

ASTC News Bureau Gets Letter On Twins Issue

The experts say that twins do not run in families.

Mrs. Ruby McDonald of Fayetteville read a recent "School and Child" article on the subject of twins and wrote the news bureau at Appalachian State Teachers College to tell about some of the twins in Cumberland County. Mrs. McDonald's mother, a twin, recently celebrated a 71st birthday with her twin.

Mrs. McDonald said that a friend of theirs in Cumberland County has five sets of twins (10 children).

Twins occur once in every 87 births, according to estimates. Triplets in every 7,000. Quadruplets in 550,000. Quintuplets in every 37 million.

John Corey, assistant professor of education and author of "School and Your Child", said that all available research indicates that twins don't run in families according to the popular belief of many people. Nor does weather or seasons effect them.

Corey admits that there are exceptions to the rule as is indicated in the large number of twins to be found in Cumberland County.

News Of Our Servicemen

SERVING IN GERMANY

Frankfurt, Germany — Army Pvt. Johnny R. Greer, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob R. Greer, Route 2, Boone, N. C., recently was assigned to the 3rd Armored Division in Germany.

Greer, a radio operator in Company A of the division's 143rd Signal Battalion in Frankfurt, entered the Army in August 1962 and received basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

He is a 1961 graduate of Appalachian High School.

SHEER BRAVADO

Memphis, Tenn.—An escapee from the county penal farm has been captured—hard at work on the police parking garage being built next door to headquarters.

Larry Daniel Dyson, 38, walked away from a work gang April 8, 1960, while serving a petty larceny sentence.

When captured he had been working with a construction crew at the garage for months.



RAYMOND J. JEFFREYS

VFW Commander Rally Speaker At W. Jefferson

Raymond J. Jeffreys of Raleigh, state commander of the Veterans of World War I, will speak at a district rally of all veterans of the first war and their wives, at the Jefferson Hotel in West Jefferson, on Saturday night, April 13, at 7 p. m.

Commander Jeffreys has just returned from Washington and will bring a full report on the service pension for veterans of the First World War. Every veteran and his wife who is interested in this pension should attend this important meeting.

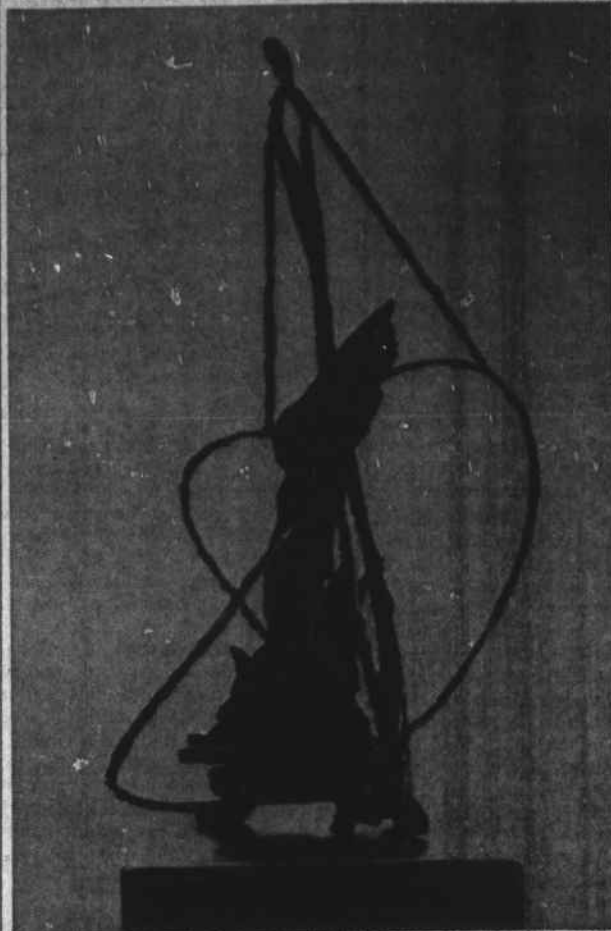
A large delegation from Boone is planning on attending this rally in West Jefferson. The local Boone leaders are Lionel Ward, County Service Officer; J. W. Norris, Commander; and Chas. P. Dougherty, Quartermaster.

MOONSHINE IN PLASTIC

Nashville, Tenn.—The moonshiners are out to beat the Federal alcohol tax agents by using plastic jugs for their illegal brew.

The chief agent for Tennessee, Herman O. Bomar, says moonshiners are collecting plastic containers used for laundry bleaches, since the ban on the sale of containers and glass jars for illicit whiskey.

Makes Art Works Of Junk And Plastic Steel



"INVINCIBLE SPIRIT"

By LARRY PENLEY

A Watauga archaeologist makes works of art from junk and plastic steel.

Stanley South, who is an archaeologist in charge of Brunswick Town near Wilmington, spends his spare time creating sculptures in copper and steel. His modern designs seem a far cry from the chaste colonial artifacts with which he deals in the workaday world.

"Azrael," "The Thrust" and "Invincible Spirit" are among the 25 works of art that South will exhibit at the Appalachian Arts Festival on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, April 25-May 6.

His sculptures are made from junk—copper wire, which comes from automobile generators, and plastic steel.

South begins each piece by screwing one end of a mass of wire to a temporary base, then

working with two sets of pliers he bends the flat wire into shape, occasionally using a small welding torch to fuse the metal.

When the desired shape is achieved, he applies the plastic steel with a putty knife, working rapidly as it hardens in about 30 minutes. The black steel dries with a rough texture. The finished product is mounted on a polished base of Philippine mahogany.

South declared that one of the difficulties a sculptor encounters is working in three dimensions. To be good a sculpture must be pleasing from any angle. It should be displayed in a room so that more than one side may be seen.

Another problem of the sculptor is to encompass space. In each work of art he attempts to sublimate the idea to the form. The form itself is the important thing. He said, "Although my work usually has a figure in it, it could mean something different to each person who sees it. I am now working towards more abstract designs."

A native of Boone, South has other hobbies which include painting and photography. Recently he has been attempting to duplicate primitive Indian pottery. Molded from clay, it is "barbecued" in a backyard pit,

just as the Indians did it.

Some of South's works are being displayed in the North Carolina Museum and the Mint Museum in Charlotte.

Most of the sculptors were given titles after they were completed.

"Invincible Spirit" is a man wrestling with a wild beast of his soul.

"Coalescence" is two dancers, their frenetic movement suspended, with limbs intertwined in an intricate maze.

"Metomorphis" is described by South as two figures—a lumpy female child dominated by the soaring graceful figure she will become.

DISMISSES PATIENTS

Boston—A year ago Dr. John R. Thompson placed an ad on the front page of the local newspaper dismissing all of his patients, with regrets, due to his illness which was incurable. He also thanked them for their loyalty, faithfulness and goodwill shown him over the years. The doctor died recently with cancer at the age of 71.

SMOOTH POWER

Miami, Fla.—A trio of University of Miami students have devised a machine that measures the smooching power generated by two people kissing. It's called the kissometer.

Its creators, including a bouncy 18-year-old brunette, are having a lot of fun with trial runs.



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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Board of County Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review April 15 from 9 to 4:30 o'clock. In case the business is not completed on this day, the meeting will be continued until all those having business with the board can be heard.

I. B. WILSON,
Watauga County Tax Supervisor

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