

APPALACHIAN HI SCHOOL NEWS

The Pepsi Cola scholarship examination was given in November. Several Appalachian high school students took the examination. They were selected by the members of the senior class to represent them in taking this examination.

Donald Warman scored exceptionally high. His score placed him in the tenth decile in the state and in the ninth decile in the nation. The tenth decile represents the group making the highest score.

It is certainly a honor to even be selected to take this examination. We should feel proud of these students, and especially proud of Donald for rating so high. All of the contestants did well in representing this school. The other Appalachian high

school students taking the examination scored as second highest. These students were Caneses Moretz and Buck Robbins.

High School Gets Driver Training Car

Through the courtesy of the Ford Motor Co. and Mr. Ralph Winkler the local high school has been assigned a 1947 dual-control driver training car. This is the first car to be assigned in this area and will help make the driver training course much more effective. Students will receive a minimum of 8 hours of behind the wheel instruction coordinated with the regular classroom work. A training course will be laid out in accordance with the suggestions offered by the American Automobile Association and the N. C. State Safety Committee.

Boys in the ninth and tenth grades are taking the course at present—a total of 62 boys. They have already had 15 months of



BATHERS BRAVE WINTY BREEZES AT CONEY . . . When the majority of New York City's population began recovering from the worst snowfall in its history, this stout-hearted group, members of the Iceberg Athletic Club, took time out to enjoy their usual mid-winter fun and frolic on the snow-covered beach at Coney Island.

preliminary class work and will spend the majority of the rest of the year in the car.

Oratorical Contest

The American Legion is sponsoring an oratorical contest on the constitution. Any student in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade is eligible. A contest will be held next week to select a representation for Appalachian high school.

Sports

Friday night was a thrilling evening of basketball in the Appalachian gymnasium. The girls varsity opened the evenings activities in a game with the college freshmen. The game was well played by both teams but our varsity won easily by a score of 32 to 18.

The "B" team then took on the Mountain City Jayvees and were leading by a score of 19 to 4 at the end of the first quarter. Some very good basketball was played by our "B" squad and it looks quite encouraging for next year's prospects of a good varsity team, with our "B" squad replacements of our graduating seniors. The entire squad of 13 men played and the final score was 34 to 17 in favor of Appalachian "B" team.

The main event of the evening then got under way and Mountain City took the lead and maintained it throughout the first three quarters and until the final minutes of the fourth quarter. Then with the score 21 to 23, in favor of Mountain City, Paul Edmisten was fouled and he

made both free shots, tying the score as the fourth quarter ended. In the three minutes overtime which followed, Herb Davidson sparked the team brilliantly to gain a two point advantage as he and C. M. Harrison split the net. The game ended 27 to 25 in favor of Appalachian varsity team.

In the absence of Coach Lovegrove, Mr. "Tommy" Thompson managed the varsity. With his horse shoe and his rabbits foot, "Tommy" did a grand job with the boys. Also, it was that never-say-die spirit which Coach Lovegrove has given our boys that gave us our victory.

Five Million For Rural Roads in N. C. Seen

Raleigh — An allocation for rural road improvement which may exceed \$5,000,000 will be made by Governor Cherry at the end of this fiscal year.

The allocation will be made from a surplus accumulating in the highway fund, the Governor said yesterday. During the first seven months of this fiscal year, highway revenues have exceeded estimates at the rate of \$433,500 a month. If the rate continues, the surplus by June 30 will be \$5,200,000, all of which he will earmark for rural roads, the Governor declared.

"We are already doing an enormous amount of work on the farm-to-market roads," Governor Cherry added. "The budget this year contains \$12,500,000 for maintenance and \$11,000,000 for construction of secondary roads, and in addition some of the funds we have set aside for matching Federal aid projects will be spent on these rural highways."

Your old Air Force job may qualify you for a grade in the new U. S. Air Force.

