

# Swannanoa School Scoops

Prepared by the Students of Swannanoa Schools

## From One to Eight

**LITTLE PUPPY**—His name is little puppy. He wiggles all the time. That is where he got his name. He likes to play with the other boys. Adelaide Clark, age 8, 3 B-4.

**BOYS EXCEL IN:**  
Andrews—Math  
Bridges—Writing composition  
Gardner—Basketball  
Brooks—Absenteeism  
Bryant—Spelling  
Davis—Word meaning  
Goo—Talking to him

**Gragg—Good citizenship**  
Kilby—Spelling  
Loveless—Making noise  
McMahan—Drawing  
McMahan—Sketching horses  
Moyers—Science  
Spillers—Drawing and  
Thomas—Good citizen.

**Wright—Good citizenship**  
Adams—Moving around  
Allen—Remaining quiet  
Bennett—Asking questions

It seems the two were close friends in Waynesville. It is nice that Margaret has someone she knows to help her through the first few days. We want to say as a whole: Welcome to Swannanoa, Margaret!

**SWANNAOA GOING TO THE DOGS**  
Monday, March 2, 8 B-1 had an unexpected visitor. He was Tippy Watkins, a dog. Oh, not an ordinary dog, for he acted as though he enjoyed coming to school. He was so fat he could hardly walk and full of mischief. He seemed to find it entertaining to try to tear the dusting cloth to bits while the rest of us were doing English. He shuffled along, nosing in this and that for awhile, then found his master's arms more comfortable, who by the way is Jackie Watkins. He cuddled and chewed Jackie's fingers. Although Mrs. Sawyer had some trouble trying to get attention, I'm sure she enjoyed having him. (I know we did!) I hope the next time he feels the crave for a bit of "readin'," "ritin'," and "rithmetec," he will come to visit us again.

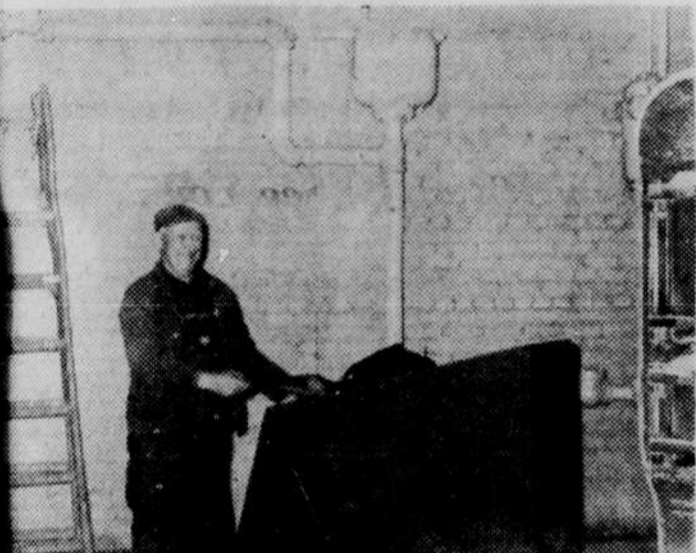
**GOOD BEHAVIOR PAYS**  
On night, Feb. 27, boys and Mrs. Croy's 7 B-1 grade had a party at the home of Mrs. W. H. Noah in Buckner and put into practice Mrs. Croy has taught in their citizenship class. They played 6 old-fashioned contests and folk

present were John Strickland, Johnny Earley, David Alexander, Billy Wimberly, Lou Wilson, Dorothy Joann Surrett, Shirley Miranda Young, Christine Bill and Eloise Noah and Mrs. Noah.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mary Noah, for the same out of her money.

**ADDS TO FAMILY**  
The students of 8 B-1, are forward to making a new Margaret Pearl Shuhan, home in our classroom. She came from Waynesville, which there previously came student, Geraldine Smith.

Horace Stevenson



In the picture is Mr. Horace Stevenson, long-time janitor at Swannanoa schools, who is shoveling coal into the newly-painted boiler room of the high school building. The boiler room buildings have recently been painted for the first time. A man includes eight colors as follows: ceiling light green, walls green, furnace and stoker dark green, electrical connections black valves red, steam joints yellow, and water heater and pipes black. (Photo by Y. L. Medlin)

## Own The Hall

Students in the 11th grade are to play the Intramural Basketball. A number of 11 are planning to play. From this class are the girls' tournaments as follows: Betty Peggy Yow, Jacqueline Mary McInturff, Carolyn Phyllis Hutchins and

For class wants to thank Black Mountain to the square dances. The class has sponsored they will continue to in its entertainments.

