle fibers" all require the same kind of washing—by machine or by hand in lukewarm soapsuds and rinses. But never twist, wring, or spin such curtains dry, so that creases will have no chance to "set" in the fabric.

For machine washing, it's a good idea to put curtains into a mesh bag or pillowcase to prevent roping or twisting. Use short sudsing and rinsing cycles. If you use a dryer, set the temperature at "low" and remove the curtains while still damp.

To wash curtains by hand, fold them loosely to a convenient size and dip in and out of soapsuds and rinses until clean. For a smooth, finished effect, "finger-press" hems, sides, and ruffles while still wet. Hang the curtains smoothly over a line or shower rod to drip dry, and they won't really need ironing. If you do prefer to press them, wait until they are dry and use a cool iron.

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MAN NABBED IN \$1,100 THEFT

Hickory, Jan. 28.—A man taken into custody in Albuquerque, N. M., has confessed to a \$1,000 to \$1,200 robbery in Catawba County last December 19 and implicated a second man being held in Los Angeles, Calif.

According to information relayed to Catawba County Sheriff Wade Davis, warrants against William Elmer Sprinkle, held in Albuquerque, and John Allen Hinton, held in Los Angeles, have been issued.

McDewey Sigmon, a railroad foreman living four miles north of Conover, told Catawba County law enforcement officers early December 19 he had been robbed of between \$1,100 and \$1,200 by an unidentified thief who stole into his residence and left with two pairs of his trousers and a shirt.

Catawba County officers were never able to uncover a lead in the theft.

PAIR SOUGHT IN WNC ROBBERY

Marion, Jan. 28. — McDowell County officers were today investigating the reported robbery of Eugene Good in Burke County and his report that he was forced by two young hitchhikers to drive them to Elizabethton, Tenn., yesterday.

Good, about 50, of the North Cove section of McDowell County, told Sheriff Ashby Robinson that he picked up two young men about 6 a. m., yesterday and the pair immediately confronted him with automatic pistols and demanded his money.

After handing over some \$80, Good said, the pair forced him to drive them about 65 miles from Glen Alpine to Elizabethton.

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