

# Gems, Flowers, Fruits And Folks Featured In Place Names In N. C.

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Gems, trees, flowers, fruits and people are honored in North Carolina's place names.

From mountains to coast in the Variety Vacationland, these and other categories have given fascinating names to small and large communities, making the Variety Vacationland State a postmark-collector's delight.

The names range from the exotic, like Oriental and Carthage, to the folksy, like Pleasant Garden, Welcome and Sandy Ridge. Prospect Hill might be a likely point of departure for a tour of places reflecting North Carolina's wealth of mineral resources: Brasstown, Marble, Gold Hill, Micaville, Mineral Springs, Sapphire, Hiddenite, Tungsten, Iron Station, Zirconia, and Goldsboro.

Beginning in Forest City or Woodland, and winding up in Lumber Bridge, Stump Point or Wildwood, the naturalist can take his pick of tree-names. These are the pines: Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Pine Bluff, Piney Creek, Pine Level, Pine-tops, Pinetown, Pine Hall and Spruce Pine. Oaks are White Oak, Oak Ridge, Oakland, Oak City, Red Oak, and Oakboro. Evergreens (and there is a community named Evergreen in Columbus County) include Balsam Grove, Cedar Mountain, Holly Ridge, Cedar Island, and Tamarack. Then there are Hickory, Chinquapin, Elm City, Poplar Branch, Ash, Walnut Cove, Maple, Woodleaf, Mapleton, Maple Hill, Locust, Poplar Mountain, Willow Springs and Maenolia.

The menu of names is varied when it comes to fruits, offering a choice of Cranberry, Fig, Lemon Springs, Peachland, Plumtree, Cherryville, Cherry Point and Apple Grove. Despite the optimism indicated by the name Supply, other foods are represented only by Toast.

Quite a wardrobe could be assembled in Variety Vacationland, after a visit to Cash Corner, by collecting Bandana, Tuxedo, Coats and Suit. Without leaving their own State, Tar Heels can journey to Minneapolis, Dallas, Denver, Frisco, Nashville, Pensacola, Washington, Wilmington and Providence, taking care to slow down for Speed and not overlook Spot.

Foreign travel is also offered within the State—to Dover, Hertford, Bath, Raleigh, Salisbury, Gloucester, Leicester and New London for a touch of Merrie Olde England; Shannon and Dublin for a bit of Ireland; and Scotland Neck and Aberdeen for a highland fling. Continental names include Naples, Verona, Warsaw, Cordova, Little Switzerland, New Bern, and New Holland. Other faraway places are represented by Sparta, Troy, Bolivia, and Bahama.

There's a name for every season, except autumn, for those who visit Summerfield, Winterville, and Spring Hope.

Big game hunters like Banner Elk, Bear Creek, Bear Poplar and Elk Park, while lovers of the sinister and mysterious prefer Bat Cave, Panther-tail Mountain and Rattlesnake Mountain.

The people who named many North Carolina places paid zallant tribute to the ladies by choosing such names as Stella, Maggie, Mamie, Sophia, Aurora, Olivia, Charlotte, Maiden, Maribel, Marietta, Elizabeth City, Elizabethtown, Margarettsville, Selma, Henrietta, and Florence.

Explorers and heroes are remembered with Raleigh, Boone, Fayetteville, and Lake Junaluska—the latter named for a great Cherokee chieftain, whose descendants live in the Great Smokies today.

Birdwatchers could begin their tour with Birdtown on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, and continue to Kitty Hawk, Eagle Rock, Eagle Springs, Turkey, Swansboro, and Swanquarter.

Optimism and confidence are reflected in the names of Welcome, Waco, Advance, Candor, Harmony, Merry Hill, Mount Pleasant, Faith, Liberty, Pleasant Hill and Horse Shoe.

There's a choice of salt or fresh water in other place names: Gulf, Allantic, Sea Level, Hot Springs, Waterville, Seven Springs and Rainbow Springs.

