

Dr. Wey Writes An Open Letter To Parents Concerning School Fees

Dear Parents:

The Faculty and Administration of Appalachian High School have recently been giving serious consideration and much study to the topic of student fees at Appalachian High School. After studying this problem we realize that fees have increased to such an extent that they are no longer a minor item in the family budget. We have also come to the conclusion that parents should have some explanation of why these fees are charged, how they are used, and how we can reduce them. The Administration and Faculty of Appalachian High School would like the parents to help continue the study of this problem in order that we might be able to reduce student fees to an absolute minimum.

In answer to the first question, "Why do we have to charge fees at Appalachian High School?" the following can be said. The small amount of money appropriated from local taxes and from state funds for school equipment, supplies, and supplementary teaching aids is not nearly enough to support financially the varied type of curriculum and the progressive teaching methods that are used in our school. For example, our band and library, which we consider among the best in the state, are largely supported through student fees and local contributions. The typewriters in our commercial department, which turn out young people to go right into the business profession, are bought with the fees paid by the students for typing. In addition to these and other subjects many of our extracurricular activities would be impossible without the student fees. For example, the school paper, which every child receives every week, is supported by the 50¢ fee that every student pays.

Although the fees at Appalachian High School are many, they are smaller in comparison than in the majority of other high schools that offer a similar type program. The reason for this is that the Appalachian State Teachers College has been allotting quite a bit of money for instructional supplies and permanent equipment. The college has just completed a chemistry and physics laboratory costing nearly \$5,000 that will rank with the best in the country.

The next question to be discussed in this open letter to you is the type of fees charged at Appalachian High School and the use of these fees. The first and largest fee is the State Book Rental Fee which is \$3.00. This money is turned over to the State Department and, in turn, they furnish each high school student with his basal textbooks. This fee covers only the basal textbooks and does not include the workbook and other teaching aids. The second general fee charged of all students is the locker fee. This fee is 50¢ and

entitles the student to the use of a locker for one school year. The 50¢ is used to keep the lockers in repair and to purchase additional ones. The third general fee is the library fee of 50¢ which is turned over to the library for the purchasing and rebinding of books and magazines. The next general fee is the school paper fee. For 50¢ a year the student receives the school paper which is issued once each week. The next general fee is the handbook fee. For 50¢ a student receives a printed handbook containing all information, rules, and regulations concerning the high school. The last general fee charged of all students is a 75¢ fee for the year which is used by the office to cover general expenses—such as postage, stationery, etc. Not counting the book rental fee the general fees charged of all students amount to \$2.75 for the year.

The above mentioned general fees are small if compared to the departmental fees which are charged for special classes and special activities. These special fees are the ones that we need to consider reducing. Each of the fees which will be listed here is charged by the department and is used to buy materials for the students to use in connection with the actual class work or the activities in which they are taking part. For example, a \$2 yearly fee is charged for chemistry or physics. This \$2 is used to pay for part of the chemicals used by the students in connection with this class. It is used to pay for glass tubing and other materials that are used up in the process of experimentation which the students carry on. If it were not for this fee, the students would study merely from the state textbook and would not get to do the individual experimentation.

The following is a list of the fees charged to buy supplies for the laboratories of the different departments:

1. \$2 yearly fee for agriculture and home economics.
2. \$1 yearly fee for home living.
3. \$1 yearly fee for geography, biology, and other science courses.
4. 75¢ yearly fee for social studies.
5. 50¢ yearly fee for physical education.
6. \$1 yearly fee for dramatics.
7. \$2 yearly fee for chemistry or physics.
8. \$1.50 yearly fee for students taking driver training.
9. \$1. monthly fee for typing I, office practice.
10. 50¢ monthly fee for Book-



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11. \$1 monthly fee for band or orchestra.
12. \$7.50 per semester for shop.
13. Some courses require the purchasing of a workbook to supplement the text. This will be announced the first day by the teacher in charge of the course.
14. Reading clinic 75¢ per year.
15. Chorus class \$5 per year, Glee Clubs \$2 (except for students also taking Chorus Class.)

One thing that the parents should be thoroughly familiar with is that none of the above fees are required in order for a student to attend school. We would like to emphasize the fact that these fees are charged to improve the educational program that we can offer at Appalachian High School and under no circumstances is there undue emphasis placed on any individual student to pay these fees. At the present time we have approximately twenty students to whom we give all fees, including the book rental fee. No student should stay home from school because he cannot pay these fees.

The next question we want to discuss is how these fees are handled. When a student pays a fee to his teacher, he receives a

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receipt indicating that the fee has been paid. In turn the teacher turns the money in to the school treasurer who gives the teacher a receipt for the total amount of money that she has collected. The school treasurer then deposits this money in the Northwestern Bank and gives credit to each department for the amount collected. In order to spend the money, each department must present a bill for the materials or supplies purchased. The treasurer then writes a check for this bill, and the principal countersigns the check. The school treasurer is under bond and her books are audited each year. In addition to this, the school treasurer's books are open for inspection by any parent or interested person at any time.

As we stated in the beginning, the administration and faculty of Appalachian High School are interested in reducing the fees

charged high school students. Although our fees are smaller than other high schools, we still feel that we are charging too much. The study that we have made of this to the present time has revealed to us the following methods of reducing these fees. First, and the one to which we are opposed and know that we would be opposed to, is to reduce the efficiency of the type of educational program that we are offering at Appalachian High School. This would certainly be done if we reduced fees and failed to receive money from some other source to purchase the materials that these fees are now buying. The second solution to the reduction of these fees is to increase the appropriation of moneys from the local county budget. The third solution would be an increase in the appropriation for materials and supplies on the state level. There might be other

solutions and we are asking the parents, the P. T. A., and other organizations to assist us in the further study of this problem with the goal in mind to reduce the student fees and yet to maintain the high type of educational program that we feel we have at Appalachian High School.

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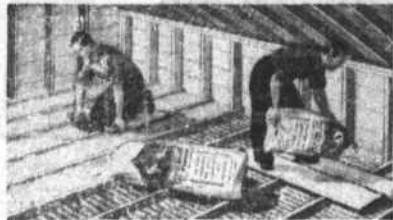
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