

Rare Fossil Collection Donated To ASU; Value Placed At \$25,000

A rare collection of fossils valued in excess of \$25,000 has been donated to the Department of Geography and Geology at Appalachian State University by a natural history expert in Pennsylvania.

Dr. J. C. Yoder, chairman of the department at ASU, reports that the fossils were donated by Mrs. Charlotte Orr Gantz, a lawyer and author of a natural history text, *Discovering Nature*.

"The fossils are especially valuable because they are the result of a lifetime of collecting," Dr. Yoder explains. "Mrs. Gantz just wanted to give them to an institution that really needed the collection, and our department was fortunate enough to be the recipient."

"The story of 'how it happened' is nearly unbelievable," Dr. Yoder confesses. He explains that a student in an Appalachian geology class just happened to

read one of Mrs. Gantz's texts and wrote the author a note of appreciation.

Unaware of the Gantz collection, the co-ed alluded to shortages in the University's geological specimens.

A few days later, Mrs. Gantz was in contact with Appalachian, asking if the University might be interested in her collection.

Dr. Yoder and Marcus Morehead, a geology instructor, responded with a quick trip to New Hope, Pa.

"That was about two years ago," Dr. Yoder adds. "Mrs. Gantz was still cataloging some of her collection and wasn't ready to release it at that moment."

"But we explained to her that our new addition to the Rankin Science Building would have a museum area for display of collections such as hers, and she agreed to send us the fossils by the time the new construction would be completed."

As it turns out, the fossils have arrived about two years before their new home will be completed. "But we will erect a partial display in our present facilities," Dr. Yoder assures.

Commenting on the fossils, Mrs. Gantz, herself, writes, "The value of the collection lies in the fact that it contains a good, and I think, fairly complete record of prehistoric life, particularly of invertebrate life; that almost all of the common rocks and minerals are represented and that it includes most of the common shells of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts with a fair representation of Pacific shells."

"Most of the corals of south Florida are included, but the sponges still need to be worked on. Two large groups I have kept for further work: fossil bryozoans and land snails."

"These are to go to the University later, together with most of my library."

As to the exact number of fossils included in the collections, Dr. Yoder says, "I couldn't begin to estimate exactly how many specimens there are. We haven't begun to unpack the cases yet, and we won't know until we do."

AID AND PUEBLO'S CREW
The Senate has approved an amendment to its foreign aid bill which it hopes could help gain the release of the USS Pueblo's crew. The amendment would withdraw until North Korea releases the 82 crewmen, presidential authority to make exceptions to an existing law barring U.S. aid to Communist nations.

EXTENDS FOOD FOR PEACE
President Johnson has signed a two-year extension of the food for peace program. The act provides \$6.2 billion in food aid for 1969 and 1970. The extension places new emphasis on aid to nations adopting birth control programs.

tations will continue to rest with owners and renters. The university will not discriminate in selection of students because of race, creed or nationality, Tickle added.

Student Center To Offer Non-Credit Night Classes

All members of the University family will be given ample opportunity to expand their practical education in a program of non-credit, non-academic evening classes to be sponsored by the Student Center during the coming academic year.

"The classes will be very similar to night programs at community centers," explained Ron Whitaker, Student Center Director. "We will have a class, for example, in Crafts for Christmas in which, students, faculty and staff families will be instructed in leather crafts, ceramics and probably jewelry making. It will be fun and economical."

Another typical course offering will be a class in House-

hold Mechanics in which participants will be taught how to make small household repairs.

Other tentatively planned courses will teach basic art skills in painting and drawing; there will be music classes in which night students may learn to play a guitar or a mountain dulcimer. Bridge lessons are also in the offing.

Also planned are ballroom dance classes. "All the courses are being coordinated through the Student Center and the departments of Art, Industrial Arts, Music and Physical Education," Whitaker added. "The Student Center will pay the instructors' salaries, and the cost to participants will be minimal—mostly for materials."

Policy On Listing Rental Property Is Changed At ASU

A new policy of procedures to be followed in the listing of private rental properties available to Appalachian students has been adopted by the university's newly created Office of Student Housing.

To list a rental unit in the future, landlords are requested to either write or telephone the Office of Student Housing to furnish name, mailing address and number of rental units. A separate form for listing each unit of rental property will then

be mailed to the individual owners for completion and return. No listing will be taken by phone.

Richard Tickle, director of student housing, pointed out that the new housing service "is an effort to help students find the rental spaces they desire and to help the landlord find the kind of student renter he desires."

