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Noted Wall Hangings Being Shown At ASTC

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They will be on display through Jan. 31. Van Dommelen's work is concerned chiefly with the manipulating of fabrics, yarns, threads and unique materials in a form of art which is quite different from the usual forms.

The form, according to an expression from Van Dommelen, "transcends painting as an art form, for the textures and languages of textiles gives one an immediacy and human quality which relates directly to all people's environment."

Van Dommelen further explains his work: "My participation in textiles originates from an earlier interest in painting. It has developed through over a decade of personal investigation of materials and techniques with little or no direction toward the achievement of an individual style. If something is abstract—it is abstract. If it is representational—it is representational. I couldn't care less what the critics of current fads are concerned with."

"I work with yarns and threads as I wish, caring little if I please people, but caring greatly that I live a new experience with each hanging I create."

Van Dommelen has served as a junior executive with the firm of Carson, Pirie Scott and Co. in Chicago; art consultant to Warren Consolidated schools, Warren, Mich.; instructor of home art, Pennsylvania State University; Brookfield Craft

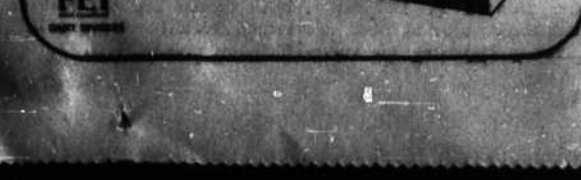
Center summer workshop, Brookfield, Conn.; assistant professor of design, University of Maine, and summer textile workshop, Haystack School of Crafts. He is a member of the American Craftsman's Council, American-Scandinavian Foundation, American Home Economics Association and Pennsylvania Association.

He received an honorable mention award for better rooms competition from the Chicago Tribune in 1961; an award for wall hangings at the Midwest Designer Craftsmen show in 1956, and an award for ceramics by National Delta Phi Delta in 1956.

He has studied under three grants and has published four books and numerous other articles. Currently, he is preparing manuscripts entitled New Uses For Old Cannon Balls, Adventures in Crafts, and Furniture.

Blowing Rock Man Gets Wingate Honors
Dr. Budd E. Smith, Wingate College President, in examining the just released Dean's List, commented: "Wingate today has some of the finest students in her history." Dr. Smith's remark is substantiated by the fact that a total of 166 of Wingate's 1486 students have won places on the fall semester Honor Roll, or Dean's List.

To appear on the list, a student must attain a 3.3 grade average and have no grade below a "C"; he must also be carrying a full academic work load of at least 15-hours.



New High School Dedication

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ly one year later, official notice was given by the Board of County Commissioners that the citizens of this county would be given the opportunity to vote on a bond issue for school construction and that the election would be held on or before Sept. 30, 1963.

Soon after the action of the Board of County Commissioners, the Board of Education obtained an option to purchase the present school site at a cost of \$1,000 per acre.

On Sept. 17, 1963, the voters of this county overwhelmingly approved the referendum in the amount of \$1,630,000, and steps were taken to purchase the school site. Architects were employed to prepare plans and specifications for the grading of the site and to begin work on the design of the buildings.

Contracts for the construction of the school were awarded July 24, 1964, and the construction of the major facilities was completed in time for the opening of school Aug. 30, 1965. Work on the completion of the total facility was continued after the opening of school and by the first week in December, all work was completed and all furniture and equipment installed.

In addition to serving the secondary school needs of the county, the school will also serve as a laboratory school for Appalachian State Teachers College in its program of teacher education. A local act was passed by the 1965 General Assembly which created a legal working relationship between the Board of Trustees of the college and the Board of Education. The college is now providing supplemental funds for the purchase of instructional supplies, salary supplements, and the employment of additional instructional personnel.

Size, Capacity And Cost
The modern building, constructed in four major units joined together by a lobby, administrative offices, and a library, contains a total of 133,000 square feet. Seventy-two separate teaching stations are available for a maximum capacity of 1,800 students.

Enrollment during the current school term will likely reach 1,200 students, and the school has an instructional staff of 65. The cost of the building, less fees, furniture, and equipment, is \$1,581,829.50, or a total of \$11.90 per square foot.

The site contains 39 and one-half acres and was purchased from the G. C. Winkler estate at a cost of \$39,500. The access road from N. C. 105 was completed by the State Highway Department on April 22, 1964.

During open house on Sunday, citizens are urged to observe some of the following significant features of this modern school facility:

—Comprehensive vocational education facilities containing 20,000 square feet.

