



the request of many students and parents, and we feel we are doing the right thing," he concluded.

Those students who are taking French I will be given an opportunity of finishing French II, but there will be no more French I classes started next year. Instead, Mrs. Mackie will teach a class of beginners in Spanish.

Mrs. Mackie, who had several years of Spanish in college, has been studying under Mrs. Robert Pendleton, a native of Cuba, who teaches a class of five.

The same rules will apply to the taking of Spanish that have been applying to French. Students may take it in their junior years and must take it two years before receiving credit.

Several years previously MAHS had a Spanish course, but it was discontinued because it had no "practical value."

Frank "Barney" Toler

## FINAL . . . . FLASHES . . . .

Don't forget to come back to school next year.

Which do you prefer—a hot dinner and adjournment of school at 3:15, or leaving at 1:30 and having a cold dinner? Sixty-eight and eight-tenths per cent of the students of MAHS prefer the 1:30 session even though their dinners are cold. One hundred thirty coeds want a hot dinner. Those facts were ascertained in the third HIGH SPOTS poll.

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If the majority rules (and it  
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Flemming May Turn Baseball Pro

## Sixteen To Spout Trial Debate Speeches

Although Mrs. Barringer's Debating club failed to attract the three hold-over debaters from last year and the club has been abandoned, work on trial speeches to be given December 19 is off to a flying start after several preliminary meetings.

The club, in which four varsity debaters and two alternates were to have been groomed, was a good idea—had it worked out.

Instead of what debate coaches Mrs. Sydnor and Mrs. Barringer had planned—having a club working all-year long on debates—the invitation had to be extended to the entire high school because the three varsity speakers refused to join the club.

Patricia Rothrock, Henry Badgett, and Odell Money, all seniors, were members of last year's team.

Mrs. Barringer, refusing to give up, said in an interview this week: "The debaters' refusal to join the club didn't make much difference to us. So far, in two club meetings out of five scheduled ones, we haven't made much headway."

"As the subject, Resolved, That the United States should adopt a policy requiring one year of military training of all able-bodied men before they reach the age of twenty-three, is only statewide," she continues, "there is some difficulty in getting material and most of the material we have is for the affirmative and stronger side."

Besides the three returning "medalmen," these will deliver trial addresses December 19: Nancy Lou Bunker, Betty Lou Britt, Jack Folger, Jimmie Miller, George Brannock, Thomas Elder, James Elder, Jake Bowman, Johnny Joyce, Billy Snow, Jimmy Hadley, J. C. Shinault, and John Mickey.

Warren "Pup" Stewart

## Koch's Reading Gets Christmas Spirit Rolling

So great is the drawing quality of Prof. Frederick Koch's rendition of Dickens' Christmas Carol that Coach Shelton braved wintry winds to hear it the fourteenth time here December 5.

To the credit of the extensive work of the Rockford Street PTA, the popularity of Professor Koch, and the Christmas Spirit, Rockford Street Auditorium was filled to capacity for the first time since commencement.

In charming style Professor Koch brought to life the miserly Scrooge, the ghostly Morley, the timid Bob Cratchit, the lovable Tiny Tim.

The audience sat spellbound throughout the entire performance, relaxing only when the reader left the stage at the end of each of the four staves. Evergreens sprinkled with silver and the light of a single candle and a shaded light upon a table provided the Christmas air. During the brief intermissions, a choir back stage sang carols.

### NO MORE COUPONS

In a move that didn't surprise many people, because the fate of the coupon plan had been hanging on a cliff since the outset, the management of the Grand and Earle theatres last week dropped the coupon agreement they had with the HIGH SPOTS.

Mr. Benbow felt that the idea had not worked satisfactorily.

The HIGH SPOTS regrets that it can do nothing about the matter. It was assumed when the theatre managers said—"The plan has been accepted"—that the 10 cent idea would run through the year.

Such was not the case.

here.

Quoting the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS on best-player Sparger:

"George Sparger, 190-pound full-back and captain of the 1940 team, is slated for the Duke camp next fall. Sparger is a fine passer, a long distance kicker, a great defensive performer, and has a fine competitive spirit.

"You'll hear about him in col-  
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## Brunettes Best Blondes In Third Poll

By Sir Lacksalot.

Petty prefers blondes. Varga prefers blondes. Powers prefers blondes. Hollywood prefers blondes. Blondes have been crowned the national champion. "Cute blonde" is a by-word.

But Mount Airy high school likes its women on the darker-haired side.

Mostly because the vast majority are brunettes and therefore for some unexplainable reason prefer brunettes, the black-headed folk got 58 per cent of the vote. Seven per cent liked redheads best, while the remaining 28.4 per cent went overwhelmingly and vociferously for BLONDES.

(Maybe you've gathered by now that the writer likes blondes and voted for them in the third HIGH SPOTS poll as his hair-shade preference.)

