

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Appalachian Student Cites College Needs

If you are the parent of a high school student, a junior high student, an elementary school student, or just married, then you above all other North Carolinians should be concerned about American education. In the coming years you may see decades of preparation and planning suddenly demolished as the shock wave from World War II's population explosion finally reaches the already swollen walls of our North Carolina colleges. N. C.'s college enrollment by 1970 is expected to increase to 99,617—twice what it already is—even without an appreciable population increase.

At present I am already fortunate enough to be a student in one of our state colleges—Appalachian State Teachers College. There are roughly 2700 others here who, like me, are interested in the forthcoming Bond issue to be voted on November 7th.

This is a very important bond issue as far as we are concerned. It will mean almost 4 1/2 million dollars for expansion around our present college. The total bond issue involves over 6 1/2 million dollars for improvements throughout our state. Point three (3) of the Bond issue involves over 31 million dollars for educational progress in North Carolina, portions going to eleven of our colleges and to two of our schools for the blind and deaf.

Our schools here in North Carolina, I am told, are in desperate need of increased facilities as the college age-group increases to an even greater number. I cannot officially speak for other students or other colleges, but I can, through my own experience, try to give you an idea of what we students feel.

My college needs more room. Try living and studying in a two-man room when three or more live there; try putting three or four wardrobes in a two-man closet; try standing in line for forty minutes of a lunch hour; try listening to a teacher while sitting on the back row of a 75 to 100 pupil class, try attending class on the third floor of an over-crowded building with three-foot-wide stairs where fire hazards exist and there is no fire-escape.

I don't wish to "run down" my college. I could minimize all of these inadequate things by mentioning the many, many good things my college has to offer—but I don't wish to minimize; I wish to point out.

Woe to other schools across the state need to improve and to expand; we need to progress in order to take care of you or your

children. We need money! This bond issue November the 7th will provide it, if you provide a yes vote.

Yes. That's all you provide. It won't cost you as a tax-payer one cent. The funds are to be allocated from state funds and will be self-liquidated in 25 to 30 years.

Vote yes, and it's without charge; vote no, or don't vote at all, and you'll pay for it with tears when, in later years, you or your son or your daughter is rejected because of increased competition for limited college space.

In 1965 or '70 you will wish you had acted in 1961, but the past, once passed, is past.

To paraphrase Thomas Paine, "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer worker and the sunshine thinker will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of the state; but he that stands now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Ignorance, like hell, is not easily conquered."

Clifton R. Berrier, Jr. 109 1/2 Appalachian St.

Dr. Smith Is PTA Speaker

Dr. Wiley Smith, head of Appalachian State Teachers College's psychology department, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Crossnore PTA this week.

The college professor spoke extemporaneously on "Mental Health Problems in the Family."

He stressed the importance of the formative years of childhood from birth to age six. He declared that firm and consistent discipline is necessary in the rearing of the child.

Approximately 150 PTA members were present for the meeting.

A member of the Appalachian faculty for the past 25 years, Dr. Smith is a graduate of Union University with the AB degree and George Peabody College with the MA and Ph. D. degrees.



VILLAGE OF YESTER-YEAR—Mrs. Forest Townsend of Watauga county, demonstrated techniques used in spinning to visitors who stopped to watch her in her booth in the Village of Yester-Year at the N. C. State Fair in Raleigh.

Beech Creek News

The Beech Creek Community Club met for the regular meeting at Stacey Ward's garage. They discussed what to do about the sign that was torn down. Thirty days was given for the sign to be made and put up.

The group also discussed the judging of the community.

Mrs. Vergie Trivett visited Mrs. Lois Jones and family over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rhodes of Winston-Salem visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harmon and family over the week end.

Mrs. Blanch Perry of Vilas and Miss Joyce Perry of Charlotte were visitors in our church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burton, Kevin and Becky of Charlotte spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Captain Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurst Trivett visited Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Trivett of Vilas Sunday.

There's one milk cow for every ten persons in the United States—17.5 million cows to 180 million people.

250 Students Will Gather For Vocational Guidance

About 250 high school and junior college students from 28 counties, a majority of them hoping to become engineers, will meet at Appalachian State Teachers College Thursday, October 26, for the ninth annual Vocational Guidance Day.

The emphasis of the one-day meeting will be on engineering and its multiple phases. The students will hear from four major professors of engineering and mathematics at N. C. State College.

Brought to Boone through efforts of the Engineers' Club of Western North Carolina, the engineers will speak briefly at a morning assembly and then hold individual seminar sessions for students interested in particular phases of engineering.

The program will include registration in the lobby of the Administration Building Auditorium at 9:30 a. m., assembly in the auditorium at 10:00 a. m., classroom seminars representing the student's major field of interest at 11:40 a. m., lunch in the Appalachian College cafeteria at 12:45 p. m., seminars representing the student's second field of interest at 2:15 p. m., and the program concludes at 3:15 p. m.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian, will welcome the visitors to the campus during the assembly in the administration building auditorium at 10:00 a. m.

Henry E. Crandall, president of the Engineers' Club of Western North Carolina, will introduce Dr. R. G. Carson, director of instruction at N. C. State College. Dr. Carson will lead in a panel discussion of "Engineering as a Career", and will be assisted in the discussion by Dr. G. B. Hoadly, electrical engineering, N. C. State; Dr. Paul Cribbons, Civil Engineering, N. C. State; Prof. W. E. Adams, Chemical, metallurgical and nuclear engineering, N. C. State; and Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of Appalachian State Teachers College.

