



HEART & ART: Governor Luther H. Hodges views drawings of the heart made by the third-grade class of Mrs. Hilda Willoughby of Coats school. The Governor congratulated Mrs. Willoughby on the recovery she had made from a heart operation and from rheumatic fever, and endorsed the Heart Fund Drive, which will be conducted throughout the state during the month of February, with Heart Sunday falling on Feb. 24.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROUND-UP

Collected and edited by Mrs. Cunningham's 8th grade, Black Mountain Elementary School. Copyists—Judy Swearingin, Elizabeth Brown, Jo Ann Cooper, Mary Rita Bartlett, and Bobby White. George Washington

In 1789, when General George Washington became the first president of the new United States, it was thought this new nation would never prosper, or even survive. George Washington was just such a person to make it a greater nation than any in the world. His reasoning ability, his quiet spirit, and his readiness to succeed have made the United States what it is today. All through his life his one aim was to make the United States prosper. He was probably the one and only person who could have accomplished this. On Feb. 22 we should pay tribute to this great man. —Carolyn Dotson.

What It Means to Me to Be Able to Read and Write. I think God put us on this wonderful earth to learn and to better ourselves, and we should take the opportunity to do so.

School is a wonderful thing if you look at the good side of it. You learn to read and write. Besides educating yourself, the world needs more educated people such as doctors, nurses, ministers, and leaders in other professions. You should be proud to have a chance to get an education because in the years before 1840 there were no free public schools for all the children of North Carolina; parents were too poor to pay for it. I would hate to think that I would have to live in this modern world without an education. —Vivian Stewart.

Fifth Grade—Mrs. Rice. Three weeks ago Andrea Ford moved to Tennessee. We were very sorry for her to go for she had attended Black Mountain school since she was in the first grade. Two weeks ago our room was in charge of the fifth grade chapel program. We had a program centered around the many historical dates in February. Since we have a History club in our room, we gave our program as if we were having a club meeting. On Thursday we had a Valentine party in our room. After playing two games, Valentines were opened and refreshments enjoyed. Mrs. Rice served cup cakes and ice cream, and Allen Hamilton treated us to candy.



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me another one. This time I gave the knight a hard blow on the chest. He fell to the ground. I had won the battle and now I was the Queen of Love and Beauty. A reward of my lord's was had. Then I went to my room. That month had been long and hard. —Ann Campbell.

III
Siege at Dawn
It had been a long, hard journey. We had traveled far since last evening. As I rode along side my lord, the cry rang out that we were approaching Stephanooroug castle. We lined up for the attack my lord spoke to me. "McJames," he said, "if anything should befall me, I leave the leadership in your hands." With that he shouted the command to march.

By now we were at the moat. As we were leading on our cross bows, we heard screams and shouts from inside. Someone had warned them of our approach! At once arrows and spears were flying. They gave a terrible struggle, but we came forth with a great force. At that moment my ears caught a piercing cry. My lord had been shot by an arrow. A ghastly feeling crept over me. With horror I realized the battle was in my hands. I sprang forward to fight. As I did an incredible pain shot through my left shoulder. I felt as though my left shoulder had hundreds of pins in it. I was losing blood fast but I struggled on. With every turn or movement I made, it felt as though my arm was falling off. When it seemed as though I could go no longer, I heard the cry, "The castle is ours." As some of my men helped me into the castle, I couldn't keep from feeling proud of our battle—the battle I had led. —Brenda Glenn.

Miss Tipton's Sixth Grade. Miss Tipton's class has just gotten through making a telegraph set. They conversed with Mrs. Beddingfield's class tapping out the Morse code. We all learned the Morse code. We still enjoy our art. Miss Sally Kitchen painted a beautiful painting for our room. We are enjoying the books we got from the library while ours are being repaired. We participated in the March of Dimes and sent three CARE packages overseas. —Linda Beddingfield, reporter.

