

SCHOOL GROUND IMPROVEMENT

Many improvements have been made on our school grounds recently. Have you noticed the shrubs around the agriculture building? There are even tiny blades of grass peeping their timid heads through the earth for the first time. They are certainly added attractions.

We're so glad the agriculture boys pruned the shrubbery in front of the school building. Many were afraid the eight-graders wouldn't be able to see out if the shrubs were allowed to grow much higher.

I'm sure you've seen the new white posts on the lower side of the driveway. If you've been wondering what the ditch behind the school building is for (the one that the little boys have had so much fun sliding down in, but I'm sure their mothers haven't had much fun washing their trousers). It's to take care of the drainage from the three buildings and the lunchroom.

There's always room for improvement, no matter how much we do. Soon we hope to see the court between the old and new buildings sowed in grass and some shrubbery planted.

Junior High News

We are glad to have Leannah Mosley join our class from Franklin School.

We wish to thank Mr. Billings, Mrs. Fox Nichols and Lee Gunter for taking us to Flat Rock to play basketball. Everyone enjoyed playing the games even if we did lose.

GIRLS' SPORT NEWS

By Norma Marshall

Another month has rolled around and its time for some more news.

I hope you will pardon me for saying such a thing, but it concerns the ballgame we lost with Dobson. It seems that the girls couldn't hit the backboard much less hit the net. Well, it just couldn't be helped, but we are confident that when Dobson comes to White Plains it will be a tough fight. We hope we can put the ball right through the net, and play ball like we have been played before. It is the only game we have lost this year and we hope we can go through the rest of the season without another upset.

We have five more games to play before the County Tournament starts. We are entering three Tournaments this time and hope we will come out on top.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Most Talkative—Roy Johnson, Norma Marshall.

Most Studious—Lewis Lawrence, Coleen Huffman.

Wittiest—Roy Johnson, Earnestine Harrison.

Best All Around—Roy Johnson, Nina Hardy.

Most Courteous—Lewis Lawrence, Georgia Johnson.

Most Accommodating—Leroy Slaydon, Doris Bean.

Best Sport—Roy Johnson, Margie Dollyhigh.

Most Athletic—Lee Gunter, Elizabeth Venable.

Neatest—Leroy Slaydon, Lena Bunker.

Most Generous—Charles Brintle, Nina Hardy.

Most Likely to Succeed—Lewis Lawrence, Evelyn Waugh

Prettiest Girl—Dorothy Younger

Most Handsome Boy—Lee Gunter.

Cutest—Roy Johnson, Lala Mae Draughn.

Friendliest—Roy Johnson, Laura Ann Newman.

Most Popular—Lee Gunter, Elizabeth Venable.

Most Original—Roy Johnson, Evelyn Waugh.

Most Unassuming—Charles Brintle, LouNell Kallam.

BOYS SPORT NEWS

By Bill Snow

The boys basketball teams in Surry County are advancing to better improvements. Some of the high class teams are getting beaten by the underdogs. The White Plains boys have lost two games straight one to Copeland and the other to Pilot Mountain. We are trying to improve on our weaknesses of the past two or three games. We are looking forward to a better season than in the past. We are pretty sure that we will come out and shine in the tournaments with a lot of the other fine teams in Surry County.

Tenth Grade

The tenth grade has been getting around in the last few days. Let's see if we can find out a few secrets.

Dorothy and Jack have made a New Year's resolution—Not to date over eight times a week!

We wonder why Ruby looks so dreamy-eyed when the eleventh grade is mentioned. Could it be that her mind falls on Wayne?

Tell us—Is Peggy Gant a man-hater?

It seems as if Ruth Nichols likes new cars, especially the kind that Paul drives.

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MR. AND MRS. WARD TEACH BIBLE

Every other week on Tuesday you may hear a mad rush for the auditorium third period. If you are in the corridor and value your limbs, move over to the side and stop. Finally you pick up enough courage to ask a straggler timidly. "Where is everybody going? Is there a fire?" This person will probably stop and stare a minute with his mouth open, then answer. "Didn't you know the Wards are here?"