At any rate brunettes are tops at MAHS.

Among the answers:

"I like blondes because I'm a brunette."

"I'll take brunettes because Miss Johnson is a brunette."

"Brunettes are more glamorous, appealing, and are generally prettier."

"My fiancée is a brunette."

"We're off women,"—two said this.

"Give us all three!"—five in this category.

You can have your brunettes, but this writer will still take blondes.

## Girl Reserves, Lining Up Assembly, Growing Fit, Not Fat

### 41 Girls In This Active Group.

The Girl Reserves are really growing fit, not fat; that is, they are trying to better themselves in order to face life and worldly problems squarely.

This club, which has a religious base, strives to give girls a more rounded life. It perhaps has a more definite purpose than any other MAHS club, and that purpose is, "To find and give the best."

It was the privilege of the students to have a part in the Thanksgiving project by bringing food which the Girl Reserves distributed to several families. Toys and clothes are the main items for the Girl Reserves "Christmas for others."

Miss Sarah Jones is the leader of these 41 girls with Mary McKnight, president; Hortense Quesinberry, vice president; Margaret Jones, secretary; and Susan Pendleton, treasurer of the group. Irene Cox, Anne Beamer, Anne Clark, Anne Spain and Clayron

\* Carter are the chairmen of the five committees.

But don't think that the above is all they do! Goodness, you should see the plans for socials that are growing. The Boys Home Ec club is going to entertain them, a supper sometime after Christmas is in the air, and they are busy now with the Christmas vesper service.

If you don't believe this account, open eyes and ears will tell you that the Girl Reserves are busier than bees.

### Stationery Contest Ends

The Junior stationery drive, being carried on for the purpose of raising money for the annual Junior-Senior prom, is progressing rapidly with a net profit of \$11.65 already reported. Billy Brown, one of the group captains, was the lone junior to win a special award given all those salesmen who got rid of fifteen boxes of the Hammermill Bond paper. Group winners in the contest will be announced later, all members of the top section receiving special prizes.

# Here's What Town's Prominent Men Say About Gym

**FOR 100 PER CENT:**

**R. E. Ashby, editor of TIMES:** "We are for it 100 per cent, and our paper will lend its support in any way possible."

**Tom Morgan, staff writer of TIMES** (replaced Ed Lewis) was startled and astonished when he was asked the question concerning the need of a gymnasium here. He replied: "What! Don't we have one? We certainly need a gym, and I don't see how you get along without one. It's very disgusting."

**John Folger, lawyer and former state senator:** "The city cannot levy taxes to raise money for the gym, but you can ask for donations. I think it would be a fine thing. It is not a debatable question. If you can, you should by all means get a gymnasium."

**Henry Folger, postmaster and former MAHS basketball star:** "We certainly need one."

**L. P. Wrenn, wholesale grocer:** "By all means, Mount Airy needs a gymnasium. Something definite should be done about getting one."

**Harvey Smith, manager of Center Theatre:** "It's a shame we don't have a gym. It certainly offers a challenge to public-minded citizens of Mount Airy. Which way are we going—sliding backward or pushing forward? If we can afford to support an out-of-town baseball league in this town, it certainly seems we could give support to athletics for our own children."

**W. M. Johnson, editor of NEWS:** "You certainly need something to provide wholesome entertainment for the young people, and they need a physical education program."

**Lindsay Holcomb, knitting manufacturer,** wholeheartedly favors the construction of a new gymnasium and will lend all the aid in his power to the project.

**George K. Snow, lawyer,** is in the same boat with Holcomb.

**MEET THE HIGH SPOTS STAFF**

By Dot Norman

For our local HIGH SPOTS Here's what I'll do: I'll take the whole staff And tell who's who.

Now Edward Jackson Is Editor-in-Chief, And one of the best— Or that's my belief.

Our associate editor Is Pat Rothrock, And we couldn't do without her On our dear HIGH SPOTS.

Now for reporters— There's Hines and Spain And when they're on the job News comes in like rain.

There's Merritt, Carter, Beamer, and McGee, Mickey, Britt, Brannock and me.

And of course Barbara Folger Whose name rates a star, For she brings freshman news Be it near and far.

So for the features—well There's Hennis, Wrenn, and Webb; Also Ann Inman, And Sarah Smith, the Deb.

For news of sports We honor E. K. And Coty and Roscoe. For their work day by day.

Now Laura Craddock Works with exchange While Eleanor Collins Brings news from the range.

Fowler and Folger Say it pays to advertise, While Miller, Britt, and Whitlock All think it's wise.

## Seniors Pay Out 25 Cents Daily According To Writers' Report



Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a loud speaker for Christmas. People tell me that it is a lot better to be heard than to be seen.

Thank you, Bobby Masten.

