

Teachers And Parents See Work Of Central Students

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Each room was decorated with a frieze of paintings or drawings made by the children, and note books, also made by the students on their particular activity, were displayed. Modeling clay was used extensively as well as spatter prints, tempera paints, and construction materials.

Of special interest was the unit on Holland carried out by the fourth grade taught by Mrs. Garrett. Here the center of interest was a Dutch village, constructed entirely by the children, and complete with dykes, canals, windmills, tulip gardens and houses. A frieze of drawings and glass paintings was used and note books were displayed as well as modeled figures and other handcraft.

The work of the smallest children, pupils of the first grades taught by Miss Patterson and Miss Boyd, was attractively displayed and included children's drawings of stories from their basic primers, and various figures made from modeling clay. Miss Patterson's

Winner And Still Champion



Frank Ferguson, Waynesville attorney, presents Cenie Ferguson, Fines Creek High School girl, with the \$15 first prize for winning the Haywood County Soil Conservation Speaking Contest. Left to right are the other contestants: Lillie Jane Sanford, Crabtree-Iron Duff High School; Susie Noland also of Crabtree, who a few seconds later received the third prize money; Pat Leming of Crabtree; and Patsy McCracken of Bethel, who placed second. This was Cenie's second straight county title. She will represent Haywood tomorrow afternoon in the Western District contest here.

(Photo by Ingram's Studio).

Iron Duff Spends Over \$136,000 In Improving

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The men, women, and children of the Iron Duff community wish to express their gratitude and give thanks to their county agents, who were the originators of this Community Development Program.

We are admittedly proud of our achievement in placing second in the first year of this community improvement competition.

Ninety-five percent of our community of 100 families taking part in the program is composed of farmers.

Farm income has been low in some sections, and Iron Duff was one of them.

But with the beginning of this program, the people began to get interested in the community-wide activity it involved.

By the end of the year, we had spent \$136,529.30, and hope to do better this year.

This is invested in, among the many things:

- (1) The construction of eight new Grade A dairies;
- (2) The increasing of dairy herds;
- (3) The improvement of our two churches at an estimated cost of \$2,500;
- (4) The construction of six new homes; the remodeling of 56 others;
- (5) Laido clover seeded on some part of every farm;
- (6) The addition of ten new electric stoves and water heaters to our homes;
- (7) The erection of direction signs at the intersection of every road, and mail boxes bearing the name of the resident before every home.

The improvement of the community's dairy industry was the first major project, which was pushed by the special committee headed by Frank M. Davis.

And in the first six months of the Program, the eight new dairies were built and the cow herds improved.

To supplement this, the pasture improvement committee went to work with the results which show in the new Laido on every farm.

Next, we started improving our two churches. And the general result of this interest was a substan-

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Recreation also has meant much to the community—the people have learned to play together as well as work together.

Our community chairman, J. R. Caldwell, deserves a lot of credit for all the work that has been done. He was untiring in all that had to be done.

To our chairman, and to the committees which were responsible for the different projects, and to our county agents, we render a voice of thanks, and promise to keep on improving.

Father Of John Orr Dies

News was received here this morning of the death of Mr. Orr, father of John Orr of Waynesville and Asheville, at his home in Abingdon, Virginia, this morning. Further details were not available.

Inherited Eye Diseases
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HOLLYWOOD (UP)—If you apply the rules of musical harmony to marital harmony, the Modernaires contend, you'll seldom be "off key."

"A singer's life can be as harmonious at home as it is on the job," Hal Dickinson, songwriter of the quintet, said. "We all have happy home lives just by remembering the little things we remember on the job — such as that a wrong note means discord. So we try for a complementary—or complimentary—tone."

"But you have to watch your sharps and flats," added Paula Kelly, the only woman in the group and the wife of Dickinson. "And you take time out for rests. Just as in music, you can't keep going at a terrific pace. Neither life nor music is interesting without rests now and then."

Good Training

The group participation and dependence on one another which the Modernaires develop in their work train them well for family life, they said.

"The important thing in marriage is to share responsibilities and to realize the other person's worth and ability," Dickinson observed. "Just as in a singing group, one person can't carry the load alone; people have to work together."

The Modernaires, who appear in movies, night clubs, radio and records, do their own arranging, stage and direct their own numbers and even write some of their own tunes. And they said that was another hint for marital happiness—a good amount of self-sufficiency.

"When a couple begins to depend on too many outsiders, they're heading for discord," Dickinson said. "If relatives or neighbors interfere, they may find themselves with too many embellishments on what was originally just a simple little tune."

Another Hint

Of course, they added, anybody ought to be open to suggestion. But they say that, like the Modernaires, you ought to take care of your own business if you can.

The quintet thinks their harmony at home and at work has made their records top sellers for 10 years and brought them jobs doing a series of musical films, the latest with Skitch Henderson. They also are regulars on a radio show and made their latest night club appearance at Los Angeles' Coconut Grove.

This "change of style and pace" is good for them professionally, and they said something of the same is good for a marriage, too.

center of interest was a miniature theatre and Mrs. Boyd's interest point was a collection of homes for pets.

Mrs. Dulin's second grade used "Music Is Fun" as the main theme and interest was centered in a miniature scene from Hansel and Gretel.

Mrs. Echoff's second grade studied means of travel in a unit on Going Places.

Mrs. Lee's third grade studied community development and Mrs. Leatherwood's combination third and fourth grades studied the rules of health.

The fifth grade taught by Miss Edna Boyd, made a study of birds and Mrs. Howell's combined fifth and sixth grades studied Trees and Forestry.

The exhibit of Mr. Rogers' sixth grade showed a study of Australia.

Following inspection of the rooms the guests were served tea in the school cafeteria. The tea table was covered with a hand made cloth and was centered with a silver bowl of jonquils and tapers in silver holders.

Assisting in serving were Mrs. Carleton Weatherby, chairman of the arrangements, Mrs. M. H. Bowles, Mrs. Boyd Owen, Mrs. Richard Barber, Jr., Mrs. Owen Jones, Mrs. Ed Sims, Mrs. Ann Watkins and Mrs. Ben Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitener Prevost left yesterday for a visit to various points in Florida; They will visit Mr. and Mrs. Eric Clauson in St. Petersburg and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gwyn in Ft. Myers.

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