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APPALACHIAN HI SCHOOL NEWS

Magazine Sale Reaches \$650

Magazine sales at Appalachian High school have now topped the \$650 mark. Leading in the homeroom contest is Mr. Petty's seventh grade with \$158; second is Mr. Ross's eleventh grade with \$117; and third, Mrs. Matthews' eighth grade with \$84.

In the contest for individual students selling the greatest amount in subscriptions, Bob Gilley is leading closely followed by Phil McGuire, Helen Parker, and Fairy Lunceford.

Annual Picnic

Mr. Strawbridge of the Strawbridge Finishing Company of Durham was at the high school several days this week to take pictures for the high school annual, the Laurel. Individual, group, senior and faculty pictures and portraits were made at this time.

Band Trips To Elkin

The Appalachian High school band, under the direction of Mr. Roy R. Blanton, made the trip to Elkin Friday night.

The snappy forty-seven piece band marched on to the field and formed and "E" for Elkin and an "A" for Appalachian.

This coming Friday afternoon a parade will be held featuring the A. H. S. band under the direction of Mr. Blanton and the

Valdese band under the direction of George Wilson, a former student of A. S. T. C. and student director of Appalachian High school band.

The band members have been selling calendars and listings in cooperation with the Boone Lions Club. Two hundred and fifty calendars and three hundred seventy-five listings have already been sold. Let's buy these calendars and listings and support the band.

F. F. A. News

The Field Day contest was held at the Appalachian High school Monday October 2. There were eleven schools represented. Lancing got first place in the contest, and Jefferson got second.

The following boys of Appalachian High participated: Wade Miller, who got first place in chinning; he also ran the 50 yard dash. Elton Greer the 100 yard dash, Wade Lewis the base ball throw, Kermit Ashley the high jump and the broad jump, Melvin Greene and Robert Bodenheimer the horse shoe pitchers.

Publicity Committee Plans Years Program

The first official meeting of the student-faculty publicity committee of Appalachian High school was held this week with

the following members present: Miss Adams, Mr. Bingham, Mr. Ross, Jimmy Holshouser, Cecil Greene, and Patsy McGuire.

The main topic for discussion was, "In what ways can we let the community know of school happenings." The following suggestions were made through the P. T. A. bulletin, the Democrat, the Appalachian High Life, and station W. A. T. A. Members of the committee were assigned to cover specific departments and phases of school life.

Letter From Former Student Of A. H. S.

Fort Knox, Kentucky
September 29, 1950

Dear Mr. Wey:

I guess you thought I had forgotten about you and the High School, but to prove that I haven't, I have written my life's history and included in it my high school history as I saw it there. Seriously I realize and appreciate now more than ever what you did for me. I guess a guy doesn't really realize who his friends are and what they are doing for him until he is gone. I had foolish idea that what I learned was for your benefit and not mine. I realize now that I was sadly mistaken. I believe now though that the greatest education a man ever gets is when he wakes up and realizes what he doesn't know rather than what he does know.

I hope you are having a good school year. And I wish the football team all the luck in the world.

Tell all the faculty and students that I said "Hello." I like the army very much. I am taking training to be a tank driver which is really a lazy man's job and I guess I am well suited for that. Remember how I used to grumble over the chow in the lunch room? Well, brother, I would really like to have one of those meals now.

We had a contest here in our company last week. Everyone wrote his life's history and the one who was judged first won a prize. I thought you might like to know that I won first prize.

Well, I guess I had better close for now as Uncle Sam insists upon my being in bed at 9 o'clock. Tell all the boys to study hard and when they get away from home they can write



OUCH TEST! . . . The GI at Death Valley is P. F. C. B. W. Whisman of Fort Lee, Va., whose reaction to the 144-degree sand and 117-degree sun is recorded for use in making desert uniforms.

home without making all the mistakes I do.

As ever,
Just Plain old Dale Gross

Blue Devils And Elkin Battle To Tie

Appalachian's Blue Devils tallied three times in the first half and then held off an Elkin drive late in the third quarter as they fought to a 19-19 tie last Friday night at Elkin.

The Blue Devils scored quickly as Paul Richardson went off tackle on the first play from scrimmage and went 70 yards for the TD. Appalachian kicked off and Elkin flumbled on their 30 yard line. Then Charles Taylor passed to Bobby Ray who crossed the Elkin goal line for the second time in three minutes. Taylor again passed to Ray for the extra point.

Elkin fought back, scoring three tallies, and in the fourth quarter drove to the Apps' two yard line where Harbin Moretz recovered a fumble to end the

drive. This Friday the Blue Devils play host to Valdese in a Highland conference game.

Biology News

Each student taking biology this year is responsible for raising one plant and one animal in the biology laboratory. The student will make a special study of the plant and animal which he has chosen. Three beneficial things should come from these individual projects: 1. The individual student will become acquainted fully with a plant and an animal; 2. Students who have difficulty in learning from a textbook will be given the opportunity to learn through observation and participation; and 3. The plants and animals can be used by the classes in their group studies.

Many of the students have already developed a great deal of pride in their plant and their animal.

Cheerleaders Parents Organize

Last Monday night the cheerleader's parents met and organized as the Cheerleader's Parents Club. A parent was present for each cheerleader which gave 100% representation of our parents.

Two committees were appointed to take care of immediate problems which are facing our cheerleaders. Mrs. Jack Gragg, Mary Franks' mother, will act as chairman of the uniforms committee. She will be assisted by Mrs. Bina Graham, Jimmie's mother and Mrs. Wilson Norris, Neva Ann's mother.

Mrs. Carlos Delima, Joanne Pat's mother, is chairman of the organization committee. She is assisted by Mrs. Gray Hartley, Ruby Lee's mother and Mrs. Rob Rivers, Jane's mother. It will be the purpose of this committee to call meetings as they are needed to discuss problems which are arising concerning the cheerleaders squad.

Mr. Wilson Norris and Captain Carlos Delima were present at the meeting. Other meetings will be planned so that all Dads' can attend since it was impossible for the other Dad's to be present on Monday evening. After the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Tripp.

A grand beginning has been made by this group by coming together and discussing their common problems and interests. The cheerleaders' squad can well be proud of the type of interest and cooperation shown by each parent and the parents in turn have much to be proud of in the showing which the cheerleaders have made so far this year.

Class Visits Bank and Building & Loan Association
In the past two weeks members of the general business

classes have visited both the Northwestern Bank and the new offices of the Building & Loan Association. These visits were made in connection with a unit of study on money and banking. Mr. Alfred Adams and Mr. Watt Gragg of the Bank and Building & Loan, respectively, showed these students around and explained the functions of banking and a loan agency.

English Classes Visit Printing Office

September 20th Miss Well's English classes visited the printing office. This was done in connection with a unit in journalism in order that the classes might learn more about the printing of a newspaper.

The classes were directed through the various parts of the newspaper office by the three

men at work at that time: Joe Minor, operator, printer; Bill Rush, pressman, printer; and Ernie Lewis, operator, printer.

The different processes of printing a paper that were shown to the class were the linotype machines that cut the letters and arrange them in molds; the roller printing press which prints, folds and cuts paper; and the casting box which melts the used lead so that it can be used again to make more letters.

JOBLESS PAY

For the first time in eighteen months, unemployment insurance collections during July and August were more than the amount paid out, by a total of \$137,000,000. The improvement resulted from a sharp increase in job opportunity, according to the Labor Department.

VAUGHN MONROE
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