

Miss Beville Reviews Growth Of Local High School Library

By Ruth Louise Beville.

The following lines are inspired by the small, but choice collection of books found in the high school library. In 1924 the library saw its earliest beginnings; a few books, a large sunny room, and many aged magazines. Actually copies of Harper's Magazine dated as far back as 1864. For its early growth it was dependent upon the interest of a few contributors; foremost among them the late Charles R. Thomas, who gave a large number of books and Mrs. J. T. Quisenberry, who also sent several volumes.

The writer felt as she imagines Rip Van Winkle must have felt upon awakening from his sleep of twenty years, when after 17 years she returned to her old post. An illusion which was heightened by the arrival a few days later of Mrs. Quisenberry for a friendly visit, the same sunny room, but Time had wrought changes, and most favorable changes here.

For three years the library has had a librarian, whose training has evinced itself in many ways; attractive bulletin boards, a magazine rack filled with attractive current periodicals; a shelf of reference books, and prominently displayed, a collection of books for teachers and pupils, loaned by the Guidance Clinic of Western Carolina Teachers College, which is this year working with the high school in establishing its guidance program.

One bulletin board impressed me especially, the librarian has kept throughout the year an individual reading card for each pupil in school and has posted on the board the cards of those boys and girls who have read the greatest number of books in the school year.

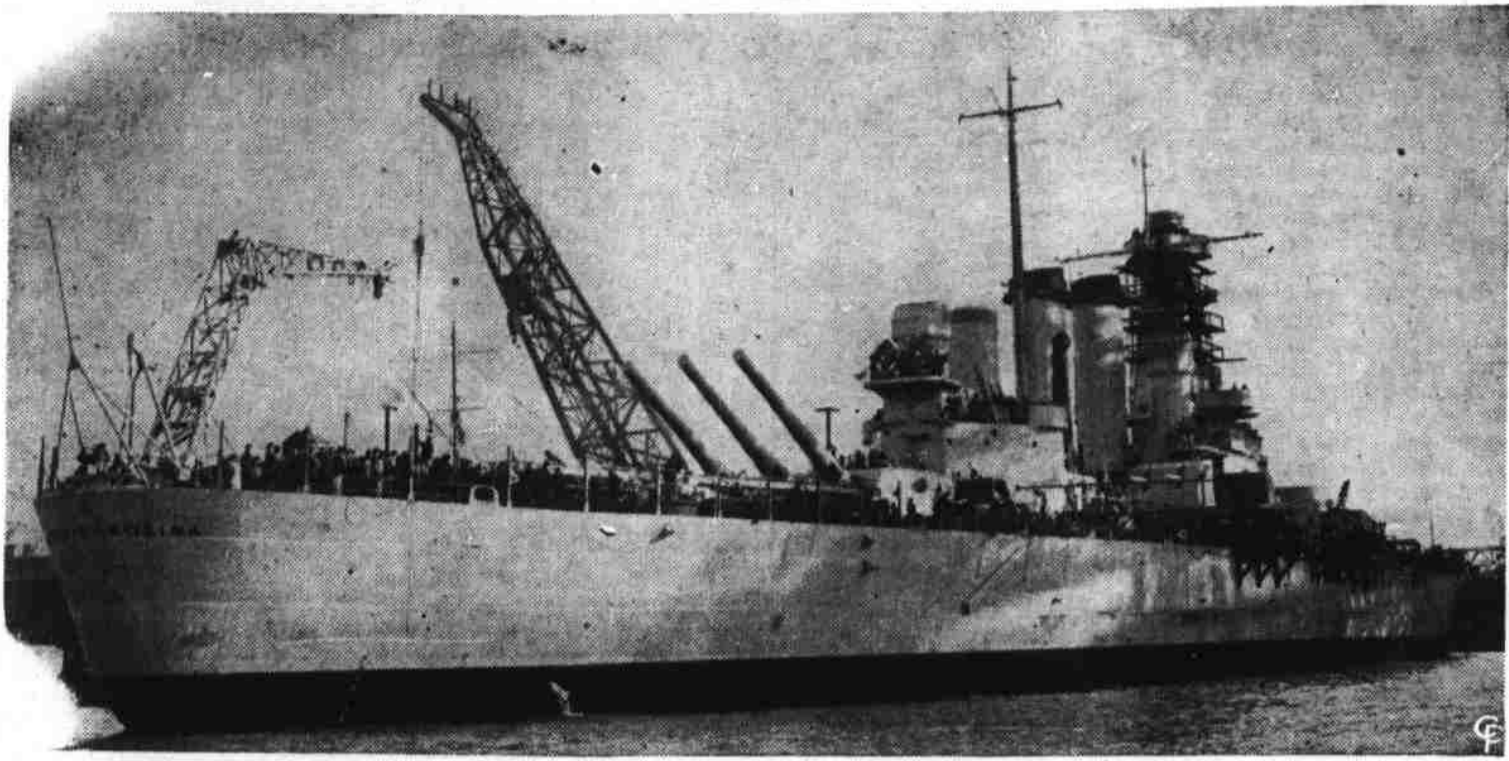
The shelves of books delighted me—there were so many that I had read about and longed to read or buy. Someone once wrote a beautiful and inspiring poem about a mountain country, saying "One

