



**THE YOUNGER SET**

By ANNE BISCHOFF  
High School Senior

Ellen Kathryn Hyatt, and Francis will again represent Wood County in beauty pageants over at Waynesville High. Betty Walkington is one of our new students. She comes from the Cherokee Indian Reservation and is staying with Charles Isley, the band Director, and his wife. A member of the sophomore class, Betty is planning and studying to be a missionary and also she plans to start studying the piano. Another new student is Allen Ferguson, who comes from Tokyo, Japan. Allen is a member of the freshman class and says that English is his favorite subject. He says that Japan "isn't any different from America". He went to school with about 15,000 American students there and took the same subjects as he does here. Allen sailed to Japan and then flew home. He liked the ship he was on. They hit the edge of a typhoon and he got a little seasick, so it proved to be an eventful journey. He thinks that the girls here are "cute, but I haven't met many of them."

Among our other new students we have Jessie and Amelia Alexander, and Carolyn Adams. We'll try to tell you all about them in the near future. And speaking of school we naturally think of the football team. The prospects this year look good, but it may prove a tough season for the Mountaineers. Anyway we are looking forward to September 14th, and the first game here with Sylva. Vivian Brown has some ideals on dating that are good. She says a few things that we might not agree on, but it's good to know what other people think about the subject. Is it true that a boy must have a car these days to get dates? One boy thinks it is. He is Johnny Warris, Finnish student attending classes at Georgia Tech, and he really believes "you've got to have a car to fall in love in America."

In Finland, he says, a boy would suggest a long walk when he meets his dream girl. But in America "a girl thinks you are crazy when you ask her to walk." Johnny ought to speak to a few girls who are pretty thin-soled disproving his theory. And he might also query a few other girls who've had to buy gas for the buggies they've had the "good fortune" to ride in. Some girls think it would be more fun to get back to the cavalier days: A boy walked into the parlor with a little bag of popcorn or jelly beans or peanuts or maybe (on special occasions) a carton of ice cream. Later, there would be a walk, perhaps, or just cozy conversation on the front porch. But in any event, the girl would not have to rustle up movie money or special-treat change for her swain. He would be embarrassed to take it. It is good news in a way to hear that girls are making it a little tougher for the boys, who've had life pretty easy for a while. Girls shamelessly got to the point where they were outbidding each other with special favors in

exchange for male companionship. Another custom that strikes the Finnish student as weird is the casual way girls date. He says: In Atlanta you ask a girl for a date, and she is so enthusiastic you think you are practically engaged. . . . then she says it is two weeks before she will have a free night."

In Finland a girl goes with one boy only, he says. If she meets somebody she likes better, then she goes steady with him. Johnny thinks that system is real companionship. While it is too bad that Johnny is having his troubles, we'll have to applaud the fact that maybe girls are getting smarter. There are a few facts that maybe Johnny doesn't know — some reasons why American girls might be playing the game of romance so they at least break even. The American male is a pampered critter. He plays the field before marriage and sometimes continues to be a lone wolf and a bachelor in spirit after marriage. One common type wants his wife to be a personal valet—she must keep him bright and shiny as a gold medal. Her cooking must rival the culinary art of a Cordon Bleu graduate. She must be an amateur psychiatrist and interpret his moods and whims, know exactly how to humor him and when to keep her mouth shut. She should be a high finance expert and figure out how to cut corners on the groceries so he can play poker twice a week. She also must be prepared to be nursemaid to his fishing tackle and be an expert gardener—if they have one.

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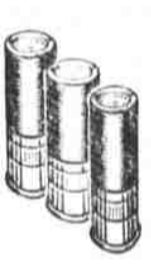
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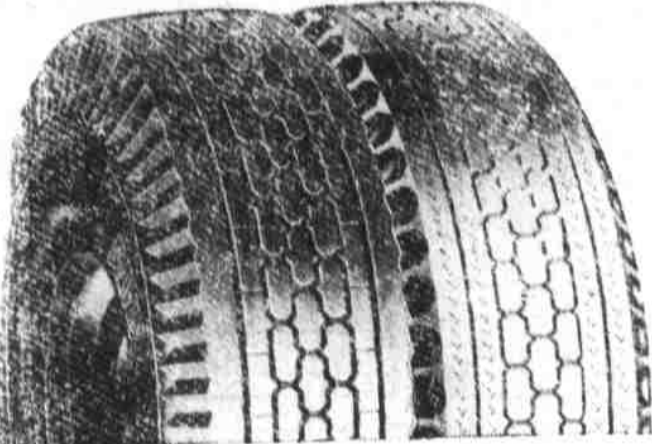
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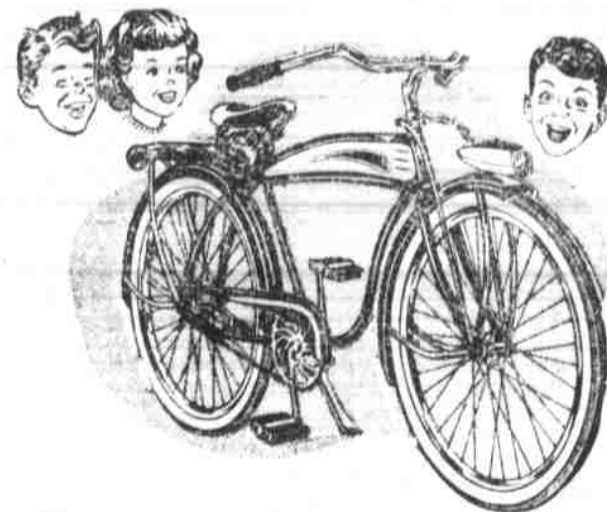
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