

News Happenings From Valle Crucis School

We have been having unusually good attendance in our school this fall. Some of our teachers are having perfect attendance part of the time. We are making every effort to help our pupils see the necessity of being at school and using their time wisely.

Softball Games
Mr. James, Greene, principal, has helped to organize two softball teams. Last Friday the Green Valley boys came over and played our boys, losing to our team by a narrow margin. This week we took both our teams, boys and girls, to return the game. This time they gave both our teams a walloping. We plan to play the Parkway teams soon.

Summer School Notes
Mrs. Grace B. Campbell, our fourth grade teacher, completed her requirements for master's degree this summer, graduating with a large number at the close of the session. Three of our teachers now have their M. A., the others being Mrs. Ruby Michael, and Mrs. Maxie Edmisten. Other teachers in our school are working toward theirs.

New Building
Our new school building is about to become a reality. We have been peering in and taking note of the lovely new colors in the classrooms—light blue, tan, pink, yellow, and green. In just a few days now, some of our pupils will be moving in with their teachers. Besides five new classrooms, we have a new lunchroom.

Lunches
Speaking of lunchrooms and lunches, we have been having wholesome and appetizing lunches every day. They are prepared for us by Mrs. Lee Ward and Mrs. Coy Love. One day we had meat loaf, potatoes, green peas, cole slaw, hot biscuits, and cherry cobbler.

PTA
Mrs. Pansy Taylor is our program chairman. The theme for the year's programs is "Our Children—For Them We Build." At the first meeting, our guest speaker was Rev. Mr. Troutman who spoke on the influences of the home, the church, the school, and the community, with the home taking the most important part. Mr. Troutman always inspires us to greater efforts in the children's behalf.

ing and playing together. Most of us are here every day. Branda Storie was sick for a week. We are glad she is well.

We like our mothers to visit our room. These came this month: Mrs. Romie Storie, Mrs. Elmer Fox, Mrs. E. A. Johnson, and Mrs. Robert Greene.

We are learning how to take care of ourselves. We keep clean, eat our lunch, and put our clothes up. We are careful on the bus and at school. We try to make our friends happy.

Mrs. Pansy Taylor's Second Grade
We have 30 students in our class. Diane Shores is a new student in our school. She comes to us from the Turnersville School of Statesville.

Our grade mothers for this year are Mrs. Homer Shores, Mrs. Wade Houck, and Mrs. Ingle Ford. We are happy we won the book for having the most parents present at our first PTA meeting.

We are having fun collecting interesting things for our Science Corner. We are now collecting insects, naming them, and mounting them on boards.

Mrs. Bingham's First And Second Grades
We have 25 in our room. Twelve girls and six boys have perfect attendance for the first six weeks; we are all happy and like school very much. Our main interest is learning to read, but we are also enjoying writing, making our numbers, and drawing. Our science stories have been very interesting. We are keeping a weather chart for the month of October.

We are very proud to have nine of our parents as members of the Valle Crucis PTA.

Our grade mothers are Mrs.

Henry Michael, Mrs. Roy Wallace, and Mrs. Cecil Preshell.

Mrs. Horton's Third Grade
We have 14 girls and 16 boys in the third grade.

We have been working on a building unit. We first went to see the men working on the new school building. We have watched them work from the time they made the foundation to now. It will soon be finished. We have examined all the materials that have been used. We saw all the tools and machinery. We liked to watch the elevator take heavy pieces of steel up. The men showed us how to make mortar. We also learned how to make plaster.

The roof is made of insulation felt, pitch, and slagg. It will last twenty years. The painters are painting the classrooms this week and putting down the tile floors. We have learned many new words. This week we drew pictures of houses.

Mrs. Campbell's Fourth Grade
In science we have been studying about the earth.

We have begun a Science Museum in our room. We have found a variety of interesting specimens. One of the most interesting phases of this work has been that of collecting and identifying rocks and minerals. We have found a great many kinds of stones. Some of them are mica, quartz, fool's gold, iron ore imbedded in coal, granite, red, yellow, and white flint, limestone, gneiss, and a few sandstone pebbles. We have one stone made up of layers of different colors.

We plan to arrange and label these next week. We have also drawn pictures and written stories about rocks and minerals.

We are keeping a notebook entitled "Science Museum Notes", in

which we keep our stories, news, and pictures.

Mr. Greene's Sixth Grade

The sixth grade has been writing letters. We wrote to a friend and took the letters up to the post office and mailed them. Mr. Farthing told us some things about the post office.