**FARMERS OF AMERICA**  
The Farmers of America are studying about shop. They have been learning to use the tools we use and par-

participated in a tool identification contest at Mars Hill but the Mars Hill boys won.

Since one of the purposes of the Future Farmers is to have farmers take part in community affairs, we have also been studying parliamentary procedure. The 11th grade boys represented the Swannanoa chapter in a contest at Barnardsville. Mars Hill won that contest too.

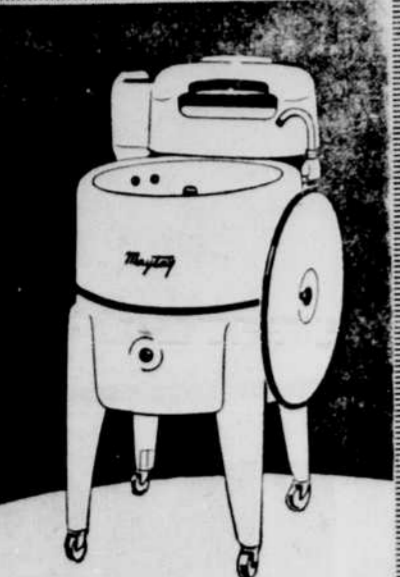
**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT**  
The Swannanoa Valley Plastics Company of the Asheville Junior Achievers is getting a lot of experience in running a business and understanding how it operates. This Swannanoa company is made up of about 17 students from Swannanoa. They are producing a beautiful combination salt and pepper shaker made of plexiglass.

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## RECENT SCHOOL LEGISLATION

**HB 110, introduced by A. C. Edwards of Greene and C. Gordon Maddrey of Hertford, appropriated \$35,000 annually from the General Fund to the State Department of Public Instruction to employ six area music supervisors to train leaders to promote music in schools, churches, and communities. The House Education Committee amended the bill to delete the duty of the supervisors to promote music in churches and reported it favorably. It was referred to Appropriations on Feb. 5.**

**SB 124, introduced by Adam J. Whitley, Jr., of Johnston, and Hamilton Hogood of Franklin, provides for non-credit courses in DRIVER TRAINING and safety in public schools. It appropriates \$339,720 per year of the biennium to be added to the 9-months school term and to be apportioned by the State Board as follows: (1) \$9,720 to administer the program, (2) \$330,000 for teachers' salaries and equipment. To Education.**

**HB 319, introduced by Roy Taylor of Buncombe, requires Grand Juries to inspect and report on the condition of school buildings, visits and reports to be made only once each six months. To Education. This bill supersedes HB 168, which Representative Taylor introduced earlier. The first bill, contrary to Mr. Taylor's intent, required Grand Juries to report upon operation of schools as well as condition of buildings.**

**HB 197, introduced by J. Raynor Woodard of Northampton and others, requires school buses to be routed so as to get within one-half mile of all school children who live a greater distance than one and one-half miles from the school to which they are assigned. The present law requires buses to be routed within one mile of such children. To Education.**

**HB 228, introduced by Odell Williamson of Brunswick and others, places upon the state the responsibility of purchasing original school buses. Present policy requires the county to purchase original buses; state to purchase replacement buses. To Appropriations.**

## Elementary Essay

**WORMS AND PARASITES**  
We all know what ringworms and hookworms are, and what their cure is; but do you know what a wiggle-worm is or a cure for the disease? The eighth grade is very desperate to find a cure for it because we have several bad cases in each room. While not naming anybody, we all know who has been bitten by the germ. A temporary cure for this disease is "the board of education" applied to "the seat of learning."

Parasites, as you know, are something that live off some living plant or body. Ours are no exception to the rules of science because Larry Gravette and Johnny Edwards stick to each other all the time.

We feel that many people who have "borroetitis" should also be classed as parasites. All groups contain these varieties, and we are hoping that science will come up with a vaccine of prevention which will be a permanent solution.

Reporter David McMahan

These finished shakers are selling at a price of \$1.00 each, and we think this is a very fair price for the finished product.

Anyone wishing to purchase one of these beautiful and useful shakers can get one by contacting any of the Junior Achievers of Swannanoa. These are: Ariel Young, David Young, John Brown, Evan Powell, Jack Ward, Jim Ward, Johnny Fox, Stanley Gregory, Bob Rogers, Walter McCraw, Walter Rainwater, Dean Wilkerson, Gene Peek, Earl Richard, James Vess, Dick Riddle and Dou Luckadoo.