Dearest Santa: For once I am satisfied. I have everything I want (I hope), so just skip me this Christmas.

So long, Bill Pendleton

Dearest Santa Claus: All that I ask for Christmas is some of that dashing red poker-chip lipstick. I think that you will understand.

Lots of love, Betty Lou Britt.

Hi Santa: Please leave at my house a new Joe Penner doll. My old one has seen its last days. You might also leave some oranges and candy. No nuts this time if you don't mind.

Love, Frank Toler.

Well Santa Claus: Just drop me a man. I am not

### Going To School Costs Money As Well As Time.

Dear Dad, Since I am the oldest in our family, I appointed myself a committee of one to write you concerning our school financial status. I suppose you remember very well giving us money for this before you left, but we've kinda run short.

Following is a list of the different expenses of the four of us:

**Betty—Freshman:**

Home Economics .....	\$4.00
Fee Materials:	
Book Rent .....	4.00
Paper & Pencils .....	2.00
Knee socks .....	1.00
Costume jewelry .....	2.00
Ear muffs .....	.50
Boxing gloves .....	2.00
Yellow play shoes .....	6.00
Miscellaneous .....	1.50
<b>Total yearly expense .....</b>	<b>\$23.00</b>

**Anne—Junior:**

Book rent .....	\$4.00
Typing fee, paper .....	9.00
Chemistry fee, apron .....	1.80
Paper & pencils .....	1.50
Make up, costume jewelry, socks, etc. ....	3.50
Basketball shoes, trips .....	4.00
Miscellaneous .....	2.25
<b>Total yearly expenses .....</b>	<b>\$27.00</b>

**Johnny—Sophomore:**

Shop .....	\$5.00
Book rent .....	4.00
Paper & Pencils .....	1.50
Basketball, shoes .....	4.00
Photography club, pictures .....	5.00
Miscellaneous .....	.75

**IN-BETWEEN:**

One of the most important positions held by anyone is the in-between stand that must be taken by the town. **Mayor John D. Thompson** told a HIGH SPOTS reporter this: "We certainly need one. There are many problems which give rise to so many complications that the town cannot sponsor a gym. The public schools are run by the state and not the town. Therefore the town cannot use the tax returns for that purpose. I think you'll find that most of the citizens realize that we really need one."

**FAVOR SOMETHING ELSE:**

**Jim Yokley, furniture manufacturer:** "I would back a new school building before I would a gym. The property at the park had originally been bought with this goal in view."

**W. G. Bondurant, trucking king:** "I will back a school as first choice, but I will support a plan for a combined gym and auditorium—on separate floors but in the same building."

**O. W. Kochitzky replied:** "I will back a plan for a YMCA, but I hadn't thought about a new gym."

**E. Q. Benbow, Earle Theatre mogul:** "I am in favor of a YMCA." Benbow wasn't at all enthusiastic over the idea of a new gym.

**Judge E. C. Bivens, lawyer:** "I think that we need one. That's understood. But there are several complications. I don't know where the money is coming from. To use a lot on Spring Street would probably be wiser than placing a gym on Main Street, because of the traffic. The town is growing to such an extent that the gym would end up in the middle of town. That corner of Cherry and Main is really a bad one for the crowds that would come to games there."

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### What Do You Most Hate For The Opposite Sex To Do?

— asks —

## INQUIRING REPORTER

What do you hate most for boys and girls to do?  
**FOR GIRLS:**

Jack Inman says, "I hate for them to act conceited."

"To talk all the time is my main hate for girls," asserts Tom Brown, freshman.

Jack Pruet, probably with romance on his brain, drawls, "I hate for them not to pay attention when I'm flirting."

"To powder their nose in public, or anything else on that order—you name it and I'll back you up," Skipper Simms, baseball coach, voices his opinion.

Raymond "Tuffy" Lanier, junior, interrupts, "Put this down for me. Man, I hate for them to eat onions before I come to court 'em."

Scholastic champion from Room 5, Ernest Randleman, maintains, "I hate for them to flirt with all the boys and lead them on."

**FOR BOYS:**

And now all you boys gather around and listen to what the girls have to say about your faults.

Betty Hill writes, "I hate to see boys hanging around the pool room and smoking cigarettes. I don't like boys that flirt or the ones that use profanity."

Evelyn Moore tears the "cheap-skate" apart when she says, "I hate for them to brag about themselves and to let the other fellow pay for his and his girl friend's drinks."

"I hate the way they dress, and

Now Laura Craddock Works with exchange While Eleanor Collins Brings news from the range.

Fowler and Folger Say it pays to advertise, While Miller, Britt, and Whitlock All think it's wise.

There's Hollingsworth, Atkins, Campbell, and Money, And when it comes to Art, Henry Badgett is a "honey."

Belton, Blizzard, And Jacobs are swell; So is Francis Terry— And I think we all do well.