On you go to the auditorium. After a cheerful "hello" from Mr. Ward, everyone joins in the singing of several choruses accompanied by Mrs. Ward. Mrs. Ward then leads a sword drill, awarding a gift to the winner. Next comes the inspiring illustrated message from the New Testament by Mrs. Ward.

All too soon comes the end of this Bible study. The entire school really appreciates the Wards and great things they are doing for us and other schools.

A GLIMPSE AT LAST YEAR'S SENIORS

Eloise Bunker Atkins is employed at the Welfare Department.

Eugene Johnson is employed at the Granite Hosiery Mill.

Mildred Badgett Johnson keeps house for Eugene.

Chester Atkins, Bruce Younger, Walter Chilton, Hoyle Harvey, and Fred Brintle are farming.

Pansy Atkins, Elsie Newman, Barbara Lou Tickle are in training at Martin Memorial Hospital.

Tyco Wood is training for manager of Rose's Store in Kinston.

Pansy Dollyhigh is taking a beauty course in Greensboro.

Dorothy Cassell is employed at the Mt. Airy Knitting Mill and Efrid's Department Store.

Minnie Hicks is a freshman at Brevard College.

Betty Lou Venable is a freshman at Guilford College.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Last Friday we had our regular 4-H club meeting. Several members got certificates for completing four years of 4-H club work.

Shirley Waugh and Mary Faye Jackson were our speakers. Shirley told about demonstrations which she and Ruth gave last summer at various places. They were county and district winners. Mary Faye told us of her clothing project.

Ten girls gave a skit.

Miss Leslie Johnson and Mr. Claude Allen were our agents.

SENIORS PRESENT XMAS PAGEANT

Just a few days before Christmas the seniors were continually seeking for something to do, so that they might miss English class.

One morning it was mentioned to Miss Simpson that we would like to give a Christmas program. She did not say much about it at first, but later on in the day she told us to ask Mr. Reece if it would be permissible and then ask Mrs. Christian if she would help us; of course they both said, "Yes".

Due to our shortage of boys we had to borrow some from the tenth and eleventh grades to help us. We presented the Manger Scene.

Lewis Lawrence, one of our few boys, sang a solo, "O, Little Town Of Bethlehem," which was very effectively done.

With much persuading we finally got Roy Johnson to sing a verse of "We Three Kings" by himself. Others singing in the pageant were Paul Draughan and Lewis Lawrence.

We presented the program on Wednesday morning just before the first buses left.

SEEING DOUBLE

It's rather interesting to note that only nine of the many families represented at White Plains High School have a set of twins. These are listed below.

Wade and Wayne Doby, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Doby entered school this year. Their teacher is Mrs. Childress.

Muriel and Minerva Badgett are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Badgett. Their teacher is Mrs. Chilton.

In her class, Miss Clark has Jean and Jane Creed, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Creed.

Everybody knows Eng and Chang Bunker, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bunker. Mrs. Badgett is their teacher.

Mrs. Siske also has a set of twins in her room. They are Gale and Dale Johnson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Johnson.

Dolly and Delma Hicks, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hicks, are in Mrs. Lawrence's sixth grade.

Betty and Billy Slate, children of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Slate, are taught by Mr. Billings.

Somewhere along the way Lucy and Lewis Collins, children of Mr. and Mrs. Aldie Collins, were separated. Lucy is in the ninth grade and Lewis, in the eighth.

Mrs. Patterson has a set of twins in her class. They are Cassie and Carrie Gwyn, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kernel Gwyn.

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EDITORIALS

In an article many years ago it was said that the village of White Plains should be noted for its efforts in teaching public school work off and on since about 1850.

As soon as possible after the Civil War a public school was started in a small one-room log cabin located just behind the present site of the Missionary Baptist Church. This school did not run for more than two months for several years. Since White Plains is a Quaker settlement, the Friends School was started. The teacher was paid by the Friends of Philadelphia and the students were required to pay for the fuel and other minor expenses. Students of all denominations came from far and near to attend this school that was taught in the Friends Church about seven months of each year for seven years.

At this time an agreement was reached by the County Board of Education to consolidate the free school and the Friends School there by making it a two-teacher public school and the principal was required to teach. In 1914 the citizens met and raised enough money to hire a third teacher. S. T. Lassiter was first principal in the high school and he taught only high school work. This new high school had about 25 students and even had music. It was here that Mrs. Christian got her start.

