Blowing Rock School Changes Are Noted In

Mrs. Edmisten, county supervi-, spent Friday at the school, Angell, county superintendent, s at the school on Thursday. I Club Meeting Ralph Wood, president, called 4-H Club to order at its regu-

the 4H Club to order at its regular meeting January 8. After a
short business session, the boys
met with Mr. Richardson, assistant farm agent and the girls with
fey and Mrs. Alma Moody for the
farm agent and the girls with
formeroom party.

Miss Street, assistant home agent.

"News and Views" is the theme
Mr. Richardson talked about the of the current activity board. The
is land use trend assures us
of more productive soil and a
more stable agriculture for the future.

During the year special emphasis has been placed on our forest boys advice on their projects. The first County Council meeting will be held Saturday, January 19, in Boone. All 4-H members, and es-Bonnie Jean Payne returned to

Boone. All 4-H members, and especially officers, are urged to attend.

Basketball Games

Jefferson defeated Blowing Rock twice last Tuesday at Jefferson boys' of the 1956 class were recent characteristics. Jefferson defeated BisJefferson boys'
School visitors.

Seniors welcomed Tom Cannon back after an absence of two weeks. Tom spent part of this time in the hospital.

score of 48-32.

The Nathan's Creek boys defeated the Blowing Rock team 58-46 last Friday night. Jones of Nathan's Creek was high with 28 points. The Nathan's Creek girls won 61-57. Bare of Nathan's Creek with 28 points and Reid of Blowing Rock with 42 points were high scorers. high scorers. Mrs. Greene's 7th Grade

The seventh grade expresses thanks to Mrs. A. K. Buxton and Mrs. Blanche Ford for their many kindnesses as grade mothers. Mrs. Bill Lentz and Mrs. James Sudderth will serve as grade mothers for the remainder of the school

Farm Woodland

Kenneth Sudderth of Selfridge Air Force Base, Mt. Clemmons, Michigan, and Charles Henson of Fontenbleu, France, were home

seventh grade and gave talks about their experiences in the ser-

Mr. McCurry's 7th and 8th Grades Good citizens for the week end-ing January 4 were Beulah Harri-

4-H Poultry Project and gave the students select clippings from

the loans were used primarily for operation, improvement and purchase of family-type farms. The previous peak was about \$281,000,000 in 1955. Loans outstanding as of the end of 1956 totaled about \$885,000,000, an increase of \$63,000,000 over the previous year.

drainage permitting a shifting of land use on the farm, erosion becomes less of a problem.

During the year R. G. Shipley of Vilas entered and won the N. C. essay contest sponsored by the Soil Conservation Districts. The

County Land-Use Plan

tatiga Soil Conservation District see a shift in the land use pattern of the county. Fewer steep fields are being cultivated each year and farthers are becoming more additional technical

This land use trend assures of more productive soil and a applied conservation plans and more stable agriculture for the fu-

resources. We realize that most of our woodland is producing very little timber and by better mansgement this can become one of our major sources of farm income. A evident by the increased orders for seedlings. Within a few years, provided sufficient seedlings are Soil Conservation Servatiable, from 300 to 500 acres of cational Agriculture. trees are epected to be planted

Drainage is another practice that has been used extensively in the district during the past year. 16.315 feet of tile drains were installed during the year. One mile of open drainage ditches was also cut. By drainage of wet more level areas that can be used for cultivation of crops, more of our upland is usually taken out of cultivation and used for more permanent types of vegetation. Thus, by drainage permitting a shifting of land use on the farm, erosion be-

Those who are observant of subject of the essay was "My Soil changes in agriculture in the Wa- Conservation District—Its Value

Supervisors are participating in the new Rural Development Pro-gram for Watauga county. With additional technical help expected for the county a speed-up in soil-and water conservation plans and

Watnuga Soil Conservation District Supervisors wish to express their appreciation to the following agricultural agencies for their sup port during the past year: Agri-cultural Stabalization and Conservation Committee, Extension Ser major sources of farm income. A vice, Farmers Home Administra-greater interest in reforestation is tion, N. C. Department of Conser-evident by the increased orders vation and Development, N. C. Wildlife Resources Comn Soil Conservation Service and Vo-

> With the continued assistants of the various agricultural agencies and the continued interest of local farmers, the district supervisors anticipate another good year for conservation in 1957.

NEW-TYPE CAMPAIGN

The recent election was preced ed by a new-type campaign. The two major political parties did more campaigning by air in 1956 than ever before. The Republican and Democratic candidates for president and vice president, as well as the "truth squads" regis-tered 220,000 air miles. The previous high was the 178,275 in 1952, according to "Plans," official publication of the Aircraft Industries Association.

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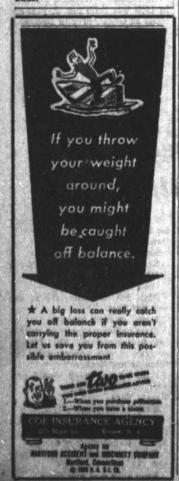
A record total of \$336,480,000 in loans were made and insured by the Farmers Home Administration last year, according to the Agriculture Department, which said

Income Sought "North Carolina farmers have immediate opportunities for increasing farm woodland incomes, says John Gray, specialist in charge of forestry extension at North Carolina State College. One immediate opportunity, says Gray, is through tree planting un-

der the Conservation Reserve phase of the Soil Bank program. For, he points out, farmers can be reimbursed up to 60 per cent of the cost of establishing trees on former croplands. The annual rental on these plantings is 10 dollars per acre. A second way, says Gray, I

through farmer self-employment and hiring help to harvest and mar-ket forest products instead of selling standing timber. Gray points out that net wages earned, after substracting stumpage value and allowing for equipment operation and depreciation, should be slightly over one dollar per hour.

Gray says good management of existing forested areas will greatly increase the profits obtained. He points out that there is no foreseeable limit to the demand for most North Carolina farm forest products over the next 20 to 40 years. He estimates that approximately 70 per cent of domestic production of forest products comes from farm woodlands. Gray say: farmers own approximately 63 per cent of the state's private commercial forest lands. Since these are mostly in areas of less than 50 scres, the importance of good manat for future prod









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