Now last but not least We honor Misses Lassiter and Hale Who make this possible. And we cannot fail As long as they guide us In our work day by day, The HIGH SPOTS will climb— That's all I can say.

they also talk too much," alleges Mildred Eckenrod, cheerleader.

Patricia Rothrock, associate editor of the HIGH SPOTS, reports, "To act so conceited—as most of them around here do."

Pretty Velma Nelson avouches, "I don't like to be ignored."

While everyone else was talking too, Eleanor Smith said, "I hate for them to stick their chin in my shoulder."

Commercial student, Mary Ruth Hutchins says, "I don't like for them to go where they want to go and not get my opinion first."

Hey, wait, we left out 4 feet 9 inches of dynamite. Fred McGee says, "I hate for girls to tease me on account of my size."

### No More Tests This Year -- Miss Haymore.

"You'll have no more tests this year," Miss Haymore told the second year Latin classes to which she had given four tests in four days. And there were those who didn't believe it possible.

Please leave at my house a new Joe Penner doll. My old one has seen its last days. You might also leave some oranges and candy. No nuts this time if you don't mind.

Love,  
Frank Toler.

Well Santa Claus:  
Just drop me a man. I am not particular this Christmas. I'm a little unhappy though.

Much love,  
Patti Holcomb.

Dear Santa:  
Since I am bashful and not interested in girls, I don't have anything to do except play football and basketball. So please leave me some poker chips and cards.

Merry Christmas,  
"Spurg" Sparger.

Hi Santa Claus:  
A feeling of meanness is coming over me. I want a real gun this Christmas. I intend to see if I REALLY CAN get away with murder.

Just Jimmy Miller,

Hello:  
Drop an alarm clock down my chimney, Santa Claus. I am afraid I might happen to be late for school —by accident, you know!

Joe Fowler.

Dearest Santa Claus:  
I am 14 years old, almost 15, and I have dark hair. I am also a sophomore in high school, but I am still a little backward in my ways. I love dolls. Please leave me a fuzzy BEAR carrying a football.

Thank you,  
"Flee" Sydnor.

Hi Santa:  
On your way here, how about picking up a few Power's models in New York. They come in handy—in photography.

Do the same for you sometime,  
Ben Williamson.

Dear Santa:  
For goodness sakes, please bring me a little Chemistry set so I can do my experiments ALL by myself

Total yearly expenses ..... \$27.00

**Johnny—Sophomore:**

Shop .....	\$5.00
Book rent .....	4.00
Paper & Pencils .....	1.50
Basketball, shoes .....	4.00
Photography club, pictures ....	5.00
Miscellaneous .....	.75

Total yearly expense ..... \$20.25

**Bob—Senior:**

Mechanical Drawing .....	\$7.10
Typing fee, paper .....	10.00
Book rent .....	4.00
Paper & pencils .....	1.50
Class ring .....	8.35
Cap and gown .....	1.25
Diploma .....	1.50
Football shoes, trips .....	8.00
Hobo shirt .....	1.50
Loud socks .....	1.00
Miscellaneous .....	.90

Total yearly expense ..... \$45.00

After figuring some more, I found we go to school 180 days and the average cost per day for each of us is: Betty, 13 cents; Johnny 11 cents; Anne, 15 cents; and me, 25 cents.

I guess you're wonderin' if some of these things are absolutely essential. Well, maybe they could be left off; but gee! everyone else has them.

Well, s'long Dad. Christmas is coming (harrumph!).

Your son,  
Bob

without being bothered by Miss Johnson.

Tom Slate.

Dear St. Nick:  
As you know, I won't be happy until I am full of food so just bring me anything to eat or chew.

As ever,  
Rachel Merritt.

Hello Santa:  
I am greatly discouraged! I need a book of new jokes. Everyone tells me my cracks are old.

A friend,  
Jack Folger.

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## Happy Birthday

Dec. 22 Ronald Boyles, Jeanette Caudle, Ann Booker, Paskal Lineback, Josephine Tilley.

Dec. 23 Raymond Lanier, Hilda Nichols, Bill Banner, Margaret Fulcher.

Dec. 25 James Slate, R. W. Carpenter, Ruth Fleming.

Dec. 26 Robin Williams, Archie Hornady.

Dec. 28 Horace Westmoreland, Lizzie Snow, Eugene Bowman.

Dec. 28 Willie Johnson.

Dec. 29 Lois Banks, Frances Beamer, Leon Podaras, Edith Midkiff.

Dec. 31 Horace Shoemaker, Ernest Jones.

Jan. 1 Ocile Lineback, Dorothy Laney, Lorraine Beasley.

Jan. 2 Opal Hiatt

Jan. 3 Allie Hodges.

Jan. 5 Helen McCreary.

Jan. 6 Mary Ruth Coleman.

