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APPALINK--Newsletter of the Appalachian Studies Conference

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### FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETS

The first annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Conference, held in Berea, Kentucky in March, 1978 was attended by approximately 250 individuals representing over 60 institutions and groups. The program, designed to stimulate questions and discussion related to directions for Appalachian Studies, consisted of: workshops for the various disciplines; a forum on Appalachian Studies; an address by Robert Scott, co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission; and music, folk dancing, poetry readings, and films.

At the first annual business meeting, by-laws were proposed, discussed, revised and adopted. A copy of the by-laws appears at the end of the newsletter. Officers elected for the 1978-79 year are Chairperson - Sharon Lord, University of Tennessee; Secretary-Treasurer - Tom Plaut, Mars Hill College; and Program Coordinator - Dennis Lindberg, Davis and Elkins. Members were elected for two standing committees, the Agenda Committee and the Program Committee; a listing of those individuals and their addresses appears on page 10 of the newsletter.

### SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNED

APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING:

MARCH 16-18, 1979, JACKSON'S MILL, WESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

THEME: LAND

TENTATIVE TOPICS: THE MEANING OF LAND IN THE MOUNTAINS  
POWER AND CONTROL OF LAND  
GOVERNMENT: LAND AS VICTIM OF BUREAUCRATIC MISSION  
LAND AS THEME IN LITERATURE AND MUSIC  
LAND IN THE ECOSYSTEM  
LAND--NATURAL MATERIALS IN CRAFTS  
TEACHING ABOUT THE LAND



WE NEED: Ideas, Workshop Leaders, Panelists, Presenters, Players, Exhibitors, Talkers, Listeners and Help.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE WRITE: Dennis Lindberg, Program Coordinator  
Appalachian Studies Conference  
Davis & Elkins College  
Elkins, West Virginia 26241



## REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Dennis Lindberg, Program Coordinator

The Program Committee met at Boone, NC on June 3rd to set the time, place and topic for the annual conference next year. The conference will be held March 16-18 at Jackson's Mill near Weston in central West Virginia. Jackson's Mill is a large, comfortable, reasonably priced conference facility that is used for many state-wide conferences in West Virginia. It is just off I-79 and is centrally located in West Virginia. The nearest airport is at Clarksburg which has flights to and from Charleston, Washington, and Pittsburgh. Having the conference at Jackson's Mill means that the conference will be in West Virginia as many members wished, while the possibility of severe weather in the Elkins area will be avoided.

There will be a \$10 registration fee for members to cover the cost of the conference. Students and persons with limited income will have a \$5 fee. We estimate that three nights housing (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) and eight meals (Friday breakfast through Sunday lunch) at Jackson's Mill will cost \$32. Full details will follow in a future edition of the newsletter. Reserve the dates March 16-18 on your calendar.

### FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

We plan to publish an issue of Appalink--Newsletter of the Appalachian Studies Conference--in mid-November and one in mid-February. We welcome news items. Send information by October 30, 1978 or January 30, 1979 to: Sharon Lord or Tom Plaut (see addresses, page 10).

#### APPALINK SUBSCRIPTIONS:

IF YOU DID NOT ATTEND THE BEREA MEETING BUT WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND RETURN IT TO TOM PLAUT, BOX 639, MARS HILL, NC 28754.

NAME/AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

INTEREST IN REGION \_\_\_\_\_

I AM ENCLOSING DUES OF \$4.00 FOR THE 1978-79 FISCAL YEAR (TO MARCH 1, 1979).



## A.S.C. RESEARCH & PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE PLANS ACTIVITIES

Burt Purrington, Committee Chairperson

Eighteen members of the ad hoc Research and Public Policy Committee (RPPC) of the Appalachian Studies Conference met on June 3, 1978, at Appalachian State University in Boone to discuss goals, priorities, and future activities. The primary goals of the committee are to apply the expertise of those conducting research in Appalachia to the needs of the region and its people and to provide mutual support for people conducting policy-related research in the region.

Six major priority areas were identified. These include:

1. Monitor government research in the region. Upcoming studies such as the President's Coal Commission and ongoing studies such as environmental assessments often overlook valuable information or fail to ask crucial questions. The RPPC can alert the membership, especially experts in appropriate fields, and the potentially-affected citizenry to such studies and encourage informed input.
2. Convey research information to decision makers at all levels of government. Research results can be conveyed to public officials through a variety of means including hearings, publications and correspondence. The RPPC can act as a clearinghouse by alerting public officials to relevant research and scholars to areas where their work may be appropriate to an area of public concern.
3. Provide information and expertise to citizens in the region. Obviously very few, if any, of us are in a position to act as voluntary consultants on anything but an occasional basis. However, even an occasional volunteer stint or a bit of important information for a citizens' group may reap significant results. Moreover, we can disseminate information, particularly that which is not generally available, and identify potential sources of information, including interested committee members, to the public.
4. Act as an information clearinghouse on Appalachian issues. The committee can function as a centralized body into which information on policy-related research can be funnelled and subsequently disseminated to the membership.
5. Identify problem areas in the region, encourage research, and provide bibliographical and other information to researchers. Obviously we need a much greater amount of objective research in the region in such areas as mineral resources, erosion, and economics. Research in these and other policy-related areas should be encouraged among not only professional scholars but students and citizens' groups as well, and the results should be disseminated as widely as possible.
6. Support individuals conducting policy-related research in the region. Through the RPPC researchers can provide each other with feedback and encouragement. In addition, in the event of institutional pressure against someone conducting policy-related research, support can be provided.