The university, Tickle stated, will not negotiate directly with property owners in behalf of prospective tenants nor make rental reservations. Such nego-

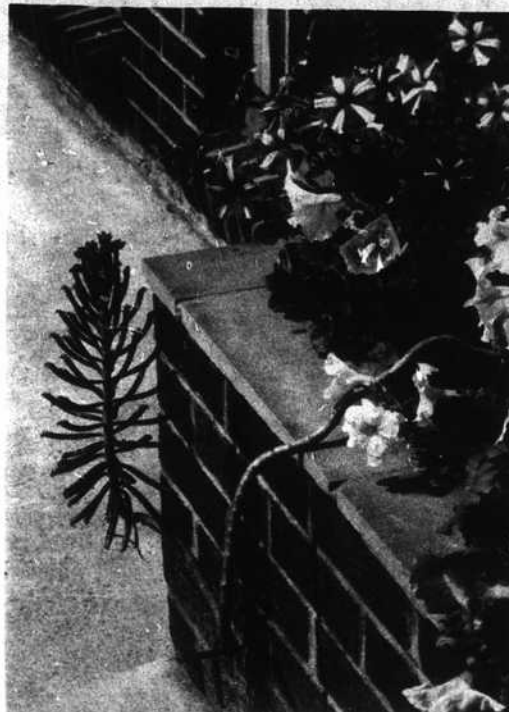
Gene Carpenter Joins Caldwell Tech Staff

T. Eugene Carpenter has joined the Caldwell Technical Institute Administrative Staff as Evening Director and Administrative Assistant. Mr. Carpenter's duties will consist of administering evening programs at the Institute and assisting the President in developing new federal and state programs.

A graduate of Cherryville High School, Mr. Carpenter received his Associate of Arts Degree from Brevard College, his Bachelor of Science Degree from Clemson University, and his Master of Arts Degree from Appalachian State University.

He worked three years in Rutherfordton, North Carolina with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service prior to joining Caldwell Tech.

He is married to the former Linda Setzer of Cherryville and has a daughter Rebekah. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alton Carpenter of Cherryville. The Carpenters are Wesleyan Methodists and reside at 5 West Highland Avenue, Granite Falls, North Carolina.



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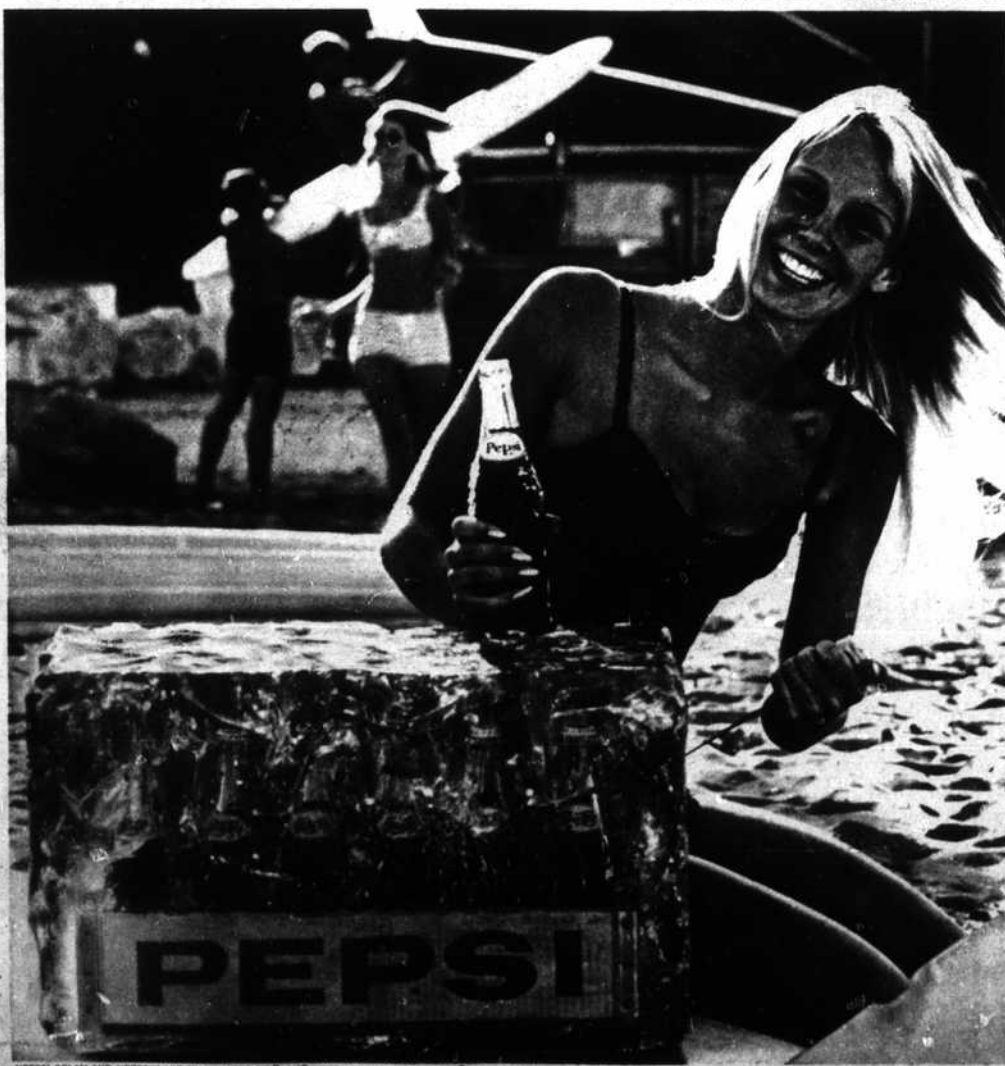
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