

COVE CREEK HI SCHOOL NEWS

The following seniors have made application for the Angier Duke Scholarship which provides for a four year course of study at Duke University, Jack Billings, Benny Mast, Lottie Stout, Anne Henson, Ruby Mast, Doris Love, Marjorie Mast and Sue Vance. If accepted these applicants will be given tests and then called in for personal interviews sometime in February.

Under an agreement with Westinghouse Electric a new range has been installed in the Home Economics department to replace one placed in the department last year. This is a five year plan with a new model being installed each year.

David Horton and Pat Mast, home for the holidays from Wake Forest College, were visitors at the school this week.

The deadline on payment of insurance premiums has been set for Thursday of this week. A wonderful opportunity is being offered parents and it is hoped that a sufficient number will join throughout the county to justify the company in providing the policy.

The second issue of the school newspaper, The Wacovian, was distributed last week.

Jerry Adams, former graduate, and R. C. Baird, a former student now stationed at Camp Jackson were visitors in the community over the week-end.

Fuller Horton has resigned his position with the State Highway Commission and accepted a position in the engineering division of Winston-Salem.

Distinction List

The distinction list for the second six weeks' term follows:

Eighth grade: Lee Bryan, Patsey Farthing, Howard Mast, Dem Aldridge, Joanne Hollars, Marie Tester, Betty Thomas, Ralph Earp, Clay Verne Greene, Johnny Mast, Betty Ann Beach, Shelby Brown, Edith Harmon, Shelby Rominger, Shirley Rominger, Joan Thomas, Jeanette Stansbury, Mary Sue Wilson, Ann Wilson, Peggy Adams, Johnny Fletcher, Ernest Greene, June Knipf, Larry Shock and Georgia Swift.

Ninth grade: George Mast, Benny McDonald, Douglas Henson, Clifford Glenn, Bobby Mast, Stephen Pierce, Jack Simpson, Leslie Tester, Emily Brewer, Lucy Dean Earp, Louise Greene, Emma J. Hagaman, Mary Anne Hagaman, Shirley Henson, Joyce Kerns, Grace McCauley, Jeanette Osborne, Joyce Perry, Ruby Presnell, Mary Ann Saunders, Lois Teague, Dollie Teems, Shirley Williams and Donna Wilson.

Tenth Grade: Walter Potter, Bobby Gore, J. C. Tester, Louise Mitchell, Frankie Oliver, Geneva Pennell, Linda Townsend and Betty Jo Wilson.

Eleventh grade: Dale Brewer, Herndon Mast, Freddie Young, Kathryn Clay, Virginia Cooke, Evelyn Greer, Dorothy Hatley, Peggy Stokes, Rose Pierce and Doris Vance.

Twelfth grade: Jack Billings, Kenneth Perry, Betty Ruth Hagaman, Anne Henson, Doris Love, Marjorie Mast, Ruby Mast, Ruth Minton, Doris Perry, Lucy Saunders, Mildred Saunders, Lottie Stout, Betty Jean Tester and Sue Vance.

Free Tree Seedlings Are Still Available

North Carolina 4-H Club members have ordered less than one-tenth of the free tree seedlings available to them, according to John E. Ford, assistant extension forester at State College.

Of the 1,175,000 seedlings to be given to 4-H Club members, only 88,000 have been ordered. Ford urges that applications for the young trees be submitted as soon as possible.

Only 26,000 shortleaf pine seedlings remain to be distributed. Ford suggests that those who want to plant them and who live in areas where these seedlings are available should order them at once. Other seedlings available in the districts to which they were allotted are: loblolly pine, 959,400; shortleaf pine, 36,000; and white pine, 93,000.

Of the 14 counties which have taken advantage of the offer already, Caldwell county leads in number of seedlings ordered. Club members in that county have ordered a total of 17,000 of which 18,500 are white pine. Cleveland has ordered the second largest number, a total of 12,500, all of them shortleaf.

Club members interested in obtaining free pine seedlings should see their county farm agent for further information.

Clingmans Dome (6,642 feet) in the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina is the highest point on the 2,000-mile Appalachian Trail which skirts mountain ridges from Maine to Georgia.

I REMEMBER BY THE OLDTIMERS

From Mrs. Mary Stewart of Chicago: I remember when Mother would buy five cents worth of asafotida (a foul-smelling, waxy substance), break off small pieces and sew them in little bags, which were pinned on our undershirts to ward off contagion. One glimpse of a contagious disease sign on a door sent us school kids scurrying diagonally out on the street so we wouldn't pass the house.



