

WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1955



DANIEL BOONE—Ned Austin is seen in the role of Daniel Boone in last summer's version of "Horn in the West." This year Daniel Boone is to be the principal character in the outdoor drama.

News Of The Week At Appalachian Hi School

Sportwise, this has been an exciting week for Appalachian High School, what with the Tri-County tournament in basketball, the State wrestling meet, and the tournament down in Hickory, where our boys took fourth place. Congratulations to Mrs. Gentry and her girls varsity team for winning the tournament trophy on Monday evening, February 28. It was a well-played game, a fitting climax for a splendid season. In the wrestling meet, our boys took fifth place despite influenza (which sabotaged five of our best men.) Bill Brown is state champion in his weight, J. W. Wellborn runner-up, Tom Owsley and Allen Van Dyke placed third, and Harry Critcher fourth.

It sounds as if Mr. Mize's civics class were having a good time studying how the president of the United States is elected. They held a nominating convention all their own, nominating for both parties a president and a vice-president. After intensive campaigning by all nominees (and their managers), ballots similar to those used in national elections were used as the students went to the polls. Republican Sammy Critcher and his running-mate Pat Cook won.

Janice Gragg invited a special speaker to the afternoon civics class, which is studying the United States. Mr. Duane Pipes from the college showed some color slides from Arizona, and made a running commentary on them which roused the interest of everyone.

Several recent assembly programs have been most interesting. The Future Farmers of America celebrated their birthday week by letting the student body participate in one of their meetings, and Mrs. Tully's homeroom put on a clever skit planned and produced by the students—they're freshmen—contrasting school as it was a hundred years ago, and as it is today.

By the way, the F. F. A. is sponsoring another project. They have twenty thousand white pine seed-

lings which they plan to put out on their various farms.

High spot of the week for high-schoolers of this motorized age was the bus driver's test which was given on the morning of March 2. They'd planned to give not only the written test, but the road test, on that date, but Jack Harrison, who seems to be an important cog in the road-test machine, was busy elsewhere and couldn't help out this week. Twenty-seven boys took the written test and are waiting until next Monday for the road test to see if they qualify as next year's drivers.

Our band, getting ready for the District Contest on March 12, went to Beaver Creek to give a concert. During the concert the students demonstrated each instrument in the band. Beaver Creek hopes to have a marching band of their own next year, and asked us to come share our enthusiasm with them.

Two new English classes for freshmen have been inaugurated at the high school this quarter, with Miss Gladys Brown and Mr. Richard Barker teaching them. Mr. Bobby Bridges is also doing honor teaching with the reading classes. Miss Browns work is especially interesting. Each two weeks honor students are chosen from the freshman English students to work with her on a radio drama. Arrangements are being made for a bi-weekly program just after noon over station WATA. This isn't intended to replace our old faithful "Blue Devil's Diary," but to act as a sort of supplement to it. Miss Brown directed members of my fourth period English class in a newscast for Blue Devil's Diary on March 4, and did an excellent job. Students chosen for work with her during the next two weeks are: Jerry West, Betty Hollar, Marion Moretz, J. B. Moretz, Faye Day, Billy Cook, Joyce Hayes, and Ruby Woodring.

Several students in the commercial department have earned their certificates. We want to congratulate Betty Cook, Grace Day, Judy Danner, Betty Sue Greer, Ruby Hartley, Keith Philips, Margaret Winkler, Earlene Miller,

Watauga Hospital

Patients admitted from February 23 to March 8:

Master Johnny Mack Payne, Letcher Teague, Mrs. Genevieve Ford, Mrs. Reba Parlier, Roosevelt W. Harmon, Miss Neva Callo-way, Mrs. Gem Lane, Mrs. Betty Ford, Miss Linda Edwards, Master Larry Braswell, Master Mack Norman Hampton, Mrs. Rosa Eggers, Miss Joyce Moretz, Mrs. Betty Aldridge, James A. Collins, Lee Mast, Mrs. Evelyn Cole, Mrs. Mar-cella Wenborne, Little Miss Car-leen Harmon, Garnett Greer, Allen B. Cullers, John Clyde Vines, Mrs. Bessie Hayes, Miss Vera Brewer, Robert Gettys, Mrs. Ada Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Mrs. Ruby Jean Matheson, Miss Phyllis Sylvia Goulds, Ronda Younce, L. L. Vinson, Robert B. Fitch, Leta Kaye Tester, Lone Aldridge, Mrs. Doris Van Dyke, Lee P. Greer, Miss Gaynell Truitt, Robert T. Go-forth, Mrs. Lettie Day, Mrs. Louise Foster, Mrs. Clara Dacus, Miss Peggy Teague, Miss Mary Sue Banks, Miss Carolyn Hodges, Mas-ter Bobby South.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Daniels, girl, February 23.
Mr. and Mrs. James Hartley, boy, February 23.
Mr. and Mrs. Austin Moretz, girl, February 26.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, boy, February 27.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bentley, boy, February 27.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, boy, March 3.
Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Nifong, girl, March 3.
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Andrews, boy, March 7.

