



SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT at Appalachian State Teachers College is demonstrated to students, Al Overby, left, of Granite Falls, and Phillip Sexton, right, of Sparta, by Dr. Wofford Sink.—Larry Penley photo.

College Professor Leaves Business Field; Resumes Teaching Profession

By LARRY PENLEY

Many college professors leave teaching to enter business, but few leave business to return to teaching.

After 15 years in business, Dr. Woodford Sink gave up an attractive position and salary with a large manufacturing firm to return to his first love, the teaching profession.

At Cannon Mills of Kannapolis, he organized, prepared and taught night school courses on textile bleaching, dyeing and finishing.

While associated with Fisher Scientific of Pittsburgh, he organized and trained college graduates. He organized and taught courses on the theory, application and maintenance of modern laboratory tools. Some of the college graduates were so poorly trained that Dr. Sink felt he needed to return to college teaching to help students get the proper background for careers in industry.

Head of the chemistry department at Appalachian State Teachers College, he began his work here in 1959 after teaching at Union College in Kentucky for two years.

When asked what he liked best at Appalachian, Dr. Sink replied that he was pleased to find the administration so democratic and so "above board." "And, I love the friendly people, too."

Lecturing over the United States in most of the major cities and in Canada, he has spent half of his time in teaching students, the other half in industrial work as a laboratory director and technical training director.

His career has led him to the Citadel, the Medical School of South Carolina, Wittenberg College (Ohio), Georgia State College for Women and the Institute of Textile Technology (Virginia).

A native of Lexington, Dr. Sink did undergraduate work at Catawba College and completed his

graduate work at the University of North Carolina.

He has strong beliefs in the opportunities that science affords. "Not all science-educated people work in a laboratory. Many jobs require a scientific background such as creative writing and art work for science magazines and work in industry."

He continued to say that there is no greater need than for science teachers in high schools.

Dr. Sink speaks with admiration of his houseful of boys. The Sinks have six sons, one engaged in graduate work at the University of South Carolina, two are students at Appalachian. Mrs. Sink runs

the mimeograph room on the campus.

Recently the Sinks completed their new home which they designed and built. Dr. Sink said that this project was one of their greatest undertakings as a family affair, and everyone had a part in the construction.

The college professor declared that he doesn't have time for hobbies. "There is no time for anything but work." He does like to indulge in tennis and some music once in a while, but his main love is science.

"I just wish I had the time to set up and demonstrate much more of the wonderful scientific apparatus, so I could show science more clearly to our students," he remarked.

One of his students said, "Dr. Sink is smart, funny and nice. He makes chemistry something practical, but above all, he gets his points across."

Productivity Farm Workers Is Increasing

The efficiency of American agriculture is one of the most amazing success stories of our time, according to information received by the local ASCS office. The average productivity per farm worker has more than doubled in the last 20 years. In fact, productivity has gone up more in the last 20 years than in all recorded time prior to 1940.

One hour of farm labor today produces four times as much food and fiber as it did 40 years ago. Crop production is 65 percent greater per acre. Output per breeding animal is 88 percent higher.

Productivity of the American farm worker in the 1950's increased by 6 1/2 percent a year. This is about three times the increased output in non-agricultural industry, which went up around 2 percent a year during the same period.

In 1910, it took a farmer 135 hours to produce 100 bushels of corn, 106 hours for 100 bushels of wheat, and 276 hours for a bale of cotton. In 1960, it took about 14 man-hours to produce 100 bushels of corn, 13 for 100 bushels of wheat, and 37 for a bale of cotton.

The foundation of this progress in agriculture lies in government and industry research, education, and the hard work and ingenuity of farmers and ranchers.

If our population reaches 230 million by 1975 (as predicted), farmers and ranchers must produce 16.3 billion pounds more red meat, 47 billion pounds more milk, 20.7 million tons more fruits and vegetables, and 20 billion more eggs.

To produce these and other foods needed, another 200 million acres of cropland would be required if yields in 1975 are the same as in 1956.

But we don't have 200 million more acres of cropland. And we won't need them.

Greater efficiency in crop and livestock production will make it possible to feed 230 million people in 1975 from about the same total acreage now used. Further, today's farmers are applying the soil and water conservation measures needed to protect the land for maximum safe use in 1975—and far into the future.

Mrs. Nichols, 69, Succumbs

Banner Elk, Dec. 18—Mrs. Lena McKay Nichols, 69, housemother at Grandfather Home for Children, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Saturday afternoon at the children's home.

Mrs. Nichols was a native of Rockingham, a daughter of the late Thomas and Christian McKay. She had been housemother at the Children's Home for three years.

Prior to coming to Banner Elk, she was housemother at one of the dormitories at Appalachian State Teachers college in Boone, and at the "Teacherage" in Hamlet.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. R. J. Martin of Atlanta; a sister, Mrs. Jessie Henderson of Charleston, S. C.; and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held at

TOO OLD
Richmond, Va.—George Greshen has decided to ignore an order to report to a draft board for induction into the army. Greshen is 80 years old. Draft board officials said he got notice intended for another man with the same family name.

2:30 p. m. today at the First Methodist church in Hamlet. The pastor officiated, and burial was in Hamlet cemetery.

HERE'S HOW!
Somerville, N. J.—A local judge obliged and added 22 days to the sentence of Andrew Lazinsky, who already had served 5 days on charges of being drunk and disorderly. The judge went along with Lazinsky's request when the man said he had been promised a job in three weeks if he stayed out of trouble. He said the best way of do that was to remain in jail until the job was available.

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