From O. O. Clayton of Monroeville, Ind.: I remember the old ashbarrel that stood on a sloping platform in the corner of the yard. The bottom was knocked out and a layer of straw was placed inside the barrel. It was my job to carry all the wood ashes from the old cookstove and fill the barrel. Then I carried water and poured it over the potash. The brown water was stored in earthen jars until butchering time. Then it was used to make soft soap out of the waste fats. Mother proportioned the ingredients, but it was my job to keep the old iron kettle boiling out by the wood pile until the soap was done.

About Your Home By FRANCES DELL

The buffet supper has become a big favorite in America because it is a solution to the problem of how to be hospitable though servanless.

Granted that the lap supper is a fine way to entertain a large group, it seems at times that we are abandoning formality to a point where informality does not make sense. For example, why make guests juggle plates in their laps if the group is small enough to be seated at the dining table? The fact that there is no maid to serve is not a very good excuse.

Also, there is no reason why guests must suffer mushy dishes that require only a fork for eating. The answer is—a semi-buffet. This is nothing new, for many people have been entertaining guests in this manner for years. However, it seemed to have been forgotten in the current craze for the buffet supper.

At the semi-buffet the guests serve themselves from the sideboard before taking their places at the dining table to eat their dinner. At a smoothly run semi-buffet the hostess will leave the table only once during the meal. This will be to remove the plates of the first course to bring on the second.

A good menu for a semi-buffet dinner could be:

- Roast beef
- Rice with gravy
- Peas—grilled tomatoes
- Fresh fruit salad
- Coffee—Lemon-cheese cake.

All of these dishes can be prepared before the guests arrive and served with a minimum of effort.

Obviously "My poor husband was a wonderful artist," sighed the landlady as she hacked at the piecrust, "and always said he found inspiration in my cooking."

"A sculptor, I presume," said the gloomy boarder, surveying his bent fork.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having qualified as the administrator of the estate of R. T. Palmer, late of the county of Watauga, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to me for payment within twelve months of the date hereof, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment. This Dec. 18, 1950.
MRS. R. T. PALMER, Admxc.
12-21-50

SOIL CONSERVATION NOTES

The United States has wasted its precious soil resources at a faster rate than any other nation or race that ever attempted extensive agricultural practices. One-fifth of the tillable land in the nation is now ruined for further cultivation, with one-third of the remaining area badly damaged by erosion. This great loss of soil has mostly occurred in the last one-hundred years.

America must check soil erosion within the next few years if we expect to grow sufficient food and fibers to adequately feed and clothe our ever increasing population. There still remains enough available land to do this job if proper use is made of it.

Our nation has the know-how to whip the problem of soil erosion. Through the work of experiment stations and by results on many thousands of farms it has been shown that proper land use methods can be applied to solve the soil and water problems of our country.

Everyone has a vital stake in our soil, whether he be farmer, factory worker, or business man. By conserving our soil and water resources the farmer can produce abundantly and at reasonable cost to insure ample food at reasonable prices for Americans now and in future years.

Local farmers felt the need to speed up erosion control and formed the Watauga Soil Conservation District. The District is controlled by three supervisors that are elected by local farmers to administer such a program. These supervisors have the support of all agricultural agencies and are supplied technical assistance by Soil Conservation Service to carry out their program in the county.

THEFT COLLECTIONS High for State

Raleigh.—Theft Bureau inspectors collected a total of \$28,918.43 in penalties and additional license fees during November, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported this week.

Of the amount, \$3,546.61 came from additional license fees and \$8,536.50 from penalties on privately owned trucks. For hire vehicles brought in \$11,168.05 in additional license fees, with penalties amounting to \$7,607.31.

Members of the Theft Bureau assisted in the recovery of 68 stolen cars during the month and began investigations into the thefts of 41.

Of the 3,223 trucks stopped, 2,337 were North Carolina trucks and 776 out-of-state trucks. One hundred and ninety-three trucks were found to have insufficient licenses, with 173 of these having North Carolina license plates and 20 out-of-state. Of the 59 trucks found to be over the road limit, 35 were North Carolina trucks and 24 out-of-state.

FARM NOTES

An average price of \$549 per head was paid for 88 head of registered Hereford beef cattle entered in the recent State sale at Winston-Salem. The sale was considered one of the most successful ever held in the State.

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farmers 25.1 billion dollars, about 2 per cent less than in the same period last year. Prices averaged a little higher but the volume sold was down about 6 per cent.

About one-fourth less beets are expected to be harvested this winter than last. Kale supplies in prospect are one-tenth smaller. The spinach crop is much larger than last winter's short crop.

Tests by agricultural engineers of the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicate that tire lug height makes noticeable differences in the way a farm tractor performs, but rim width has little effect. The engineers caution, however, that their conclusions apply only in the soil types and conditions and with the particular tire-tread design used in their experiments.

North Carolina has about 4,000 fewer bee colonies this year than in 1949, according to a report by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. A further decline is expected next year.

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