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J. V. BALLEW ABOARD SHIP IN MIDDLE EAST

MIDDLE EAST—Jay V. Ballew, electrician's mate fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ballew of Black Mountain is serving aboard the destroyer USS Massey with the U. S. Middle East Force in the Red Sea-Persian Gulf area.

Before returning to her home port, Norfolk, Va., early in July, the Massey will conduct training exercises with the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The destroyer's crew has visited the ports of Djibouti, French Somaliland; Bahrain, Persian Gulf; and Karachi, Pakistan.

What's Goin' . . . At Owen

By Lynda McGraw

There was quite a variety of time members sang several songs at a luncheon of the Kiwanis club at the Motte Vista hotel.

After a bit of a delay the girls finally played the championship game in the basketball intra-mural on Tuesday. The girls' juniors against the freshmen, and as fate would have it, the freshmen team, coached by Ruth Clayton, won. The members of this team are Linda Conner, Rita Putman, Emogene Norman, Ann Beddingfield, Martha Ferguson, Emese Soos, Brenda Lindsey and Sharon Pringle.

One of the most well-known teachers at Owen is Mrs. Martha Perley, who is a native of this area. She attended high school in Black Mountain and then went to Queens college, where she received an A.B. in English, history, and biology. She is doing graduate work at Appalachian State Teachers college in the field of guidance. After three years there she taught in Weaverville for a while, then at Swannanoa, and then at Black Mountain. Mrs. Perley has been at Owen since the consolidation. This year she teaches sophomore English; however, previously she has either taught junior or senior English and helped with senior graduation and the annual school play. Up until this year she has also acted as school advisor. She and her daughter, Sara Marcia, who is in the seventh grade, are living in Black Mountain. Mrs. Perley is a charter member of the Tea and Topic club, a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary teachers society, and very active in the Black Mountain Presbyterian church.

A record crowd turned out for the Chorus and Band concert, Friday, May 16. An extra attraction was added to the program this year in the form of the choruses from Black Mountain and Swannanoa Elementary schools, who, under able leadership, presented outstanding programs. I am sure it was gratifying to everyone to see so many students taking part in this choral work. From all indications the strength of the Owen chorus would seem to be assured for years to come.

The Owen chorus, decked out in spring formal dresses and white dinner jackets and dark pants, then presented a program of various songs which included "Numbers from Rogers and Hammerstein show tunes." The sextet sang the two songs for which they received a superior rating when they sang them at Cullowhee. Nana Owenby sang a solo "If I Loved You." The band followed with an outstanding performance. Thomas Dickens did a bass solo, "Asleep in the Deep," and Alan Holcombe was student director for the last two numbers. Then the chorus came back on the stage to do the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" with the band. The two groups closed the program with the school Alma Mater. Chosen this year, the words are as follows: Owen High, we're ever loyal to thee, Owen High, we will be true. Our Alma Mater be ever cherished. By all her sons and daughters, too. We'll sing thy praises, we'll cheer thee onward bravely. Glad for each victory won. Oh, school forever glorious. All hail to thee, oh, Owen High!

The Owen track team took part in the Blue Ridge track meet at Bethel last Thursday with the boys placing third and the girls coming in fourth. In the boys' events Joe Robinson placed first in the discus, Arthur Clayton was second in the broad jump, and Bill Horn was first in the high jump with Tony Gardner in second place. The Owen boys also placed third in the mile relay and in the 40-yard relay.

The girls' relay team placed third in the 300-yard relay and second in the 400-yard relay. Judy Shirlen tied for third place in the high jump. Coach for the boys team is Vernon Kyker and the girls' coach is Eugene Byrd.

Also on the club's calendar is the County Dress review at the court house in Asheville on June 24. Several local girls plan to attend, but a definite list has not yet been made. On June 20 Miss Margaret Shipman, who is at present teaching at Enka, will take over as assistant home agent for Buncombe county.

