

Facts About Watauga Co. Handicrafts Center

There has been much curiosity and many questions asked about the functions of the county-wide crafts program. Briefly below is given in the form of questions and answers, the information given in Mr. Ford's talk on the opening day.

What is Watauga Handicrafts Center?

It is an organization for teaching various types of handicrafts to the people of Watauga county, and to provide an opportunity for all craftsmen to display and sell their work.

How is it operated?

The North Carolina department of trade and industrial education provides an instructor and pays a large part of her salary. The small remaining part should be provided partly from the operation of the sales room and by the community itself. A small commission is added to the cost of all articles sold, and this provides operating expenses, light, heat, water, supplies and some equipment. Gifts for this should be left with Miss Elizabeth Lord or Miss Cora Jeffcoat. Two hundred and fifty dollars is to be provided locally for the year.

Who receives the profits from the sales?

This is a strictly non-profit organization. The small commission on sales, as above stated, goes for operating expenses. All the rest of the proceeds from sales goes to the craftsman who produces the article sold.

Who owns Watauga Handicrafts?

The citizens of Watauga county, in order to have a state-paid teacher it is required that a teaching center and equipment be provided. A WPA project was approved by the county superintendent of schools as representative of the state department of education in this county. A local committee of citizens undertook the responsibility of getting materials. The labor was provided by WPA; the location and materials through the efforts of the sponsoring committee were provided by gifts; so that at no expense whatever to the taxpayers, this beautiful building and all its benefits have been made available to the people of this county.

Why is it not operated as a part of the county public school system?

Because it is not a public school, but a special unit for giving special instruction to those not attending public schools. The state department of trade and industrial education cannot provide and pay for teaching without some local sponsoring group of citizens and that is the reason for the board of directors.

Just how is it supervised locally, then?

The county superintendent of schools is the representative of the state department of education in this county and has general supervision of this teaching unit assisted by the board of directors composed of local citizens.

Who can receive instruction here and how much does it cost?

Any person in this county who is more than 16 years of age and is not a pupil in any public school or state college, and who is interested enough to attend instruction regularly—approximately 144 hours in a year—can have this instruction at no charge to him. Just go to the craft house any time and sign up—you may go for instruction when you have the time to spare from other duties.

Who may sell handicraft articles in the shop?

Anyone in Watauga county who makes an acceptable article of good workmanship. He need not have had any instruction at the center to be allowed to sell his work here. The sales room is for the use of every craftsman in the county, and it is hoped that many will use it.

Who will supervise the sales?

This will be under the general supervision of the director of the center, who has been provided by the state department of education, and she will be assisted by students NYA workers.

What does this sales service cost craftsmen?

Nothing. He has only to figure the cost to himself of the product he wants to display and thus determine the price he must get to cover his materials and labor; a small percent then is added to this amount to pay for operating the shop.

When is the craftsman paid for the article?

When it is sold. He will be given a receipt for every article he leaves on display and it is his until sold. In cases where materials are furnished to him from the crafts center, his only investment is his labor and he will receive the proportion of the selling price which covers that item.

What other advantages besides instruction and local display does the craftsman have in working with this center?

If his articles are good enough to sell in the local shop, he is automatically a member of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild with which Watauga handicrafts is affiliated. This is an organization of similar crafts production centers throughout the southern mountain region and the local craftsmen can display his products in the guild-owned shop in Asheville. He will

WATAUGA HANDICRAFTS CENTER GIVES PROGRAM

Weaving instruction: 8:30 a. m.—1:30 p. m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Handicrafts club: 7:30-9 p. m. Thursday. (Basketry, wood, metal, leather, according to the desires of the group).

Shop open: Wednesday 8:30 a. m.—5 p. m.

Instruction in weaving began Tuesday, October 11, with 14 students enrolled.

also be affiliated through this local crafts center with the Southern Highlands, Inc., a co-operative sales organization with shops in Rockefeller Center in New York and at Norris Dam in Tennessee, and his work may be displayed and sold in these shops.

Of what benefit is this center to other than craftsmen?

