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from the president . . .

Dear Friends:

Fall is upon us, and with it comes the end of vacations for many, research projects for some, seminars and institutes for others, and a myriad of additional activities and time-consumers. Among those voices clamoring for a bit of your attention is that of your Appalachian Studies Association.

The officers, Steering Committee, and representatives from the Program and Local Arrangements Committee met in Radford in August to make plans for the year and specifically for the Eleventh Annual Appalachian Studies Conference, to be held March 18-20, 1988, at Radford University. If you have issues that you would like discussed, please feel free to contact me or one of the other officers or Steering Committee members. A complete list of your elected representatives was published in the last issue of Appalink, Summer 1987. We invite your participation in the business of the Association.

I want to add my thanks to the many expressions that have already been voiced about the Conference at East Tennessee State. We had excellent attendance for our tenth birthday celebration and a wide diversity of activities, both educational and entertaining. I am especially grateful to Helen Roseberry, Program Chair (East Tennessee State University) for masterminding the sequence of events for the Conference, and to Jean Speer, Association Chair (Virginia Tech), for her conscientious and competent guidance during the past year. To all the outgoing officers and committee members, thank you for your service to our organization. And to all the incoming officers and committee members, as well as those continuing in office, thank you for your willingness to serve.

You will recall that the last Conference theme was "Remembrance, Reunion, and Revival: Celebrating a Decade of Appalachian Studies."

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From a close look at ourselves, our organization, and our discipline in 1987, we move outward in 1988 to examine Appalachia and Appalachian Studies in a larger context--that of other disciplines, other cultures, other nations. The theme, selected by the Program Committee, is "Mountains of Experience: Interdisciplinary, Intercultural, International." The breadth of this theme offers ample opportunity to share research findings, curricular programs, artistic efforts, activities, and events. I urge you to begin considering your own contribution in order to meet the October 15 proposal deadline.

You must have noticed a new look to Appalink when you received your Summer 1987 issue. Carl Ross, newly elected newsletter editor and secretary (Appalachian State University), is responsible. With the assumption of the office, the newsletter editor also assumes for his or her institution the financial obligation of publishing and mailing Appalink three times a year. I appreciate Carl Ross (and Appalachian State) for taking on the job and Richard Blaustein (East Tennessee State) for having carried it for the past several years.

The 1986-87 year was productive for the Appalachian Studies Association. In addition to an outstanding conference in Johnson City, we also accomplished a substantive revision of our by-laws, established a scholarship fund to support special groups' and individuals' attendance at the annual conference, inventoried the archives of the organization, and formulated a mechanism for building archival materials.

With your participation, 1987-88 can be a fruitful year too. I encourage you to take an active part in your Appalachian Studies Association. Let us hear from you!

Sincerely,

Grace Toney Edwards

Grace Toney Edwards
President, 1987-88
Chairperson,
Appalachian Studies Program
Radford University
Radford, Virginia

*** The deadline for information to appear in the next APPALINK is January 1, 1988. Send information to Dr. Carl A. Ross, Center for Appalachian Studies, University Hall, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina 28608. 704 262-4089 ***

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note from the treasurer . . .

According to experts, money causes more problems in marriage than any other issue, and the Appalachian Studies Conference sometimes experiences the same kind of tension. For several years there has been much discussion within and outside the business meeting about allocation of the Conference's financial resources. Some members would prefer to see more informal and less expensive annual meetings with fewer meal functions included, while others feel that our present structure reflects the growing maturity of the organization and promotes member interaction.

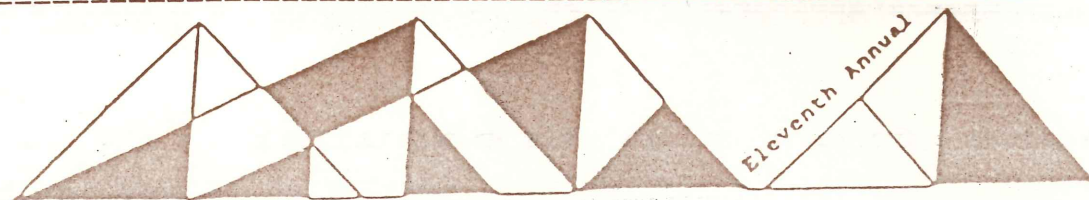
These differences will no doubt continue to be aired at meetings and elsewhere and may never be resolved, a common occurrence in any democratic organization. Unfortunately some meeting participants have chosen to express their views by refusing to pay fees with which they disagree. As a member, and even more as treasurer, I feel their response to this controversy, is unfair. Acceptance of majority rule is a cornerstone of democratic process, and to do otherwise is to ask responsible members, who may also disagree with current policies, to shoulder the entire financial burden of maintaining the organization.