The first major activity of the committee will be the preparation of three pamphlets dealing with coal, recreation, and water resources in Appalachia. These pamphlets will include preliminary bibliographies with an emphasis on federal studies and other hard-to-get-at reports and a listing of where and how such publications



may be obtained. Public agencies and citizens groups concerned with each of these areas will be identified. These pamphlets, which should be available by the 1979 ASC meeting, will be printed in an inexpensive format and will be periodically updated.

The ASC membership is encouraged to submit bibliographical information (especially obscure studies), names and contacts of concerned citizens' groups and agencies, and other information to the head of the appropriate committee:

<u>Recreation</u>	<u>Coal</u>	<u>Water Resources</u>
Judy Cornett	John Gaventa	Gene Conti
Appalachian Oral	Highlander Center	Rt. 4, Box 299
History Program	New Market, TN 37820	Hillsborough, NC
202 Appalachian St.		27278
Boone, NC 28608		

In addition, the RPPC will begin its role as clearinghouse for the ASC and for the region. Members and pertinent groups and agencies will be alerted to important research, hearings, or policy-related activities in the region and a pool of scholars interested in contributing to the work of the RPPC will be formed. Information on such studies and activities should be sent to the chairperson of the RPPC: Burt Purrington, Dept. of Anthropology, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608.

Membership on the RPPC is open and informal. The committee will be made up of those individuals who have indicated an interest in policy-related research in the Appalachian region and, when possible, a willingness to contribute information and perhaps even time to the work of the committee. Interested individuals should fill out the form below. An expression of interest in the work of the RPPC carries no implicit obligations with it, but it does insure being kept up to date on the activities of the RPPC and receiving occasional alerts appropriate to one's areas of interest. Obviously, though, in a region as large and complex as Appalachia we need all the help we can get.

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Please return to: Burt Purrington (Phone: 704-262-2295)  
Dept. of Anthropology  
Appalachian State University  
Boone, NC 28608

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in the work of the RPPC and would like to receive alerts and information in my areas of interest.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will contribute information from my research areas to the RPPC, government and public agencies, and/or citizens' groups and wish to be alerted when opportunities to provide information arise.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RESEARCH AREAS \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST \_\_\_\_\_



## RESEARCH AND PUBLIC POLICY NEWS UPDATE (RPPC)

On August 7, 1978 several representatives of the R&PP Committee participated in a meeting at the Highlander Center to explore with Page Ingram, ARC research staff member, the goals and status of a \$200,000 Land Settlement Study currently being undertaken by ARC. The meeting resulted in the following actions and recommendations:

- a. Fundamental disagreement with the assumptions of the study as proposed (See following article).
- b. A decision that a representative group including a member of the RPPC appear before ARC's research committee in Washington at their August 16 meeting to suggest improvements in the design of the study.

Tom Plaut and John Gaventa represented RPPC at a meeting of the ARC Research Committee in Washington August 15-16. Also attending were Beth and Martha Spence of the Appalachian Alliance. The group discussed ARC's research priorities with the committee emphasizing in particular the need for comprehensive study on the impact of land ownership in Appalachia. The group is awaiting a written response from ARC.

### PROPOSED ARC LAND STUDY CHALLENGED AT WORKSHOP

August 8, 1978

The Appalachian Regional Commission's regional "Settlement Pattern Study" will assist the agency in redefining rural areas for the purposes of economic development," according to ARC staff researcher Page Ingram.

"ARC by statute is committed to development," Ingram told representatives of a wide variety of Appalachian advocacy groups gathered at the Highlander Center, New Market, TN, on August 8.

The ARC position on the desirability of "growth center" urbanization and development was unanimously challenged by the workshop participants who emphasized the significance of the small farm and the rural way of life and the need for the federal government to support that way of life. Additionally, the group expressed the need for government action to free land withheld from public use and development due to corporate holdings which consist of as much as 80 percent of some Appalachian counties.