Treva Moretz, Clara Winebarger, Scottie Hodges, Lois Norris, Patsy Hampton, and Reba Carroll on having won certificates in short-hand; and Frank South, Mary Lea Moretz, Ann Brown, Clara Wine-barger, and Lois Norris on having achieved certificates in typing.

Mary Lawrence reports that Mrs. Nash's homeroom is begin-ning a series of programs on such topics as "Getting Along With Others," "Introductions," "Dating," "Conversation," "Giving Parties," and similar themes. Films and filmstrips will be included.

Quite a few people have called by attention to a couple of bulletin boards. One, in Mr. Dry's class-room, was put up by Ruby Hayes and Jean Hodges of his general business class. Entitled, "Let's Take a Trip to New Mexico," it carries out the theme of the cur-rent unit on travel being studied by the class. Another evocative board is that in Mrs. Hamilton's room, put up by Margaret Critcher and Betty Hollar. It features the four seasons as they are in Spanish-speaking or French-speaking lands. Both are very attractive.

TV Health Program

A health program will be given on WBTB, Charlotte, Thursday, March 10, from 7:15 to 7:33, ac-cording to Dr. G. T. Bare, local Chiropractor.

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Western Part State Is Shown In New Guide

Western North Carolina is elaborately described and pictured in The North Carolina Guide, to be published by the University of North Carolina Press on April 23rd.

In addition to the tours in and around Asheville much space is given to the most visited national parks in the country—the Great Smokies and the Blue Ridge Parkway—and to the forest, lakes and other public recreational areas. Places mentioned and described both briefly and at length on several road tours are Blowing Rock, Pisgah Forest, Hickory, Marion, Burnsville, Cherokee, Bryson City, Murphy, Junaluska, Waynesville, Sylva, Franklin, Hendersonville, Marshall and others.

Attention is called to the growing and diversified industry as well as the renowned scenic attractions of the region.

The first section of The North Carolina Guide contains a lively account of the present scene in North Carolina by William T. Polk of the Greensboro Daily News and author of Southern Accent. He comments: "Before the Civil War the easterners were the rich relatives and the westerners the poor ones; but these roles have become increasingly reversed."

The editorial advisory board of The North Carolina Guide, chosen to represent various sections and interests of the State, included George M. Stephens of Asheville, Hugh Morton of Wilmington and Grandfather Mountain, Donald P. Anderson of North Carolina State College, Christopher Christenden of the State Department of Archives and History, John Harden of

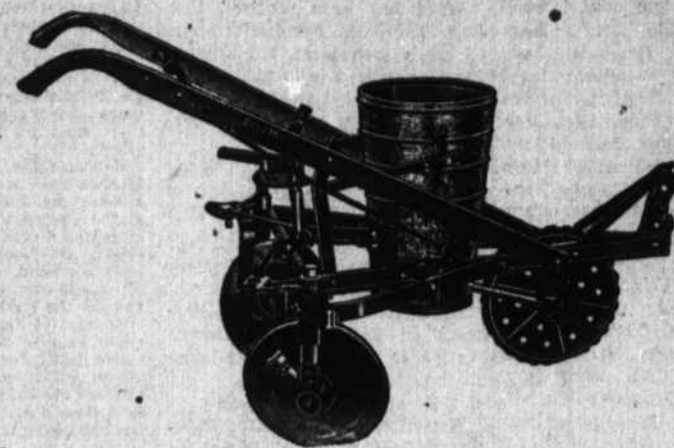
Burlington Mills, and Hugh T. Lefler of the University of North Carolina.

Divided into sections, folkways and folklore, natural setting, history, architecture, cities and tours,

the book contains many pictures and much new information about the Tar Heel State. The North Carolina Guide, edited by Blackwell P. Robinson of High Point College and sponsored by the

North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, will be published on April 23rd by the University of North Carolina Press.

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