



Craftsmen At Penland School Ply Their Crafts

Penland School

The Penland Handicraft School is one of the most interesting institutions in the area. Penland attracts people from all over the world who come to learn to make beautiful things with their hands.

Vocational teachers come to Penland School wishing to expand their skill; others are seeking a fruitful vacation. The hobby-hunters come, and retired people who wish to learn a pleasant avocation.

The School grew out of Appalachian School, operated as a denominational institution near Penland. Miss Lucy Morgan, sister of the principal and a member of Appalachian's faculty, decided that a practical way to supply cash--which was not easy to come by--to the neighborhood was through the revival of mountain crafts. In just a few years time, many Mitchell Countians were weaving, selling their products to the public through the school.

Later, the program expanded to provide instruction in mountain crafts and skills to those who might want to learn. Penland School now has a year-round program with several modern buildings, and a staff from many parts of the world. In the interim, it has achieved an international reputation.



Penland School Of Crafts Is Largest In Country

Ginseng-A Valuable Herb

Not too many years ago the mountaineers in Mitchell County who grew ginseng would sit up beside their patches with rifles across their knees to guard this valuable herb. The "Sang" was a valuable source of income ever since the people learned how to prepare the roots for market.

In China the herb is believed to have miraculous healing properties. Smith and McElroy, merchants from "Caney Creek, purchased many thousands of pounds for Oriental markets as early as 1837.

Odd shaped Ginseng roots, such as those which resemble

a human figure, are believed to have special value and brought up to \$25 a pound.

Prices for Ginseng Root now have reached quite a bit more money per pound, but the precious herb has almost vanished from this area.

Buladean

The Buladean Community is said to have been named for the daughter of the first postman. It's former name was Magnetic City, so called because of the large deposits of magnetic iron ore surrounding the community.

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