

Summer Time Is "Jolley" Time With The National Park Service

By Dick Buddine

Mr. Harley E. Jolley, instructor in history and geography, has come to be a familiar and well known figure in the classroom of the college since he joined the faculty here in 1949. In fact, many of his students may find it difficult to visualize him in any other role. For the past two summers, however, Mr. Jolley has put aside his textbook and blackboard and donned the uniform of a park ranger for the National Park Service.

During this past summer Mr. Jolley served as a ranger historian at the Mabry Mill visitors' center on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Mabry Mill, a well known landmark for travelers motoring south along the Parkway, is entirely water-powered. With its enormous, slowly-turning wheel and creaking wooden machinery, the mill is an outstanding example of early mountain industry.

Mill and Still

Today, for the enjoyment and enlightenment of the thousands of visitors who come into the area each year, the beautifully preserved old mill grinds corn and buckwheat in the manner of more than a generation ago. Other exhibits include a water-powered sawmill, a blacksmith's shop, a whiskey still and facilities for leather-tanning and shoe-making.

Mr. Jolley's duties involved the delivering of short talks and explanations regarding the operation of the old equipment. As a park ranger he was curiously stared at, constantly photographed, and bombarded with all sorts of questions. Once he helped a scout from the Art Linkletter television show who was trying to find a man that had never seen a train. On another occasion Mr. Jolley was approached by a young lady, and he insists that the following conversation took place:

"You're a park ranger, aren't you?"

"Yes."

"What do you do?"

"Whatever may be necessary. May I help you; or was there something you wanted?"

"Yes. Kiss me."

One additional detail: the young lady was five years old.

An especially interesting phase of Mr. Jolley's work was the gathering of material for a

book on early mountain industry and fast-disappearing local customs which the Park Service hopes to bring out soon. Using a government cabin as a base of operations and equipped with sketching pad and notebook, Mr. and Mrs. Jolley set off into the hills.

Their search for information would take them into the home of an outstanding lawyer one day and into the company of a local bootlegger the next. Everyone responded graciously. One old whiskey-maker of 72 was reputed locally to have run off a thousand gallons for every year that he had been in operation.

Rheumatism Anyone?

A spry old man of 76 that Mr. Jolley located in a corn field offered a sure cure for rheumatism:

"Find a large rattlesnake and skin him. Tan the hide and wrap around the part affected. Guaranteed to cure."

Another scheme involved the treatment of weak eyes:

"Capture the fattest skunk possible and render his fat into lard. Use the lard as salve and rub onto the eyes. Marvelous results reported."

And so it went. Instructions for making a mountain rifle, methods of apple-butter making, techniques for wagon-making — precious information that is in danger of becoming lost forever in the oncoming rush of modern times — filled the Jolley's notebooks. Mr. and Mrs. Jolley returned to Mars Hill this fall bringing with them a wealth of memories and experiences.

English Faculty

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lege; reading of original verse by Mrs. Edith Taylor Earnshaw; and discussion on reading led by C. C. Burriss, of Wingate College and Henry Snuggs of Wake Forest.

Officers elected at the concluding session of the convention are P. E. Kennedy, president; Miss Martha Linney, Wingate, vice-president; and Dr. Mary Eliason, Campbell, secretary. The 1961 meeting will be held at Campbell College.

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WEDNESDAY—The Wild and the Innocent
THURSDAY & FRIDAY—Warlock
SATURDAY—Saddle the Wind and Teenager from Outer Space

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Monday - Friday—6:30 & 8:30 — Friday Matinee—3:45
Saturday—1:30 - Midnight

Home Ec. Meets; See Film, Initiate

The Home Economics Club met October 5 in the Audio Visual Room to see a film on purchasing merchandise. The remainder of the meeting was held in the Home Economics Department.

The initiation of the new members was held. New members are Martha Nanney, Charlene Hearn, Alda Jean Cantrell, Phyllis Gores, Etta Carson, Helen Herron, Barbara Erwin, and Janice Spivey. After the initiation the club members discussed plans for a bazaar to be held in December. The club also decided to sell sandwiches in the girls' dormitories at break on Friday nights.

Both MHC Choirs Announce Officers

Billy Milne, of Newport News, Virginia, has been chosen president of the Campus Choir for the 1959-60 school term. Other officers are Jim McKinnon, New Bern, vice-president; Joan Blythe, Franklin, Va., secretary-treasurer; Ruby Smith, of Marion, and Connie Joiner, Vienna, Ga. are librarians. Officers of the College Choir for the year are Van Ramsey of Valdese, president; Wayne Roberts, Mars Hill, vice-president; Carol Kendall, Mars Hill, secretary; and Ruth Teague, Mars Hill, and David Muir, New Haven, Conn., librarians.

The Campus Choir is directed by Joe M. Naff and the College Choir by Thomas Cole.

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There are 12 new students in the Art Department this year, each with a style and ability of his own. The new students are: Tonia Agnoli, Gail Bowers, Tom Gregor, Lance Patsy Jackson, William Landing, Keyser Levering, Mason, Janet Spivey, Wyndel Tharp, Ron Welch, and Williams.

The freshman class has been doing still-life drawing almost completed. On pretty days, on the art students are doing the mountainous the Mars Hill campus.

Moore Will Conduct Y.W.A. Study Course

Mrs. Raymond Moore of College Park, Georgia, will be in Mars Hill, November 3, to conduct a study course for the college's Young Women's Auxiliary, according to Peggy Lois Tatum, campus YWA president.

The theme of the course is "God Has an Assignment for You," and the book to be used is *Missionary Assignments*. Peggy Lois invites everyone to attend this study course and to look for more information that will be posted.

Also on the YWA's agenda is a house party for the Girl's Auxiliaries of Buncombe County, November 6-7. Approximately 60 girls of high school age are expected to attend.

Treat dormitory was in charge of the last general YWA meeting, held in the college auditorium October 14. Glenna Sue Halsey, Treat YWA president, was in charge of the program on Hong Kong missions. Approximately 40 girls were in attendance.

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