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Sacred Heart College will present the Carolina Regional Theatre's production, "Appalachia Sounding," on Wed., Apr. 27.

Now in its second regional tour, "Appalachia Sounding" will be performed in 13 Appalachian states during the spring of this year, and will then be taped for national television broadcast. The local performance will be held at Sacred Heart College at 8 p. m.

"Appalachia Sounding" is a dramatic portrait of life in the mountains of Appalachia from the arrival of the first settlers to the present. The play, by Romulus Linney, portrays the heritage of the mountain people by presenting on stage the particular pleasures of their rich culture: their songs, dances, tall tales, ghost stories, superstitions, riddles, and jokes. Carolina Regional Theatre is North Carolina's professional touring theatre. In its five years of service to the region, CRT has reached a combined live and television audience of 900,000 people, and has provided many with their first live theatre experience.

Tickets to the April 27 performance are available by mail and at the door for \$2.50 through the Fine Arts Committee of Sacred Heart College. A 50 cents per ticket discount is available to senior citizens and groups of 10 or more. Seating is limited and tickets are available on a first-come first-serve basis.



"SUNRISE SCHOLARS" at the Shelby Plant of Fiber Industries, Inc., include (left to right) Larry Graham, Jim Oxford, Ron Dean, Mike Zielinski, Mike Templeton and Jim Honeycutt. Absent when the photograph was made were Robina Cunningham and Joe Voss. All are

engineers at the Shelby Plant. They are enrolled in a series of videotaped courses from the University of Tennessee and are pursuing master's degrees in engineering administration.

North Carolina Has More A Thousand Ghost Towns

The 100 counties of North Carolina show 157 uninhabited, abandoned towns and more than 1,000 ghost towns, all originally established in the 1700's and 1800's, according to a recently completed study by Treasure Index, the national fact finding publication.

The Old Town figures compare with Virginia's 7,000 old towns; Maryland's 2,500; Illinois' 6,000; New York's 12,000 and Pennsylvania's 15,000. Towns established in the 1900's are not included in the study.

A relatively small number of their old towns bloomed in size, in population and in prominence. The others are buried under such identifications

as uninhabited abandoned towns, ghost towns and forgotten hamlets. Early indications show that the counties of Bladen, Buncombe, Chatham, Iredell, Moore, Randolph, Robeson and Watauga lead the state in numbers of old towns. An abandoned town differs from a ghost town in that the latter is a community in drastically reduced circumstances. An abandoned town is exactly what the term implies... abandoned and therefore uninhabited. Such a town may have originally grown around a factory, a processing plant, a mine, a railroad station, etc.

Many towns have suffered because they were by-passed by more modern means of transportation. Some suffered from too much water, others with not enough. When a commercial or government facility fades away, inhabitants usually fade with it.

These studies are prized and sought for by history buffs, educators, historical societies, libraries, realtors, vacationers and treasure hunters. Most states have already been researched and partially completed. It will probably take another two years to complete all 50 states in the nation.

The study is a continuing research program taking several physical forms. One unit is "The County Old Town Report" (\$4.75 per County). Also available are 2-Color County Maps (\$4 each) which show the identity and location of abandoned towns and ghost towns. A third unit is "The

Disaster Loans Are Authorized

Cleveland County is one of 29 North Carolina counties authorized to receive Small Business Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the Small Business Administration. Because of drought conditions last spring and freeze conditions this winter, Cleveland County was declared an economic injury disaster area by the Department of Agriculture.

Assistance can be provided if the applicant can establish that the business suffered substantial economic injury as a direct result of a natural disaster. Authority for acceptance of loan applications under this program will expire December 9, 1977.

For further information contact the Small Business Administration, 280 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, 28202 (372-0771—ext. 441.)

Publication Available

A new publication "Land and Water: North Carolina's Vital Resources" has been prepared by the USDA - Soil Conservation Service and is now available. It was announced by State Conservationist Jesse L. Hicks of Raleigh.

The publication, which has a summary of conservation activities in the Tar Heel State for 1976, is available from SCS offices in the state.

Up-to-date maps show

the status of particular activities, including: Modern soil surveys, completed or underway. Public Law 566 watershed projects.

Resource conservation and development areas, both active projects and applications for approval.

Illustrated by 80 photographs and maps the booklet tells of varied services available from the Soil Conservation Service or through local soil and water conservation districts.

The popular "environmental beach clinics" which have been held along the North Carolina coast are covered in a special feature, while another section deals with efforts to keep water clean in the state.

Other sections cover watershed tours, held for the public, minimum tillage, a fast-growing practice in North Carolina; and control of erosion both in urban areas and on rural land.





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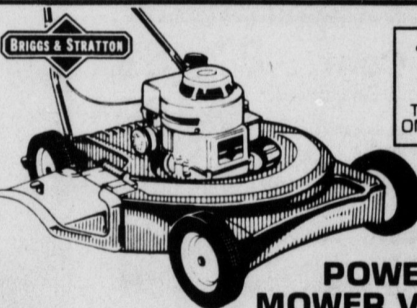
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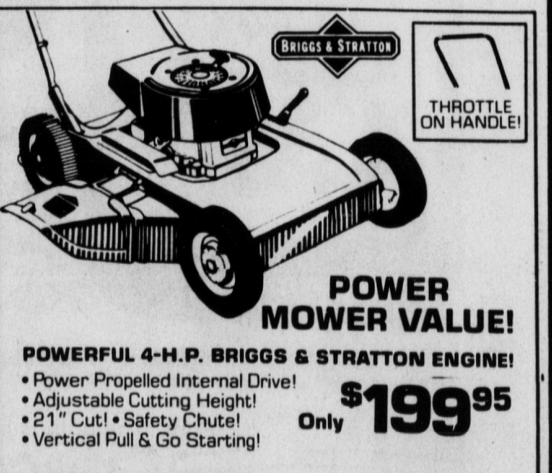
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