

Mabel School News

Mrs. Edmisten has been helping us prepare our books for a centralized library, which Mr. Ivan Farthing will be working on shortly. We feel that this library will be of great benefit to both students and teachers.

Mr. Hinkle conducted an inspiring chapel program here last Friday.

County nurses were in our school last Thursday to give physical examinations.

First Grade News

We had our first chapel program on Friday, February 8th.

After the devotional exercises, the program included songs, poems, stories, dramatizations and singing games.

Parents, grandparents and friends attending the program were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart, Mrs. Ellerie Michael, Mrs. Earl Bumgardner, Mrs. Lester Warren, Mrs. Lou Warren, Mrs. Council Mains, Mrs. Bynum Oaks, Mrs. Mack Dishman, Mrs. George Thomas, Mr. Charlie Wilkenson, Mrs. Arthur Kirby, Mrs. Harve Combs, Miss Geraldine Surratt, Mrs. John Combs, Dewayne Thomas, Donna and Garry Warren.

Mrs. Earl Bumgardner served refreshments after the program.

We are glad to know that Mr. Trivette, grandfather of Janie and Judy Warren, is recovering from a recent illness, in Banner Elk Hospital.

Our Valentine Party was really fun with all the pretty valentines, pop corn, candy, cookies and drinks. Tim Wilson and Terry Canter enjoyed the party with us.

Second Grade News

Theda Perry was absent last week because of illness. We hope she will soon be well.

Danny Warlick was surprised Friday afternoon with a delicious cake and drinks on his birthday. Everyone enjoyed his party.

Mrs. Earl Norris was a welcomed visitor to our room on Tuesday afternoon.

Hilda Ann Thomas brought cookies for every one in our room on Thursday.

First And Third Grade News

We observed Valentine Day by having lunch in our room, after which we exchanged Valentines and played games.

Terry and Jack Hagaman's mother, Mrs. John Hagaman, has been visiting her daughter in Morganton.

Fourth Grade News

Shaon Miller and Lois Sanders have celebrated birthdays recently.

We enjoyed Valentine's Day very much. Everyone got a lot of pretty valentines.

Last week Larry Dale Isaacs was selected "citizen of the week" and George Younce was selected this week.

We are sorry to have Mary Lee Greene go back to Lenoir.

Fifth Grade News

On Tuesday, which was Abraham Lincoln's birthday, the fifth grade presented the following assembly program:

Devotions; Responsive reading led by Lois Greene; song, "God Bless America"; Important facts about the life of Lincoln by Janalea Thomas; poem, Abraham Lincoln the Master, by Gary Anderson; some words of Lincoln, by Hilda Sue Thomas; Famous quotations on Lincoln, Clyde Lewis, Teddy Thomas, David Hagaman, Carolyn Sanders, Betty Jean Norris, Peggy Harmon, Alvin Mains, David Thomas, and Willard Ellison; song, "America The Beautiful"; reading, The American's Creed, by Leonard Perry; song, "America," sung by all. This was followed by everyone giving the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Parents who came in for assembly were Mrs. Vernon Castle, Mrs. Blanche Wilkinson, Mrs. Earl Norris, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Townsend, Mrs. Will Sanders, and

Mrs. John Wheeler. We were very happy to have these visitors.

Our class enjoyed a nice valentine party Thursday afternoon.

Sixth Grade News

The sixth grade had lunch in their room on Thursday, February 14th. After everyone was served the boys and girls sang "Happy Birthday" to J. B. Wilson and C. L. Mains. While they were singing, Billy Joe Wilson gave each one a cup cake with a lighted candle. We want to thank all those people who furnished food: Mrs. Everett Cullers, Mrs. Clinard Wilson, Mrs. Blain Norris, Mrs. Burl Wilson, Mrs. Charlie Mitchell, Mrs. Jack Wallace, Mrs. Clayton Mains, and Mrs. Stanley Dancy.

Mrs. Edmisten, supervisor, was visiting our school, and we invited her to eat with us.

Much interest has been created in our room over a pineapple. Jerry Gantt gave an interesting report on pineapple, telling us where it grew and how it is grown. Jeffrey Norris is going to bring a box of dirt to plant the sprouts, hoping that they will grow. It had such a pleasant smell until we could hardly wait to eat it. We ate it for our party.

In the afternoon we played valentine games.

Seventh Grade News

The seventh grade had a wonderful time receiving valentines on Valentine Day. The class enjoyed several varieties of candy made by Mary Lee Harman, Verna Castle, Joan Oakes, Bernard Miller, and Janice Kirby, while they were receiving the valentines.

Happy birthday to Frances Eggers, Blanche Combs, and Clyde Perry.