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Major Snyder Gets Citation

Maj. Theodore R. Snyder Jr., 3278 Ridge Drive, Beale RFB was recently cited by Lt. Gen. George W. Mundy, USAF, commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, for having completed the college's correspondence course with honors.

Operating under the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Industrial College devotes itself to the study of the economic and industrial aspects of national security under all conditions and in the context of both national and world affairs. It also gives due consideration to the interrelated military, logistical, administrative, scientific, technological, political and social factors affecting national security.

Its correspondence course, entitled "The Economics of National Security," is based on the curriculum of the resident course conducted at Fort Lesley J. McNair for senior military officers and government officials.

The one-year correspondence course is open to qualified civilians in business, industry and the several professions as well as to officers of all military components. Texts and instructional materials are provided at no cost to the student. Interested persons may address their applications to the Commandant, ICAF, Washington 25, D. C.

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Bethel PTA Has Meeting

The first PTA meeting was held October 16 at Bethel School. Mr. Fred Tester, President, called the meeting to order. Mr. Clint Cornett had the devotions.

The business of the first meeting was to elect officers for this year's Parent Teacher Association. The following officers were elected: Mr. Clyde Love, president; Mr. Ivan Dishman, vice president; Mrs. Joe Bailey, secretary and reporter.

Mrs. Ivan Farthing gave a report on the Bethel Community Club's plans for a fish fry on October 27. The public is invited to attend. The proceeds will benefit Bethel School.

Mr. Robert Danner's fourth grade class won the attendance banner.

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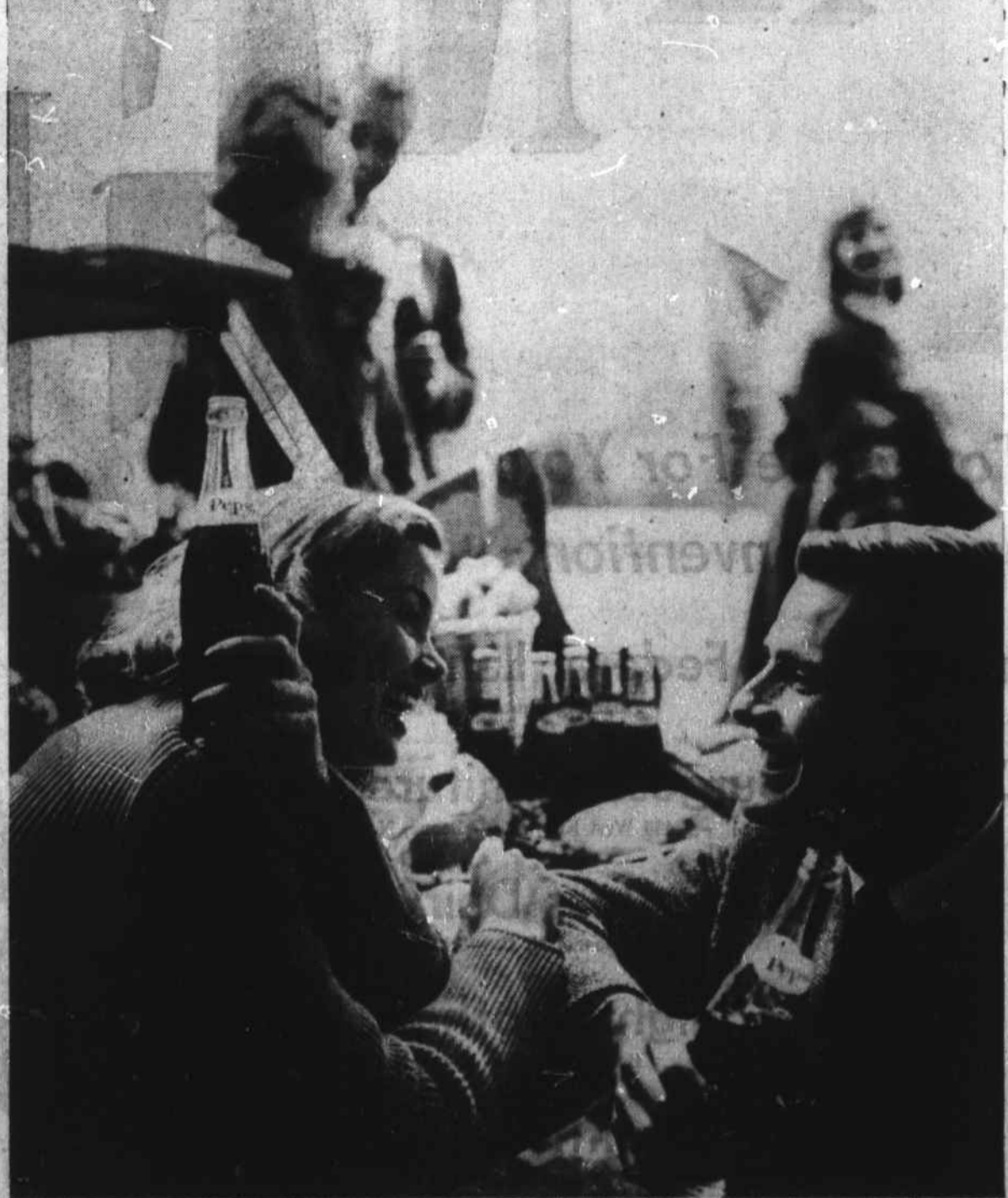
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