NORA BEARD MAST

"There are stars that go out in the darkness, But whose silvery light shineth on; There are roses whose perfume still lingers, When the blossoms are faded and gone.

There are hearts full of light and of sweetness When no longer their life current flows, Still their goodness lives on with the living Like the soul of the star and the rose."

In the words of another, "Every person born into this world is a new thought of God, an ever fresh and radiant possibility." God's thought for Mrs. Mast was a personality full of sunshine and smiles, joy and cheerfulness; one that should accept Christ as her Saviour at an early age and continue to "advance in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" as a member of the Valle Crucis Methodist Church. Just as salt works quietly and unnoticed, but none the less surely and positively in its preserving activities; so she labored in an unassuming and inconspicuous, but none the less thorough and effective way as she went about the task of her home as a wife and mother. Surely, she was one of those rare beings of whom it may be said, "She was the salt of the earth."

After a siege of illness that stretched into several months, on Sunday evening December 14, 1947, Aunt Nora said to the Master she had served so cheerfully, "I have finished my work, I have kept the faith," and he replied, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant! enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Thus as one of the blessed of her Father, she went to inherit the kingdom prepared for her from the foundation of the world.

"Now the laborer's task is o'er Now the battle day is past; Now upon a fairer shore Lands the voyager at last. Savior, into thy perclous keeping, Leave me now, thy servant, sleeping."

Burley Tobacco Outlook Is Good

Washington — Despite moderately lower marketing quotas and acreage allotments, there is good reason to believe 1948 will be another good year for burley tobacco growers, according to the bureau of agriculture economics. Although sharp drops in exports probably will squeeze flue-cured producers, the prospect of continuing record domestic production of cigarettes—a principal market for burley—promises a substantial demand for burley production.

In its survey of the tobacco situation for 1947 and 1948, the department of agriculture bureau pointed out that while prices for flue-cured leaf last season averaged about 15 per cent less than the preceding year, due largely to the shrinking export markets, burley's average price was up about 20 per cent. Indicating the generally healthy condition of the burley situation, it was pointed out also that the proportion of burley received for government loans was "far below" a year ago.

Domestic production of tobacco products in 1948 likely will be as large or larger than 1947—when cigarette output set a new record of approximately 370 billion, some 17 billion greater than 1946—but leaf exports probably will fall below last year, when they were 25 per cent less than 1946 and 35 per cent under the record year of 1919.

Growers are looking toward the European Recovery program as a means of re-opening the principal foreign export markets, but burley cuts no substantial figure in this picture, although there are definite indications the growing demand for blended cigarettes abroad will bring increased demand for burley if and when large-scale leaf purchases are resumed under ERP.

Burley prices for the 1947 crop have averaged about 48.5 cents per pound, compared with 39.7 cents the year before, the department reported. Good quality leaf, a large proportion of cigarette grades, and large disappearance during 1946-47 were major price factors.

Burley exports set a record during the year ending Sept. 30, 1947. Though supplies for 1947-48 are slightly lower than for 1946-47, they still are large. Government loan stocks of 1946 burley are substantial, and the announced 1948 marketing quota will

mean about 6 or 7 per cent reduction in allotted acreage.

Johnson Again Asks State Bond Issue

Charlotte — State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson in an address here proposed a \$100,000,000 bond issue for North Carolina's secondary roads and a "substantial increase" in teachers' salaries.

Johnson, a candidate for governor in the May Democratic primary, spoke at the opening session of the winter convention of the North Carolina hair dressers and cosmetologists association.

He said the bond issue would be submitted to voters for approval or rejection by either regular session of the general assembly in 1949 or by a special session which could be called earlier.

PATIENT AND ATTENDANT FALL

Rochester, N. Y.—An ambulance attendant was taken to the hospital with his patient when he slipped on a step while carrying her. While carrying Mrs. Ida Levinson, 75, George Warney, the attendant, slipped on a step, fell four steps, landing on his back with his patient on top of him. He suffered minor injuries.

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