

# Green Valley School

Our new stage curtains were installed this past week. With our new stage at its new height, and our new curtains now, we feel that our facilities for stage production of school entertainment have been improved almost to our limit. We are proud for another big step of progress.

**Handwriting Expert Visits**

Mr. E. J. Abernathy, a handwriting expert affiliated with the Noble and Noble Co. from whom our writing texts are purchased, was a guest in our school all day last Tuesday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dessie Mae Edmisten, our county supervisor.

Mr. Abernathy moved from room to room through the grammar grades demonstrating various equipment and teaching techniques along with his ingenuity, as a person who is certainly not a stranger in the classroom. The students on all levels were wide-eyed and equally attentive, both when he was showing them how to play the harmonica or when he was teaching them the most minute facts about letter formation.

**Student Teacher Visits**

Mrs. Margaret Idol, who will be a student teacher in the seventh grade during the spring quarter, visited the school all day last Friday. She observed the seventh grade most of the day, but was made familiar with the entire school plant before the day was over.

**Mrs. Lavender's First Grade**

We are very happy to have Susie Hodges from the Boone School and Brenda Parsons from the Todd School to join our class.

The following students have a perfect attendance record to date: Alex Greene, Roger Greene, Audrey Miller, Nadine Miller, and Pam Starnes.

Roger Greene brought a pot of young quails to us. They were budding and now are in full bloom.

Our United States Primary Map furnishes us with many learning experiences.

At Valentine, Mrs. Forrest Greene, Alex's mother, and Mrs. J. D. Greene, Roger's mother, gave us a lovely party. Miss Mary Norris assisted Mrs. Greene. Iris Proffitt, Lowell Cook, Billy Ragan, Harold Beach, Audrey Miller, Nadine Miller and Judy Nell Brown also brought goodies for the party.

Danny Moretz spent a part of the day with us February 21st. He will be in school next year.

**Mrs. Adams' 1st and 2nd Grades**

February fourteenth was a most enjoyable day for us. During the afternoon Beth's mother, Mrs. Clyde Williams, gave us a big Valentine party. She served delicious cookies, candy, ice cream, and drinks. She also gave us plastic horns and heart shaped holders filled with candy suckers. Curtis, Joe, Garry, and Eileen also served candy and cookies which their mothers Mesdames: Charles Miller, George Winebarger, Hansford Miller and Clint Lewis sent. We thank these people very much and appreciate their being so nice to us.

We are greatly enjoying the new tape recorded which Mr. Marsh bought for our school.

**Mrs. Wright's Second Grade**

This has been a busy month for us. Along with other things we have studied about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. It was our month to care for the downstairs hall bulletin board. We used pictures of Lincoln and Washington to fix it.

It seems that February is our month for parties. Mrs. Carol Davis, Donna's mother, gave us a nice Valentine party which we enjoyed very much. Mrs. Clayton Moretz, Joan's mother, surprised us with a lovely party on his birthday. Mrs. Bruce Higgins gave us another wonderful surprise party on Jimmy's birthday. Mrs. C. P. Calloway, Jimmy's aunt, made our pictures. Mrs. Austin South, Mrs. Stewart Beach, and Mrs. Blanche Shoemaker sent us refreshments for Valentine's Day.

We have had some sickness in our room this month. Linda Miller has been absent because of influenza. Our room misses Mickey Trivette, who is to be absent from school a long time because of a severe illness. Both Linda and Mike have our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Third Grade News**

The third grade has finished their booklets and study of trains. To bring this to an end, we all wrote reports on trains to add to our booklets.

We have begun a good health club in our class. Each person is checked for clean hands, face, teeth, and combed hair by their captain each day. The captains are as follows: David Hayes, Garry Moretz, Keith Krider, Ruth Bryan and Della Cook. Each child has a check sheet at his desk. It is in a health booklet in which he has his health reports.

All the class want to thank the parents, who so graciously furnished the refreshments for our Valentine party.

**Fourth Grade News**

Our Valentine party was a big success—thanks to many generous fourth graders who brought all sorts of goodies we hadn't expected. They were Sandy Winebarger, Terry Bryan, Judy Tester, Nancy Greene, Bobby Greene, Judy Stevens, Jeffrey Brown, Diana Foster and Ford Williams.

The highlight of the party was the nice surprises we found in our mail boxes.

We've celebrated lots of famous birthdays this month including those of Linda Brown, Mary Alice Culler, Jerry Moretz and Sandra Winebarger.

We are so happy to have Sara Nan Hodges back with us. She was with us at the beginning of school, moved away and went to Boone school but now she's back with her own group and we're happy!

We enjoyed Mr. Abernathy Tuesday, who gave us some very helpful pointers and hints in handwriting. He also entertained us with the harmonica. Mr. Abernathy is a representative of the Noble and Noble Publishing Co.

Some fourth graders who have come to school every day this

## Food Sense—Not Nonsense



## Williams Speaks At Gatlinburg

Professor Cratis Williams of the Department of English at Appalachian State Teachers College, was one of the featured speakers at the forty-fifth annual convention of the Southern Mountain Workers in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, last Thursday.

