



ASU'S FIRST KINDERGARTEN STUDENT TEACHER—Mrs. James F. Caldwell, an Appalachian senior from Durham, is the first student from ASU's College of Education to complete her student teaching requirements in the University Kindergarten. After she graduates in June, she hopes to teach in one of the eight state-sponsored kindergarten pilot centers in North Carolina.

ASU Begins To Certify Kindergarten Teachers

Administrators in the College of Education at Appalachian State University have acknowledged that whether or not the 1971 General Assembly approves a state-wide public school kindergarten program, higher education institutions across the state must begin preparing teachers to staff the program should it develop.

According to Dr. BEN H. Horton, dean of the College of Education, "There is ample research to indicate that a successful kindergarten program will bear favorable fruits during the educational career of any child, its effect on the drop-out rate alone would make the program worthwhile," he believes.

In light of this research and because of the eight pilot kindergarten centers authorized by the 1969 legislature, Appalachian's department of teacher education has modified its program of primary education and has already begun to certify teachers for kindergartens.

At the heart of the new program are three professional courses designed to allow Appalachian undergraduates to specialize in the kindergarten area and to enable experienced elementary teachers to qualify for the new kindergarten certificates.

"Nursery-Kindergarten Curriculum" and "Nursery-Kindergarten Instruction" are taught in the department of teacher education, and "Psychology of Early Childhood" is taught by ASU's department of Psychology.

To provide actual laboratory experience for its primary education students, Appalachian maintains the University Kindergarten. Staffed by a highly trained director, a student teacher, one graduate and ten undergraduate assistants, the kindergarten enrolls some 20 five-year-olds and provides laboratory experience for ASU students as well as for workers from the state kindergarten pilot centers in Lenoir and Kings Mountain.

Appalachian students pre-

paring for kindergarten certificates are required to log 60 hours of participation in the kindergarten and take specially oriented reading instruction courses before they begin their three months of student teaching.

Chairman of the department of teacher education, Dr. Lee Reynolds, is relieved that the General Assembly did not be-

Says Wood Decay Ranks No. 1 Disease Of Home Construction

Decay is the No. 1 "disease" of wood used in construction of homes and other buildings. Preventing this problem can be much less expensive than "curing" it.

This was illustrated recently when a North Carolina State University professor was asked to inspect the laminated wood arches used in the construction of a church. Although the church was only four years old, the huge arches already were beginning to decay.

This could have been prevented by treating the arches with a preservative before construction. The cost would have been around \$1,500. The repair cost was estimated at \$15,000.

North Carolina's moist climate is ideal for wood decay. Moisture is the key element in that the fungi that cause decay cannot work in dry wood, explained W. C. Warrick, extension housing engineer at NCSU.

He said serious decay often is due to one or more of the following errors in construction or maintenance:

- Undrained soil and insufficient ventilation under basement houses.
- Wood such as grade stakes, concrete forms or stumps left on or in soil under houses.
- Wood parts of the house in direct contact with the soil, especially at dirt-filled porches.
- Wood parts embedded in masonry near the ground.

gin the state kindergarten "in a wholesale manner" this year. "They did need to give the universities and the teachers time to prepare themselves for the program," he explains.

But at the same time, he indicates that when the state is ready to adopt the program, educationists here will be ready to supply their share of well qualified personnel.

—Use of unseasoned and infected lumber.

—Sheathing paper that is not sufficiently permeable to moisture vapor.

—Inadequate flashing at windows, doors and roof edges.

—Poor joinery around windows and doors and at corners, and inadequate paint maintenance.

—Lack of rain gutters, and roof without overhang.

—Unventilated attics.

—Roof leaks; leaks around shower-bath tub combinations, kitchen fixtures and laundry rooms.

—Failure to use preservative treated or naturally durable wood where moisture cannot be controlled.

As a general safeguard against decay, the decay fungi should be kept from entering the lower part of the structure. Dry wood should be used as far as practical and the structure should be built in a way that will keep wood dry most of the time.

The decay-causing fungi are always present in the air and cannot be kept away from wood. But fungi can grow in wood only when it contains more than 20 percent moisture. Air-dry wood is regularly below this danger point.

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Pigeon Roost News Hog Killing Time Nears Peak As Cold, Frosty Days Arrive

BY H. J. MILLER

It's hog killing time again in this hilly country and since the real cold winter weather began several days ago, several fat porkers have been slaughtered and the hog killing rush will probably continue until about Christmas time. It is also reported that several hogs have been slaughtered recently. Since the hog killing time started its now pig buying time again and the farmers that don't raise their own pigs are now buying pigs to fatten for next year's kill. The old razor back stock of hogs that was once the favorite kind in this mountain area can no longer be found here. The farmers now buy a good type of hogs that fatten fast.

Richard G. Edwards of Erwin, who recently died was a native of Pigeon roost section. His only surviving sister, Mrs. Julia Honeycutt, lives on Pigeon Roost. His parents was Levi and Beed Edwards who was a pioneer family of Pigeon Roost section. But before their deaths they moved many years

before then to a farm on the outskirts of Johnson City. Mr. Edwards was a minister of the Brethren Church and he has several grandsons who are preachers. Most of his grandsons who are preachers has held preaching services on Pigeon Roost. Richard G. Edwards often visited relatives on Pigeon Roost. His mother Beedle Edwards was a midwife. Their home on Pigeon Roost stood at mouth of Pate Creek and the Edwards also operated a water wheel corn mill which the old mill building was torn down many years ago.

The writer was in Winston Salem, N. C., Monday, it was our second trip to that town recently.

The farmers in this area who have their tobacco worked getting it ready for the market has begun to move their crops to the warehouse floors. Some tobacco is going from here to Asheville and Boone, N. C. and Johnson City and Mountain City, Tenn. The rain Wednesday has put the grading of tobacco back

in operating. If the cold wind do not get tobacco out of case a lot of tobacco will be graded this damp weather go around. Some farmers in this lower Mitchell County area has grown as high as five acres and for that much tobacco it takes a lot of work to strip it off. This year there has not been enough damp weather to get tobacco in very high case.

Recent Births

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glenn, Route 2, Banner Elk, boy, Nov. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Watson, Route 3, Boone, girl, Nov. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lippford, Mountain City, Tenn., girl, Nov. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hicks, Boone, girl, Nov. 22.

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