

# News Of The Week At Appalachian Hi School

National Education Week was observed at Appalachian High School November 8-12. Open House for parents on Thursday evening, November 11, climaxed the celebration. Highlight of the evening was the play, "I'm A Fool," written by Sherwood Anderson. Mr. Bill Ross, teacher of dramatics and English, directed the play, which starred Mark Hodges as the fool, with a supporting cast of Billie Leigh Wilson, Betty Ruth Hodges, Ann Cottrell, Becky Bingham, S. G. Tugman, J. M. Cullers, and Robert Bingham.

Following the play, parents visited the various rooms where the teachers displayed work of the students. Fine displays were observed in Mr. Rogers U. S. History classroom and in Mr. Robinson's Biology classroom. At 8:45 a reception for the parents was held in the study hall. Mrs. Katherine Dougherty served as hostess.

Decorations in yellow, green, and white carried out the theme of Education Week.

**R. G. Tugman Chosen Rotary Boy**  
S. G. Tugman, a senior from Mr. Gentry's homeroom, was selected Rotary Boy from Appalachian High School this month. S. G. was guest to the Rotary Club supper, served at Kirk's Barbecue. To be elected as Rotary boy is a high honor. Each month the Rotary Club chooses one senior boy to be their guest at their program.

**National Book Week**  
This week, November 14-20, is being observed as National Book Week at Appalachian High School. Among other newsworthy events is the bulletin board contest among homerooms, with awards for the best bulleting boards on Book Week. A book review contest is being sponsored in each English class, with a theater pass

for the winner.

### Randy Maddux To Play In Optimists Bowl

Randy Maddux, Blue Devil full-back, has been chosen to play in the Optimist Bowl game on November 25 at Asheville. This game, sponsored by the Optimist Club of Asheville, raises funds to help crippled children. Randy will play on the East squad, which will be coached by Burton Barger of Valdese. He goes to Asheville for workouts on November 19, and the Optimist Club will provide entertainment for him.

### Council Sponsors Barn Dance

The Appalachian High School Student Council is sponsoring an old-fashioned "Barn Dance" in the high school gym on Friday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p. m. Music for the dance will be furnished by J. M. Cullers and his "hillbilly" band. Features of the program for the evening's entertainment are square dancing, cake walks, comedy acts by talented high school students, and quartet singing.

Admission to the dance will be 35c per person. Guests have been asked to wear "hillbilly" costumes in keeping with the Barn Dance theme.

## News From Willow Valley Section

Mrs. Sam Atkins has returned to her home in Boone, from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Custer Ward, of this community.

Mrs. Clark Swift has recently undergone an operation at the Watauga Hospital. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Norris were called to Greensboro Saturday afternoon due to the fact that a grandchild was injured seriously in a farm tractor accident. The child is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris of Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Dial of Charlotte were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Custer Ward.

The stock volume is highest for an October since 1950.

## Windy Gap News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Trivett and Iva Kay were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harmon last Sunday.

Miss Georgia Trivett is at home this week. She has been employed in Johnson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Ward visited friends at Sugar Grove last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Trivett spent last week end in Avery County.

Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cannon were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Conrad of Lenoir, Mrs. Chole Presnell of Sugar Grove and a Mrs. Davis from Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Harmon of Avery County and Mrs. Henry Oaks spent last Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hegie Tester of Boone spent Sunday in this community.

Rev. Ben Hicks preached to a large congregation at Zion Hill Church last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Anderson of Doe Valley, Tennessee were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Harmon last Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Payne visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Harmon last Sunday.

Statistical samples indicate that as of April 1, 1954, there were 21.9 million people living on farms in the United States. In 1951 there were 24.2 million. This is a reduction of close to 10 per cent in 3 years.

## Drought Shows Old Town Butler

Butler, Tenn., Nov. 12—The old mountain town of Butler began peeping through the surface of drought-stricken Watauga Lake today for the first time since it was covered in late 1948.

Resident of Butler abandoned their homes when the Tennessee Valley Authority closed Watauga Dam, and most of them took up residence at the nearby community of Carderview, which was rechristened Butler. A few moved to

other homes.

The lake, feeding on springs and small mountain streams, has been falling for months. It reached 1,846.64 feet above sea level today, lowest point since the lake was formed and about 100 feet below normal.

Ernest Slem, Johnson County superintendent of roads, said former residents of the old town are coming back every day or so to see if they can pick out their old homes.

If the water continues to recede, they may hold an informal homecoming in a few days and Slem said if they do he will run a road grader over the old road to clear

a pathway for them. The lake is located in extreme northwest Tennessee.