His one-hour address was delivered to two hundred and twenty-five representatives of colleges, schools, missions, churches, and recreational organizations from Ohio to Alabama following the fellowship dinner in the dining hall of the Mountaineer Hotel. Professor Williams integrated a consideration of racial origins, social customs, cultural history, folklore, and economic life of the Upper Blaine Valley, his native community in Kentucky. He attempted to present Upper Blaine as a representative mountain community in racial and cultural heritage.

Mrs. Williams accompanied her husband on the trip to Gatlinburg.

month in spite of the flu and mumps are: Lynda Norris, Johnny Jones, Benny Moretz, Denny Norris, Bobby Winebarger, Steve Piffitt, Jimmy Shoemaker, Gary Jones, Bobby Greene, Nancy Greene, Mary Honeycutt, Joe Moretz, Joe Proffitt, Linda Brown, Gregory Stanberry, Charles Norris, Jeffrey Brown, Judy Tester and Mary Alice Culler.

We have a new tape recorder in our school. It was demonstrated at our last PTA meeting. Each grade recorded some classroom procedure. Mrs. Winkler and the fourth grade taped the procedure and steps taken in learning a new song. We are using our tape recorder in many ways.

## Tuberculosis Facts

By MRS. FRANCES C. FRANCIS

Tuberculosis is an expensive disease to cure. Treatment lasts for many months, sometimes for years. It involves costly medical, surgical, nursing, and dietetic services. All institutional costs mount year by year. Only the wealthiest of families could afford to meet such expenses as the cure entails—and, as a rule, the wealthy are the least likely to contract tuberculosis. This is the reason: TB is a catching disease spread chiefly through close contact. This means the people who live in crowded quarters or work closely with others in shops and industry are the ones most likely to catch tuberculosis, and most of these people are in the lower-income groups. They cannot pay the full costs of tuberculosis treatment so the government must.

Treatment is furnished at government expense for those who cannot pay, not only because it is the community's humane obligation, but also because it protects all of us—the public. As long as men and women with active tuberculosis walk the streets, or live and work with healthy people, no one can be entirely safe from the disease. So national and state and local governments have built a country-wide system of tuberculosis hospitals. In all they house more than 100,000 beds. Yet even more beds are still needed in some states. Keeping up these beds costs the various governments a total of more than \$200 million a year—and this figure is growing.

Despite the extent of all these facilities some patients with active tuberculosis are not getting the care they need. As was said there are more than a half-million known cases. Some of these unfortunate people refuse hospital treatment. Others are at home waiting for their chance for care in already crowded institutions. These unwise or uncared-for people and those with active tuberculosis whose condition remains undetected are the source of all the new cases of tuberculosis and the cause of the heavy financial burden our government must carry for many years to come.

The picture is not all dark, for great strides are being made.

There is today for less tuberculosis. Consider these facts! At the beginning of the century (1900) the tuberculosis death rate reached the staggering figure of 202 deaths per year out of every hundred thousand people then living in these United States! A half century later the rate has been reduced to about one-tenth its former height. To be exact it was 22 death per hundred thousand of population in the year 1950. And in all years since 1950 the drop has been faster than the year before.

This proud record, however, cannot blind us to the fact that there is still far too much tuberculosis. Whenever a chest x-ray survey is carried out in an industry or a neighborhood, one or two people in each thousand will be found to have tuberculosis, all unknown to themselves and the health authorities. Your tuberculosis association and health department offers facilities for free x-rays each year—be sure you are not an unknown case of tuberculosis.

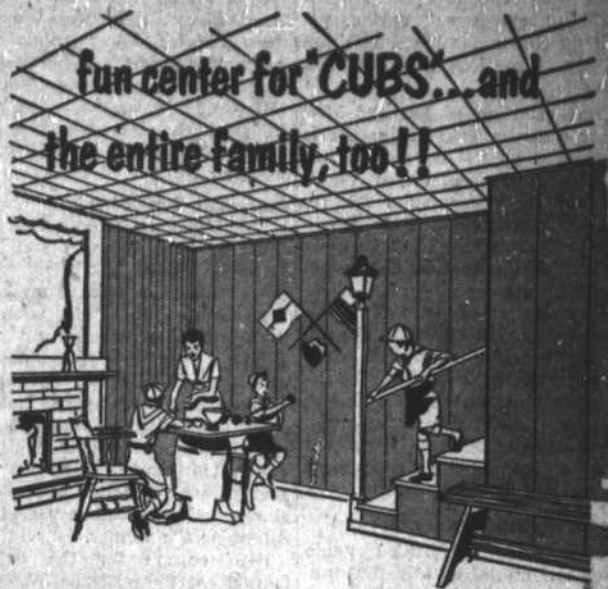
**SEAL ACCORD**

The United States, the Soviet Union, Canada and Japan recently signed a new agreement for conserving the fur seals of the North Pacific. It sets rules for the number of seals to be killed and includes compensation for Japan and Canada, which do not control fur seal breeding grounds as the United States and Soviet Union do. The fur seals breed on the Pribilof Islands, off Alaska, which are controlled by the United States, and on the Komandorski Islands, off Siberia and Robben Island, north of Japan, which are controlled by the Soviet Union.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the expressions of sympathy, acts of kindness, as well as the many floral offerings, during the illness and death of our beloved aunt, Mrs. Caroline Francis.—The Reese and Wilson families.

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