It can and will be a benefit to the whole county, tourists will stop in great numbers at the log cabin craft house and every assistance will be given them to find places to stay for the night or longer in Boone. Every craftsman who sells his work in the center will spend a large part of what he receives with local business and thus benefit a large number of people. Lastly there is no satisfaction in the world like that which comes from creating usefulness and beauty with one's own hands; out of this center should come a greater appreciation of the craftsman's skill and an immeasurable benefit to the worker himself. There is no better use for leisure time than handicrafts.

Since this center has been provided for the citizens of the county at no cost whatever to them, and since the state department of trade education provides a teacher and there is no charge for instruction or for the privilege of displaying and selling good craft articles in the shop, it is hoped that everyone interested will avail himself of the opportunity of taking part in the program. It would seem to be the part of all public-spirited citizens to support such a program wholeheartedly, since it costs him nothing and gives him much.

FACULTY HOMES ARE COMPLETED

Heating and Lighting Facilities to Be Installed in Near Future

Six of the proposed fifteen faculty homes on the southeast campus have been completed except for interior painting and the installation of heating and lighting facilities, announced Mr. Poly Wyke, foreman of the project, this week. Constructed of brick and native stone, three or four of the houses will probably be occupied within the next thirty days.

Heating arrangements for the buildings will include a hot-air system for one of the homes and steam heat for the rest.

Three additional houses, two of stone and one of brick, will be begun sometime this week and finished by February 1, 1939. This will bring the total number to six rock and three brick dwellings. Fifty-six thousand dollars have been appropriated for construction of nine homes, and the total cost of fifteen will probably be about \$81,000.

The landscaping of the row of nine houses will be under the supervision of Mr. Aiji Tashiro, landscape artist, who was added to the college faculty this year.

Approximately eighty WPA workers are employed in the construction work which is being carried on by the college with the aid of the federal government. This is a WPA project.

Every house has nine rooms, not including the two modern bathrooms or the basements in each.

The Word Fortnight

The word fortnight, meaning two weeks, is derived from the Middle English word "fourteen," which is the same as "fourteen." It means fourteen nights or two weeks.

Danger From Chimney Smoke

Heavy chimney smoke carries such lung-harming substances as sulphuric acid, carbon monoxide, arsenic compounds and tar compounds—the latter suspected as a cause of cancer.

WATAUGA BOYS TAKE TOP HONORS AT STATE FAIR

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fords and ten sheep and won prizes to the amount of \$150; Mr. Wilson Norris entered eight sheep and won \$150 in prizes.

Of interest is the fact that Watauga county exhibited all the sheep to be shown at the state fair.

F. F. A. ORGANIZES HERE

Delegates from six Young Farmer Federation chapters met at the Boone Demonstration high school Monday, to organize a Federation of Future Farmers of America. This federation brings together members from local chapters at Sparta, Piney Creek, Boone, Cove Creek, Crossnore, Newland and Cranberry.

At the meeting held Monday, the following officers were elected: President, Charles Fugh, Sparta; vice president, Shell Hartley, Newland; secretary, Ted Smith, Crossnore; treasurer, Bruce Osborne, Piney Creek; reporter, Charles Hodges, Boone; watch dog, Ivan Townsend, Cranberry.

The president of the Cove Creek F. F. A. chapter will serve as chairman of the executive committee. Oeley Sutherland, vocational agricultural teacher at Boone, was chosen adviser for the federation.

A tentative program of work was set up which includes inter-chapter contests in public speaking, livestock judging, seed judging, basketball and other forms of athletics. The newly formed organization also expects to publish a bulletin quarterly.

A committee consisting of Zeb Shook, Cranberry; Merrill Johnson, Crossnore, and Pete Stout, Newland, were appointed to plan the athletic activities for the year.

Dick Doughton of Sparta, and Bruce Osborne of Piney Creek, were appointed on the educational contests committee.

The next meeting will be held here on November 14.

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DR. C. G. BAUGHMAN, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Elizabethton, Tenn., will be at the Haganman Clinic in Boone the first Mondays in each month for the practice of his profession. 4-7-tf

EYES EXAMINED—Glasses fitted. Complete modern examination room over Bank, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Other days by appointment. Glasses complete 7.50 to \$10.50. Dr. Wellman, Mountain City, Tenn. 8-15

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