Jan. 7 Fannie Lee Hale

Jan. 8 Betty Lou Norman.

Jan. 9 Louise Hicks, Austin Par-due, Mary Ellen Lewis.

Jan. 10 Mary Lou Childress, Bill Ashby.

Jan. 11 Jimmy Miller, Bill Belton.

Jan. 14 Bill Hollingsworth, Wayne Jones, Ed Jackson.

Jan. 16 Frances Lee Sydnor, Glenn Thacker.

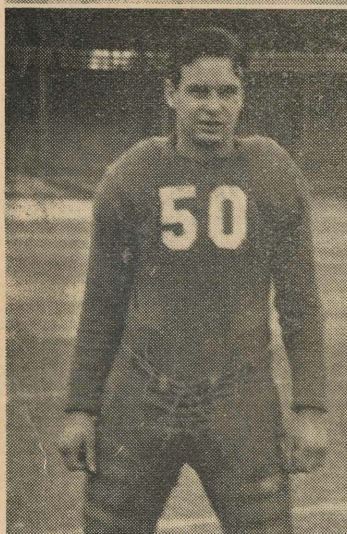
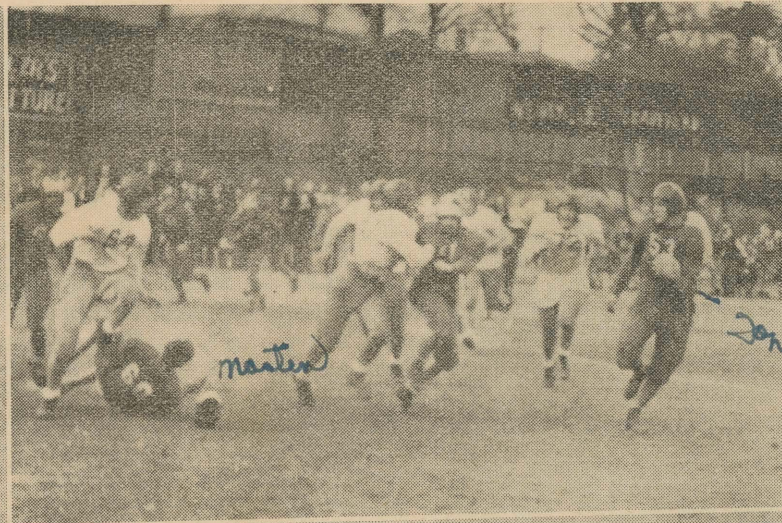
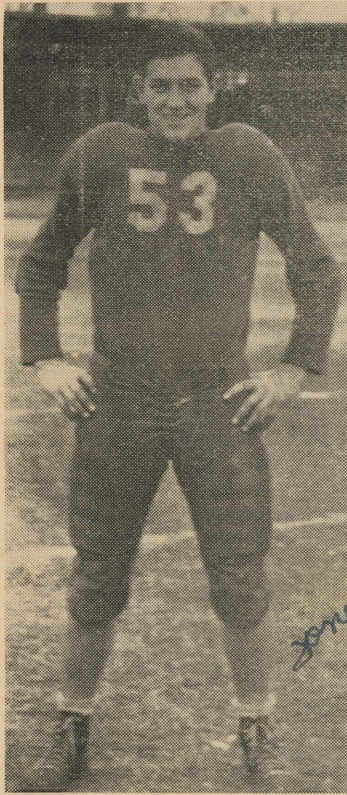
Jan. 17 J. H. Yelton, Jr.

Jan. 18 Bobby Hines.

Jan. 19 Caroline Boyles, Violet Bowman, Elaine Childress.

Jan. 20 Louise Lyons.

THIS MONTH'S PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY  
After The Ball Is Over



Girl Cagers, Short  
And Green, Giving  
Lassiter Headache

Diary of a perplexed girls' basketball coach for a gymless school in the hills of western Surry, or why coaches like Miss Lassiter still write to Santa Claus.

**Monday, Nov. 18**—Basketball season started today with limbering-up exercises. About 50 girls out, half of which are new recruits. Graduation left only four inexperienced letter girls—Polly Timmons and Edith Midkiff, forwards, and Margaret Steele and Betty Lou Britt, guards. Have a lot to develop. Oh well, practice makes perfect.

**Tuesday, Nov. 19**—No practice. PTA using gym.

**Wednesday Nov. 20**—Again no practice, Dramatic club presenting play.

**Thursday, Nov. 21**—Practice. Polly Timmons elected captain. Scrimmaged all. Last year's reserves Ellen Brannock, Elizabeth Jones, Patti Holcomb, Lucille Gruble, Jean Pruet, Anne Spain, Opaleene Beamer showing improvement.

**Friday, Nov. 22**—Freshmen certainly are a spirited crowd. Caroline Boyles, Wanda Folds, Betty Anne Snow, Georgia Quesinberry, Angie Marshall, Barbara Folger, and Geraldine Miller good material for future teams.