So please, those who would like to see changes in our financial policies, take your case to the executive committee, to the business meeting, to the streets and halls of the conference, if necessary. But please don't ask others to pay your bills while you protest.

Ellen Garrison
Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Your contributions are needed! The ASA scholarship fund is used to support students, community groups, or individuals who apply for financial assistance to attend the annual conference. Please send your contribution to ASA Treasurer Ellen Garrison, Box 41, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37132.



APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

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March 18-20, 1988

CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND PAPERS

(Theme)

"Mountains of Experience: Interdisciplinary
Intercultural, International"

The program committee invites your proposals for presentations at the 1988 Appalachian Studies Conference to be held March 18-20, 1988 at Radford University, Radford, Virginia. Sessions will include programs examining differences among various approaches to issues in Appalachian Studies as well as differences between Appalachia and other disciplines and cultures for a common, identifiable experience. A one page typed abstract of your proposal for a paper or panel presentation should be sent to Dr. Parks Lanier, Box 5917 RU, Radford University, Radford, Virginia 24142-5917 by October 15, 1987.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL
NEW RIVER SYMPOSIUM
April 7-9, 1988
CALL FOR PAPERS

The New River Gorge National River, a unit of the National Park System in West Virginia and New River State Park in North Carolina are again co-sponsoring the New River Symposium. The seventh annual three-day symposium, scheduled for April 7-9, 1988 will be held at the Holiday Inn in Oak Hill, West Virginia.

The multi-disciplinary symposium is open to all those with professional or avocational interest in the New River, which courses from its headwaters in North Carolina through Virginia to its terminus in West Virginia. Papers for the symposium are being requested in natural and/or cultural history, folklore, archaeology, geography, other natural, physical and social sciences, and the humanities.

All papers should share these common themes or the interrelationships of the natural, physical, and/or human environments.

In order for proposals to be considered they must be received no later than 12/1/87 and include a 250-400 word abstract which will be reviewed by a panel of professionals. All proposals should be sent to the Chief of Interpretation, National Park Service, New River Gorge National River, P. O. Box 1189, Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901. Questions can be answered by calling Park Headquarters at (304) 465-0508.

CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS
Appalachian Studies Association

The Nominating Committee for 1988-89, appointed from the Steering Committee by the President of the Association, will be Loyal Jones, committee chair (Berea College), Jean Speer (Virginia Tech), and John Inscoe (University of Georgia). The committee must nominate members for the following positions: (1) Vice-President/President Elect; (2) Treasurer; (3) three at-large Steering Committee members; (4) Program Vice-Chair/Elect; (5) four members of the Program Committee.

For more information on the duties of officers and Com-

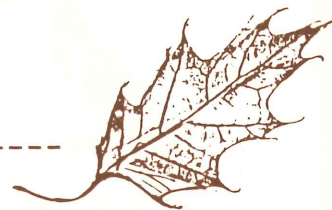
mittees, and terms of office see our By-Laws, Sections VIII, IX, and X.

Nominees must be current paid members of the Appalachian Studies Association. If you would like to nominate a member, including yourself, send the nominee's name, address, and phone number, a statement indicating the nominee's willingness to run, and a short biographical sketch of the nominee by November 1, 1987, to Loyal Jones, Appalachian Center, CPO 2336, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky 40404.

Cratis D. Williams
APPALACHIAN STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

One (1) fellowship at \$5000.00 is available to a full-time beginning graduate student in Appalachian Studies for the 1988-89 school year at Appalachian State University. A completed application should be sent to Dr. Carl A. Ross, Director of the Center for Appalachian Studies, University Hall, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina 28608. Applications are available in the Center for Appalachian Studies and should be returned by March 31, 1988.

FALL ACTIVITIES IN APPALACHIA

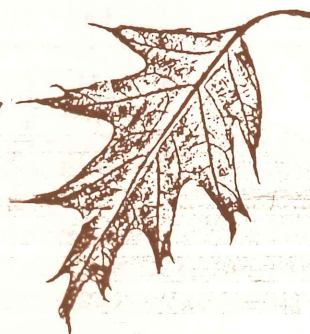
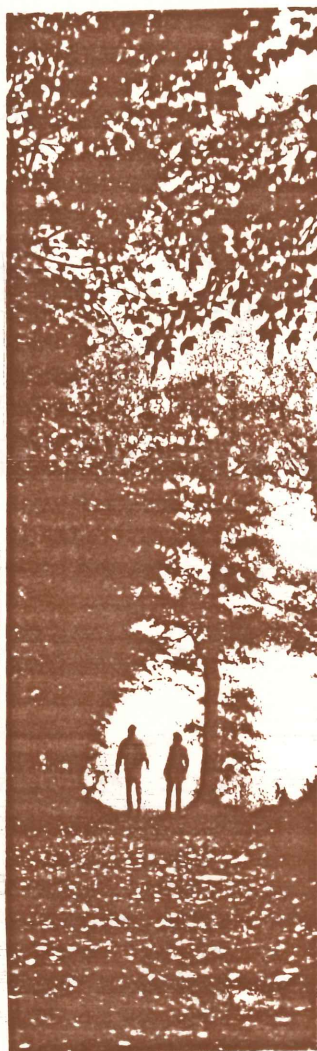


