

# News Happenings At Appalachian High

Appalachian High School now has its own sound room. Mr. Merrill Snyder and Mr. Boyd Dougherty assembled and equipped this room for the use of the high school in making radio broadcasts and recordings. From now on the Blue Devil Diary will originate at the high school building.

**Nursing**  
Mrs. Len Hagaman and Mrs. Gladys B. Payne met with all Appalachian High School girls interested in nursing as a career, on Wednesday, February 21. Mrs. Hagaman, chairman of the Watauga County Nurses Auxiliary, told the girls about a scholarship available in this medical district, which includes six or seven counties. One Appalachian High School girl will be recommended and can apply for this scholarship. She will compete with girls from other schools.

Mrs. Payne, a 1948 Appalachian High School graduate, talked about high school requirements for admission to nurses' school. She also told about some activities, courses, opportunities, and specialized nursing for girls while training. The thirteen girls who attended the meeting will be taken on a tour of the hospital within the next two weeks.

**Blue Devils Diary Broadcast**  
The Blue Devils Diary broadcast at 9:45 on Friday, March 12 and March 19 will feature speakers from the debate squad. The topic for discussion will be: "Should the President of the United States be Chosen by Direct Vote of the People?" On March 12 the "Electoral College" system of election, which the United States now uses, will be explained and on March 19 a debate as to whether or not this system should be exchanged for direct election will be staged. Other forthcoming activities of the Debate Club include appearance of some squad members on the Lions Club program for March 16; the appearance of other members on the Rotary Club program for March 25; and the regular Triangular Debates with Jefferson and Lansing on March 26.

**Classes Visit Asheville**  
Members of the World History classes and of the Art Club made a tour of Asheville and Biltmore Estates on Tuesday, March 9. They went on the Activities Bus, leaving the high school at six o'clock in the morning and returning at ten that night. Mr. Lionel Watson was the driver. Some places visited included, of course, the Biltmore Castle and Estate, where many items of historic and artistic interest were seen; the St. Lawrence Cathedral; the Asheville Citizen-Times; Radio Station WWNC; and several other very interesting places. Accompanying the students on the trip were Miss Mellicent Huneycutt, Mr. Scruggs, and Mr. Baird Buchanan, who is doing his student teaching at the high school this quarter.

**Barter Production**  
Members of all high school English classes took time off from routine class work on Monday, March 8, to see the Barter Theater production of "Two Gentlemen of Verona," a play by William Shakespeare. This brilliant, but rather artificial play, was done with great verve and youthfulness of interpretation by the four "stars," Lauen Farr, as Valentine; Jerry Oddo as Proteus; Kay Kendall as Julia; and Peggy Collins as Sylvia. Appalachian High School students had heard enough about the play in advance that the production was meaningful and exciting to them.

**New Student Teachers**  
Miss Jane Bullock, English, Miss Akers.  
Miss Jean Bullock, English, Mr. Ross.  
Mrs. Scottie McMillan, English, Mr. Hardy.  
Mr. Baird Buchanan, Social Studies, Miss Huneycutt.  
Mr. John Woodruff, Science, Mr. Robinson.  
Mr. Albert Walsh, Commerce, Mrs. Tully, Mrs. Hadden.  
Mr. Mack Haynes, Physical Education, Social Studies, Mr. Gentry and Mr. Everett.  
Miss Barbara Brooks, Physical Education, Miss Guy.  
Miss Patricia Hankley, Home Economics, Mrs. Dougherty.

**FINDS OLD BOTTLE**  
Block Island, R. I.—John Phillips recently found a bottle which, in the past 18 years, had traveled from the Mississippi River in Tennessee to this island 10 miles off the Rhode Island mainland. The sealed, airtight bottle contained a note, saying Eugene S. Noel, of Clayton, Mo., threw the bottle into the Mississippi on January 15, 1936, and would pay the finder \$2. So Phillips mailed the note to Noel.

## Hints Given On Chick Raising

A quality chick should possess through inheritance the ability to live, grow and perform. But these profitable characteristics may be torn down in a very short time by careless and indifferent management, according to R. S. Dearstyne.

Dearstyne, head of the department of poultry science at N. C. State College, says there are many ways in which the poultryman can retain in his chicks their inbred characteristics of vitality and production.

One sure way is to feed them a balanced diet. A chick at the time of hatch will weigh about two ounces. At three pound weight, which should be reached in 10 to 12 weeks, the chick will have increased its weight 2,400 per cent. Growth is obtained solely from the feed entering the chick's body. The diet must contain the proper type as well as the right amount of protein, carbohydrates, fats, minerals, and vitamins if the desired end is to be reached.

To secure such a diet is not difficult as there are many reputable brands of mash on the market which should supply all the necessary food factors. The great possibility of poor results in feeding lies in not having adequate feeding space at the start and in failing to increase this as the birds grow larger. Chicks should have one-half inch feeding space for the first three weeks and this should be doubled from that time until the eleventh week.

Secondly, chickens may go without feed for days and still live, but if deprived of water they soon die. Healthy chicks will drink if clean water is conveniently available and ample drinking space is supplied. Research indicates that, dependent on diet the average water consumption of 100 chicks ranges from 2.8 to 3.7 gallons per day. Chicks should have three half-gallon founts per 100 chicks for the first three weeks and two three-gallon founts or one four-foot trough from then on through the tenth week.