Mrs. O'Connor's Sixth Grade. We have planned a Valentine program and party. In social studies we are studying "The Middle Ages." We have studied pictures painted by the great Italian of the Renaissance. For activity period this past week the class has drawn shields and constructed a castle for our table. We have learned two new songs about castle life. They are "A Warrior Bold" and "The Bonnets of Bonnie Dundee." This week we are learning a poem called "Character is Up to You." In English we have been writing business letters, ordering free pamphlets. Those who have not missed a day this year are Donald and Ronald Blankenship, Danny Curtis, John Munday, Steve Norwood, Donald Ross, Joe Solesby, Deanne Belcher, Brenda Jean Cornwell, Sandra and Sara Haney, and Carolyn Long. Donald Ross has been absent from Pennsylvania just before the Christmas holidays. We are very glad to have him in our room. We are sorry to lose a student, Curtis Parks, who moved to Liberty Hill, N. C., during the Christmas holidays. Curtis who has been absent for three months and we are glad to have him back. —Doris Bartlett and Brenda Cordell, reporters.

Mrs. Carson's Seventh Grade. We would like to begin the second half of the school year by offering our congratulations to the members of the class who have not missed a day of school yet. We would also express our hopes that they will miss no days in the last half also. Sickness and cold weather have prevailed during the first half preventing many from coming that would have done so, conditions permitting. We trust, with spring coming up, the weather will clear up, and people will have a better chance of attending regularly. Nevertheless, here, in alphabetical order are the people without absences: Boyce Biddix, Nelson Burgin, Robert Byrd, Larry Lebetter, Wesley Worley, Lois Elliot, Barbara Solesby. The group with the best attendance is easily recognized. A strong incentive for such perfect attendance is probably a promised private party for the members with no absences. All members of the class have memorized Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address." After much hard work in memorizing and proper delivery, the majority of the class came up with an "A." Our class has been enjoying much fine literature lately. These include Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "The Catching of Miles Standish," Nathaniel Hawthorne's immortal "The Great Stone Face," and many others. We are glad to have our Venetian blinds re-hung. This was achieved through the combined efforts of Mrs. Carson, Alfred Correll, Alfred McDonald, Charles Waters, Boyce Biddix, Wallace Summey, and Leon Dalton. Soap, water, and elbow grease were used. Our thanks to Mrs. Edith Bryan and class for the many fine films shown us so graciously. Tomorrow (this being the 13th) is Valentine Day and all over the nation the post offices will be flooded with the well wishes of friends one to another. Just about every one in the United States will receive a Valentine either today or tomorrow. Valentine and Christmas gifts are somewhat similar. The price is very insignificant; it is the thought behind the gift that counts. Valentines should not be taking "as" just another piece of paper to be thrown away eventually but considered as a true token of another's thoughts. Our class will follow in the steps of many people and celebrate Valentine Day with a party. Traditional heart shaped candy and soft drinks will be served. Games will be played, and we trust a good time will be had by all. We would certainly express our appreciation to the members of the class that have had a hand in the planning and preparation of this party. And now, before I close, I would wish you all a happy Valentine Day and . . . See you next month. —Robert Byrd, reporter.

Mrs. Sorrell's Seventh Grade. Our class has just finished taking a course in Junior Red Cross First Aid. Thirty-one in the class passed the tests and got their certificates. In our Audubon club we have been studying winter birds and how to attract them. We have also learned how to identify them. We are now ready to study spring birds. In history we just finished studying The War Between the States. Bobby Leonard and Andy Anderson, reporters.

Miss Lindsey's Seventh Grade. Thursday, Feb. 14, Miss Lindsey's seventh grade class had their Valentine party. They had a program and refreshments. The program was planned by Betty Ann Douthitt, Ann Presley, and Barbara Bradley. They played a game composed of a big white heart with a small heart cut out of the middle. There was one heart for every person and the object of the game was to get the heart as close to the center as possible without touching it. They also tried to make sentences out of the little inscribed words on candy hearts. The people responsible for the refreshments were Kay Wright, Libby Nancey, Judy McAfee, Margaret Harris, Martha Mitchell, Barbara Page, Betty Creamman, Ann Moore, Linda Allen, Nancy McKay, and Preston Timmerman. They would like to thank the parents who are helping with the library for they are deeply grateful. They hope that the library is in use before the school term is up. A committee was organized in our class for the purpose of conducting citizenship in the classroom. The class decided to elect officers for leadership in the room. The president will take over when the teacher is out of the room. The officers are pres. Betty Ann Douthitt, sec. Margaret Harris, student officers, Barbara Page, Mary Sue Bennett, Clarence Clough, Preston Timmerman, and Bill Burks. This group was assigned to a row each and is responsible for calling down students for misbehavior. The class decided to make rules: 1. Report to your classroom. 2. Prepare your materials. 3. Take your seat and go to work. 4. Avoid noise and chewing gum. 5. Be courteous and considerate to all others. 6. Give complete attention to all subjects. 7. Prepare all assignments on time. 8. Walk and talk orderly in the classroom and lunchroom. 9. Enter class rooms on time and in order after recesses. 10. Share class room chores with others. 11. Keep a clean neat room. 12. Raise hands for recognition to speak or sharpen pencils. 13. Leave class room orderly for recess, for lunch, and for assemblies. 14. Respect the authority invested in class officers and the class president. 15. The student officers shall have the power to set up standards of conduct for class. They shall decide on a code of punishment for pupils who break the standards set up for this class. The following pupils have 100% attendance so far this year: Linda Allen, Sue Bennett, Clarence Clough, Betty Creamman, Betty Douthitt, Ann Hanney, Margaret Harris, Ann Moore, Emille Murphy, Elizabeth Nancey, Gary Odem, Barbara Page, and Kathleen Phillips. —Margaret Harris, reporter.