Gen. Collins faces a tough task in Vietnam.

A Commerce Department study indicated that so-called "discount houses" gross \$25,000,000,000 annually, and that their 18 per cent share of all retail trade is rising steadily.

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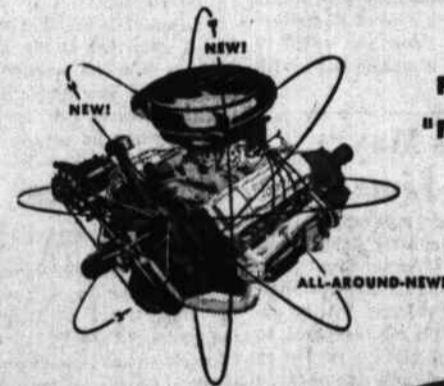
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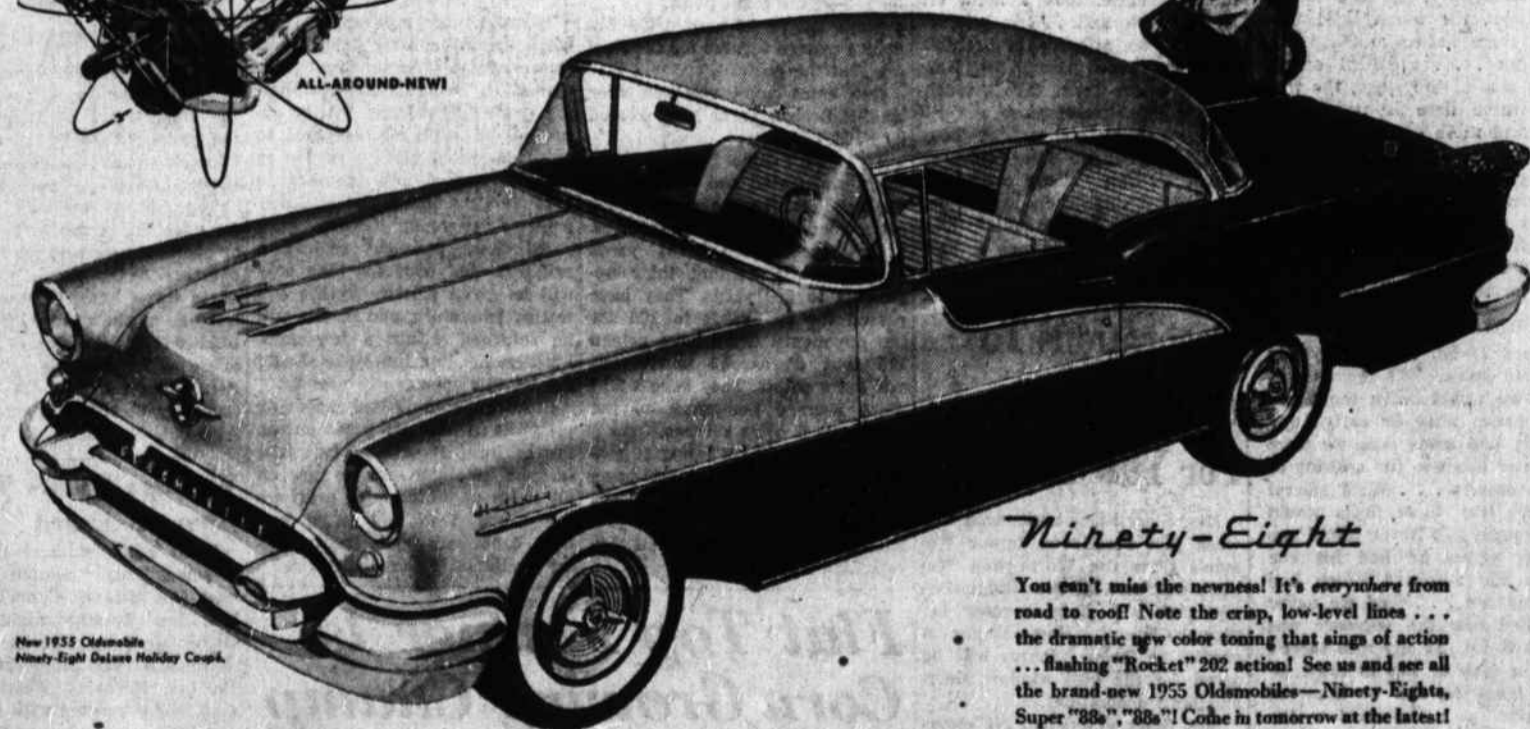
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