

Swannanoa School Scoops

Prepared by the Students of Swannanoa Schools

From One to Eight

Ms. Stephenson's 3 B-1
Mrs. Stephenson is down almost 50% of her enrollment is absent, mostly colds and flu. She has had extra attendance the first four days, but today 15 out of 28 present. We are hoping they'll be better and back to school.

Ms. Brown 6 B-1
James Moyers is experimenting with his new chemistry set.

Basketball in 6 B-3
The girls practice basketball in our room the girls practice one Thursday and the boys the next. The girls are: Ellen Sims, Carolyn Mills, Gail Lee, Betty Patton, Helene Nichols, Elizabeth Vaughn, Vivian Mason, Patsy Lee Masters, Marie Burrell, Mary Jane Bryant and Lois Bradley.

7 B-3 Visits Library
Last week our class was able to take a tour of the school library. Under the guidance and assistance of Mr. Medlin, we learned much about the manner in which books are arranged on the library shelves. When we entered the library each one was given a chart, showing the placement of different kinds of books. After some discussion we were allowed to walk around and examine the shelves.

3 B-4 News
We learned that books of fiction have no class numbers; they are arranged alphabetically by author's surnames. We were shown the card files, which is really a short cut in the trays cards are filed alphabetically, bearing (1) the names of all the books in the library, (2) the names of all the authors, (3) the names of all the subjects dealt with by the books in the library, and (4) references to other cards. One of the most important parts of a library is its section on reference books. Here are many helpful books. By looking over this section we became better acquainted with the different kinds of general encyclopedias.

2 B-2 Has Activities
In the day with the ending with an apers song. Each week we different couple to lead in Salute. Following this our Health inspection, in each row inspects

8 B-2 Enjoys Reading
On Tuesday, Jan. 6, two members of our class, James Wob and Albert Richardson, went with Mrs. Moser to Pack Memorial Library to select books for our recreational and parallel reading. Mrs. Ralston lends these to us for one month, and our class enjoys reading a great variety of books. Sports, mysteries, fiction, and aviation stories are our favorites.

8 B-3 Has Birthday Party
Class 8 B-3 and class 8 B-1 gave Mr. Shaver a birthday party on Jan. 23. The birthday party was given in the form of our class meeting. Refreshments were served.

Good Attendance
Miss Hipp hasn't missed a school since he started the grade. This year, attendance this year: Lee Clapp, Douglas

1ST SEMESTER HIGH SCHOOL ABSENCES

The total high school absences for the first four months of the semester are 871. The boys have missed a total of 496 days while the girls have missed a total of 375 days. The absences per month are as follows:
1st month: boys, 84; girls, 58; total, 142. 2nd month: boys, 199; girls, 121; total, 320. 3rd month: boys, 213; girls, 196; total, 409. Totals: Boys, 496; girls, 375; total, 871.

Survey Made

The office practice class is taking a survey of the absentees due to flu and colds. Each day a list of the pupils who are sick due to colds and flu is sent to the office from their home room teacher and then is recorded by the office practice class. A list of the absentees is also given to the nurse, Mrs. Blair.

The other day the office practice class saw a movie on filing by Remington Rand. The class also does filing in little boxes made by Remington Rand. The movie was very good, and we think we learned a great deal from it. We are going to have a semester test on what we have read from our office practice.

UMSTEAD PRAISES EDUCATION

"Civilization never stands still. It either moves forward or backward in its inescapable tide. It carries to and fro the failures, accomplishments, faith, hopes and aspirations of all mankind." These are words taken from Governor Umstead's inaugural address which outlines his views on many of the aspects of state government.

Reprinted here are excerpts from the governor's address relating to public education. "We are justly proud of the progress we have made in public education. There is still much to do. Although North Carolina ranks forty-fourth among the States in the amount of money spent for public education. This means that we are determined to have, and are willing to make sacrifices for, the best system of public schools we can possibly afford. Until we are able to increase the per capita income of our people, we shall necessarily be limited in the amount of money we can spend for education," he said.

