

News Happenings at Appalachian High

On Tuesday, May 11, Randy Maddux, secretary of the Student Council, presented official Student Council pins to the retiring senior members. Students receiving pins were Jack McKinney, president, Faye Critcher, Bette Ann Edmisten, Katherine Payne, Jimmy Brendell, Mack Hodges, and Gene Reed.

The Appalachian High School Student Council is a member of the National Association of Student Councils, and member schools are allowed to purchase the official pin of the organization. The pins, a gift from the Council to its seven seniors, were presented this year for the first time in several years. The council plans to continue the policy of presenting pins each year to its senior members.

Student Council Picnic
On Wednesday, May 12, the Student Council held its annual picnic at the Cone Estate in Blowing Rock to honor the five new members elected to work on the council next year. In addition to eleven members who were re-elected for council membership next year, the five new members are Betty Ruth Hodges, Cliff Kepler, S. G. Tugman, Harold Hayes, and Shirley Carroll. Approximately twenty-five

students, including council members and their guests, and Mrs. Gragg, the council sponsor, attended the picnic on Wednesday afternoon.

Faculty Summer Plans
After a little student research it was found that the faculty of Appalachian High School will be doing a variety of different things this summer. These range all the way from Miss Huneycutt's directing recreation at Blowing Rock to Mr. Lott's being on his honeymoon.

Among the ones who'll be teaching and going to school themselves are Mr. Robinson of the Biology Department, Miss Akers and Mrs. Hardy of the English Department, math teacher Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Hadden and Mrs. Tully of the commercial department, Miss Matthews and Mrs. Gentry of the girls physical education staff, Mr. Gentry, chemistry professor, and Dr. Shaffer.

"Mrs. Dougherty will be doing as little as she can possibly get by with," while Mrs. Gragg loafes and Mr. Rogers "starves to death." Mr. Templeton will be looking for work, preferably teaching logarithms. Miss Henderson and Mrs. Hamby will be "right here." Mary Lee Ward and

United States Is Nation On Wheels

The United States has become, to a limited extent, a nation on wheels, and it isn't motor cars alone that have brought this situation about.

More than 2,000,000 families are living in trailers, now called mobile homes, which may be had for \$6,000 or less.

Streamlined modern dwellings of this type have radiant heating, picture windows, indirect lighting, built-in television, automatic garbage disposal, and an automatic washing machine.

These homes are great space savers. Dinettes convert into double beds, a lounge chair unfolds to form a dining table seating eight, and a corner cabinet becomes a table merely by extending the front and inserting leaves stored in a special compartment.

A desk expands into a 52-inch dining table with leaves stored in a top drawer. Bottoms of large chairs are provided with storage compartments. Beds convert into attractive sofas.

One model mobile home boasts five closets and 27 drawers. Living rooms run about 8x18 feet. The average length of the homes is 30 feet, with some 40 to 45 feet.

Kitchens include automatic dishwashers, automatic garbage disposal units, and automatic washing machines. Blower fans distribute heat in winter and cool air in summer.

Fiber glass insulation, double insulation floors, and leak-proof construction are standard features. Even a fireplace may be had at a price.

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CORPORATION PROFITS
Profits of 616 leading American corporations for the first quarter for 1954 ran about even with a year ago, their aggregate net income being \$1,384,221,000 compared with \$1,878,826,000 in the first three months of 1952—actually a gain of a little less than three-tenths of one per cent. The elimination of the excess profits tax last December 31 played a major part in sustaining earnings and enabled some companies to show substantial gains.

Frankie Greene will be, as usual, doing the typing of a half-dozen executives. Mr. Ross will again be acting in "Horn in the West." Dr. Everett and Coach Groce will be earning their bread and keep in physical education activities here in Boone, and Mr. Petrey will be assisting Dr. Wey in his classes and Mr. Turner will be in service.

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Hot dry summer weather will soon be with us again and I wish to emphasize the fact that plenty of water is essential to good quality in vegetables, especially the fast-growing leafy crops. If they lack sufficient water for just a few days they will become stunted, fibrous and tough. During hot weather vegetables require about one inch of water each week, whether it is supplied artificially or by rain. Of course they will survive without thatmuch water but they will be of much lower quality because of the stunted growth.

It is a lot of trouble to stake tomatoes but it pays. You can control disease better and you will have less sun scald. Prune the plants to two main stems and tie them to the stakes with soft twine or "twistems." A mulch will help present blossom-end rot and will usually increase yields of early fruit.

If you like summer greens you should try New Zealand spinach. There is still time to plant it and make a good summer crop. It is not related to common spinach and most people who have tried it like it. The seeds are large, hard fruits. They should be soaked in water for a day before planting. Drop two seeds per hill with hills a foot apart. The plant is large and spreading. The part harvested is the tender growing tip—about three inches of the stem with the young leaves.

Don't neglect insect and disease control for a single day. The bugs don't go fishing even on Sundays. Nobody likes to eat wormy cabbage or greens that are full of aphids.

GOVERNMENT BUTTER
The Agriculture Department with the approval of the White House, has offered to sell up to one-third of a billion pounds of government-owned butter to friendly foreign nations at bargain prices. The Department emphasized that the program does not constitute a "dumping" operation that would depress prices received by other friendly butter-exporting nations, and that special safe-guards will be set up to see that the butter does not wind up behind the Iron Curtain.

HOG IN WELL LOSES WEIGHT
Jamesport, Mo.—J. W. Altender found a hog which had been missing from his farm for 38 days down at the bottom of a dry, abandoned well. Although weak, the hog was in good condition. Its weight was down from 250 pounds to 150 pounds.

Weevils Peril To Weed Plants

Vegetable weevils have caused severe damage to newly set tobacco in many areas of North Carolina in the past few days, according to H. Eldon Scott, entomologist for the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Scott said in some fields more than half of the plants have been damaged. Other reports indicate heavy infestations—fr. a eight to 12 weevils per plant.

The weevils are about one-third inch long, dull grayish-brown in color, with a pale grayish V-shaped marking on the posterior one-third of the wing covers. The larvae are slug-like and greenish in color.


The entomologist warned farmers to watch their tobacco closely for a few days after transplanting. Usually the activity of these destructive pests is not as great in hot weather.

Infestations may be kept in check or brought under control by following this program:

1. Treat plants with DDT before they leave the plant bed.
2. If small numbers of weevils are present, DDT may be used on newly set plants.
3. If the infestation is heavy, parathion or aldrin sprays or dusts should be used. Parathion or aldrin kill the weevils somewhat faster than DDT. Therefore either is recommended where severe infestations are already present.

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