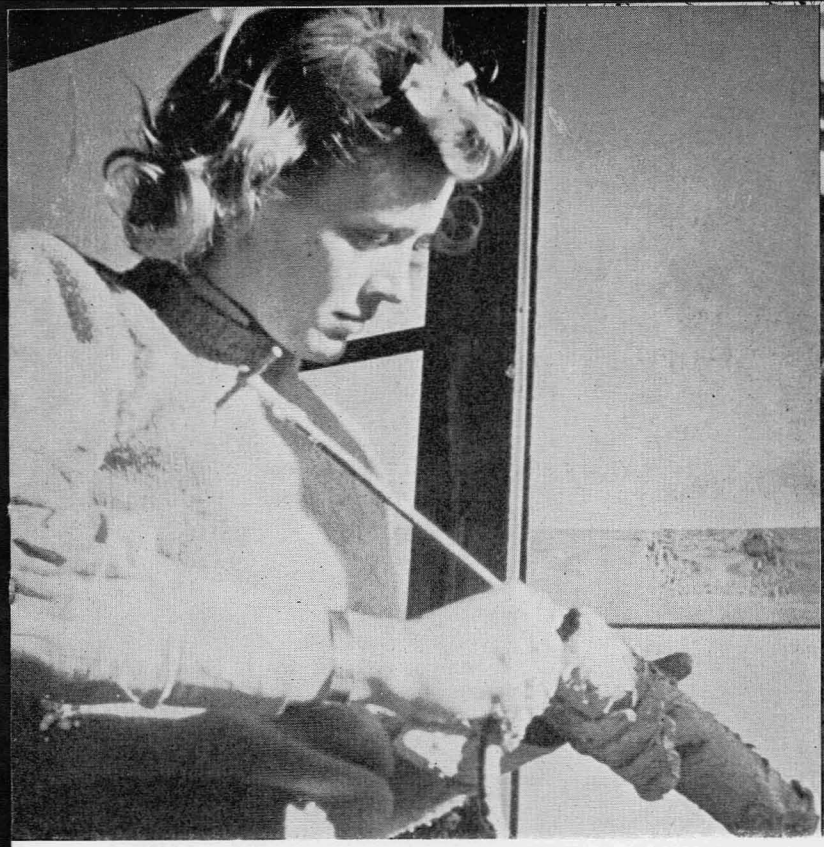

Like Black Mountain's studying, this is hard work. But students find out important things about themselves and their world: the difference between group and individual projects, the importance of really finishing a job once started, the real excitement in the rhythm of an axe, the power of a truck, the building of a wall; the satisfaction of seeing stones and lumber and concrete and imagination become a place in which to live and to work. More than this, there is a discovery that the dignity of labor and of the laborer is more than a phrase, a discovery of causes instead of the casual relationship between theory and practice, of a social consciousness which, divorced from political by-words, finds its meaning in a consciousness of society as it is and an idea of how it might become better.