In the evening of the same day the FHA club held its county rally here at Owen High school. The purpose of this meeting was to elect county officers for next year. The rally began at 7 with a tea held in the home economics department. Dot Redmon, Daphne Jolly and Barbara Burke acted as hostesses. At 7:30 a business meeting was held in the auditorium. Nancy DuPay, president of Owen FHA, and Principal N. C. Shuford welcomed the other members. Diane Nesbitt as county parliamentarian was in charge of balloting. The balloting committee also included Judy Byrd, Ann Woodcock, Helene Nichols and Mrs. Taylor. The club is proud to announce that its president, Nancy DuPay, was elected county historian.

Each of the eight schools presented some sort of act. Owen was represented by that now popular group of home economics girls doing the pantomime "The Birth of the Blues." Approximately 250 girls and sponsors were present. Also present were Miss Louise Swann, assistant state vocational home economics advisor, and Mrs. Norman Morgan, county FHA advisor. Hostesses were Pattie Talbot, Gloria Brookshire, Cecelia Wyrick, Ellen Sims, Mary Ann Ballard, Esther Farr and Nancy Gill.

On Friday the Student Council met. The previous day, home-rooms were asked to nominate candidates for next year's officers. It is now the club's job to select a certain number of candidates from this list to run for office. The president and secretary are taken from the rising senior class, the vice-president from the rising junior class, and the treasurer from the rising sophomore class. The club also decided to stage a clean-up campaign for the remainder of the school year in the home-rooms. Plans were made for a club party on June 5 which will probably be a picnic.

That now popular sextet was on the go again last week. This

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THIS WEEK HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED OFFICIAL "R. A. R." WEEK
 (Rumors Against Rollman)
 by DLESPWCBS (initials scrambled to protect the innocent)

SAMPLE TALES

- 1) Rollman never voted in his life.
- 2) Rollman's campaign is financed by the communists.
- 3) Rollman put Brown, Middleton and Wallace into the race to have more fun (and, naturally, financed their campaigns).
- 4) Rollman has made deals in his campaign. (That is not a tale—that's the truth. I have made a deal with my little boy that we go fishing from June 2 on.)
- 5) Labor has financed Rollman's campaign (I wish they had!)
- 6) Rollman has spent ¼ million dollars on his campaign. (Well, folks, I will let you in on a little secret, even before I tell it to the Secretary of State, Mr. Thad Eure in Raleigh, with whom every candidate has to file a sworn statement of his campaign contributions and expenses. I haven't had any contributions except dollars from poor people, and my campaign has cost me about a dime per person in this district to acquaint everyone with what I stand for. Every penny of my campaign expenses will be made public, and I hope that the same will be done also by my very honorable opponents.)

54 Entertain For Levon Rhodes, A Bride-Elect

Miss Levon Rhodes, who will be married to Andy Cook May 24, was entertained at a bridal shower Friday evening at Lakey Gap chapel. Those present were Miss Betty Jean Warren, Ann Warren, Mrs. Mildred Lytle, Mrs. Callie McBrayer, Miss Phillis Burleson, Mrs. Edith Burleson, Rachael Rhodes, Lucile Massey, Miss Mary Katherine Harriet, Mrs. Alma Rhodes.

Mrs. Joseph Holmes, Mrs. Margaret Cook, Mrs. Bill Clements, Mrs. Kate Clements, Mrs. Sue Harris, Misses Fannie Mae and Vivian Harris, Mrs. Elsie Rutledge, Mrs. Charles Clevenger, Mrs. Ruth Stepp.

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Those unable to attend the shower but sent gifts were: Mrs. Lee Warren, Mrs. Finley Stepp, Mrs. Gordon Runion, Miss Margaret Shore, Mrs. Ernest Rhodes, Mrs. Alberta Rhodes, Mrs. Lenord Burleson, Mrs. Gay Harris, Miss Katie Dalton, Mrs. Zeb Suttles.

Mrs. Doris McCall, Miss Bea Bailey, Betty Jo Cordell, Mrs. Frances Rhodes, Mrs. Katherine Lytle, Mrs. Ruby Knight, Mrs. Rufus Atkins and Mrs. Jimmy Presley.

The hostesses, Mrs. Jonas Stepp and Mrs. Raymond Clements, presented the bride-elect with a beautiful white carnation corsage.

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 who even loves mud slingers and who has announced as early as January that

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