The seventh grade is very excited about writing their own program for assembly. They are planning a television variety show.

4-H Club News

The Mabel girls 4-H Club met Monday, February 11th. The club members gave a puppet show, which was a success.

Miss Street gave a demonstration on how to make your own dressing unit. She also gave us pamphlets on the dressing unit.

The Mabel boys club also met on the 11th. After the devotion, Mr. Richardson talked on the subject of grapes and strawberries. He showed how to plant grape vines correctly, and how to prune them without harming the other branches. We saw slides on how to grow these two products and how they will yield good fruit.

At silo filling time farmers should watch out for a poisonous gas—nitrogen dioxide—that may form in fresh silage, the U. S. Department of Agriculture advises.

Blowing Rock School

Mrs. Jack Rainey presided at the Blowing Rock PTA meeting on Monday evening of last week. Mr. Storie led in prayer after which Mrs. Don Triplett read the minutes, and Mrs. Jake Jones gave the treasurer's report. The following were chosen as the nominating committee to present the slate of officers for next year: Mrs. Glenn Winkler, Mr. Stokes Miller, Mrs. Polly Robinson, Mrs. Agnes Coffey, Mrs. Rainey, and Mr. Storie.

Mr. Storie thanked the patrons who helped in moving the lunchroom equipment to the new building and gave a report on the remodeling and painting in the main building.

Mrs. Edith Harmon, chairman of the program committee, announced the program for the evening. The recently organized girls' chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Polly Martin, sang several songs with the Valentine theme. Mary Keller's impersonation of Elvis Presley was a highlight.

The school band, under Mr. Bill Greene's direction, gave its first performance since it was organized in the fall. The development of the new band was shown by progression from the first exercises in counting time to the numbers played in harmony.

The largest PTA audience of the year was very enthusiastic in expressing approval of the performances of the choral group and the band.

Mr. James M. Storie, principal, presented the county superintendent to the group. Mr. Guy Angell, after commending both musical groups, asked the audience to inventory the good things which the Blowing Rock community has in its school. He discussed five categories worthy of attention: community patrons, students, teachers and principal, curriculum, and the physical plant. "We are inclined to overlook and underestimate what we have," he said. "Don't look on the dark side," he advised, "but you must become conscious, too, of what you do not have and what you can do to get those things." He stressed the responsibility of the local community in helping to provide for the needs of the school.

Punch and cookies were served in the new lunchroom. The Valentine motif was used in the table decorations. Mrs. Glenn Winkler, Mrs. Blanche Ford, Mrs. Polly Robinson, and Mrs. Nell Payne were in charge.

Mr. Storie spent Thursday in Raleigh in his capacity as a member of the State Legislature Committee of the North Carolina Education Association and as chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Division of Principals. These committees worked on the

course of action to be followed with regard to the retroactive feature of the teacher pay increase and the lengthening of the school term for teachers.

Mrs. Irene Winkler and Mrs. Blanche Hardy attended a meeting of teacher-librarians at the Appalachian Elementary School last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Edmisten, county supervisor, presented Miss Eunice Query of A. S. T. C. who talked to the teachers and held a question and answer session.

Mrs. Greene's seventh grade prepared the main floor bulletin board last week showing scenes pertaining to Abraham Lincoln. The theme, "From a Log Cabin to a National Shrine," was developed by the following student com-

mittee: Linda George Triplett, Judy Story, Billy Ann Ford, Barbara Auton, and Cathy Story.

The 4-H Club held its monthly meeting February 12. The group sang several songs and repeated the 4-H pledge. The boys then met with Mr. W. C. Richardson, who showed slides on the care and production of grapes and strawberries. The girls met with Miss June Street and discussed the dressing unit they are working on. Miss Street distributed booklets on the unit and gave out cake recipes.

Louise Weaver, Maude Coffey, and Luane Davant are second graders who have birthdays this month. Martha Wood's mother gave the class a Valentine party.

Rickey Robbins, Rebecca

Greene, and Betty Pitts have been absent from the first grade because of illness. Jackie Hatley had his tonsils removed recently.

Danny Elliott, who is in Mrs. Yoder's class, has new glasses. John Payne and Joan Greene are the class librarians.

Mrs. Wiley Smith substituted two days last week for Miss Floy Cannon whose father is in the Watauga Hospital. The grade mothers, Mrs. Jones Miller, Mrs. Frank Craig, and Mrs. Walter Trivett, gave the class a Valentine party. They served cookies, cup cakes, potato chips, candies, and drinks.