The local school board, Vestal Taylor, Robert E. Bunker and J. A. Cox got together and persuaded the County Board of Education to help build in 1916 a larger building. This was the first rural district in Surry County to vote a local tax for the establishment of a state high school.

After the first year of the high school, home economics was added to the curriculum. For a number of years this was the only school in the county to teach this subject.

The first class to graduate from White Plains High School in 1918 included Harry Robertson, Hobart Siske, Roy Felts, Frank Johnson, Terry Beamer, Anna Simpson March, Nina Robertson Miller, Virginia Patterson, Welch and Alma Taylor Robertson. In the fall of 1920 every member of this class was in college—part of them attending business college at night. The school grew until a still larger building was completed and in April the school moved. This new building had 12 rooms and a private office.

The old school places were sold. Later when construction of the gymnasium was started, each teacher gave one-week's salary to the project. A lunch room was set up in a downstairs corner of the gymnasium. When sufficient funds were raised a lunchroom was built, covering the entire downstairs section of the gymnasium. The present lunch room was built in 1942 and improvements are still being made to meet state requirements for Federal aid.

The downstairs section of the gymnasium was made into an agriculture room and shop. After the present agriculture building was finished, it was made into dressing rooms for the ball players.

In 1944, a cannery, which serves the school and residents of Surry County, was completed.

The present agriculture building was completed in 1948. It is used to the best advantage by the F. F. A boys and Veterans.

THE NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

We think Earnestine, Laura Ann, Lala Mae, and Dorothy pay each other to keep their secrets since nobody knows anything about them.

Dillard seems to like Beulah School better than he does White Plains. We know the girls couldn't have anything to do with it, or could they?

Lena, which will it be, Beulah or Chapel Hill?

It seems that Coleen really rates, especially with Sailors. We wonder if she got seasick riding in that '32 convertible.

If you have a boy friend you want to exchange, just see Georgia or Norma. They seems to be pretty good in that line.

Evelyn has been walking around with stars in her eyes since Christmas. (Sam didn't go back to college).

Ninas letter's make very interesting reading for the senior girls during study hall.

Whats wrong with Hugh Creed that he can't stay in the road?

William, can you tell which is Cassie and which is Carrie? They say a close observer can.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF—

Roy Johnson knew his chemistry lesson?

Earnestine ran out of anything to say?

The seniors took another sneak day?

Mr. Reece missed a chemistry class?

There were two Mondays in a week?

Shirley and Mary Faye were separated?

Miss Simpson didn't like history? Sally Ann didn't have a joke to tell?

Tommy R. checked a book in on time?

Lou Nell missed a ball game?

Margie got to start in a ball game?

Dorothy C. was not true to Jack? The girls lost another ball

Through the half century from 1900 to 1950 the White Plains School has forged steadily ahead from a one-teacher log school house to the present modernly equipped plant, staffed with 17 teachers. The last addition was completed early in 1949 and is joined by a corridor to the old building. This annex consists of three large classrooms, a specious library, a home economics department, a commercial department and a lounge.

If we judge the next fifty years by the progress made in the last fifty years, the citizens of tomorrow will have a modern school with modern conveniences at all times.

GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Childress's first grade were highly entertained December 8, at a birthday party given by Mrs. Luther McPherson in honor of her son, Pat, who is a first grade student.

There were forty-five present. Games, contests, and music were enjoyed by all.

The children in Mrs. Chilton's room have just received their new work books and are enjoying them. They expect to order the "Weekly Reader" for the second part of the term.

Mrs. Taylor's second grade have recently lost two pupils and gained two new pupils since Christmas. They are Mary Carpenter from Dobson and Leonard Wilson from Lowgap. They are having good attendance considering the colds prevalent at this time of year.

Miss Clark's class have lost three pupils from their grade. They were Donald Lee Tilley, Billy Lee McHone, and Calvin Collins.

Mrs. Badgett's third grade had only 34 pupils after Harriet Harbin moved, but Joann Carpenter brought the number back to 35. Joann is from Dobson.

It's too bad they couldn't keep one of those old double desks for their inseparable twins, Eng and Chang Bunker.

