

Cove Creek Lunch Room Serves Average Of 450 Meals Daily

At Cove Creek high school in western Watauga, the sounding of the noon bell no longer summons the students forth to cold sandwiches, for with a modern cafeteria-style lunch room where hot meals are served daily, the cold sandwich is no longer in vogue.

Through the co-operation of local agencies, the federal WPA and the surplus commodities department well over half of the student body is served well-balanced meals daily. The lunch room was first organized in 1934, and in the fall of 1936 Mrs. Myrtle Buchanan was employed as manager. On her first day of operation, Mrs. Buchanan served only 23 students with one helper in addition to herself. Since that date the lunch room has been operated on a constantly growing scale, and today has a total of eight employees serving an average of 451 students daily.

Operated at a federal WPA project, the lunch room obtains funds from this agency only in the form of salaries for employees. The government also furnishes products through the county welfare department known as surplus commodities consisting of prunes, flour, rice, apples, meats or any other product which may be available under surplus classification.

Children may purchase their meals in one of three manners. Of the grand total of 8,425 meals which were served during the month of January, 681 were paid lunches, 5,502 were exchange lunches and 2,242 were free. Exchange lunches are those which are obtained through the exchange of farm or canned goods for meal tickets. Mrs.

Buchanan states that practically any food product available in the home may be accepted in this exchange. Current market prices are paid for these products with the exception of milk and canned goods, milk bringing the stable price of 20 cents per gallon and canned foods 10 cents per quart.

Free lunches are available for those children who are judged underprivileged or undernourished by the county welfare department.

Realizing the value of a varied diet, lunch room operators offer a constantly changing menu for every day excepting Thursday, which is vegetable soup and dessert day. On other days a plate containing three or four vegetables such as prunes, cabbage, rice, apples, corn, creamed potatoes and beans is served.

Individual plates sell for only five cents, and free cocoa is served every day to all grammar grade children. Patrons of the school are highly appreciative of the lunch room and their co-operation indicates that they realize it to be an asset to the school and community. The Parent-Teacher Association and other community organizations have aided in its operation by buying dishes and other needed equipment.

Value of the lunch room as a promoter of health has been indicated scores of times by carefully recorded weight and height statistics which are kept by grammar grade teachers. These charts show an amazing correction between the health of the student and the fact of his eating in the lunch room.

Operation of the lunch room is taken care of under the sponsorship of Principal S. F. Horton, economics teacher, Mrs. R. T. Greer, and county supervisor of lunch rooms, Mrs. Ruth Isaacs. Employees are Mrs. Myrtle A. Buchanan, manager; Rosa Glenn, June Isaacs McGinnis, Birdie

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Mrs. W. L. Atkins and son Bobby, left last Monday for Dade City, Fla. While there Mrs. Atkins will visit relatives in Orlando, Tarpon Springs, Clearwater and Tampa.

Miss Vivian Fox of Camden, N. J., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fox.

Mrs. Bert Fox left Wednesday for Fort Bragg. She will return Friday with her husband.

Mrs. L. N. Nivison is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Don Vanmeter at Newberry, S. C.

Rev. W. L. Atkins returned home from Cambridge, Maryland, one day last week after attending the funeral services for his father, Mr. A. T. Atkins.

There will be preaching service at the Advent church on Clark's Creek next Sunday night. Rev. W. L. Atkins will be the speaker. His subject will be "The Rich Man and Lazarus." Is it a parable, or aliteral fact?

The Baptist church on Clark's Creek has sold its property and is preparing to build a new edifice near the hard road on the property of Mr. Jim Byrd.

So far the "flu" has not made very serious inroads in our section, for which we are very thankful.

We wonder sometimes if the REA is dead. Apparently they have been ready for some time to turn the juice on our line, but for some reason have not.

Vaga, photographed in 1850, was the first star ever to have its picture taken.

Greer, Virgie Moretz, Lou Reece, Carrie Isaacs and Cordelia Elliot. These ladies are assisted by students who receive aid by the national youth administration.

MARTIN WILL CONTINUE AS REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN

Washington, Feb. 4. — Highly-placed Republican leaders reported yesterday that Representative Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts would agree to retain his position as chairman of the party's national committee in order to prevent a free-for-all fight for the position.

The election of a new chairman undoubtedly would force a test of strength between Wendell L. Willkie, the party's 1940 presidential nominee, and the party members who oppose his stand favoring objectives of the administration's British aid bill.

Several party leaders have said they are anxious to avoid a party fight now, and have insisted that the only way to avoid one is to have Martin continue as chairman until the next campaign.

White and black pepper and mustard to a total value of \$2,500,000 was consumed in the United States during 1939.

JAMES BROWN

James Brown was born October 5, 1888, and died January 24, 1941, aged 52 years and three months. He was married March 3, 1912 to Bessie Isaacs. To this union were born four children: Clay Brown of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mabel McNeill of Vidalia, Ga., and Snow Michael and Clint Brown of Lenoir.

He professed faith in Christ in early manhood, but like lots of others he strayed away. But in September his faith was renewed and he was a happy man. He joined Shulls Mills Baptist church. He said he would like to live and have the strength to tell men what he would like to. He has prayed daily and said if he could only get on his knees, but the little mound that marks the sleeping place of one who will never come back. May the greatest desire of his children be to meet their father in heaven.

Since there is no winter in Florida there is no rest for flowers that come from temperate climates. A rosebush blooms itself to death from outright exhaustion within a few months.—Sunshine.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness shown us during the illness and death of our dear husband and brother, also for the floral offering. We pray God's richest blessings on every one of you. MRS. J. C. BROWN & CHILDREN MRS. ROBERT PENN.

GRINDING DOWN HIP JOINTS TO EASE ARTHRITIS

How a new operation smooths off roughened, pain-causing surfaces of the bone is told in an interesting scientific article in the February 9th issue of

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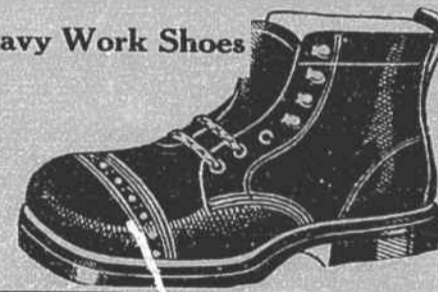
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(Basement)

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