

Curiosity Awakened!

Students research, write articles in this edition

In October 1989, our bank was celebrating its 85th anniversary and was searching for a way to give a meaningful gift to the communities that had trusted us through the years. That's when the idea for the *FNB Chronicle* was born. It was to be a quarterly publication by First National Bank of Oneida using contributing columnists who, from their memories and research, could stir our memories and help us remember how life used to be. We wanted the articles to stir fond memories in most of us and hopefully awaken a curiosity in our younger readers to learn more about the early days of our area's history.

Well, this is our 59th edition of the *FNB Chronicle* and how heartwarming it is to be completely written by high school students who researched the stories as part of the class that had just recently been added to the curriculum at Scott High School, Appalachian Studies. The curiosity has been awakened.

We are celebrating our 100th anniversary this year (1904-2004), and trust you will enjoy, as much as we have, reading the articles in this issue and hopefully the many more that are in the pipeline as we continue publishing the quarterly *FNB Chronicle* . . . Our gift to you. — *Josetta Griffith, Editor, FNB Chronicle*

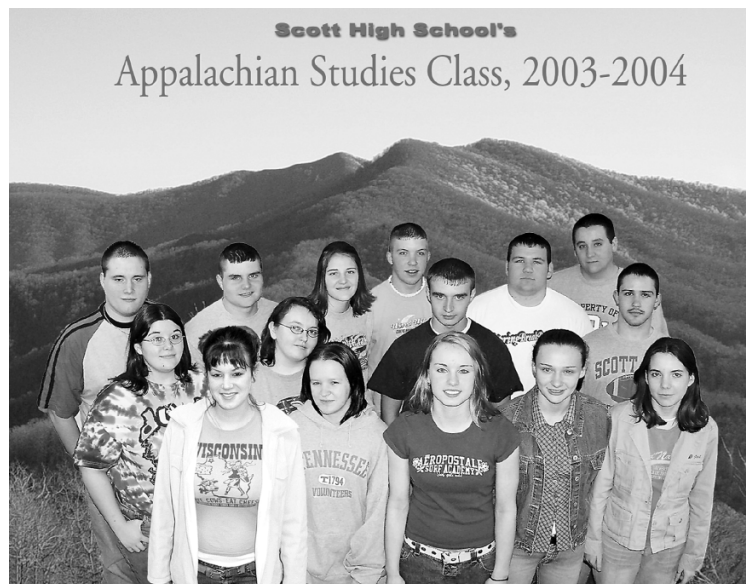


Figure 1 THE FIRST-EVER Appalachian Studies Class at Scott High — whose members researched and wrote the stories in this edition of the *FNB Chronicle* — are, in front, from left: Crystal Brummett, Malia Cobb, Leshia Byrge, Kaylyn Thomas, Johnny West, Megan Lowe, Michelle Preston, Joshua Jeffers and Erica Todd. In back are: Jeremy King, Joshua T. Harness, Adrianne Phillips, Jonathan Lawson, Scott Vaden and Daniel Perdue. Gary West (not pictured) is the instructor.