"Some months ago I advocated the reduction of the teacher load from 31.7 to 30. The State Board of Education, out of unexpended funds, arranged to make this reduction during the present school term. I recommended that the General Assembly continue this reduction during the next biennium. We should further reduce the teacher load as rapidly as finances will permit. "I recommend that sufficient funds be provided to employ properly qualified attendance personnel sufficient in number to enforce effectively the school attendance law. "That sufficient funds be made available to provide such additional clerical assistance, services, and supplies as may be found necessary due to the growth of our school system. That the transportation of our children be made as safe as humanly possible. "I recommend a ten percent salary increase for school teachers and other school personnel, retroactive to July 1, 1952, and that as much increase in the salaries of public school teachers be made during the next biennium as can be provided within available revenues.

"The proper agencies should thoroughly study the possibility of a more comprehensive program of vocational education in public schools. "We should continue the physical examination of children to determine defects which, unless remedied in time, result in handicaps through life, and provision should be made to provide means for correcting the defects. "While admitting the shortcomings in our school system, I feel that we should devote less time and publicity to emphasizing the weakest points and more time and publicity to emphasizing its strongest points. It is not necessary always to dwell on the worst in order to move steadily toward the attainment of the best." Governor Umstead also discussed other aspects of public schools including control, consolidation, school law, and state building grants in aid. Higher learning, schools for the blind and deaf, and educational television were likewise included in the governor's remarks directly relating to education.

teernoon in basketball. The Hi-Y came out 18 points behind the winning Jayvees. The Hi-Y also played the West Asheville Optimists Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Asheville Y.M.C.A. —Reporters Craig Eller and David McMahan

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT
The Junior Achievement of Western North Carolina was organized for the purpose of giving high school students the experience of owning and operating a business. Each company has a sponsor that helps them get started. Beacon Manufacturing company is the sponsor for the Swannanoa Valley Plastic company. This company was formed in November and now has 18 members, all students of the Swannanoa High school. The advisers of the company are: Paul Young, Howard Smith, W. V. McCrary and Hoyt Spivey. The officers are Jim Ward, president; Ariel Young, sec.; David Young, treas. This company meets every Thursday night in the Junior Achievement building in Asheville. Its product is a combination

Students See Inauguration On Television

Last Tuesday at 11:30 a. m. the Swannanoa students went to the auditorium to see the Inauguration of Dwight D. Eisenhower on television. At the beginning of the program the reception of TV was not very good, but as the program continued, it improved. This was a thrilling adventure for the students because it was the first time they had seen an Inauguration on television.

408 In PTA

Mrs. Perry Buchner, membership chairman, announced recently that the PTA now has 408 members. This figure tops the membership reached in the last few years by quite a few members. It is hoped that many more parents will join before the current year is over. Memberships may be turned in to any teacher.

We are reminded also that the program next month will feature the concert band of Lee Edwards High school. Everyone is urged to make plans to attend on the third Thursday, Feb. 19.

TEACHERS AT MEETING

A special county teachers meeting was held last week in Asheville. Reading in grades 1 to 12 was the topic for the meeting which featured a talk and a discussion.

Miss Julia Teasley, representative of the Scott Foresman Publishing company, built her lecture around "reading that modifies behavior" by giving a personal experience background. "Reading bogs down when the child begins to read something beyond his experience backgrounds," she said.

The purpose of the meeting was to encourage improvement in methods of teaching reading. It had long been maintained that every teacher should be a teacher of reading whether in elementary school or in high school where the teacher specializes in one or two fields.

The meeting was open to all the county teachers. Those attending from Swannanoa were Mrs. Davis, Miss Shuford, Miss Watkins, Mrs. Henson, Mrs. Herrington, Mr. Medlin, and Mr. Howell.

Down The Hall SENIORS EXCITED

The senior class was real excited last Friday when Mr. Medlin told them that they were to order their invitations and calling cards. The class voted on a very beautiful invitation, and also a beautiful calling card. We were told that if we got our deposit in by Tuesday we would get a memory book to put pictures and autographs in. The class worked real hard and have their deposits in, and is expecting the students of other classes to help out in getting autographs and pictures.

After several weeks back at school 11 B-2 is again adjusted to the regular routine. Twelve members of 11 B-2 participated in the Beta Club program, "Our America," which was given at the P-T-A meeting last Thursday night. They are as follows: Betty Creasman, Phyllis Hutchins, Jo Mary McInturff, Carolyn Porter, Peggy Yow, Mary Ellen Sims, Shirley McClure, Jackie Netherthorn, David Young, Joe Jones, Mary Jo Cooke and Joyce Stuart.

