

# Blowing Rock School

The seventh issue of the school paper, "The Rocket," came out Friday afternoon. Rachel Moody is editor; Gail Dula, reporter; Jerry Burns does the art work. Production is handled by the Typing II class.

Painting and repairs have been completed in two of the rooms on the main floor. The typing class and the sophomore home room, where English classes are held, moved in on Thursday and Friday. Typing classes have previously met in the library. The new room is well-lighted and there is adequate space for the typewriter tables. The classes are enthusiastic about their new quarters.

Blowing Rock split two games with Healing Springs on February 5. The boys' team toppled Healing Springs 57-41. Vern Coffey was high scorer with 24 points. Healing Springs beat Blowing Rock's girls in a close high-scoring game, 80-75. Ann Reid turned in her best offensive effort of the year, scoring 56 points for Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Greene's seventh grade prepared the main floor bulletin board last week. It features a portrait of Thomas A. Edison and black cut-outs of his most important inventions.

Jewell Harmon and Mary Lentz made a Valentine display for the

English classroom. Joined hearts unite various couples from Shakespearean plays.

The freshman class welcomed a new member, Ronnie Duckworth, last week.

Lula Williams and Timmie Powell from Burke County are new members of Mrs. Yoder's class.

Mrs. Harwell's fifth grade is working on a project of Hawaii. Jimmy Williams brought a book on the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Harwell showed slides to the class. The girls are making crepe paper grass skirts, and the boys are working on leis.

Albert Coffey, Shannon Ashley, and Cassis Foster are making the Valentine box for the fifth grade.

Charles Davant has gone to Florida for three weeks.

Good citizens in the seventh-eighth grade class for the week ending February 1 were: Ann Moody and Larry Hodge.

Mary Anne Coffey, Martha Buxton, Steve Ashley, Floyd Dotson, and Tommy Cornett are working on the Ballot Box for the class Valentine.

Louise Walsh has moved to Lenoir.

Each little heart on the bulletin board in Miss Cannon's room has the picture of a student in the class.

Danny Daniels has moved to Hatteras.

# Washington News

Washington—Former President Herbert Hoover's recent warning—that increasing inflation threatens the nation's prosperity—was taken to heart by many lawmakers in the national capital. Mr. Hoover's words on the subject of a new depression were ominous. He said the current inflation showed signs of a depression "agony" which beset his administration 27 years ago.

Hoover said big federal budgets, if continued, would bring on a depression. He apparently was referring to the 1958 fiscal budget proposed by the Eisenhower Administration, which Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey lambasted initially. Thereafter, he clamored up on the subject.

But Hoover explained why huge federal budgets and very high taxes would bring on a depression, and he should know something about depressions. Heavy spending by the government makes high taxes necessary, he said, and both these factors contribute to the move toward higher prices. This trend forces small businesses to sell to larger businesses, in some cases, and invariably reduces private investment which provides new jobs and more efficient lower costs.

Hoover also pointed out federal spending was much larger than budget estimates reveal, since estimates do not include the operation of huge pension and trust funds and indirect spending. The former President said total federal, state and local operations cost the taxpayers \$103,000,000,000 a year. These taxes take so much from earnings, in many cases, he believes, that savings are unable to finance the needs of a growing population and economy.

Naturally, Southerners are bitterly protesting the situation and claiming that the present House effort is a purely political show for the votes of various groups. They also claim that the Eisenhower program, which would allow the federal government to come into states and arrest people on various civil rights infringements would do violence to all the long-accepted doctrines concerning the powers reserved to the states.

But proponents of the program, including Brownell, say the program would not violate the rights of the states and would allow the Justice Department to see that all citizens had full freedom and rights to vote and live their lives under equal treatment and protection of the laws.

While proponents sensed almost sure victory in the House, they are concerned over a possible Senate filibuster. In the upper legislative body, Minority Leader William Knowland has set March 1st as the deadline for consideration of a civil rights program. Whether a filibuster and a fight over cloture will greet this effort depends on whether Knowland and other Senators can get some Southerners to join them in a constitutional civil rights approach.

It is in the Senate, as usual, that the crucial, decisive battle will be fought.

Widespread criticism has been

heard in Washington about the soil bank program in various sections. Farmers lined up at county buildings in many areas recently, and in some places they were left out because funds ran out before they got to the desk. The fellows in the first part of the line got government funds but those in the tail end often got nothing. This kind of "dole" system didn't appeal to many farmers.

A representative of the North Carolina Veterans' Commission, Jack C. Winchester, will be in Boone on Friday, February 15. Lionel Ward, Watauga County Service Officer, has announced.

Mr. Winchester is district service officer of the eleventh district, which is composed of the following counties: Polk, Rutherford, Cleveland, Caldwell, Avery, Ashe, Watauga, McDowell, Yancey, and Mitchell.

Mr. Winchester comes to the county service office, located in the county building, on the third Friday of each month from 8:30 a. m. to 12 noon, said Mr. Ward.

He also advises that the county service officer is in his office from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. Mondays through Fridays to "help all vet-

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# Appalachian Hi School

The Bible Club of Appalachian High School, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Sudie Mullins, has chosen a worthy project—sending pencils, paper, crayons, and Bible material to a Korean orphanage.

At the recent Thursday meeting the Rev. E. F. Troutman was the club speaker.

Citizen-of-the-Week  
Janice Cook was selected as Citizen-of-the-Week for the week of February 1-8, by Appalachian High School Student Council.

Janice is a freshman and is active in junior varsity basketball. She was selected for her outstanding school spirit and other traits of good citizenship.

Chorus Festival  
The Chorus Festival will be held the second week in April at Greensboro. There will be 1,000 students, divided into two 500 choruses, participating.

Students who want to try out must sing designated parts of the concert music from memory.

Members of the mixed chorus, Girls' Glee Club, and Boys' Glee

Club will be eligible.

Try outs are being conducted. Washington Trip  
The Senior Class is completing plans for a trip to Washington the first full week in May.

Members of the class have chosen James Hadden and Miss Ruby Akers to chaperone the trip which will be made by bus. Committees have been appointed to draw up rules, make room charts, etc.

Valentine Dance  
The Sophomore Class will sponsor a Valentine Dance Saturday night, February 16, from 8:00-11:30. The dance will be held in the high school gym. Admission will be 50c and 75c. The affair is semi-formal.

TRAIN'S AN AMBULANCE  
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