Watauga County student winning this honor is James Edward Hayes, Cone Memorial Park, Blowing Rock, N. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hayes.

- Five spacious lab-classes for the physical sciences.
- Modern, spacious and unique library which will accommodate 120 students.
- Office and seminar areas for all instructional personnel.
- Physical education facility which will accommodate five separate classes and 2,600 for athletic events.
- Modern cafeteria—420 capacity.
- Large lobby and student activity area.
- Terrazo floors in all major traffic areas—vinyl asbestos tile in classrooms.
- Five spacious areas for business education.
- Two audio lingual foreign language areas.
- Lecture and team teaching rooms—90 capacity.
- Auditorium designed for public use and student activities—400 capacity.
- Large special music area.
- Acoustical ceilings with integral lighting and heating.
- Controlled heating and ventilating system.
- Closed circuit television to be provided for observation of classes by college.
- Attractive courtyard located in center of classroom wing.
- Spacious covered walkways to facilitate student traffic.

A special invitation cannot be mailed to all citizens of the county, but the Board of Education wishes to extend a special invitation to everyone to attend this historical event.

There are 14 colleges and schools at the University of Carolina in Chapel Hill.

"People... We Meet" Population Increase



A freshman at ASTC, Sue Church works part-time as a saleswoman at Cupboard Casuals. Interestingly, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Church, operate a business called the Village Casuals in Lenoir, and this sometimes causes a little confusion when Sue answers the telephone. The co-ed graduated from Lenoir High School and came to Appalachian, where she is majoring in elementary education, on a part-scholarship. Between picking up a little spending money, and keeping up her studies in English, math, geography, history and physical science, Sue is a junior varsity cheerleader and takes in many recreational and athletic activities on campus. (Staff photo)

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North Carolina. His study shows a loss by migration of only slightly more than 11,800 persons during the five years, compared to 300,000 in the decade of the 1950s.

The veteran population statistician predicts that the State will reach the 5,000,000 mark on Sept. 22, 1966. He estimates the total number of Tar Heels at 4,912,000 as of July 1, 1965, a gain of 356,000 over the 1960 U. S. Census figures of 4,556,155.

There were 17 counties which led the population march. Their total gain accounted for nearly two-thirds of the increase for the State as a whole.

They were: Cumberland, 50,348; Mecklenburg, 41,570; Wake, 31,661; Guilford, 25,422; Forsyth, 15,498; Gaston, 11,392; Davidson, 10,417; Wayne, 9,703; Buncombe, 9,678; Catawba, 9,629; Randolph, 9,489; Durham, 9,175; Iredell, 8,115; Alamance,

6,300; Union, 5,859; Craven, 5,528; and Burke, 5,462.

Dr. Hamilton points out that most of the gain occurred in large urban centers. Counties adjoining the urban centers also gained due to the spread in residential patterns over the cities.

Two counties, Ashe and Avery, have a two-hundredths per cent change, a gain of five persons for Ashe and three for Avery, according to the analysis.

Counties losing population at the rate of more than 100 persons per year were Anson, Bertie, Bladen, Carteret, Franklin, Johnston, Madison, Mitchell, Northampton, Warren, and Yancey. Thirteen other counties lost population, though less than 500 persons each.

The University of North Carolina Glee Club is going on a European concert tour in the summer of 1966.



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Freeman Announces Naming Of Carolina ASC Committee

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman has reappointed the members of the North Carolina State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, according to information received by the Watauga ASC County Committee.

Marcus B. Braswell, chairman, of Mars Hill, Claude W. Thore of Mt. Airy, and J. Lee White of Concord will continue to serve on the committee in 1966. This committee is responsible for administration of farm action programs in North Carolina. Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., of Raleigh, Extension Director for North Carolina, is an ex-officio member of the committee.

The North Carolina ASC Committee works with county committeemen who are elected in each county by their fellow farmers to operate the cropland adjustment, agricultural conservation, price support and production adjustment programs. The price support and production adjustment programs include tobacco, cotton, peanuts and rice marketing quotas, wheat, feed grain and cotton diversion programs, and price support programs on all of these and other grains. The Watauga County ASC Committee is: Clint Eggers, chairman, A. C. Moretz, vice-chairman and Vaughn Tugman, member.

The State committee members, who are all farmers, are the link between the national leadership of the USDA and operations on the county level. They insure that individual farmers are given equitable treatment and that the programs are administered fairly. In doing this, the committee is called upon to make policy decisions as provided by law and regulations throughout the year.

In commenting on their reappointment, Administrator Horace D. Godfrey complimented these men on their past service and expressed confidence in their handling of the programs in the future.

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