11 B-2 is glad to claim Dean Wilkerson as one of its members. Dean has shown some good playing in basketball for the past few weeks. The eleventh grade is still trying to raise money for the Junior-Senior Banquet and we salt and pepper shaker made of plastic.

The Junior Achievement of Atlanta, Ga., is having a mid-winter conference and several of our Achievers are planning to attend.

hope you will continue to support our entertainments.

B-2 Anticipates Reports
We have been on the edge of our seats waiting for today. Yes, those dear old report cards come out again! We have our fingers crossed hoping for better grades this time. We all enjoyed watching and listening to the inauguration Tuesday. It was an interesting event to us because we're just now getting a rough to understand and want to know more about such happenings which are so vital to the American way of life. —Betty Woody

Student Council Meets
The Student Council met Jan. 20 at first period. A thank-you note was received by the council from Mrs. Freeman for her Christmas present. The council received a certificate from the National Association of Student Councils.

The repairing of lockers is now underway. They are to be painted steel gray. The damaged lockers have been repaired and some of the old ones moved. The members of Student Council plan to stay after school Friday to paint them. The Student Council is planning to organize a Dramatics Club and a Photography Club. Phyllis Hutchins and Jim Stroupe were appointed to plan the organization of these clubs. —Betty Lou Smith, reporter

Practice Class Active
One of the most active groups in the Swannanoa High school is Mrs. Weeman's Office Practice class, composed of nine senior students: Ruby Allen, Alma Bartlett, Shirley Lewis, Mae Martin, Mary Moody, Bobby Slagle, Betty Lou Smith, Phyllis Spivey and Joyce Weatherly.

This class is studying the state adopted textbook in secretarial practice and using the school office as a laboratory, where each student is assigned duties an hour each day: typing and filing records, cutting stencils and mimeographing with the cooperation of Mrs. Wade, the typing teacher, doing messenger service, answering the telephone, checking invoices, assisting teachers in various clerical jobs, checking bank statements in short, experiencing the varied duties in general office procedure.

Two of the students who studied shorthand last year, Betty Lou Smith and Joyce Weatherly, have been taking dictation and transcribing letters. Alma Bartlett and Mary Moody were business managers in the recent magazine subscription drive. Bobby Slagle is acting as school bus dispatcher. Members of this group are gaining valuable experience in general office work and are of great help in keeping the office running smoothly.

New Clubs Planned
We are planning to organize two new clubs in Swannanoa High school. These will be a Junior Dramatics Club and a Photography Club. We also have another newly organized club, the Music Club. We had a large group to join this and we hope that our others will get as good a start as this one did. Everyone who qualifies is welcome to join.

Annual Staff News
The annual staff is really working. The club and sports sections are finished but we have to have a few more pictures before we can finish the class sections. We need a few more advertisements and we hope everyone will soon get his money in for the promised copies.

Gossip Here and There
What's this we hear about Laura Smith and Jim Ward going together. How about it L. S. and J. W.?

True Love never runs smooth does it Ann McCall and Dean Wilkerson? What's this we hear about Charlie Fender and Ann Shaver? Tell us more.

Oh Beatrice, who is that cute boy in Fairview you are going with? Tell us about him. I wonder who the new boy in High School is that the girls have been making eyes at? Could it be Dayton Ponder?

Wonder why everyone is sick these days. Is it the flu or are they in love? Why is Mary Moody looking so these days? Is it because Bob's gone to the Army? How about it, Mary?

DO YOU KNOW?

THAT—A TV set will not work in the auditorium very well?
THAT—Mr. Shaver was a life guard at Royal Pines last summer?
THAT—Mr. Hornaday has a new car?
THAT—Candler doubled our boys and girls Tuesday night?
THAT—Orren has high score every game this year?
THAT—Mary Moody's boy friend is in the Army?
THAT—Stephenson lost the election?

THAT—"Ike" is now our president?
THAT—Two Bibles were used in the swearing in of the President?
—The first essential of successful dairy farming in North Carolina is adequate production of home-grown roughage, according to State College specialists.

Gains of beef up to 694 pounds per acre have been obtained on pure tall fescue, highly fertilized with nitrogen, at the North Carolina Experiment Station.
—In the last few years, from 51 to 61 per cent of North Carolina's cash farm income has been from the sale of tobacco.
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