## GUESS WHO?

Guess who sits beside Carolyn Porter in geometry every morning?  
Guess who Evelyn's new crush is now; could he go to W.C.T.C.?  
Guess who Barbara Harding's new steady is; could it be O. B.?  
Guess who laid out of school one day and was married. How about it, B. S.?  
Guess who Tut H. is wishing could come home to see her; would it be Paul Shoppe?  
Guess who Joyce Weatherly is engaged to in the service?  
Guess who Dorcas Bridges is riding around with; could it be Bud Matthews?  
Guess who Betty Creasman has a crush on? Could he be a member of the Jr. Class?  
What girl in the Jr. Class would Bobby Gragg like to go with?

## THAT OTHERS MAY HEAR

Yes, the Bible classes in Grades three through seven at Swannanoa school are concerned about the boys and girls in other parts of the world who have never heard the stories of Jesus and His love.

Under the leadership of Miss Belle Glass, our Bible teacher, the boys and girls are working on two projects for the purpose of helping boys and girls in far away lands to hear of Jesus.

**Project No. 1: "Pete the Pig"**  
In our Bible classes from day to day we have the opportunity to put our extra pennies into a small green pig bank. We send this money to the American Leprosy Missions, Inc., who in turn use it to aid boys and girls with leprosy. It also gives them the

## Student Opinion

The following essay was written by Jacqueline McMahan as part of a 10th grade English assignment: If a Russian were visiting this country what would you show him. It was picked as one of the many outstanding essays turned in to the teacher.

### CAN COMMUNISM BE CONQUERED?

I live in a small town in the South Atlantic Division of the United States. Even though it is a small place, it was my home and mine to be proud of. After I finished my education, I got a job with the Junior Chamber of Commerce. We had lots of tourists in the summer and I was head of the "Welcome to our Mountaintains" committee. One day I received a telephone call from Washington, D. C. I was told a man from Moscow, Russia, was spending a couple of overnights in our town on his way to California. I was to make overnight arrangements and show him what our part of the country offered to its free peoples. He would see a free growing people, working together and accomplishing their good. This kind of life was different from his. He came from a place controlled by the government. They did not have our Bill of Rights or a government represented by the people.

With these thoughts in mind, I met him at the airport at noon. It was to my surprise to find a well-cultured man who seemed not at all astonished when we discussed the importance of freedom of press and speech at our noon lunch. The things he told about his people were thoughtful and left a sense of love and sympathy for them. Then I learned he was in the United States to learn about our Democracy and carry the truth to his people, though in secret.

That afternoon and the next day we visited many points of interest and learned about each other. We visited the rural districts, industrial region, historic markings, educational centers, and talked of our natural resources and government affairs. The things that made a bigger impression in his mind to carry back to his people was our freedom of worship and democratic way of life.

On our way to the airport, we stopped at our small city library. When he said, "Your books are not published by the government! We have millions of books, but they are published by our government", it gave me a vivid picture of his library compared with ours. As he boarded his plane for California, I had a feeling that we both had learned a lot that will be helpful to both of us. I had not done all the talking because he had made the communist life of his clear to me and yet it had muddy spots in it.

"Can Communism be con-

quered" is a question that confronts every person in the world today. It is like a disease. It doesn't pick out certain classes of people to attack, but is a threat to all our lives today. Communism is also spreading like a contagious disease. It is getting a foothold in all parts of the world, in the United States, South America, China and other important places.

If someone told you, you were the only means of saving the world from Communism, you would think him nutty. But it is through you and I who still can enjoy life in a democracy that this problem can be settled. Also with closer relationship with them so we can win their trust in us and ours in them.

How are we going about it? Will we arrive at a conclusion by talking and writing essays about it? Are we going to let teachers who belong to Communist parties teach our future men and women? How about propaganda; is that going to melt the hearts of the ones affected by this disease or will they surrender under our gun fire or we under theirs? I think

"no" is the answer to this question because we don't want to take their lives, but convince them of the kind of "dictatorship" they are living under and how they could have a free Democracy. But, on the other hand, they are trying to sell us their doctrines. What is to be done? It is going to be a hard fight to keep Democracy?

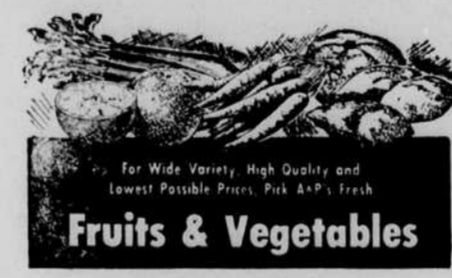
The answer to these questions and "Can Communism be Conquered?" will be in the hands of Grandfather Time and You — "Can Communism be Conquered?"

—Jacqueline McMahan

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