

# Valle Crucis School News

We are always happy when we can go to the auditorium and hear a special music program. Such an opportunity was ours on Friday when the Blowing Rock Glee Club and Band came over and entertained us.

Why, they even brought Elvis Presley and his troupe of singers and rock-n-rollers! Complete with his guitar, too. The Glee Club was under the direction of Mrs. Martin, and the band was under the direction of Bill Greene, science teacher.

Mr. Greene's comments between the numbers were humorous, as well as acquainting us with the various instruments in the band. We hope these musicians will pay us another visit soon.

On Thursday, Mr. James Greene, principal, showed some films on basketball to the boys. He is teaching the larger boys to play the game, as well as the seventh and eighth grade girls. They are enjoying their physical education periods in the gym. Besides basketball, they engage in dodge ball, chin ball, squirrel-in-the-tree, crows and cranes, and other games.

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" someone asked a while ago. It is evident in our school that we think spring is just around the well-known corner. In each of our rooms there is plenty to make one think of spring.

For instance, in Mrs. Ruby Michael's seventh grade room, the students have a superior display entitled "Companion Seasons." Each student chose a picture topic, then drew three scenes of the same basic picture. The first scene shows fall with the leaves in brilliant reds, yellows and browns; the second shows the leaves all gone, the bare branches, the snow on fences and on houses and barns; then comes the lovely awakening scenes of spring. The new leaves are out, the lawns are pretty and green, and the little farm animals are grazing in the pastures. These pupils have demonstrated a delightful lesson in nature.

Mrs. Church's Fifth Grade

We are still traveling and exploring this wonderful country of ours. The last you heard of us we were in Florida, seeing St. Augustine and all its old landmarks.

While we were there, our wagon lost one of its wheels and we had to abandon it, since we weren't able to find a blacksmith, or whoever it is that fixes wheels.

We chartered a plane, and have been looking down on checker-board fields and long winding ribbons of roads and rivers. We are seeing so many, many factories all over the South.

This is amazing to us, since we have just been reading about how everybody used to have to get their shoes from Boston, overalls from New York, and their paper materials from New Jersey. Now those people from up there get their overalls from us down South.

We can see from our plane windows that the South is up-and-coming, and no longer feels inferior to its northern neighbors.

Mrs. Michael's Seventh Grade

We have completed our study of Central America and the West Indies. Our library had several books which gave us additional information. Most of the students in the room enjoy doing research work and making extra reports to the class. All the reports during February have been well prepared and well presented. With the coming of spring we wanted to rearrange our room. We have changed everything around so that we feel that we have finished our spring cleaning. For the past six weeks the seventh grade had seventeen students with perfect attendance. Twelve others have missed only one or two days during the same period. Part of our absences have been due to high waters.

Our practice teacher, Mr. Thomas Green from Blowing Rock, has completed his work with us, and we appreciate all of his help in our classes. We know that he will be a successful teacher, indeed, we feel that he already is one.



A BUSY SESSION IN THE READING CENTER AT ASTC. Left to right, the adults in the picture are Mrs. Cleda Bolick Graham, Mrs. Bessie Hollingsworth, Miss Joyce Ogg, Bill Rhinehart, graduate students; and Umberto Price, director of the center. The children, left to right, are Bill Norris, Mabel Townsend, Larry Keeze, J. E. Joines, Jr., Johnny Payne, Jimmy Cottrell, and Bartlett Dougherty. All these enthusiastic readers are from the Appalachian Elementary School.

# Boone Observes Birthday Of Rotary With Dinner

Boone was linked with more than 9,200 cities and towns on the six continents as the Rotary Club commemorated the 52nd anniversary of the founding of Rotary. The birthday of this world-wide fellowship of business and professional men was celebrated by the local Rotary Club on Thursday, February 28 at Kirk's Restaurant.

Program chairman Bill Bingham said that "Rotary activities throughout the whole world are based on the same general objectives as those of the local club—the development of fellowship among business and professional men, the betterment of communities, leading boys and girls into good citizenship, the promotion of high standards in business and professions, and the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace. The one basic objective of Rotary is its ideal of 'Service' which is to be thoughtful and helpful to others. To attain this objective, Rotary seeks all that which brings people together and avoids all which separates them. This is the reason why Rotary has become a world-wide institution, whose ideals have been accepted by men differing widely in language, customs, and historical backgrounds."

Hugh Hagaman in tracing the growth of Rotary said: "The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer, who suggested the idea to a group of his friends. The name 'Rotary' was selected because the first meeting of the Club were held in rotation in the offices of its members. The Rotary ideas of fellowship and service to others soon spread from city to city in the United States and Canada and then crossed the oceans to every continent. For more than half a century, Rotary has grown in numbers and strength. Today Rotary has a membership of more than 439,000 business and professional men who are members of 9,286 Rotary Clubs in 99 countries."