The chicken is a relatively small animal. It has, however, a high metabolism rate and its requirements from fresh air are high in comparison to other animals. About 3.5 per cent of the

air exhaled by the chicken is carbon dioxide. If carbon dioxide is inhaled consistently, even in a relatively small quantity by chickens, there is developed a depression and because of this a slowing up of body activities. Quality disappears in the chick. This emphasizes the necessity of carefully controlled ventilation. There should be a constant inflow of fresh air without direct drafts on the birds if health is to be maintained. Good ventilation also is one of controlling factors of wet litter. It is a fundamental health measure.

A quality chick, as far as possible, must be a disease-free chick. The work of the N. C. Department of Agriculture in blood-testing for pullorum carries has reduced the chances of pullorum in chicks to a very low level. However, diseases other than pullorum may occur in chicks. The efforts of the poultryman should be pointed largely toward the prevention of disease. This is best accomplished through good sanitation and careful management. Many thousands of quality chicks perish each year because managerial errors have reduced vitality to the extent that disease outbreaks have occurred.

## Population, Food Gains In Line

Although population in the United States has increased 29 million since 1940, food production has more than kept pace, according to H. D. Godfrey, state ASC administrative officer.

On a per capita basis the present estimated population of 161 million eats 15 per cent more food than in the period just prior to 1940. It is significant, says Godfrey, that most of the increase in food production has come since the Agricultural Conservation Program started providing the means and encouragement for farmers to carry out soil and water conservation practices.

Godfrey hastens to add, however, that he doesn't mean to give the ACP all the credit. But the conservation practices carried out by the farmers cooperating in the program "have been a major factor."

Production figures show that except for potatoes there was no significant increase in the per acre yield of any major crop in all the 70 years before 1937, says Godfrey. Since then the per acre yield of all major crops has gone

up. Godfrey gives a great deal of credit for increased yields to the work of agricultural scientists. Improved varieties, better fertilization, more effective means of controlling disease, insects and weeds, and better soil management have gone a long way in providing the increases. Educational services have provided farmers with a strong background of information. The ACP, with its elected farmer-committees in every county in the state and with its direct financial assistance has provided a means of getting quick action by farmers.

Looking at it from this standpoint, Godfrey says the ACP is a

consumer program as well as a farm program. "The program gives assurance that an increasing population can continue, to eat well."

## BIG BOND SALES

The Treasury Department has opened its 1954 savings bond sales campaign with the objective of marketing \$5,400,000,000 worth of the familiar "E" and "H" types this year. The goal set is about \$1,000,000,000 more than the 1953 sales, when more bonds were bought than in any year since 1946. The Treasury will seek to "deemphasize" the \$25 bond and stress the \$100 denomination.

The growth of North Carolina's livestock industry represents one of the most important changes in the history of southern agriculture.

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## Statement of Financial Affairs for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

### RECEIPTS

	WHITE DIVISION	COLORED DIVISION
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1952	\$291,350.55	\$ 945.17
Total Assessments Collected	59,654.79	5,370.10
No. of New Members at 25c (White 4,916) (Col. )	1,229.00	189.75
Interest on Stocks and Bonds	1,864.50	
Total Receipts	\$ 62,748.29	\$5,559.85
Net Differences of Advance Assessments	2,780.57	224.95
Receipts	\$ 65,528.86	\$5,784.80
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$356,879.41	\$6,729.97

### DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 7,585.20	
Collection Commissions	1,196.44	
Miscellaneous Expenses	6,132.05	.52
Total Expenses	\$ 14,913.69	\$ .52
Death Benefits Paid (White 396) Col. 55)	42,050.00	5,750.00
Membership Fees Paid Agents	1,229.00	189.75
Total Disbursements	58,192.69	\$5,940.27
BALANCE TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$298,686.72	\$ 789.70

### ASSETS

Cash On Hand	\$ 2,329.66	\$ 152.17
Deposits Bank of North Wilkesboro	1,943.75	637.53
U. S. Savings Bonds	131,423.31	
Building and Loan Stocks	162,990.00	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$298,686.72	\$ 789.70

### LIABILITIES

Advance Assessments	\$ 14,821.14	\$ 605.25
Surplus	283,865.58	184.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$298,686.72	\$ 789.70

I hereby certify that the information given in the foregoing report is true and correct to the personal knowledge of the undersigned.

W. K. STURDIVANT, Secretary-Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of February, 1954.

ANNA JEAN GARWOOD, Notary Public.  
My commission expires 11-20-54.

It is a joy when you come to your people year after year with the good news that we are growing and really be able to prove it. Your Secretary spent a good portion of six weeks in Raleigh the early part of 1953 in order to help you have the opportunity to increase your insurance, and with the help of your fine representatives and senators, came home in late April with that privilege assured.

It was our feeling that you wanted it, and needed it to help you carry the increased cost of merchandise and services when a little financial assistance means so much, and you have proven our thinking, by confidence and action, as more than 25,000 of you have already doubled your protection with Reins-Sturdivant Mutual Burial Association.

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Yes, 21 years ago we believed in you; and the fact that you are with us, with your confidence, your money, your cooperation, your patience and your endurance, encourages us to dig and make it more helpful each year.

I am most grateful to every one of you, to the Board of Directors who have given of their time and thought to make of your Association the outstanding one in the state (or in any state) and to the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home (Your Official Funeral Director) who has through the years made it possible for you to have a Burial Association, and who has, I sincerely believe, served you honestly, conscientiously and well.

# SPECIAL!

PAPER TOWELS	25c NOTEBOOK PAPER
4 Rolls ..... 39c	2 Pkgs. .... 35c
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