Miss Taylor's fourth grade has a Story Club which meets every Friday afternoon. Pat Jackson was elected program chairman. This club consists of oral book reports, stories read and told, and occasionally songs are sung by the group.

The fifth grade are happy to have three new pupils from Dobson School. They are Sally V. Hodge and Coy and Jessie Wood. They have lost Donald Jones and Bobby and Opal McHone. They have learned to write business letters and are sending for free materials to use in their classroom.

Mrs. Lawrnce's class is proud to say that their boys basketball team defeated the Seventh grade the first time they played them. Their stars are Roosevelt White and Billy Wayne Marion.

Sara Jane Robertson received a doll from her pen pal in Glasgow, Scotland. It was dressed in the native outfit used in the Scottish Highland Dances. A number of the sixth graders are corresponding students. The letters and souvenirs are thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

game?

Lee had to get false teeth?

A certain senior girl wanted it told that she comes to school late?

Ruth M. forgot about Reynolds High?

Bill A. quit school?

POOL ROOM NEWS

Editors, Lee Gunter and Roy Johnson

Bulletin: They had a fine exhibition of a good pool shark in the Billiards Hall Saturday, but we think Bill Atkins and Lee Gunter could really make him look slouchy, dont you, Mr. Reece?

We just took down our Christmas tree in the pool room January 17, the reason we were so late is because Mr. Reece would not let us go to town.

As you walk in the door the same people are always there to greet you:

"Cue Head" Slaydon, "Lucky" Atkins, "Dead Eye" Keye, "You Rack 'Em I Break 'Em" Gunter, "Spot Shot" Johnson, "Eight Ball" Brintle.

We have a few inexperienced men in the pool room now. Bill Snow, Delmar Marshall, Red Simpson, and Wayne Simpson. Bill Snow doesn't even know which end of the stick to chalk. Well, guess we had better hang up our old cue sticks until next month.

Epidemics Drain Polio Fund

Infantile paralysis delivered a "one-two" punch to the nation in the past two years, and as a result, March of Dimes funds—facing the greatest need in history—are at the lowest point ever.

In 1948 the case toll of 27,908 marked that year as the second worst polio year on record. A relatively light year was hoped for following it. Instead came 1949 with an all-time reported high—upwards of 40,000 cases.

So widespread and intense was the 1949 epidemic that 40 states reported more cases than in 1948. Some states had ten times as many cases.

National Foundation for Infan-

HOMEMAKERS' ITEMS

A little extra time and care will pay dividends when ironing blouses. Always iron on the wrong side to prevent a shine. And remember your blouses will be restored to their proper shape more easily if ironed with the weave, not against it.

Rayons should not be allowed to dry completely and then sprinkled, since some rayon fabrics water-spot even after they have been washed. This may be avoided by ironing rayons before completely dry.

Use a moderate heat for rayons; too much heat weakens them. Before ironing a rayon garment, test the heat of the iron on an inside seam. There is no rule for all rayons. If the iron sticks or the cloth crinkles, the iron is too hot.

Keeping linens spotless: First, let's wash them. Stains should, of course, be removed from your linens as soon as they are taken off your table. But if it is impossible to do so and they become "old" stains, treat them as if they were NEW. For the quick removal of grease stains, add 1-2 cup of

tile Paralysis chapters in state after state was their funds completely wiped out in providing patient care. National headquarters of the polio-fighting organization sent in supplementary financial aid of over \$8,500,000 by mid-November, thus depleting its epidemic reserves.

That is why the 1950 March of Dimes, January 16-31, must go over the top. Remember, every dime and dollar contributed works for YOU!

washing soda dissolved in hot water to the cold water in which you soak them. Soak in your washer and run the machine about five minutes. Then wash as usual.

Think twice before you set wet shoes or overshoes on the hearth or near the stove to dry these winter days, clothing specialists urge. Wet leather may be hardened so that it cracks, or may even be scorched by too much heat. Rubber may be weakened or even melted. Slow drying at ordinary room temperature prolongs the life of these clothing items. The rule of slow, safe drying also holds for fur and woolen clothes, which often are draped over hot radiators or hung too near the fire. Both wool and fur are especially fragile when wet and may be damaged by strong heat.

Apples, winter pears, and dried beans and peas are first on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's plentiful foods list for January.