moment be the present fled." So come with me on a little journey through bookland. Look at this beautiful copy of The Christ Child. The text is from Matthew and Luke, the full-page illustrations are well authenticated and exquisitely tinted drawings by Maud and Miska Patterson; truly a book to delight the heart of childhood. Nearby stands a red-bound copy of Brockman's What is she like? a popular personality book for girls. With the English and American Literature a copy of Sesame and Lilies by John Ruskin—which contains an essay on the treasures to be found in books.

The short story collection is high-lighted, for me, by a crisp new copy of Uncle Remus, whose sayings and stories delight every child; how well do I remember my own kind father reading the familiar story over and over to me with unflagging zest. Helen Keller's "Life" brings to mind her beautiful story of the "Forest Fairies" which with artistic charm and beautiful metaphorical manner tells us of the fairy hands that wander over the land at dawn, touching each leaf and blade of grass with icy beauty. Marquis' Six feet Six, a biography of Sam Houston has a special charm for me because I have seen his sword and a small button from his uniform in a display case in the Rosenberg Memorial Library in Galveston, Texas.

In the same way I feel drawn to Sienkiewicz "Quo Vadis," already an old friend and doubly dear for having seen a stage production of it. Dickens, Thackeray, Bronte and other novelists of proven worth stand on the fiction shelves along with recent authors and the old charms hold their popularity against the brighter, newer charms. The entire collection today comprises some 1,500 books, which is a great advance over the library I knew in the twenties, but is far

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Haywood County Has Almost 5,000 Cars And Trucks

Of the 512,211 passenger cars registered in North Carolina in 1940, there were 3,950 in Haywood County, to make this county rank 57th in the state.

Haywood had an automobile for every 8.81 inhabitants, the record showed. Guilford county had the highest average in the state with a car for every 4.36 persons, while Yancey County had a car for every 24.06 persons.

Haywood had 960 trucks and trailers registered for the year while the state showed a total of 135,031 trucks and trailers.

In 1915, the state had 16,410 automobiles. Ten years later 340,287, and in 1935 483,602 while 1940's record showed 647,242, plus 19,707 miscellaneous registrations.

short of the number the libraiian would like to have to offer for the satisfaction of her eager student body—both the junior and senior high schools are serviced from the one collection.

Quite frequently a library has been likened to a plant, the book-blossoms of which spread their fragrance for many to enjoy and to remember with pleasure. For me, this is peculiarly true of our high school library, serving as it does, the impressionable youth of our community in a time when youth needs shining examples of Faith and Loyalty and Love in every contact of life.

Is there not a contribution—a book, perhaps last year enjoyed by some one in your family circle, which might be passed on to add to the enjoyment of others in the larger school community? Might I paraphrase Ruskin to say that "it is better to build a beautiful human creature . . . in the American way of life . . . than a beautiful—Junker or Stukker. Books work wonders—of the right kind.

