

ASTC Enrollment Shows Increase

Boone — A study of the 1944 summer school enrollment at Appalachian State Teachers College reveals at least four interesting features, the most outstanding of which is that the enrollment has increased steadily for the past three years, starting with 795 in 1942 and standing at 885 for the 1944 session. Reasons for this increase seem to be the return of former teachers to places in the profession vacated by those who have gone into government service, the desire of teachers in service to improve their own efficiency, and the emphasis now being placed on additional training by school officials everywhere.

In looking over the student body one is bound to observe the very great age range. The youngest student, a recent high school graduate, is just past sixteen years of age, while the oldest, a writer and an authority on parliamentary procedure, is eighty-six. The average for the summer school student body is about thirty-five years, while that of the regular year student body is eighteen years.

Various levels of scholastic attainment are likewise reflected in the group. There are teachers who were certified when not even high school graduation was needed. There are also 232 holders of Bachelor's degrees, 37 of whom hold Master's degrees, with one holding the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

One expects to find fewer men than usual in any group, and the summer school is no exception. In 1941 one student in every five was a man; in 1944 fewer than one in every ten is a man.

Topia News

Miss S. E. Smith
Correspondent

Miss Mary Fields, of West Jefferson, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fields.

Ralph Pugh, of Galax, Va., and Victor Phipps, of Grassy Creek, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pugh, Saturday.

Miss Rena Fitzgerald, of Piney Creek, spent the week end with Miss Fairy Lee Black.

Miss Lucille Black returned to Sparta, N. C., Saturday, after spending two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Black.

Miss Velma Pugh returned to Washington, D. C., Saturday, after spending last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pugh.

WAVES AT PLAY



OFFICIAL U. S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH

WAVES have time for fun, too, and enjoy a variety of sports at Naval stations. Here are three typical scenes of "WAVES at Play." Above, two yeomen — Ellen and Nancy Grivana, sisters, of Minneapolis—strive for the elusive "300" on the alleys at the Naval Training Center at San Diego, Calif. At the right, Justine Sue Johnson, a pharmacist's mate, who was a member of the National Essex Archers team and who now is the No. 1 Diana at the San Diego Center, is shown practicing on the excellent archery range there. Below, the sliding runner appears safe as Yeoman Mary Helen Watson of Dallas, Texas, eagerly awaits the ball during a soft-ball game at the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi. "The Story of You in Navy Blue," available at Navy Recruiting Stations and Offices of Naval Officer Procurement, is chockful of information about the WAVES for young women between 20 and 36.



Pine Swamp News

Miss Ruth Evans

Miss Betty Ann Holloway spent Saturday night with Miss Velma Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Edwards, Rev. A. C. Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Holloway and children, and Betty Ann, Bobby and Edwin Brooks visited at the home of Mrs. Etta Lou Edwards, Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Lou Edwards and daughter, Velma, and Edwin Brooks spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Holloway. Mrs. M. B. Joines is able to be out again, after a recent attack of asthma.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Joines, Miss Annie Marie and Walton Joines spent Sunday with Mrs. Joines' brother, Mr. and Mrs. Arol Choate.

Those visiting Mrs. Elvira Caudill and Mrs. William Lumley, Sunday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards and daughter, Peggy; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Caudill, Mr. and Mrs. Clate Davis, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wagoner, Mrs. Odell Crouse and daughters, Mrs. Cleve Caudill, Mrs. A. R. Richardson, Mrs. Sally Wooten, Miss Helen Caudill and Troy Cleary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clate Davis, of Winston-Salem, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Caudill.

Johnny Holloway, who has been employed in Winston-Salem, is spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Holloway.

Among those visiting "Aunt Nannie" Rouse at the home of Mrs. G. C. Atwood, Sunday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Atwood and children, Mrs. Earl Edwards, Mrs. Henry Evans, Miss Lorene Edwards, Otis and Dorothy Adams, Sally Ruth and Cornelia Atwood, Rosalie Hawkins, Gilbert Atwood and son, Tommy, Bert Holloway and Eli Billings.

Messrs. Carl Andrews, Cary Brown and Ray Andrews made a business trip to North Wilkesboro, Monday.