Carroll Reece Museum
September, 1987
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The Carroll Reece Museum will feature a part of the Ackerman Collection during the month of September. The Ackerman Collection contains Jessie Ackerman's library as well as items she collected from her world travels. Miss Ackerman was the first woman to be elected Fellow of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society.

Morehead State
University
October 8-9, 1987

A symposium on Appalachia will be offered. The general topic will be "Sense of Place in Appalachia". The symposium will address the quest for community and the need for the rebuilding of a sense of place in American life. For further information contact S. Mont Whitson, Department of Sociology, Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky 40351 (606) 783-2656.



Arrowmont School
October 14-17, 1987

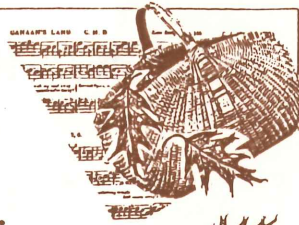
Will present "Craft in the 80's: The Medium and the Market." The conference will offer a varied program of seminars, demonstrations, and slide lectures. A juried exhibition, SPOTLIGHT '87: SOUTHEAST CRAFTS, will run concurrently with the conference. For additional information, contact Sandra Blain, Arrowmont School, P.O. Box 569, Gatlinburg, TN 37738.

University of Kentucky
October 23-24, 1987

U.K. will host the second annual conference on Appalachia. The subject will be education in Appalachia. For more information, write the Appalachian Center, 641 South Limestone Street, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0333.

Berea College
Oct., 30-Nov. 1, 1987

Celebrates . . .



. . . traditional music. The festival will feature the McLain Family Band, Wade and Julia Mainer, Clyde Davenport and Bobby Fulcher, the Bottom of the Barrel Bunch, the Queen Family Band, Homer "Pappy" Sherrill and others. The festival will also feature a symposium on traditional music, instrumental workshops and square dancing.

Berea College
November 12, 1987

"In the Tradition," the fifth national festival of black storytelling, to be held at Berea College; cosponsors are the Kentucky Humanities Council and the Association of Black Storytellers; you will hear stories and lectures about them as well. More information from Andrew Baskin, Black Cultural Center, CPO 134, Berea, Kentucky 40404; Tel, (606) 986-9342, ext. 6515.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Limited copies of the Appalachian Studies Association Membership Directory for 1986-87 are available through the Appalachian Consortium. To order, send \$1.50 to the Appalachian Consortium, University Hall, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina 28608.

Summer 1988-Event
APPALACHIAN CONSORTIUM
TO SPONSOR INSTITUTE
July, 1988

The Institute for Environmental Education in the Southern Highlands will be held for 5 days in July, 1988. The purpose of the institute is to acquaint regional middle and secondary teachers with environmental issues facing the Southern Highlands; to enhance teachers' competence in teaching environmental issues; to involve participating schools in studying and analyzing local environmental problems; and to share this experience beyond the schools and communities directly involved.

The institute, sponsored by the Appalachian Consortium, will involve 25 teachers, their schools, and students in grades 5-12. A stipend of \$200 will be awarded to all participants with campus housing and meals provided at no extra cost. For more information contact, Dr. Barry M. Buxton, Executive Director, Appalachian Consortium, University Hall, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina 28608.





OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL ASSOCIATION, INC.

MAKE A DATE WITH HISTORY

Take a walk into history on the Overmountain Victory Trail followed by colonial militia in 1780 on the way from eastern Tennessee and western Virginia and North Carolina to King's Mountain, South Carolina. This annual family-oriented reenactment commemorates the gathering of backwoods volunteers who rushed to halt the advance of a British army fresh from the capture of Charleston and the defeat of the Continental Army in the South. In a stunning turnaround, frontiersmen marched 200 miles across the mountains and spectacularly defeated the British. This year's march begins September 23 in Abingdon, Virginia, and concludes at King's Mountain National Military Park on October 7. Closely following the original route, walkers follow the same timetable through scenic mountainous countryside in delightful early fall weather. (Period dress is encouraged but is not mandatory.) Local ceremonies and historical demonstrations provide an insight into colonial life at the time of the Revolution. Participants walk from 5 to 20 miles per day and camp along the way. Most days are along roads and no backpacking is required. In general, the trail is of moderate difficulty and suitable for active people from 10 to 80. Everyone is welcome for a day or the entire trip. There is no charge for a single day's participation; \$10 per person for those spending 24 hours or more on the march. (This covers incidentals; additional fees may be charged for meals not provided by local communities and groups.)