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Blackie Bear

By D. SAM COX

MRS. MAN TAKES ROVER'S PART
Story 97

There's no use telling you that Mr. Man wasn't good and mad when he got back home and found that somebody had taken his geese, for he was. But Rover and Howler had each caught a big rabbit, and Rover had them laying right by the step when Mr. Man began quarreling with him for letting somebody come there and get his geese. Rover told him that the rabbits had been getting so saucy lately that they would come up and eat things in the garden right in the day-time, and that he thought Mr. Man wanted him to catch them. Mr. Man said that he did, but he didn't want somebody to come and get his geese while Rover was going after rabbits.

"Well," Mrs. Man said, "what did you expect the dog to do? Did you want him to lie down here and watch the rabbits eat all the turnips and collards in the garden? If he did that, you would beat him, and he couldn't run rabbits and keep robbers off of the geese at the same time. Anyway, here are two rabbits, and they are most as big as the geese, so take them out and skin them, and I'll have one of them for supper."

You just ought to have seen Rover running around trying to help Mrs. Man cook supper. And the way he hung out his tongue and smiled at her was really funny. He wouldn't have been a bit surprised if Mr. Man had whipped him, and he was mighty thankful to Mrs. Man for keeping him out of trouble. He went to the wood box and took up wood and brought it to Mrs. Man, and when she went to the well for water, he went with her, and jumped up and played around just like he used to do when he was a puppy. It pleased Mrs. Man a lot, and when they were through with supper she gave a mighty big plateful to him, and there was a nice piece of rabbit on it. She had worn her new hat to town that day, and several people had told her how young she was looking, and so she couldn't feel mean and ugly, just because somebody took two geese while she was hearing such things. Yes, "it might have been worse," and she told Mr. Man so.

And so, geese or no geese, Mrs. Man was happy, and Rover was happy, and if Mr. Man was very mad, he had a mighty poor way of showing it, for he had filled his pipe with some of the new tobacco he got in town, and was telling a joke that he had heard Mr. Merchant tell, and that he had just thought of. So the Man family was pretty well satisfied.

As for Blackie and the others over at the Big Tree: Well, if you were sitting at the head of your table, with a brown roast goose in front of you, with nothing to do for the rest of the night except to feed it to your friends who sat around the table, and eat it yourself, would you worry yourself so sick that Doctor Coon would have to hurry to his medicine chest for some medicine to kill your worries? Jay Bird wouldn't believe it if you should tell him such a thing, and you wouldn't believe it, if you could peep in at that little window in the Big Tree, and watch that crowd of Creek Folks sit

Scholarship Awards Won By Four Students In Hazelwood School

Only four students out of the approximate 500 enrolled in the Hazelwood school during the past year received scholarship certificates at the closing exercises on Friday. Those honor students were: Terry Swanger, Ralph Swanger, Carroll Swanger and Jean Nicholson.

The three little Swanger boys, all cousins, were in Mrs. Nell K.

around that table and take a good hour to eat supper, while they talked about everything except something to worry about.

Yes, times in the Creek Country have changed, and anybody will tell you that they have changed into something better.

(To be Continued)

Howell's grade. The other student receiving this honor was Jean Nicholson, a third grade student.

The requirements for a scholarship certificate are: perfect attendance throughout the entire school year and no grade lower than "A" throughout the year.

Miss Crocker To Direct WPA Music Project Here

Summer music classes WPA music project will be conducted this season by Miss Crocker, teacher in the House of Grace Episcopal Church.

The classes will begin on the 6th, and the students are to arrive at 8:30 a. m. The will include instruction in piano, choral groups and appreciation.

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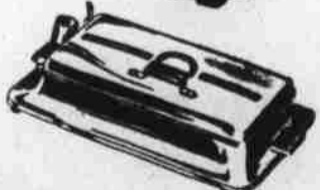
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