

In Memoriam



J. Boyd Crisp

Not only Graham County and WNC but the entire State was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of these two public servants, who were killed in a plane crash on a Polk County mountain on the foggy, overcast morning of October 16th. Highway Commissioner Boyd Crisp of Robbinsville was piloting his Cessna 182 enroute to a meeting of the equipment committee in Raleigh. Mrs. Tony Ayers of Tapoco, an officer of the State Extension Homemakers Assn., was his passenger to that airport, where other transportation was to take her to a conference in nearby Reidsville. Others may fill their public posts, but none can replace their personal loss to thousands whose lives they touched.



Mrs. Tony T. Ayers

Rockhound's Corner
By CLEVE KINGSBERY
CRYPTOCRYSTALLINE QUARTZ

CRYPTOCRYSTALLINE Quartz--a big word, but it simply means a form of our quartz mineral (SiO₂) in which the crystals are invisible to the naked eye. Hence the Greek prefix "Crypto", which means "hidden".

This is a big branch on the Quartz family tree, and has a number of offshoots with various names.

The basic material in all these subtiles is Chalcedony (pronounced kal-sed-o-ni). This term refers to a stone that is almost transparent, or translucent, or waxy white--no real coloration. Other names are used to designate various colors or patterns caused by some sort of inclusion in the basic chalcedony.

One of the most popular variations is Agate in its different forms. Agate is typically a translucent form of chalcedony in parallel layers of different colors. It originates in volcanic lava, where cavities are left by escaping gases as the lava cools. Steam or very hot water, with silica in solution, intrudes into these cavities and, as it evaporates, leaves layers of agate in deposit. Successive occurrences of this process form the concentric layers characteristic of agate.

If the cavity is completely filled, it forms a nodule. If only partly filled and the center remains hollow, we call it a geode (jee-ode). These geodes are usually lined with small crystals and, when cut in half, produce an attractive specimen.

"Agate" is so much more convenient a word than "chalcedony" that it is commonly used by us rockhounds to denote various forms other than nodules or geodes. Banded agate, moss agate, plume agate, rooster tail--the names pretty well describe the respective types.

Carnelian or "carnelian agate" is a translucent stone with a red or reddish brown coloration. It has been in popular favor ever since the early days of the Egyptians, who used it in their jewelry.

Sard is a similar stone but dark brown. This also appears in ancient jewelry.

Sardonyx means alternate layers of sard and white or light colored chalcedony. (In a later column we will discuss true onyx, of which the finest cameos are made.)

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Future Homemakers of America
Where the Action Is!



WHEN THE NEWS is all too full of the antics of a minority of "revolting" adolescents, it is reassuring to discover that the majority of our teenagers are "doing business as usual" along constructive lines.

An outstanding case in point is the recent rally (October 18) at WCU of the Future Homemakers of America of District 8, comprising the 18 western counties of North Carolina. These are girls who are taking or have taken a course in Home Economics in junior or senior high school, and who have voluntarily joined their local chapters of this national organization.

More than 1000 Future Homemakers assembled for the day-long rally at WCU. Active

participants on committees, panels and program from our 8 westernmost counties included chapter members from Camp Laboratory (Cullowhee), Canton, Franklin, Hayesville, Haywood County, Murphy, Pisgah, Robbinsville, Rosman, Swain County, Sylva-Webster, Tuscola.

Weeks of intensive preliminary work by the Franklin chapter--under the direction of Miss Maude Bivins, teacher of Vocational Home Economics at Franklin High School, and this year's District 8 FHA Adviser--resulted in a smoothly coordinated program and panel series that were enthusiastically received.

With the overall theme of "FHA--Where The Action Is!", program and panel discussions



Mary Seay, hostess for Franklin FHA discussion

covered the gamut of active relationships of the individual with family, community, group, career, and society as a whole. The key to such relationships emerged as love and understanding--not as vague terms, but practically applied in positive action.

The practical application of understanding oneself and one's needs in the economic selection of a becoming and appropriate wardrobe was a highlight of the program--as demonstrated by Dick Schulman, Canton merchant, with the cooperation of FHA members from the audience.

WCU hosts were Mr. Frank Brown, vice-president for administration, Dr. Ann Buntin, head of Home Economics Dept, and Mrs. Evelyn Barker, Home Ec student and president of the student section of American Home Economics Assn. Rev. James Gilland of Cullowhee Methodist Church was keynote speaker.



Registering for FHA rally at WCU at desk manned by member of Sylva chapter are Franklin's vice president Conda Bradley and president Myra Norton, with recorder-photographer Devonda Long at far right Myra Dills designed distinctive name tags.

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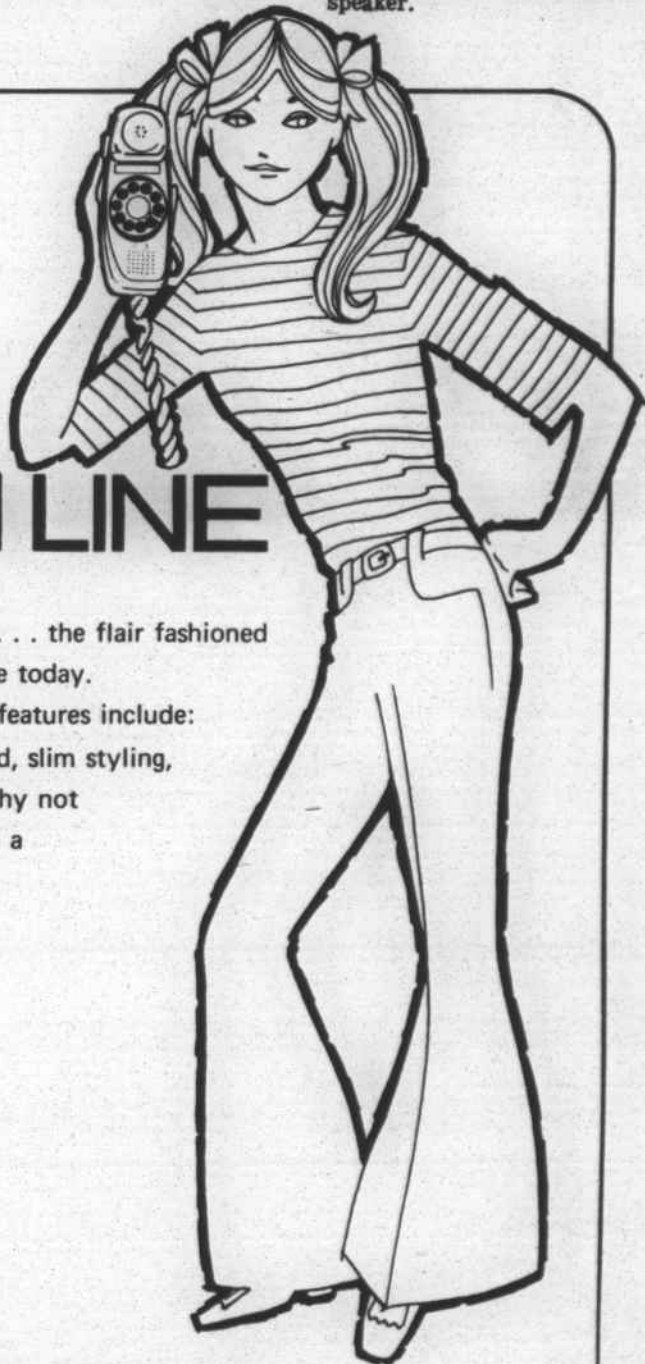
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