**Monday, Nov. 25**—Another week of practice ahead. Eight minutes of scrimmage by experienced players—only two points scored! Discouraging.

**Tuesday, Nov. 26**—No practice.

**Wednesday, Nov. 27**—Gym like an iceberg. Look forward to playing two games. We'll probably be beaten by Red Bank—a good team. Our team lacks height. Need to develop speed. Pendleton and Timmons shooting good.

Toler, Stewart  
Will Co-Captain

(Continued from front page)

lege,' insists Coach Wally Shelton." The same article praises Jones thus:

"Marion Jones, 210-pound end, who stands 6 feet 1 inch, is slated to enter the University of North Carolina. Jones is one of the best in North Carolina scholastic circles. He is a fine blocker, an excellent pass receiver, a good defensive man, a fair kicker, and a fine end on end-around runs."

Jones was placed on the third team of the all-state elevens selected by the coaches of the state for the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS.

There is a possibility that Sparger and co-captain-elect Frank Toler may go to Riverside next September.

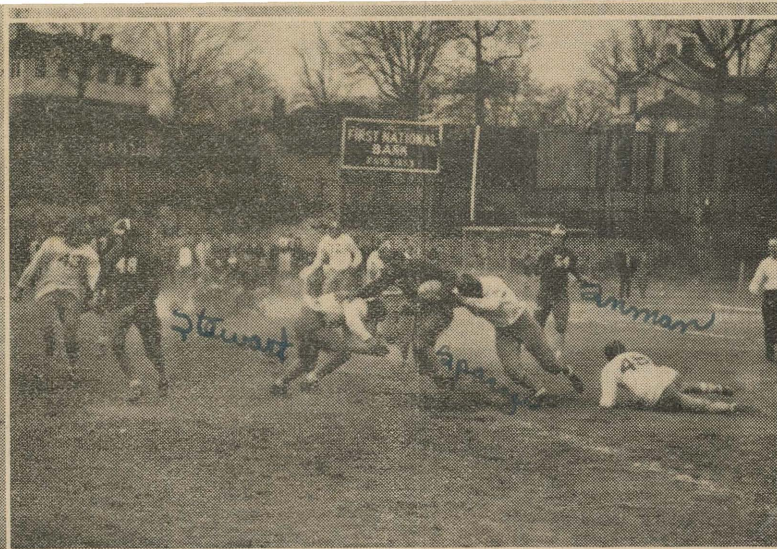
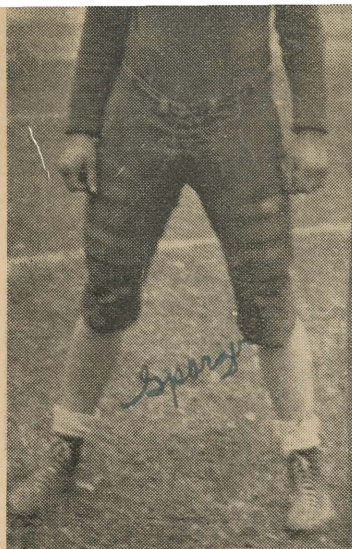
Blocking back and one of the unsung heroes, Stewart is a fine defensive player who got more than his share of tackles at the line-backing position this fall.

Toler, the Jim Lalanne of the array, hurled 70 passes and completed 39 during the season for a stellar passing average of .557. He as an eel-like runner and an excellent kicker.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS—



One of the most honorable defeats in Bear history was the 21-7 shellacking handed the locals by the High Point Frosh here in the closing tilt of the 1940 season. Above are some snapshots of the battle which saw five men sing their swan songs—Marion Jones, upper left; Captain George Sparger, lower left; Coley Whitlock; Wingback Paul Flemming (Picture on Page One); and tailback Clint Childress. In the pix at the top right Marion Jones picks up a few yards on his favorite end-round play. Clark (61) is taking out a High Point man; Masten and his helmet have just been bounced to the ground. Right center is the noise patrol, which did a superb job under severe handicaps this year. Left to right, Susan Pendleton, Betty Lou Britt, Ellen Brannock, Ellen Macon, Mildred Eckenrod, and Flee Sydnor. In the final photo Jones once again plows around left end. Stewart (48) and Inman (54) may be seen. Reason for two snapshots of Jones delivering the mail: His left end sweeps come closest to the camera of Photographer Ben Williamson.

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# Folger Confident He Can Get WPA Aid For Gym

## Gym Drive Is Temporarily Bogged Down

### Some Oppose Building Proposed By HIGH SPOTS.

For the time being, all that is needed in the gymnasium drive is action.

Congressman A. D. Folger feels quite confident that he can secure WPA help for the gym project. If so, the government will pay 45 per cent and will issue a long term loan for the other 55 per cent.

