

Mrs. Washington Lovingood Started School At Hangingdog In 1840's

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Only a few families lived in the Hanging Dog area around 1840, but Mrs. Washington Lovingood, realizing the right of every child to an education, taught her own children and her neighbor's children who lived near enough to come to her home.

Adults were included in the classes of learning to read, write, spell, and cypher. She used her one slate (the only one of the neighborhood) to teach these lessons.

In 1840 the first church of logs, was built, and Mrs. Lovingood continued teaching a class on Sunday in the church.

As time passed and the children grew, Caroline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Lovingood, continued the work of teaching the children on Sundays while the adults studied the Bible. She, Caroline, married the Rev. Edmund Deweese, a missionary to the Indians; but continued her Sunday teaching at the church for many years as often as she could be present.

She and her husband taught their own nine children in their home also.

Four of the nine children taught school in Hanging Dog and surrounding communities, as the population grew and other communities developed. Their names were Noah, Kathrine, Drewery and Truman Deweese.

By this time other churches were being formed and the buildings were used for school as well as for church. Many of these early schools were paid for by subscription; however, the county paid a small salary to others for a period of three or four months term.

As early as 1880 there was a school at Boiling Springs, White Church and Ebenezer. Later another one for the middle Hanging Dog community was established at Grandview, known as the "Pond School". Many years passed with short school terms, low salaries and over crowded schoolrooms.

When funds became available, around 1912, two-room school buildings replaced the outgrown one-room school house. White Church, Ebenezer and Boiling Springs became two teacher schools.

In 1923, White Church became a three-teacher school, remaining such for a few years, and included in the curriculum the junior high school courses. The principal was the late James Lovingood of Marble N. C., nephew of Washington Lovingood and grandson of Harmon Lovingood.

Due to loss of enrollment the school dropped back to a two-teacher school in 1925. It remained

such until consolidation. In 1944, White Church school-house was destroyed by fire, and school was held in the Hanging Dog Baptist Church until 1948 when a four room brick building was erected and all the above mentioned schools (Boiling Springs Ebenezer, Owl Creek Davis Creek and White Church Schools) were consolidated.

Later in 1952 the state added three more classrooms, a cafeteria, office and complete sewer and heating systems.

The patrons and teachers are justifiably proud of the school and its accomplishments of the past few years; however, we recognize the immediate need of a library room and gymnasium to meet the absolute pupil need at this time.

Highlights Of Vo-Ag Reviewed

By R. W. H. RAMSEY

The Andrews High School Vocational Agriculture Department is happy to report "highlights" of the activities for the 1956-57 session to this edition of the Cherokee Scout.

All boys who study Vocational Agriculture do so by choice since the course is not a required part of the high school curriculum. It is, however, a required feature of the course that each boy be a prospective farmer.

Each boy is a member of the F. F. A. (Future Farmers of America). Through this organization the boys learn the basic essentials of community leadership. Efficiency in using good parliamentary procedure is a must. This year Dickey Higdon is the president of the Andrews chapter and I might say that he presides like a junior Congressman. Dickey hopes to study further in college.

The Andrews Chapter of the F. F. A. entered and won the Nantahala Federation tool contest. These boys were: Jimmy Griffith, Jerry Hicks, Johnny Pendergrass, and Donald Crawford. They will compete on the state level during the State Convention in Raleigh this summer.

The Andrews Chapter held its annual Father-Son banquet on March 8. Barbequed pork, made possible by these boys, was served. The majority of this program was member participation. About 100 boys, fathers, and guests attended.

These boys actually farm on property recently purchased by the school. During 1956 they raised a



HIWASSEE DAM BETA CLUB — The Charter members of the recently formed chapter of the National Beta Club with their advisor, Mrs. Popl Singleton.

TVA BUILDING FIRST HOUSE HIWASSEE DAM SCHOOL

Hiwassee Dam School came into existence as a county school at the beginning of the 1939-40 term. Four schools, Reid Chapel, Postell, Shearer and Hill, were consolidated and brought together at Hiwassee Dam and housed in buildings formerly used by Tennessee Valley Authority during the construction of Hiwassee Dam.

tobacco crop from which they sold \$240 worth of tobacco. This money was used to buy hand tools and equipment for the department.

A new crop is being planned for the coming season and we hope to do a better job this year. Many of these boys attended their first tobacco sale. One boy remarked that he thought the escalator at Sears was a fine invention.

Vocational Agriculture has many objectives. We strive toward more proficiency in farming, learning those skills required by people who farm. Emphasis is placed on the home and the farm business in the hope that young boys will find happiness, health and enough honest wealth to help make it so.

Andrews High School is headquarters for Veteran Farmer Training for Cherokee, Clay, and Graham counties. Korean veterans who choose farming as a career find helpful training in agriculture at the high school vocational department.

Richard Ramsey is the Vocational Agriculture teacher and advisor of the Chapter F. F. A.

An invitation is extended to parents, and interested people to visit the vocational training facilities in Agriculture as well as Home Economics.

Mr. N. O. Kilpatrick was the first principal. There were eight teachers and an enrollment of three hundred twelve.