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We Salute—

We salute you on your birthday: Feb. 20—G. D. Roland, Marjorie Lamb, Charles Stepp, Dewett Freeman, Alice Hardy, Fred M. Burnett, Peggy Gant. Feb. 21—J. Watson Gibbs, Mrs. Pearl Guffey, Eleanor Justus, James Morgan, Mrs. Bill Miller, Jr., Lusia Belle Osteen, Jack Tipton, Kay Burnette, Roby Braswell, Ruth McDougle. Feb. 24—Evelyn Taylor, Margaret Ray, Peggy Scheff, Mrs. Margaret Woodward, Mrs. Dottie Gray, Mrs. Elsie M. McMillan, Robert W. Stewart, Rebecca McGraw, Irene Crisp, Betty Stafford, Louis W. Kilby, Frank Gregory, Debra Gray, Margaret Ray, Carrie L. Moore. Feb. 25—Oda Lee Wilkins, Jewell Gregory, Mary Lyon, Terry Ledbetter, Nellie Piyler, Bill Neb-

on, Elizabeth Bryant, Robin and Becky Peale. Feb. 26—Ted Berry, Myrna Lips, Judy Crawford, John Wells, Mildred Hantsinger, Mary Nell Gibbs, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Jan-Moretz, George Lemoine, ette Hutchens, George Lemoine, Feb. 27—Mac Allen, Lade Cline, Feb. 28—Sibtha Buckner, John Atkins, Jimmy Cunningham, Gray Cooley, Jimmy Hunter, Nanson Hollifield, J. G. Northcott Sr., nie Hudgins, Jack McElheny, Dorothy Thomas, Myra Chand Dr. W. E. Chapman, Myra Chand ler, L. C. Atkins, Mrs. J. W. Gibbs. Feb. 28—Hester Ware, H. B. Craven, Bob Kennedy, Belle P. Hamilton, Leon Rice, Margaret N. Townsend, Carolyn Calloway, Juanita Harlin, Patricia Ann Goss, Rascal (Bow-Wox) Kerley. —Under new amendments to the social security law, farm landowners may qualify for social security.

Youth Rally

The Black Mountain Youth Rally will hold its regular meeting this Saturday night at 7:30 in the Friendship Presbyterian church on Montreat road. More and more people are attending and enjoying the services which are conducted by students from Bob Jones university. This week Jim Steenson, Youth For Christ International trumpet champion, will be here to present some very unique arrangements on his trumpet. O'Neil Blow, the baritone, will also present "The Great Judgment Morning" in song. Leon Foote will be the speaker for the evening. The program is prepared especially for young people of all ages, and everyone is invited to attend this week and every week.

Youth Attend Conference

Six young people from the Black Mountain Presbyterian church attended the mid-winter conference of Asheville Presbytery, senior-high fellowship held at the Broad and 10. Dr. Lawrence Bottom, executive secretary of the division of Negro work, Board of Christian Extension, Presbyterian church, U. S., Atlanta, Ga., was featured as the main speaker in carrying out the theme, "Who Is My Brother?" which dealt with race relations. Those who attended the conference were: Carolyn Epler, Carolyn Presley, Peggy Cooley, Danny Hensley, Joe Robinson, and John Cooley.



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