And what is everybody sitting still and waiting for?

Just this:

In this town there are so many rival factions favoring so many different things that the Italian army couldn't be more confused than these groups are.

There are those who favor a town hall, an armory, a new high school, a swimming pool, a gymnasium, and a YMCA. Mainly there are those who favor nothing.

### Why A Gym?

Here's why the HIGH SPOTS continues to think that the gymnasium need is the most important one, not only at Mount Airy high school but also in the town of Mount Airy.

In the first place, do we need a new high school? Even if the city limits were extended, the inflow of students into the high school would not increase. At present fewer students come into the first grade each year. This should eliminate the size question.

Besides, the proposed gym would move two departments from the high school building proper, thus giving additional space for any new course and leaving room for a cafe-

### An Open Letter to the Members of the Mount Airy High Football Squad:

*He all but cried he was up for it*

May I take this means and opportunity to express to you my grateful appreciation for your kind expression in the trophy given me. I believe that it is the finest present that I have ever received. I hope that I may prove worthy of it.

(Signed)

Coach Shelton.



shouldn't be too hard. Although the town can't be the sponsor, someone, the HIGH SPOTS is confident, is interested enough to get behind the project.

Approval of an administration grant must come from Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Washington, and the President.

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300 schools' students who will present a mammoth Christmas Music show at Rockford Street Auditorium at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

"We'll have to get new football uniforms or go naked next year," Coach Wally Shelton told reporters this week. The present togs have been in use for four years now. There is a movement afoot among the up-street alumni to purchase some new outfits for the club.

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## Pom - Pom Attack "Coventrizes" Red Bank For Bear Boys, 23-15

### Blue Blitzkrieg Sinks Patricickers As Girls Are Silenced.

Just where the Mount Airy boys' merry-go-round will end, not even Major Bowes knows. To date, the Bear lads have annexed two triumphs in their only starts.

They easily walked over Nancy Reynolds, 39-9 here in the opener Thursday night. Miller, who was fouled out early in the third quarter by a scorekeeper's error, led with 13 points.

But it was another story at Red Bank the next night. Trailing three-quarters of the way, the local boys had to put on a spirited rally in one of the wildest and roughest games in Mount Airy court history to gain a 23-15 victory. Childress and Miller rang up eight points each. Once again the play was somewhat ragged.

The team is employing the Maryland style of play this year—fast

breaking offense with long, looping downcourt passes.

An even split is the record of the short Mount Airy sextet. After laying low the Reynolds girls, 29-21, in a thriller that required a MAHS rally, the Bruinettes didn't have a chance against a superior Red Bank club. Final score: Mount Airy 16, Red Bank, 39. Captain Timmons, slowed up in the second game by an injured ankle, hit the loop for 16 points against the black of Reynolds. Susan Pendleton, using her overhead shot, racked up 11 points to lead the short-lived onslaught on Red Bank.

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students from the high school would not increase. At present fewer students come into the first grade each year. This should eliminate the size question.

Besides, the proposed gym would move two departments from the high school building proper, thus giving additional space for any new course and leaving room for a cafeteria.

If things get too old-fashioned, the present building could be remodelled.

There are those who contend that a YMCA is the thing, that it covers the same needs that the gym does, and that the whole town could use it.

However the gymnasium would kill two birds with one stone. It would cross out the need for a new school building.

Of course, if somebody wants a new building and gym, and wants to pay for it, and give it to the school pretty quick, there is little doubt that the school would hug his neck and stick a contract in his hand. We're arguing that the gym is not only an important need—it is an urgent and timely one.

With this WPA help, the matter

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## Final Flashes

(Continued from front page)

doesn't in this case), basketball will certainly remain at MAHS. The students, 85.6 per cent of them, voted for the continuation of basketball even if the attendance remains low. Many of the students believe that the lack of a gymnasium caused the sparseness of crowds. Attendance at the first game was 103. Actually the abolition is up to the school authorities, but the students may put a halt to the move if the attendance is increased, it was stated.

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School dismisses at 1:30, Friday.

The Girl Reserves Christmas vesper service was held this morning (Wednesday), the program depicting the Nativity.

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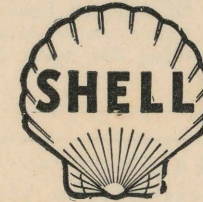
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Bear Cagers Pictured Below Tip-Off Against Red Bank Here Friday Night





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Here are the King Richards of the Rebounds—the Beowulfs of the Backboards. These, friends, are the 1941 first ten basketballers that will take the court for the Granite Bears.

Picking off the corners: Upper left, Jimmy Miller, guard; Lower left, Tommy Marion, forward; Lower right, George Sparger, center; Upper right, Jack Folger, forward, and in the center, Captain Clint Childress. Top, just above center, are "Lum" Semones and Cotton Clark. To the left and right, bottom of Clinton, are Black Jack Inman and Hylton Wright. Good luck!

