



LOOKING GLASS FALLS, Mount Pisgah, Conestee Falls, the Sylvan Valley, and Toxaway Falls have long been shown in pamphlets, books and tourist publications. These beauties of nature are almost as famous throughout the United States as they are in this section of the country.

The above scenic attractions, however, are not all that nature has provided in Transylvania County for our enjoyment. Many, many other places and views are not as popular, either because they are off the beaten path or because they have been seen so often in our everyday life that they seem commonplace. Just as many North Carolinians have never visited places in our State that have attracted tourists from all parts of the world, we in Transylvania have not taken time out to visit some of the beautiful attractions that have made our county famous the world over as "The Sapphire Country" and "The Land of Waterfalls."

A thrilling sight of crystal clear water, flowing through thickets of laurel, ivy and rhododendron, can be seen in any of the numerous fishing streams throughout the county. From either Penhook Gap or Tennessee Bald, can be seen Devil's Courthouse, one of the greatest examples of nature's handiwork in Eastern America. From Pilot Mountain can be seen peaks upon peaks of forest-covered mountains as far as the eyes can see. From points near Wagon Road Gap, one can enjoy the colorful and peaceful view of the Pink Beds or Cold Mountain.

One enjoyable trip is from Brevard through Rosman, Gloucester and down the Davidson River

by the Forest Road. On this trip one can view the mystifying North Fork of the French Broad River, which seems to flow directly out of the mountain's side; rest by the peaceful twin falls at Bird Rock; and drive through virgin forests, with a canopy of leaves and blossoms overhead. Another very interesting trip is from Brevard, East on the Greenville highway to Seashore, and down the East Fork of the French Broad to Rosman. Here one can see Maiden Hair Falls, Dunn's Rock, the lofty mountain peaks as they begin to drop off toward South Carolina, and one of the most beautiful fishing streams in the county. These are just a few of the least visited and least publicized views and trips which are offered in Transylvania.

Almost 85 per cent of Transylvania is forested with hemlock, white and yellow pine, oak, yellow poplar, chestnut, maple and basswood, making the county truly a "Garden of the Gods." The homes, business houses, and industries have not distracted from the natural beauty, but have blended into the landscape to lend color to the green forests. Almost every home is ornamented with flowers, shrubs, and clinging vines. In May and June the streets, highways and mountainsides are aglow with the brightness of the American dogwood.

Since the county varies in altitude from 2,000 to 6,000 feet, literally hundreds of flowers and shrubs, found from the Tropics to the Frigid Zone, adorn the countryside.

It would be well if Transylvanians made pilgrimages to scenes of supreme natural beauty, visited the mountains, woody hillsides, ravines, and

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