Jack Lawrence outlined the history of the Boone Club which was organized on October 22, 1948. Of the eighteen charter members, four—Stanley Harris, Wayne Richardson, L. E. Tuckwiller, and Dempsey Wilcox—remain as active members. Present District Governor Stanley Harris was the first president of the Boone Club and he was followed by Watt Gragg, Ray Lawrence, L. E. Tuckwiller, Jim Thompson, Hugh Hagaman, George Greene, Jr., Louis Smith, and Pete Everett.

James Marsh emphasized the importance of community service and how Rotarians are most willing to help the community in any way that they can. Some of the projects that are being carried on or have been carried out in the community by the local club are: a calf program where crippled children receive a calf and in return contribute the first heifer which is then given to another crippled child; sending of two

crippled children to Camp Sky Ranch in the summer; purchase of a croupette which is in use at the Watauga Hospital; selection of an outstanding boy each month from Cove Creek High School and Appalachian High School as 'Rotary Boy of the Month'; taking of Christmas baskets to the needy crippled children and their families; and the purchasing of braces and x-rays for the crippled children of the county.

Phil Vance discussed the concepts of Rotary as they apply to the business world. One of the best ways to conduct a business is to apply the four-way test to everything that you do—1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Bill Carpenter outlined the Chan Memorial Scholarship Fund which has brought eight students to this country from South America and Mexico and has sent two students from North Carolina to Europe to do advanced study. This fund is

# Apps Open Tourney With Cage Victory

The Appalachian "Blue Devils" opened the Tri-County tournament with a 54-44 victory over Healing Springs of Ashe county on March 1.

Although the final margin of victory was 10 points, the outcome was in doubt until the final three minutes. Healing Springs took a two-point lead, 37-25 at halftime after playing nip and tuck for the first 18 minutes.

Appalachian finally took over the lead, 38-36, at the end of the third quarter. In the final stanza, the score was 44-42 with Appalachian on top when Healing Springs switched defenses; from the zone defense they had used the whole game up to that point, to a man-to-man defense. Then things got hot. Bob Wilcox hit a lay-up, and Bob Watkins, the other forward, hit a lay-up, and Bob Watkins, the other forward, hit a jump-shot from the side. Healing Springs hit for a field goal to decrease the margin to 48-44; but Watkins drove in for another lay-up and Wilcox, on the receiving end of a fast break, laid in two more points. That made it 52-44. Watkins sank two free-throws for the final two points.

Wilcox with 21 and Watkins with 20 led the Blue Devils; and Harry Neaves with 16, 12 of which came from the foul line, led Healing Springs.

Cove Creek Game  
Appalachian eased past Cove Creek 26-21 in an unusual contest in the quarter-finals.

Both teams opened up the case cautiously taking few shots.

Paul Yates of Cove Creek hit the first field goal three minutes after the game opened and Jim Hayes of Appalachian countered with a jump shot from the circle a few seconds later. With about a minute left in the first quarter, Yates sank two foul shots to put Cove Creek ahead 4-2, but Jim Hayes tried another jump shot and missed, but Ed Taylor rebounded and laid it in just before the buzzer sounded.

Appalachian pulled away to a 14-7 half-time lead.

In the third quarter Cove Creek

designed to promote the fourth avenue of Rotary International Service. Rotary's first avenue, club service, is to be covered at another meeting.

Louis Smith and Nick Erneston completed the program with a discussion of the main topics covered at the district conference in Morganton the week before.

pulled up to within five points, 22-17, and narrowed it to 22-21 in the early stages of the fourth quarter.

Appalachian then went into a semi-freeze and wasted time for a good shot, which they got with about two minutes left. Jim Hayes then hit a two-pointer. Cove Creek tried a shot, but missed. Appalachian pulled down the rebound and Hayes was fouled. He sank two to put the game on ice.

Bob Watkins pulled down 13 rebounds, and Ed Taylor 7, which was a deciding factor in the victory. Appalachian controlled the backboards with 31 rebounds to

18 for Cove Creek. Jim Hayes led the scoring with 12 points, almost half of the total.

Paul Yates and Dan Isaacs combined for a total of 19 of the 21 points Cove Creek compiled, with Yates sinking 10 and Isaacs 9.

This win pushed Appalachian to the semi-finals where they meet the favorite of the tourney, Beaver Creek.

Appalachian and Cove Creek will probably meet again at Cove Creek, Tuesday, March 12, in the finals of the first annual Watauga County tournament. It should be a thrilling re-match.

### HIRING, QUITTING DOWN

Fewer factory workers quit and fewer were hired in January than in December, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Hiring went down from 30 to 22 per 1,000 and the quit rate from 15 to 10 while layoffs remained substantially unchanged.

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