

Appalachian Hi School News

Gordon Nash, who has been in the navy for the past three years, will soon resume his duties as director of the high school and college bands. This is the position he held before entering the service.

Mr. Nash entered the navy in the fall of 1942 with the commission of ensign. Most of his three years of service was spent in the Pacific area where he took part in 13 major battles. At the time of his discharge he held the rank of lieutenant, senior grade.

Appalachian's 1945-46 Blue Devils open their season with two basketball games this week. On Wednesday night they go to Blowing Rock for their opener. On Friday the locals start a three-game home stand with Bethel boys' and girls' teams.

Next week Nathans Creek strong quintet hopes to pin down the Blue Devils' prospects and Cranberry will play here Thursday, Dec. 20.

This week's starting lineup will come from the following candidates: J. W. Cuddy, Bill Aldridge, Harry Clay, W. B. York, David Edmisten, Earl Craven, C. F. Calloway, Ralph Hodges, Conley Greene, Fred Council, Ted Barnett, Paul Edmisten, Gene Blackburn, Jack Norris and Bill Greer.

The principal objective which the School Service Club has chosen for the year is the redecoration and furnishing of the former agriculture shop room for a student recreation room. This involves raising enough money to buy furniture, musical equipment, table, games and equipment for preparing and serving light refreshments for class or club parties. Two major money-making projects have been completed and more will be undertaken after Christmas. It is hoped that the room will be fully equipped before the end of the school year.

P.-T.A. Supper

The chicken pie supper which was sponsored by the Boone P.-T.A. at the high school last Thursday night was a great success. The cafeteria cooks served a delicious supper which netted the association \$140. About \$50 worth of chickens were donated by the students. The money which was raised by this activity will be given to improve the high school lunch room facilities and the lunches served there.

Following the supper, the high school faculty presented the melodrama, "The Villain's Last Stand", which was attended by a large number of patrons.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION TO BE CONSIDERED

The state board of education Friday moved to consolidate as far as possible the 2,586 small schools in the state, and announced that it will return to its pre-war standards of allotting teachers to small units.

The board in a resolution asked county boards of education and trustees of city administrative units to make surveys as soon as possible to determine "whether further consolidation is needed for a more adequate, efficient and economical school program."

It said the pre-war standards for allotting teachers to small schools would be set as a minimum in units where teachers are paid with state funds.

The Stevens hotel, Chicago, with more than 3,000 rooms, is the largest hotel in the world.

LEGION NOTES



By THE ADJUTANT

There is a regular meeting of Watauga Post 130, Friday night, Dec. 14. All servicemen and their wives are invited.

Memberships are coming in fine; let's raise our goal from 200 to 300. We can break all membership records this year. Go-getters, with 10 or more members to your credit. Don't forget to turn in your names. Additional membership blanks have been received. See your adjutant if you need them to enter new members.

The Blowing Rock boys are establishing a new Legion post there. Sorry to lose you fellows from Watauga Post, but more power to you and your post. If you ever need a hand, Watauga Post is backing you up.

Thanks to the Boone Merchants Association for the veterans' directory that you published a short time ago.

Local veterans were given job preference at the postoffice here again this Christmas season, thanks to Postmaster Brown.

Our county service officer has re-

turned from a veterans' service officer's school.

Now, if you haven't paid your 1946 dues, see your post adjutant or finance officer at once. If you want to send that pal still in service something he will appreciate, send him a 1946 Legion dues card.

Joe Gallen, training officer from the veterans administration, will address the local post Friday night. Joe is a veteran of both World Wars 1 and 2. So don't miss hearing him, for he will bring us some good information.

Clark's Creek News

Mr. Bert Fox has been on the sick list for several days. We understand he is much improved at this time.

Mr. Clyde Byrd has been discharged from the army and is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Byrd.

Mr. Hardie Clark is building a very nice cellar house.

The weather man has sent us Christmas weather too early this time.

Most everyone in our neighborhood has either a cold or the flu.

Mrs. Milledge Weaver, of Dade City, Fla., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Adkins.

Railroads now employ about 116,000 women compared with approximately 30,000 prior to World War II.

With Peace Civilian Can Anticipate New Canned Foods Soon

Now that the postwar era has become a reality with the downfall of Japan, citizens of watauga county can look forward to dramatic developments in canned foods, many of which were first packaged for the armed forces.

It is said that approximately 1,467,000 cans of food opened annually by residents of the county undoubtedly will be largely increased with the arrival of the new postwar items. It will be no trick at all for a housekeeper to put together a three or four course meal by making use of the canned foods she should shortly find on grocery shelves.

Among the new foods listed are such items as canned hamburger, canned bacon, seafood cocktails and salads in cans, as well as a long list of meats new to a can, among them chicken stew with dumplings, beef and gravy, pork with apple sauce, ham with raisin sauce and boned turkey.

STATE PASSENGER TIRE QUOTA SET AT 55,495

The December passenger tire quota for the month of December in North Carolina was set at 55,495, a slight increase over November.

The supply of sugar for the first quarter of 1946 will be sufficient to maintain civilian rationing at present levels.

JAP WAR TRIALS TO START DEC. 17

The army has officially announced that the first war criminal trials will begin December 17 in Yokohama and will be for Japanese ac-

cused of atrocities against American prisoners of war. The trials will be heard by an American military tribunal.

Approximately 300 Jap military and civilian personnel will be tried in the category of "atrocious" crimes.

Biggest Holiday Rush on Long Distance



Long Distance will be busier than ever this Christmas. So please do not make any but necessary calls on December 24 and 25.

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WILL THERE BE A STEEL STRIKE?

Not if the CIO abides by its pledged word, given only last spring

Question: What would be the general effect on the country of a steel strike?

Answer: Over 40 percent of all the factory workers in the country earn their living by making steel into useful products for American life. A shut-down of the steel industry would be a disastrous blow to reconversion and would cause a serious loss in both wages and industrial production at a time when they were most needed.

Question: Is it true that the Steelworkers Union has pledged itself not to strike?

Answer: Yes. Every contract which the Union has signed this year with the various steel companies has a clause wherein the Union agrees not to strike during the life of the contract.

Question: Are those contracts still in effect?

Answer: Yes. They were signed in the spring of 1945 to run until October, 1946.

Question: Who signed for the Union?

Answer: Its international officers—Philip Murray, Van Bittner, Clinton Golden and others—and the local Union heads at the various plants.

Question: Is there no "escape clause" by which either side could end the agreement?

Answer: No. The Union demanded a fixed, long-term contract and got it.

Question: Why did they want a long-term contract?

Answer: In the Union's own words before the War Labor Board, "The Union's request for a termination date of October, 1946, is not made capriciously or pressed here for bargaining purposes. It represents the considered view of the Union that only such a term will adequately serve the needs of stability."

Question: Did the recent strike vote violate the contracts?

Answer: No. Only an actual strike would violate them.

Question: Haven't there been strikes already during the life of the contracts?

Answer: Yes. There were 998 strikes in steel plants during the past year alone. They were mostly local strikes which the Union characterizes as "wildcat," but they meant a big loss in production.

Question: Does the end of the war justify changing the contracts?

Answer: No. The bond was sealed on both sides and should be kept whether times be good or bad. The steel companies are continuing to live up to these agreements. If a strike is called, it will be in clear violation of the existing contracts.

A strike in the face of existing contracts would shatter any confidence in the validity of union agreements in the steel industry.

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