

ASTC Alumni Council Is Expanded

In an effort to broaden the scope of influence and service of the Appalachian General Alumni Association, F. P. Bodenheimer, Jr., current president, announces expansion of membership on the Alumni Council from 12 to 25 members.

The expansion of the council comes with the sanction of the present membership in a bid to carry forth the program proposed by President Bodenheimer.

In the past, membership on the council has consisted almost entirely of North Carolinians or persons residing in North Carolina, but under the new program or plan members have been appointed in several areas outside the state. An effort was made to appoint three Appalachian representatives in areas in which a number of alumni reside. These areas include New York, Virginia, South Carolina and Florida.

While President Bodenheimer realizes that it will be impractical to expect as much formal activity in these out-of-state areas as in the more nearby areas, the main purpose in this expansion, he said, is to let the alumni know that they are not forgotten by their Alma Mater and that they "belong."

A sustained effort, Bodenheimer said, will be made not only to stimulate the active alumni chapters but to encourage the reorganization of chapters which have become more or less inactive. Also, plans are being made to organize new chapters.

It is President Bodenheimer's hope that every chapter will have at least one meeting between now and Homecoming. Alumni council members are being encouraged to attend every possible chapter meeting, especially ones in their localities.

The Grand Finale, of course, is reached with Homecoming and efforts are being expended to make the 1966 Homecoming the best ever, Bodenheimer said.

Several other possible innovations have been discussed, such as district meetings called "President's Conferences" in more populous sections; an Alumni Day on the campus at some time during the spring quarter; induction of graduates into the General Alumni Association at commencement time, and other items.

Bodenheimer said other get-togethers of council members and key alumni for the purpose of keeping lines open between the campus and each alumnus would be held.

Meanwhile, Bob Allen, acting director of Alumni Affairs, has contacted all chapter presidents, urging them to set the wheels in motion for meetings as soon as possible.

On Wage-Price Curbs
Robert P. Gerholz, President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, urged labor leaders to join a voluntary program of wage-price restraints. The chamber head said there should be some ground rules or guidelines for labor and business to follow.

To Study Refuse
The House Armed Services Committee will investigate Selective Service procedures that result in draft rejections for some prominent professional athletes. Representative L. Mendel Rivers (D.S.C.) is chairman of the committee.

On Electoral College
President Johnson has re-neged an old battle by asking Congress to abolish the Electoral College and extend the length of House terms from two to four years. The President's aim is for all electoral votes of a state to go to the presidential candidate who gets the most votes in the state's general election.

Caught In Radar Trap
Greenville, S.C. — When a radar device was set up, the first victim was Mayor Pat Dunne who paid a \$17.50 fine. The second person nabbed was a "jockey" who was driving the location of the speed zone over the local station.

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Garden Time

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The studios is a very popular and satisfactory to grow in the home flower garden. They come in a great variety of colors and are most satisfactory after cutting because they last so long when cut and placed in the home, church, school or given to friends. They are not too choosy about soil types and as long as they are reasonably good and well drained. The plants should have full sunshine all day for best results.

Another very fine feature about this crop is that you can have flowers practically all through the growing season by succession planting a new planting every two or three weeks.

Select corns ("bulbs") of good size which have been treated for diseases and insects. Plant the corns about four inches deep in rows about three feet apart. The corns should be spaced about four inches in the rows.

The larger corns have good reserve food storage making heavy applications of fertilizer unnecessary. I would suggest the use of one pint of an 8-8-8 mixture (granular form, not pellets) for each 50 feet of row. The fertilizer should be applied a week or so before planting the corns and should be well incorporated with the soil. Close contact with fertilizer may result in damage to tender roots so thorough mixing with the soil is important.

The time of planting will vary considerably, depending upon where you are located. In eastern Carolina the commercial growers plant in late January or early February depending upon soil conditions. In the upper and lower Piedmont, planting may be done from the middle to the latter part of March; and in the mountains, from the middle to the latter part of April.

There are many good varieties of glads from which you may choose. You may purchase mixtures, which may be cheaper, but most gardeners get more satisfaction from knowing varieties by name and purchase on this basis.

Here are a few good varieties, grouped in color classes: white or cream—June Bells, Margaret Beaton, Snow Princess and Mollie Fischer; pink—Pleardy, Spic and Span, Gladiolus and Fay; red—Beacon, Sans Couci, Valeria and New York; lavender—Minuet, Tyrone and Elizabeth the Queen; yellow—Gold, Van Meegren, Nugget and Yellow Herald; orange—Aranjeur.

Brief News Notes

New Postage Stamps
Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has asked the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to use a special luminescent ink for printing stamps will be electronically "read" under ultraviolet light as a step toward speeding mail sorting.

New Nuclear Carrier
Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover reports that the proposed new nuclear-powered aircraft carrier will require refueling only once during its 25-year life span. The President's budget message included funds to build the country's second such ship.

Aid For Adults
Senator Robert F. Kennedy (D.N.Y.) has proposed a \$22,500,000 in grants and loans be made available to states, cities and private groups for treatment of drug addicts. The loans would be used for treatment and buildings.

More Grain To India
Authorization has been given by President Johnson to ship three million or more tons of grain to India to relieve the famine. The shipment will include wheat and maize, a grain sorghum called milo.

Beware But Cold
Plymouth, Ind. — Although the temperature dropped to 5 below zero, Francesco Sessak's red hen has not hatched on 10 eggs on an outdoor nest. After several weeks of this weather, the small hen proudly displayed her brood of four yellow chicks and one black one. Five eggs did not hatch.