

Distinction List At Appalachian Hi Given

The distinction list for the first grading period of nine weeks has just been announced at Appalachian High School. In order to appear on the distinction list, a student must have a "B" average in all subjects, have a good record of citizenship, and have a vote of approval of the entire faculty.

The following students are on the distinction list for the months of October and November:

Seniors: Mary Sue Hartley, Betty Hollar, Tom Owsley, Pat Profit, Alma Tester, Pat Trivette, Jerry West, and Linda Wey.
Juniors: Tad Buckland, Fred Cook, Martha Elrod, Richard Greer, Jerry McCracken, and Keith Wyke.

Sophomores: Buddy Ayers, John Ralph Buchanan, Jilda Creed, Jimmy Goodnight, Robert Gragg, Judy Greene, Aline Greer, Judy Greer, Margaret Lynn Hagaman, Carolyn Hodges, Raymond Smith, and Cody Yasinasac.

Freshmen: Alice Cain, Mary Helen Hampton, Carolyn Harmon, Gene Howell, D. H. Johnson, Ford King, Barbara Matheson, Rachel Rivers, King Triplett, Andrew Yasinasac, and Mary Wey.

Honor Society Radio Program

On Friday, November 1, the National Honor Society was in charge of the Blue Devil Diary, a weekly WATA broadcast from Appalachian High School.

The following program was presented: Devotion, Wilma Moretz; prayer, Pat Brown; "What is the NHS?", Pat Proffitt; "How Members Are Chosen", Betsy Rogers; present members, officers, charter members, Pat Trivette; advantages of the NHS, Pat Brown; activities of the NHS, Wilma Moretz.

Mr. Bill Ross concluded the program by giving some items of news from the high school.

Citizen of the Week
Sonny Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Greene, Sr., has been selected by the Student Council of Appalachian High School as Citizen of the Week for the week of November 11.

Sonny is a member of Miss Mary Schell's twelfth grade homeroom. He is a member of the basketball team and of the Men's "A" Club. He also plays baseball during spring quarter of school.

Richard Greer, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greer, was selected from the student body of Appalachian High School as Citizen of the Week for November 4.

Richard is a junior at A. H. S. and is representative of the best citizens. He is a member of the "A" Club, Beta Club, chorus, and dance band. He is also on the football team. Congratulations are in order for Richard for the good work he is doing.

Dr. Derrick Lectures

Dr. Ray Derrick of the Biology Department of Appalachian State Teachers College visited the two American Problems Today classes of Appalachian High School, taught by Miss Hicks, on Monday, November 11, and discussed tree farming.

Dr. Derrick illustrated his lecture with color slides, which he

had made. In order to emphasize the importance of tree farming as a method of conserving both soil and water and as a source of additional income.

According to the North Carolina Forestry Association, forestry is North Carolina's third ranking industry and is second only to textiles as a source of employment for Tar Heelers. "We must farm the forests if we expect to harvest a good crop of corn," said Dr. Derrick.

Honored At Tea

The Worthwhile Women's Club of Boone honored the teaching and administrative staff of Appalachian High School with a 4:00 o'clock tea in the high school library, Thursday, November 14, as a token during the National Education Week of appreciation of the school.

Mrs. Herman Wilcox, president; Mrs. Mae Miller, home and garden chairman; and Mrs. W. C. Greer, club member greeted the teachers as they entered the library and served coffee and cup cakes from a table with Thanksgiving appointments.

While the guests were being served and during the seated tea, Mrs. Weston, music and art chairman of the club, took pictures.

SCHOOL FUNDS

Federal aid for school construction, turned down twice by Congress in the last two years, has been quietly ticketed for a House committee pigeonhole at the coming session of Congress. Politics, school-segregation issue and Democratic irritation with President Eisenhower's leadership in last session's school-aid battle were all factors contributing to the decision, it is said.

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Also, many Christmas trees come from poorer forest soils and wet bog areas devoted exclusively to the growing of trees for the Christmas market. In such areas evergreens grow far too slowly to produce a lumber or pulpwood crop—thus Christmas trees are the only profitable harvest to come off that land.

Another Christmas tree source is "thinnings." Mother Nature seeds from 5000 to 10,000 trees per acre. In today's growing-trees-as-a-crop operation, frequent thinning is essential to allow trees room to live and grow. The thinnings can be sold as Christmas trees and fill a trio of needs: first, as a bringer-of-joy into the home; second, as an income source to the forester; third, as "life insurance" for upcoming timber crops.

Timely Weather Hints Are Given Motorists

Raleigh—November's blue skies are giving way to gray skies, signalling the approach of the "treacherous weather" season, Tar Heel motorists were warned today by Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt.

"Other indications of coming weather conditions are found in dropping temperatures, signs of frost, night and early morning fog, and lengthening hours of darkness," he said.

"These warning signals should alert car owners to the need of checking automotive safety equipment now, not waiting until garages and service stations are rushed with emergencies," the vehicles executive said.

He urged motorists to have an all-round vehicle check-up made in the interest of preventing any equipment failure during the changeable fall season and the coming winter months.

Special attention, he added,

should be given to lights, brakes, tires and tire chains, windshield wipers, defroster, heater, exhaust system and battery.

"Headlamps, taillights, stop-lights and automatic turn indicators should be examined, and any faulty equipment should be replaced or repaired at once," Commissioner Scheidt declared.

"Brakes should be adjusted for simultaneous gripping, and tires should have good treads," he

emphasized. "Even with the best of tires, the experienced winter traveler keeps a set of reinforced tire chains in the trunk 'ready for use' when needed for snow and ice."

Stressing that visibility will be cut appreciably at times during the coming months, the commissioner recommended a careful check of windshield wiper blades and defrosting equipment.

"Wiper blades which have outlived their usefulness and have become dry should be replaced with new, live-rubber blades," he went on. "Good wiper blades and adequate arm pressure against the glass will give the driver clear vision despite rain, sleet or snow."

The danger of carbon monoxide can be avoided to a large extent if the auto exhaust system is in good working order, Scheidt said. Each fall and winter, many cases arise in which motorists meet death or narrowly escape it due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Because the battery is under extra strain in bad weather, it deserves extra attention," the commissioner said. "With auto glass 'frosting up' in cold weather, it's also extremely important that windshield and window glass be kept free of any illegal or unnecessary stickers."

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