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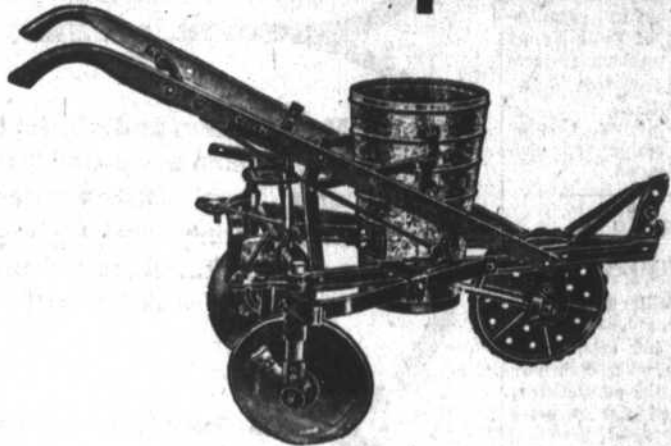


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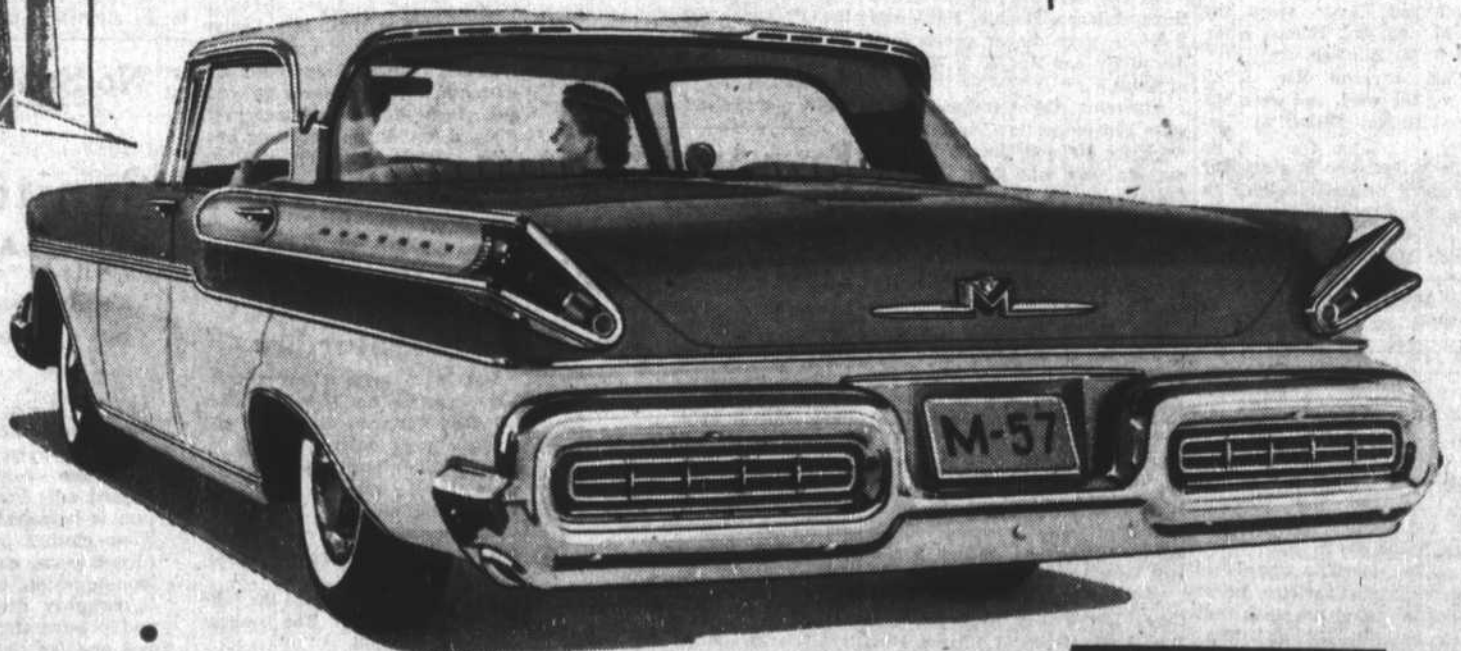
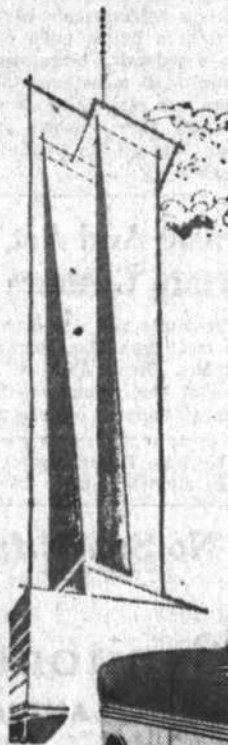
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