By consensus, the participants agreed that:

1. the assumptions behind and the priorities of ARC settlement study were erroneous and thus dangerous to the future quality of life in the region, and therefore the study should not be supported unless changed.
2. an independent study, emphasizing land ownership, land use and taxation should be undertaken. Those people desiring information on or wishing to assist in this region-wide study should contact John Gaventa, Box 370, Rt. 3, New Market, TN 37820.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

### \* APPALACHIAN SOURCES: A COOPERATIVE APPROACH

A CONFERENCE OF APPALACHIAN LIBRARIANS, ARCHIVISTS, AND BIBLIOGRAPHERS

November 3-4, 1978

King Library, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Registration Deadline - October 10, 1978

Planning committee members: Laurel Horton, Mars Hill College; Gerald Roberts, Berea; Eric Olson, Appalachian State University, and Anne Campbell, Univ. of Kentucky.

Resource people for the conference include - Ron Eller, Cratis Williams, Harry Caudill, Charlotte Ross, Robert Munn, Archie Green.

For more information about the conference, contact:

Dr. Gerald Roberts  
Hutchins Library  
Berea College  
Berea, KY 40404

OR

Ms. Anne Campbell  
King Library  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, KY 40506

### \* SUBMISSIONS WANTED FOR:

#### SECOND GROWTH: APPALACHIAN NATURE AND CULTURE

First Regional Supplement - Literature of Environmental Concern  
Poetry, fiction, essays, oral history, reviews, interviews

By December 1, 1978 WRITE TO: Fred Waage, Editor  
Second Growth  
English Department  
East Tennessee State University  
Johnson City, Tennessee 37601

### \* APPALACHIAN REPRINT PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP IMMEDIATELY

At the Appalachian Studies Conference this spring a committee was formed to look into the possibilities of having Appalachian literary works reprinted by regional presses. By having inexpensive copies of well-known but hard to find works available, students in Appalachian Studies courses would have a better chance to read and study a variety of authors and their works.

The committee is attempting to put together a list of "The Ten Most Needed Appalachian Reprints." We would appreciate very much your assistance in doing this. Please:

- 1) List works you would use in class if they were readily available for students to purchase.
- 2) List the courses you will be teaching 1978-79 and other courses at your institution which might also use these works. Please include estimated enrollment for such courses.

The committee is headed by Jack Higgs of East Tennessee State University. Charlotte Ross, Archie Green and Anne Campbell are working on completing the list. Al Perrin and Jim Gage will be contacting various presses. We welcome any ideas or suggestions you might have. Send information to Anne G. Campbell, Appalachian Studies Librarian, University of Kentucky, King Library, Lexington, Kentucky, 40506.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS--PRINT MATERIALS

THREE UNCOMMON BOOKS ABOUT APPALACHIA, NEW FROM THE APPALACHIAN CONSORTIUM PRESS, 202 Appalachian Street, Boone, North Carolina 28607

- \* COLONIALISM IN MODERN AMERICA: THE APPALACHIAN CASE, edited by Helen Matthews Lewis, Linda Johnson, and Donald Askins (Paper, \$6.95; Hardcover, \$12.95 - 370 pages with illustrations, sources, and suggestions for further reading) - The 21 essays in this volume focus on explanation of the social ills and environmental ravage that beset the people and the land of Appalachia in terms of a theoretical perspective - the Colonial Model. As an important contribution to our continuing search for more adequate causal paradigms, no serious student of Appalachia can afford to ignore the point of view expressed in these essays.
- \* "THAT D----D BROWNLOW," Being a Saucy and Malicious Description of Fighting Parson, William Gannaway Brownlow, Knoxville Editor and Stalwart Unionist, Who Rose from a Confederate Jail to Become One of the Most Famous Personages in the Nation, Denounced by his Enemies as Vicious and Harsh, Praised by his Friends as Compassionate and Gentle, Herewith Revived by Steve Humphrey, a 20th Century Newspaperman and Former Associate Editor of the KNOXVILLE JOURNAL, Descendant of the WHIG. The author presents a new picture of this truly unique Appalachian American.
- \* TEACHING MOUNTAIN CHILDREN: TOWARDS A FOUNDATION OF UNDERSTANDING, edited by David N. Mielke (Paper, \$5.95 - Foreword by Eliot Wigginton, 232 pages with selected bibliography) - A collection of essays, states Cratis Williams, designed to prepare the beginning teacher in Appalachia for an introduction to his/her students, their parents, the community in which they live and work, the cultural traditions that shape and sustain them as an ethnic minority identified with a geographical region, and the social and economic problems with which they must deal.

### FORTHCOMING!

- \* APPALACHIAN WOMEN: A LEARNING/TEACHING GUIDE, by Sharon Lord and Carolyn Crowder. Available from Educational Development Center, Newton, Massachusetts, December, 1978.

APPALACHIAN WOMEN, one of four books in a series on female development in America, provides information which focuses specifically on the experiences of women in the Appalachian region.