Billy Berry and Phyllis Berry have moved from our school. They are going to Banner Elk.

Our class elected officers for the year. Nancy Hatley was elected president; A. B. Hodges, Jr., vice-president; Carol Hartley, secretary; Maranda Shores, treasurer.

Mrs. Church's Seventh Grade
We are enjoying our original poems and stories. We consider Linda McGuire our star poet and short story writer. We are sending some of her poems and stories to some school magazines. We hope they will be published.

James Shore and Pat Shook are two new students. James is one of our ball players, and a good one he is, too.

We have a harmonica class. We pass out the instruments and blow; sometimes you can hear a tune.

Our grade mothers are Mrs. Dexter Yates, Carolyn's mother; Mrs. Ivy Moore, Dora's mother; and Mrs. Dennis Shore, James' mother.

LIFE EXPECTANCY
The average length of life among America's wage earners and their families has reached an all-time high of 69.8 years, according to statistics compiled by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. This is a gain of almost a full year over 1953. The average length of life in the wage-earner group will probably pass the 72-year mark within a year or two.

Weed Should Not Be Housed Now

Mr. Sterling, Ky. — Tobacco should not be delivered to a warehouse before November 14th, November 14th, according to a warning issued today by Albert G. Clay, President of the Burley Auction Warehouse Association.

"Tobacco which is delivered before this date always loses weight and often fades in color", Clay added.

Tobacco companies have complained about the loss in weight in tobacco that is delivered several weeks before the opening of the market. "This year", Clay stated, "all warehouses have been re-

quested not to receive tobacco before November 14th. Any tobacco received before this date should be reweighed."

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for their kindness and many acts of friendship during my five years in the industry in Watauga County.—C. R. McKinney.

Wool Voting Results Given

The final results of the recent wool referendum showed 40 ballots cast by producers favoring the agreement and two ballots cast against the agreement. The 40 ballots cast for the agreement represented 825 sheep owned by the

producers and the two votes against the agreement represented 30 head.

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10—Watauga River—4 room brick dwelling, 20 acre farm, 8-10 tobacco trees, on river, \$20,000.
11—4 room block, bath, basement, large lot on highway, furnished in yard, \$7500.
12—Bard's Creek—20 acre farm all in grass, new 3 bedroom garage apartment, \$2500.
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16—Cove Creek—3 rooms, bath, basement, 20 acres with creek, 7-10 tobacco trees, barn good road.
17—Near Old Fish Hatchery—10 acres vacant lot, beautiful building site, \$2000.
18—40 acre 14 Parkway section, bottom and hill land, some timber, a bargain.
19—State Road—20 acres grass land just outside city limits, good location, \$2500.
20—Lousie St.—Vacant lot 62x80 adjoining grounds of ABTC, good location, \$2500.
21—3 rooms, bath, basement, about 1 acre level land in east Boone on State Road, \$2500.
22—Perkinsville—3 rooms, bath, well with electric pump, garage, valuable lot, \$2000.
23—Deep Gap—7 room brick dwelling and 10 unit tourist court completely furnished.
24—Green Valley—1 room block house, deep well, 15 acres rippled land, \$2500.
25—A real bargain—1 acre with 4 room cottage and 1/2 acre hickory site, \$2500.
26—Mabel—3 room brick dwelling, 6 acres very fertile bottom land, creek, \$7200.
27—Near Blue Ridge Parkway—74 acres with 3 room farm house, water, good road, \$2500.
28—Shulls Hill Road—Special 3 room dwelling and 4 1/2 acres scenic property, good road, \$4500.
29—West Boone—3 story brick house, 2 bed rooms, 2 baths, beautiful lot, \$18,000.
30—Cove Creek—3 rooms, bath, on 401 fronting school buildings, a real bargain, \$4500.
31—Watauga River—4 rooms and bath, nice lot between highway and river, \$2500.
32—Payne Branch—20 acre farm with all out buildings and equipment, horse, \$2000.
33—Ray Hill—3 bed rooms, basement, furnace, 8 rooms, oak floor, large lot, \$4500.
34—Lansel Park—3 rooms, bath, basement, 2 acres scenic property, paved road, \$2500.
35—Payne Branch—20 acre with good 3 room house, wonderful boundary timber, \$7500.
36—Raynolds Street—1 bed room, bath, garage, basement, all new, lot 50x70, \$11000.
37—St. Mary St.—Brick dwelling, 3 rooms down, 2 up, basement, lot 112x150, \$12500.
38—Appalachian St.—7 rooms, 2 baths, 2 bedrooms, near Boone High School, \$6000.
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