

Blowing Rock School

Grades one through six, comprising eight classes, began moving into the new elementary school building last Friday. Moving will be completed this week. The new cafeteria will be in operation with in the next week.

Rotary Club Guests
The Junior Rotarian and Junior Rotary Ann for the Blowing Rock Rotary Club at the Christmas meeting were Rhett Ashley and Marilyn Bolick. They were selected by the astors to represent the senior class.

Mrs. Beach's 4th Grade
The fourth grade took a poll the first morning after the holidays to find out how many students were glad for school to start again. They were surprised to find that 21 were ready for school and only

nine were out.
The students made plans for several days before the exciting day to move to the new building came. They discussed the importance of moving in an orderly way and carried it out that way on Friday. Each student was responsible for his personal things on the first trip. Each one took other things on the second trip. They seemed very much pleased with their new room.

Mrs. Harwell's 5th Grade
Pam Storie and Shannon Ashley wrote the following fifth grade news.

Everyone is excited because we have at last moved into the new building. The floors are tile. We have skylight windows. We would like to thank the

mothers who gave us such a nice Christmas party. They were: Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Storie, Mrs. Davant, Mrs. Dula, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Hollick, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Greene.

Kenneth Young has moved to Florida for the winter. We miss him.
Cathy Dula spent the Christmas holidays in Florida.
Martha and Wayne Greene visited in Charlotte during the holidays.

Miss Cannon's 4th and 5th Grades
Mrs. Don Knight and Mrs. Jay Knight gave the class a Christmas party. They served oranges, tangerines, candy, and nuts. The students thank these room mothers.

The geography class took an imaginary trip through the southeastern states before Christmas. The students were especially interested in St. Augustine, Florida. A trip to the New England states is planned for the near future.

Each member of the class reported in language classes his experiences during the Christmas holidays. Special efforts at better oral expression were made.

Mrs. Winkler's 6th Grade
The sixth grade would like to thank the mothers for the Christmas party. They are Mrs. Edgar Young, Mrs. Dan Klutz, Mrs. Bill Foster, Mrs. Hardin Coffey, Mrs. Hub Hollifield, Mrs. Merritt Coffey, Mrs. Vaughn Hartley, Mrs. Roy Holder, Mrs. Cline Underwood, Mrs. Clyde Dula, Mrs. Horace Hollars, Mrs. Jessie Burns, Mrs. Charles Martin, Mrs. Robert Harmon, and Mrs. Willard Goulds. Mr. McCurry's 6th and 7th Grades Good citizens for the week ending December 21 were Ann Moody and Larry Hodge.

Little Carolyn Hodge, Larry's sister, visited the class last Friday.

Martha Buxton and Larry Hodge were winners in the popularity contest held before Christmas. Money from the 1956 votes cast will be put into fund for a trip the class hopes to take in the spring.

SCIENTIFIC TRAINING

The biggest student increase in American colleges and universities in 1956 went into engineering and teacher-training, according to an eminent educator. Enrollment in the fall of 1956 exceeded the previous peak years of 1947-48, when campuses were swollen with more than a million returning World War II veterans. Total enrollment figures for accredited universities and four-year colleges are: 1,724,897 full-time students, or 6.5 per cent higher than last year, and 559,222 part-time students or 11.5 per cent more.

DEMOCRAT ADS PAY

Urges Approval Of Swimming Pool Bonds

By WALTER K. KEYS

Two questions seem to be foremost in the minds of the citizens of Blowing Rock as they ponder the bond election for the purpose of building a swimming pool on the central recreation park in the town.

First, will it raise taxes appreciably; second, can the town afford to increase its bonded indebtedness by this amount? (The referendum entails a maximum sum of \$40,000.)

The answer to the first question is that there will be very little, if any, increase in the tax rate if this bond issue is carried. This is the candid opinion of those who are qualified to pass judgment. And, should the tax rate be increased slightly, the greater part of the total cost of the swimming pool will be paid by the summer residents who are property owners in the town. It is estimated that far more than half of the local taxes are paid by non-resident owners.

In short, Blowing Rock, because of its situation as resort town, will enjoy a swimming pool which will be largely financed by non-voting summer residents. May we add that these summer residents, were they qualified to vote in this election, would undoubtedly guarantee a favorable majority for the swimming pool. They would vote for it no matter what the resultant tax rate might be.

As to the second question: Can Blowing Rock afford to thus increase her bonded indebtedness?

This issue has already been passed upon by the departments of the State of North Carolina which govern such matters. All of the regulations with regard to bonding limitations and ability to pay have been successfully met.

If this referendum carries, as it undoubtedly will, the Town of Blowing Rock will have by the coming of another summer season a standard, modern, heated, filtered, landscaped swimming pool that any resort might be very proud to possess.

If this bond issue is defeated, Blowing Rock will lose in prestige and competitive resort in the next few years many times the amount at issue in the election.

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Prospective sponsors should request the necessary forms by writing to Dr. Winston at the State Board of Public Welfare, Raleigh. These forms, when completed by the sponsors, will be forwarded by the Committee to certain voluntary agencies which are aiding in the Hungarian refugee program.

Sponsors are required to provide housing, a job, and inland transportation costs, for the refugees.

"We have been informed that virtually no domestic servants or orphans are available among the Hungarian refugee group. Refugees who are qualified for farm work are also in short supply," said Dr. Winston. "Prospective sponsors should also take into consideration the fact that most of the refugees speak only Hungarian."

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