Miss Mona Toliver has returned home, after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Robert Sparks.

plane and Mrs. Hardin Bell waiting to hear from her son, who is a prisoner of the Japs; it was little Sarah Ann Noland waiting for "Daddy" to come home; Dr. C. A. Thompson answering another call; yes, it was all of us, young and old and weak and strong. Our boys over there know about it, too. They know the America they read about when they were school boys, an America many of them never knew before. In the trenches and in fox holes, there are no Jews and Catholics, no Polish and Americans, no Texans or New Englanders; they are Americans. The future belongs to them because they are earning it now, at Saipan, the Mariannas and Normandy. And they are not alone; whoever died for freedom or whoever raised their voices against the aggressor throughout the endless years, are with them and we here on the home front are with them 130 million strong, until the job is finished and they come home to claim the future that belongs to them.

Clay Edwards, of Bel Air, Md., who lived in this county until a few years ago, is now manager of a furniture store in Bel Air. Mr. Edwards had employed an old negro preacher to help him about the store. The old man delivered furniture and did odd jobs around the store and one day he and Mr. Edwards were making some repairs on an oil stove. The job was not going along too smoothly, when Mr. Edwards stopped to wait on a customer. When he had finished he walked to the back of the store where the negro preacher was still working on the stove and mumbled under his breath.

Stratford News

MRS. THELMA MABE
Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Watson were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey F. Irwin, Sunday.

Miss Alma Ruth Richardson, who holds a responsible position in Baltimore, Md., is spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Richardson.

Mrs. Allie Osborne and Mrs. Ollie Mabe spent Monday in Galax on business.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Richardson visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Douglas, in Sparta, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Estep, of Whitehead, visited relatives here, Sunday.

Miss Betty Jean McMillan was the week end guest of Miss Irene Richardson.

W. L. Irwin has been a patient in the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem, for several days. He is reported to be getting along all right.

Mrs. Virginia Richardson, of ASTC, Boone, spent the week end at her home, here.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Estep, Sunday, were Mrs. Callie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vaughn and family, Mr. Edd Taylor and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor, Miss Blanche Estep and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Joines.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe were Mrs.

Mr. Edwards heard him say, "Here's where ah lay down mah 'ligion" and then he proceeded to tell that oil stove exactly what he thought of it.

Allie Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Atwood and Daynard and Jerol Atwood.

Mrs. Barnett Church and Miss Reba Rector were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Irwin, Sunday.

Edd Taylor has returned to Maryland to resume his work there, after visiting his family here.

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Speaking of strange requests, we heard of one the other day that was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Smith Nichols, of Sparta, by their son, Master Sergeant Robert Lee Nichols, who is stationed at Great Bend, Kansas. Sgt. Nichols, it seems, wrote his mother about a week ago, to invite a selected group of his friends to lunch with them on July 30 at 12 o'clock sharp. Now he had recently had a furlough and his mother was not expecting him home, so the request proved all the more mysterious. But she carried out the plans and at 12 o'clock Sunday, a group of friends were gathered at the Nichols home, probably a bit more excited than any of them cared to admit. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoppers, R. D. Gentry, Sam Porter and Clint Caudill were included in the requested group, but since Clint was unable to attend, the four others waited with Mr. and Mrs. Nichols for the hour to come. At 12:10, an army plane loomed overhead and flew low over the Nichols house . . . just once . . . and then it was gone . . . no sign, no circling over the house, just flew over once and went on its way. So you see, there is still some mystery connected with the strange request. Later on, Sgt. Nichols will probably write and tell them he saw them July 30 . . . but until he does, we're wondering just what he meant by that entreaty.

The Voice of America . . . we've heard of it and so have you, but we never thought seriously about it; not until we heard a news commentator on the radio the other day and as we listened we thought of all the boys from Alleghany who were fighting "over there" and of the work going on here on the home front and we understood. The Voice of America . . . it was all of us. It was Edwin Duncan buying \$10,000.00 worth of war bonds and little Jimmy Brinegar purchasing his 26c war stamp; it was Dillon Edwards tending his summer crops and Earl Calhoun going quietly about his job as production manager at the pipe factory; it was J. K. Wagoner as he weighed out canning sugar for Mrs. Jo Smith and Mrs. Robert Fleetwood who waited in the post office for a letter from her husband in England; it was Pic. Frank Osborne, with the Marines at Saipan and Sgt. Bill Collins with the invasion troops in France; it was Cadet Lewis Wagoner learning to fly a