The opening of the 1940-41 term saw the beginning of a high school at Hiwassee Dam and the addition of more teachers to the staff. Mr. Bascom D. Carroll was the second principal of the Hiwassee Dam School and during his principalship there was a great influx of people who were to work on the construction of Noltey, Chatuge and Appalachia Dams.

Mr. Harvey H. Ferguson served as principal during the school years 1941-42 and 1942-43.

Mr. Walter B. Thomas served as principal for four years from 1943-1947. During this administration Clark School was consolidated into Hiwassee Dam.

Mr. James T. Osborne became principal in 1947 and served in this capacity for six years.

At the beginning of the 1953-54 term Mr. Hal M. Hale became principal. At this time the Violet School was consolidated with the Hiwassee Dam School. Mr. Hale served as principal for two years.

Mr. Harest E. King became the principal at the opening of the 1955-56 term and continues in that

Hiwassee Dam Girls Like New Homemaking Dept.

Hiwassee girls like working in their new homemaking department, turning out meals for themselves and their guests.

The department, one all-purpose room, boasts three unit kitchens with necessary equipment for preparing and serving meals.

The opening of the 1956-57 term was really a "red-letter" day for Hiwassee Dam children, teachers, and parents for on this day the Hiwassee Dam School moved into a new, modern, twenty-two classroom building. The building has one of the most beautiful gymnasiums in the western part of the state. Also, an up-to-date lunchroom and teacher's lounge are features of this beautiful new building.

With more room available to take care of children it was natural that more consolidation should take place and that's exactly what happened.

The Friendship Elementary School was consolidated with the Hiwassee Dam Elementary School and the Ranger Elementary School became a "feeder" school for the Hiwassee Dam High School.

The school has grown in the seventeen years that it has been in existence until now it has a staff of twenty-one teachers and an enrollment of about 570 pupils.

Martin's Creek School Completed By Hayesville Construction Co. In 1929

The Martins Creek School was completed by the Garrison Brothers Construction Co. of Hayesville in 1929, under Mr. Will Moore, who had the contract.

The first principal of this newly consolidated school was Mrs. Nora Cobb Spencer. At this time it was a four teacher school. The teachers who assisted Mrs. Spencer that year were Mrs. Christine Bowles, Mrs. Emma Meroney and Miss Carmen King.

Mrs. Spencer served as principal a number of years. We feel that her faithful service during those years as principal has played a large part in making the school what it is today.

After retiring as principal she agreed to continue teaching a few years with the new principal L. W. Shields who served several years.

The next principal was Douglas Smith who served about seven years; Jerry Hall served as principal one year.

Our present principal is Mr. R. C. Pipes.

About every two or three years as our enrollment increased a new teacher was added. It is now a nine teacher school.

At present a new cafeteria is being constructed. The building will also have two classrooms.

Hiwassee Dam 4th Grade Works On Science Unit

The children of Mrs. Radford's fourth grade at Hiwassee Dam have been working on a science unit. They have made a study in living and non-living things which are displayed in the room. Many of their fathers work for Tennessee Copper Company and they have brought in different minerals. The class went on a field trip and found plants which reproduce by seeds and spores.

They correlated their art lesson with the unit by drawing flowers and animals.

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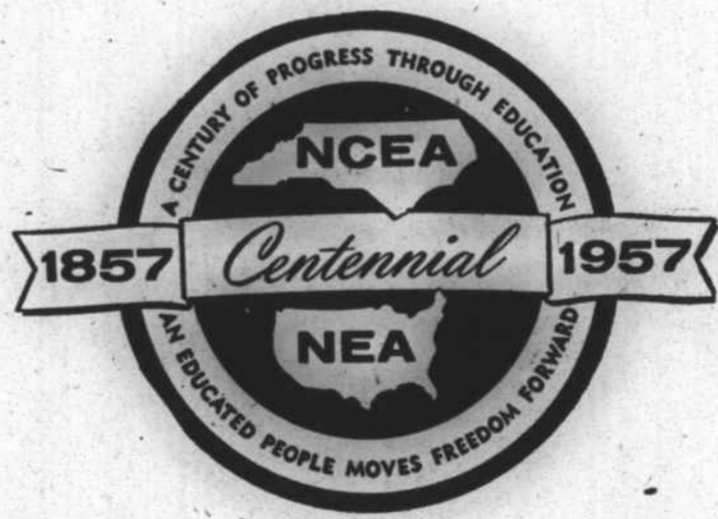
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THE SMALL GROUP method is used in teaching reading throughout primary and elementary grades. Here, Mrs. Evelyn R. Patton uses flash cards to teach word recognition to six eager second graders. While the teacher is guiding this group the other students in the room are enjoying silent reading. Pictured left to right are, Randy Reese, Lucy Wilson, Butch Ledford, Mrs. Patton, Eloise Enloe, Bretney Beavers, and Billy Potter.

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It has been said, and rightly so, that the future of a country depends upon it's children . . . and certainly the training of our children is in the hands of the teachers and educators of Cherokee County. We are indeed grateful that those hands are so capable. It is a pleasure to salute the teachers of Murphy and congratulate them on their anniversary of 100 years of true progress, and achievement.

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