Each book in the series contains lessons which are organized into a common format, so the lessons in all four books can be interchanged to fit the learner/teacher's needs. Each lesson contains:

- a. An introduction to the literature with a rationale for the lesson;
- b. A set of learning objectives for the lesson;
- c. Directions for learner or facilitator preparation including recommended readings;
- d. Classroom and individual learning activities which can be utilized to meet each learning objective;
- e. A bibliography containing additional recommended related readings;
- f. An appendix containing original articles related to the lesson which were developed specifically for the lesson, learning exercise worksheets, and related readings not easily available elsewhere.

By interchanging lessons from the various learning/teaching guides, the user can create courses or a learning situation which emphasizes her/his individual objectives and needs.

The lessons in Appalachian Women are designed to be an integral part of general courses in Women's Studies, and Appalachian Studies, as well as to be used as a starting point for individual courses on the Appalachian female experience.



APPALACHIAN AMERICA

Appalachian America, (P.O. Box 1187, Morgantown, WV 26505), an analytical journal devoted to exploring Appalachia as a metaphor for America, will begin publication in January, 1979. The magazine will focus on Appalachia not as a unique "region" but as a unique part of an integrated world system. The magazine is a descendent of the People's Appalachia published between 1969 and 1974.

The Appalachian America Journal will be published 3 times a year. We hope you will subscribe now to help get it going. Subscription rates are:

	rate/yr.	rate/2 yr.
Sustaining	\$15	
Individual	\$ 6	\$10
Students & Households under \$10,000 annually	\$ 4	\$ 7
Institutional (schools, libraries, govt. agencies, and business operations)	\$ 9	\$16
Individual copies @ \$2.50 each		
Bulk copies of 12 or more @ \$1.25 each		

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THE PLOW, a newsmagazine issued twice a month for the people of the Appalachian Highlands, is in financial difficulty. Since its birth in 1975, THE PLOW has provided extensive coverage of Appalachian issues, offered a forum for peoples' organizations in the mountains, and served as an advocate for social and institutional change. Closely associated with the newsmagazine is a leadership training program whereby young people from the region develop investigative and research skills and increase their knowledge of regional issues by working as paid interns on THE PLOW.

The coal strike cut deeply into the paper's advertising revenue and the bad winter hurt its distribution. It needs your help. Won't you consider subscribing to the paper, giving gift subscriptions, or making an outright contribution? Subscriptions for those living outside of Southwest Virginia are \$8 for 1 year and \$15 for 2 years. Address all correspondence to THE PLOW, Box 1222, Abingdon, VA 24210.



# APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE BY-LAWS

Approved at Annual Meeting, March, 1978

## Article I. Purpose and Principles

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Appalachian Studies Conference, Incorporated.

Section 2. The purposes of this organization shall be to further the exchange of information concerning the Appalachian people and the Appalachian Region (knowledge of research projects, research data and findings, creative work in progress, academic programs and related support programs) through such means as conferences and newsletters; to further the goals of scholarship, teaching and learning about the Appalachian people and the Appalachian Region; to foster cooperation among Appalachian writers, artists and scholars as well as other Appalachian-oriented organizations and agencies; and to stimulate new work of significance in the field of Appalachian studies, communicate research information as well as concern about research activities which effect public policy regarding Appalachian people and the Appalachian Region.

## Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Appalachian Studies Conference is open to any individual with a serious interest in the Appalachian region.

Section 2. Membership fees shall be approved by the membership in the Annual meeting.

## Article III. Operation and Governance

Section 1. There shall be at least one region-wide conference per year and any other meetings agreed upon by the Agenda Committee. The business of the Conference will be conducted at this annual meeting.

Section 2. Officers of the Conference shall consist of a Chairperson who will also chair the Agenda Committee, a Secretary/Treasurer, and a Program Coordinator, who will be responsible for planning the annual conference. Persons are to be elected to these offices by the membership present at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Standing committees shall include the Agenda Committee (for the administration of routine business), to be elected by the membership; and a Program Steering Committee (for program planning in connection with the Conference meetings) to be elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Other standing and ad hoc committees shall be established and deleted by the membership as needed. The Program Coordinator and the Secretary/Treasurer shall in any case be a voting member of the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee shall consist of at least 5 persons.

Section 4. Each member of the Conference present at the annual meeting shall have an equal vote in determining the policies and governance of the Conference.

Section 5. These by-laws can be amended by a majority vote of the Membership at the annual meeting. Amendments may be proposed by any Conference member to the Agenda Committee for consideration at the next Conference meeting or may be proposed from the floor at the annual meeting.

Section 6. It is assumed that in general the Appalachian Studies Conference would not become identified with any given educational institution, and that responsibilities for operation and governance of the Conference will be shared in a representative fashion over a period of time.



APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

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