

Business Course At Appalachian High

The students in Mr. Pipes' senior English classes have made book jackets as a part of their regular classwork during the past week. The jacket designs were created by the students from ideas gained from the reading of the books. On the inside flap of each book jacket, the students wrote a "publisher's blurb" to tell others something about the book and to encourage others to read the book. A great deal of originality and artistic work was put into the activity by the students, and many of them have stated that they enjoyed having a change from the usual routine of oral or written book reports.

The book jackets have been put on display in the classroom, and many of them are to be used later as a Book Week display in the high school library. Many members of the student body and faculty have stopped by to admire

the students' handwork.

Some of the students who deserve special commendation for excellent work are: Mollie Agle, Ruby Hayes, Betsy Rogers, Pat Dowling, Pat Brown, Jewel McGee, Frank Payne, Sally Crowell, Tom Owsley, Pat Wilcox, Pat Proffitt, Alma Tester, Clara Beach, Cynthia Klutz, Linds Wey, Pat Trivett, Elizabeth Hagaman, Larry Austin, Betty Swift, and Judy Gragg.

Business Majors
For the past two years, Appalachian High School has offered a somewhat different course for business majors. The course is called "Office Practice" and is designed for three distinct purposes:

1. To give more experience, better training, and a greater variety of practical work to students who definitely plan to become secretaries.
2. To honor students who are doing excellent work in the regular business classes.
3. To provide more office help for the principal and the assistant principal.

Students who are selected to take "Office Practice" work in the principal's or assistant principal's office two hours each day. Their duties include: answering the telephone, taking dictation, transcribing letters, typing reports, typing stencils, typing tests for teachers, keeping financial records for the magazine sale, and learning to operate the mimeograph, dictaphone, duplicator, and adding machines.

At the end of each school year, Dr. Crew and the teachers in the commercial department select six rising seniors who will receive the honor and experience of working in the office. The students must meet the following requirements in order to be considered for the course:

1. Have a good scholastic average in all business subjects.
2. Be a good typist and a good shorthand student.
3. Show outstanding qualities of personality and dependability.
4. Be neat and accurate in all kinds of paper work.

The students who are taking "Office Practice" this year are: Pat Proffitt, Clara Beach, Wilma Moretz, Pat Trivette, Pat Brown, Judy Gragg, and Betsy Rogers.

Dr. Crew has stated that he is very well pleased with the results of the program. Students have

Washington News

Washington, D. C.—The launching of Sputnik II by the Soviet Union is a clear indication—if any more is needed—that the United States is falling dangerously behind the Russians in a number of fields—not just one.

In Washington there are those who feel that the long-enjoyed U. S. technical and industrial superiority is at an end. Of course, this result cannot come overnight in all fields, but it is pointed out that the Russians have more scientists than we, have a larger missile and rocket program than we do, and are pushing harder and are further advanced than we.

It is now a case of catching up—not maintaining a lead. The tone of some U. S. officials, when Sputnik I was launched, was that the United States could have launched a satellite if we had been engaged in a crash program in this specific field.

Moreover, it was said that we would launch a larger satellite when we launched one. But the launching of Sputnik II—six times heavier and twice as far into space—takes the icing off these reassuring remarks. The Russians have a rocket engine of "astounding" power in the words of one of Britain's leading rocket scientists.

That they could throw a thousand-pound missile more than a thousand miles out into space, with various equipment on it, and in apparent control of their effort, was an amazing feat. There is no getting around that fact. The United States has nothing in this field which can equal the Soviet achievement.

What is more, the Russians no doubt have other modern weapons and are probably more advanced in the design and production of them than we have assumed. The United States has always underestimated its enemy and overestimated its own weapons.

The history of World War I and World War II shows that we fought both wars with weapons which were inferior to some of the enemy's weapons. But we were told, especially before World War

made a real contribution to the school and at the same time have received a broad and practical educational experience.

alize that we are up against a grimly determined and numerous foe in opposing worldwide Communism. And there is no doubt that the Communist success in launching the satellites in recent days has done much for their prestige.

The armed forces of the United States, and their higher command, have not been intimidated. Even if the Russians have an ICBM capable of bombarding the United States, as some feel they now have, our military leaders say we have the means to deliver enough hydrogen bombs on Russia to make it certain that the Reds will not win World War III.

For this reason, our military leaders feel that we need not be panicky about the latest Russian scientific achievements. There is no denying, however, that the Russians are ahead of us in this all-important field and there is no guarantee that the United States will not be surpassed, scientifically, in the next few years.

This is the greatest danger brought forth by the launchings in Russia.

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