Winter pears are at their prime in January, and the apple crop, according to latest figures, is 50 per cent larger than in 1948, and 20 per cent above the average for the past 10 years.

Pick of the fruits from the standpoint of quantity, will be cranberries, oranges, and dried prunes and raisins. For specialty

foods are the plentiful tree nuts—walnuts, almonds, pecans and filberts as well as honey, sugarcane syrup and molasses.

Turkeys remain in the plentiful class for January, and broilers and fryers also are recommended buys. For another choice in meats, pork and pork products, and frozen fish. Manufactured dairy products and seasonally increasing supplies of eggs are other protein foods in ample supply.

Good buys in green and canned vegetables for January will include cabbage, spmach, celery, lettuce, and canned corn.

Last year automobile accidents killed and injured close to a million and a half people. According to the National Safety Council, 36 percent of these highway accidents involve skidding on snow and ice, while only one percent involves skidding on dry pavement. A car going no more than 20 miles an hour requires 8 times as much distance to stop on glare ice as it does on dry concrete.

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By Barbara Parker

Here I am, a bright shiney new coin. I just come off of the press, and gee, do I feel important. I have a great and exciting future ahead of me.

Just think, I'm going to be passed among the people of the nation. Maybe I'll be passed all over the world.

But now I'm just lying here with the rest of my friends, so excited I can't think.

It's the end of the week's work and they are paying off the employees. Oh, golly, I've just been given to a woman employee.

She's putting me into her dainty purse. I'll say dainty! (cough, cough, ah-choo). It must be that powder or perfume or something off that junk they carry around.

Oh, goodness, if I ever get out of here I'll think I was made with a silver spoon in my mouth.

I know I should not feel like this, but—Oh my, what was that noise? It sounds like an earthquake or something. The purse is falling! It might hurt me. I'm scared!

Crash! We've hit, and it didn't even hurt me. I guess I'm just a scared cat.

Well anyway the purse is open so I guess I'll just roll out and see what is going on.

Why, it's nothing. The old battle axe just ran over somebody.

Now that's a woman for you.

Hey, aren't you going to take me with you?

Come back, oh please come back and take me with you. It you will, I won't call you "Battle Axe" anymore. I'll call you "lady" like you really are..

Oh, what's the use. She doesn't want me, I'm just a battered coin. Nobody wants me!

It's beginning to rain. I'll get all wet. My shiney coat will rust. "Boo-hoo-boo-hoo" I'll just cuddle up here in the corner and go to sleep. Nobody wants me-any-any any-way."

Why it's morning, and the sun is shining beautifully. It's stopped raining!

Say, where am I anyway? Where did all these other coins come from?

Why, I'm in a bank! Someone did find me! Someone likes me!

Gee, am I proud. Really, I'm just a battered coin, I'm a lucky coin, a very lucky coin.

TENTH GRADE NEWS

(Continued from page one)

Why does Glendora write to Raleigh so often? Does Charlie live there?

Arlene likes to go shopping in Elkin. Wonder why? Does J. B. live there?

Ruth March grabs the paper every morning to see if Reynolds

has played football. Is "Frog" a good player, Ruth?

Who took Casper Jean home from Glendora's party Thursday night? Was it Allen?

Peggy Jo seems awfully lonesome these days. Is it because Hampton has gone to Tennessee and won't be back for three weeks? What is he learning to sing, "contralto"???

Miss Webb and the tenth grade girls want to know how Biology will help them create a man.

Wonder why Philbert and Bobby cheer so for our girls team. Could it have anything to do with Lillie Mae and Betty?

In spite of the fact that the United States has become a nation on wheels, with more than 35 million automobiles, 8 million trucks, and 200,000 buses in use, many communities depend upon expensive and ineffective horse and buggy techniques to keep streets and highways safe throughout the winter.

Such techniques result in the deaths of countless people in skidding accidents waste millions of dollars of tax money, and cause unnecessary trouble and inconvenience for everyone in the community — pedestrians, motorists, business firms, transportation companies, property owners, tax payers.

ECONOMY

Every winter snow and ice removal costs state governments more than \$30,000,000; in addition, county, town and city governments spend an enormous amount of money for this purpose.

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