### Christmas Cage Chatter

Thanks to an unheated "gymnasium," Clinton Childress and several other key men have been out of many basketball practices this year with influenza and troublesome colds.

No let-up in the toll this sickness has taken is even in prospect for the approaching Christmas holiday practice sessions—when there is either little heat or none at all.

On regular afternoons the gym is about equal to sweater weather, certainly not o. k. for practicing in shorts and abbreviated tops.

All last year this sickness plague haunted the team, and it appears that right here from the outset the flu is going to cause MAHS' basketball hopes to flit.

#### Playing Change

The boys in blue will have a definite system this year, playing two men out and three in close to the basket. Loss of Kirkman and Badgett, ace guards, has forced Coach Shelton to put forwards Jimmie Miller and Clinton Childress at guard positions.

This not only leaves expert back-court shooters at the "out" positions but will provide the Bears with someone to get the ball to forwards Jack Folger and Tommie Marion and able center, George Sparger.

All last season the club coasted along with no set offense, even changing in the middle of a game.

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And  
BARNEY**

**B & B**

At sometime during a person's life he has a desire to become a writer. The idea has finally struck us, and after many hours of persuasion, the editor finally agreed to let us try our hand. However, any similarity between these and any living persons is purely coincidental.

**B & B**

Pup Stewart hopes Santa Claus brings him a big truck for Christmas so he will have an excuse for riding up and down the truck lane. Who lives there that interests our star blocking back?

**B & B**

To Betty Lou Britt: You can't be a captain and have one too.

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We, among others, can't understand Barbara Wrenn's sudden like for 1941 Plymouth coupes.

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This column thanks Rookie "Sub-Deb" Flemming for sending his best wishes.

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We wonder if 'Babe' Jones is really interested in the merchandise or the blonde clerk behind the counter at Leonard's.

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## They Ring The Bell

**OPALEENE BEAMER, Fourth—**

Being young is so much trouble! Here is Opaleene Beamer just pinning to be a nurse, and she's not old enough to go in training.

In the meantime she's hanging around MAHS with her finger in so many pies you can hardly count them.

She's the prize alto of the chorus class, a member of the Sigma Delta and Dramatic clubs, and a guard on the basketball team. Last year she played in the Jayvee tournament as an all-star guard.

When that long awaited birthday comes, Opaleene wants to go in training at the University of Virginia. Who can blame her? That is a co-ed school!

**CHRISTINE WEBB, Fifth—**

Sort of mix-up Ferdinand's love for flowers, Mickey Rooney's love for drums, Einstein's love for math, Bing Crosby's love for horses, Lily Pon's love for singing, and Joan Davis's love for talking—and there you'll have Christine Webb.

This must be a lucky combination, because Christine has been into almost everything in high school except the Boys Home Ec club.

She is the secretary of the senior class, a member of the ring committee, a Sigma Delta, and a member of the Dramatic club and chorus class. Besides all that, she makes the honor roll and keeps the bell room, fifth period.

Christine's two ambitions are to be a teacher and to find a boy who feels as she does about horses, food, and drums.

**WALTER LOVILL, Third—**

One of the youngest boys of the class of '40 is "Proxy" Lovill. If you

remember, he is the lucky boy who used to "commute" to Florida every winter to keep from catching pneumonia.

The girls in the Home Ec class are always admiring the lovely shade of tomato red Walter's face turns when he comes into their class to bring a notice. It goes so well with his hair!

Walter is really brainy. If you don't believe it, ask the teachers. He wants to study aeronautical engineering at State College.

"Proxy's" hobby is photography. But when you don't find him working on that, it's almost certain he's in "Chill" Naylor's and Rab Witt's backyards playing football with the neighborhood kids. He's reserve footballer. It's his great love and "Radio Red" dotes on it.

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Temperature 18 degrees, and here comes Johnny Boone, sleeves rolled up, no coat, hat, or mittens.

In the home room, mid shivers of classmates, he complains of being hot and raises the window to enjoy the delightful, fresh cool breeze. The teeth chattering in the room sounds like a typing class. Those superhuman beings, built special with stoves in them!

During news reports in history he "drapes" on the board. Please, Santa, bring him a coat, a curtain rack, and an icicle.

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The fans are howling for a return bout between "Knockout" Whitlock and "Killer" Yelton. See contestants for details of the first bout.

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When "Black Jack" Inman was asked to name one of the most important groups of people in history, he quickly answered, "The Four Horsemen."

**B & B**

Miss Johnson: "What is the outstanding contribution that Chemistry has given the world?"

Eddie Fowler: "Blondes."

**B & B**

Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**B & B**

B.B.P.S. You girls have exactly thirteen days of leap year left. Come and get us. We'll be waiting for you.

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