For further details prior to September 23, contact the following:

Grand Marshal:

Bob Sweeny
Box 632
Manassas Park, VA 22111
703-368-9577 (Evenings)
703-560-2010

Safety Marshal:

Jim Preske
8520 Upper Mt.
Vernon Road
Evansville, IN 47712
812-985-2398

OVTA:

Fran Dahl
2517 Shipe Rd.
Knoxville, TN
37924
615-933-0883

Wilkes-Surry Contingent:

Hank Weaver
704 Kentucky Street
Kannapolis, NC 28081
704-933-3635

For information during the reenactment, contact Sycamore Shoals State Park, Elizabethton, Tennessee 37643, 615-543-5808.

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CENTER DIRECTOR NEEDED
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, Virginia

Applications are being accepted for the position of DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR PROGRAMS IN THE HUMANITIES (Senior Appointment), beginning July 1, 1988. Ph.D. and excellent record of scholarship in a humanities discipline. Proven success in administration and obtaining external funding. Inquiries and nominations invited. Candidates send letter and curriculum vitae, with names and addresses of 3-5 references, to Dr. Dennis Welch, Chair, Search Committee, Center for Programs in the Humanities, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061. Deadline for receipt of letter, cv, and names and addresses of references is Nov. 15, 1987. EO/AA institution. Minority and women candidates strongly encouraged to apply.

FOXFIRE OFFERS TEACHER OUTREACH

Course guides of Foxfire courses are being prepared. Anyone wishing to try out drafts of course guides and provide feedback to be used in revising the guides is welcome to do so. Filmstrip-cassette packages and videotapes illustrating activities and concepts described in the course guides are also being produced.

Foxfire can accomodate a few visits each semester by educators, especially teachers with students. In addition, there are a limited number of on-site workshops for schools interested in beginning

their own hands-on program.

Information is also available about teacher fellowships to work with the Foxfire staff, net-working with fellow teachers, and the availability of mini-grants for workshop participants. For details contact Hilton Smith or Carol Elizabeth Reynolds, Foxfire Outreach, Box B, Rabun Gap, Georgia 30568 (404) 746-5319

West Virginia University
STROTHER WORKS OBTAINED

Papers, letterbooks, and several original paintings of David Hunter Strother (better known as "Porte Crayon") have recently been acquired by W.V.U. Strother was a famous 19th century writer and illustrator known for his work in Harper's. The collection contains information on life in the mountains of Virginia and West Virginia.

WVU HISTORY DEPARTMENT
OFFERS NEW DEGREE IN
APPALACHIAN HISTORY

A graduate degree in Appalachian history and culture is now offered at West Virginia University. It is a specialized area of concentration within the general program of graduate

study in American history. The limited number of graduate students who will be selected for the program must satisfy all requirements for the MA or Ph.D. degree in history.

West Virginia University is uniquely qualified to offer a graduate program of outstanding quality in this field of study. The University library has collected Appalachian materials for decades, and the West Virginia and Regional History Collection is recognized as one of the finest collections of Appalachian books, pamphlets, manuscripts, photographs,

and music in the nation. Most graduate students can, therefore, complete their research projects without leaving Morgantown. Moreover, the department has an affiliation with the Regional Research Institute, the University's widely recognized research group which focuses on regional science. For additional information contact Ronald L. Lewis or the Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of History, 202 Woodburn Hall, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.V. 26506 (304) 293-2421.

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APPALACHIAN MIGRANT STUDY PUBLISHED

Too Few Tomorrows: Urban Appalachians in the 1980's, edited by Phillip Obermiller and William Philliber, evaluates the migration patterns of Appalachians and the effects of the change from a rural environment to an urban one. The essays address Appalachian civic involvement, Appalachian youth and cultural changes, the impact of the urban milieu on Appalachian families, and the effects of schools on Appalachian children in urban areas. In a recent review of the book, Ron Eller, Director of the Appalachian Center, University of Kentucky said, "This book raises important questions about the future of regionalism and cultural consciousness in a nation which no longer sees 'hillbillies' as a social problem and refuses to recognize Appalachian cultural heritage as a source of personal strength and community pride." Too Few Tomorrows is available through the Appalachian Consortium, University Hall, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina 28608 for \$8.95.