## Miller Goes To Sturdivant



DAN G. MILLER

Stanley A. Harris, general agent for Sturdivant Life Insurance Company, reports that Dan G. Miller of Boone has joined the insurance company's staff.

Miller is the son of Joseph H. and the late Ada C. Miller, both natives of Watauga county. Born on May 6, 1938, Miller worked for a time on his father's farm in the Meat Camp section and attended Green Valley School until he entered the army in January, 1956.

He served in Korea for one year before being returned to Fort Bragg for the duration of his term. Miller is married to the former Miss Betty Jane McNeil, and has two children, Danny, three and a half, and Mary Jane, eight months.

The Millers live about three miles out of Boone on the West Jefferson highway.

Miller joined the local branch of the insurance firm January 15, according to Harris.

## HERO'S SON TO GRADUATE

West Point, N. Y.—The son of America's first flying hero of World War II, Colin P. Kelly III, will graduate from the United States Military Academy in the spring—completing an order issued in 1941 by the late President F. D. Roosevelt.

Colin was just one year old when his father, Capt. Colin P. Kelly Jr., gave his life to crash his plane into a Japanese warship.

President Roosevelt ordered a reservation at the Academy. President Eisenhower offered an appointment, but young Kelly turned down Eisenhower's offer and made it on his own.

# Variety Vacationland Guide Is Off Press

specific information with colored pictures and maps of vacation attractions from mountains to coast to make it a useful guide both to planning a North Carolina vacation and selecting a vacation or retirement home.

New features include descriptions of major festivals and fairs and a listing of principal privately operated tourist attractions.

Outdoor recreation is emphasized with a new map locating state and national parks, forests, parkways, historic sites and rest areas.

New highways and bridges (all toll-free in North Carolina) are shown, offering easy accessibility to all areas of the state and connecting with new highways leading into North Carolina that bring it within a day's drive of more than half the population of the United States.

Emphasizing things to do as well as see in North Carolina, the 1953 edition of "Variety Vacationland" is off the press and being distributed free on request by the Travel Information Division of the Dept. of Conservation and Development, Raleigh.

Director Charles Parker of the Travel Information Division said the new book combines

## COEDS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY WHISTLES

Elmira, N. Y.—Coeds at Elmira College must carry police whistles for protection when they go out after dark from now on.

The whistle rule was put into effect Thursday by J. Ralph Murray, president of the women's school, because several coeds have been molested recently.

## Portable Electric Gadgets Boon To New Homemakers

The bride is in a quandary. She has her heart set on a certain kitchen range—but its price would be a strain on the budget. Should she go ahead and strain the budget, or settle for a lower priced model?

Perhaps there is another solution, says U. S. Department of Agriculture researchers. There may be enough portable electric cooking appliances among her wedding gifts for her to get along quite well without a range until she can afford to buy the one she wants.

With an automatic electric frypan, 3-and 5-quart automatic sauce pans, and a portable oven—plus a bit of talent for planning and management—a homemaker can put meals on the table that would never expose the fact that there is no range in the kitchen.

There is a limit, of course, to the number of dishes and the amount of food that can be prepared for any one meal with these appliances. But Agricultural Research Service housing specialists have found in kitchen tests that these four appliances can be used satisfactorily to cook all types of foods.

For the homemaker interested in cost comparisons, the Department provides these figures:

A set of portable electric appliances—the frypan, two saucepans, and a portable oven—could run about \$116. Three similar utensils for on-top-of-the-range use, plus the cost of

a 30-inch range, can run anywhere from \$165 to \$275. Prices vary with quality, features, and product brand.

## News Of Our Servicemen

### ENLISTS IN NAVY

Barton L. Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harmon of Rt. 3, Lenoir, enlisted in the United States Navy on Jan. 17. He is in basic training at the United States Training Center, San Diego, California.

He would be happy to hear from his friends in Watauga County. His address is Barton L. Harmon, 6824065, SR, USN, Company 040, Recruit Naval Command, U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego 33, Calif.

### HEIGHT, WEIGHT INCREASE

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That's how a 35-year-old Eastern North Carolina man remembers the beginning of REA and the first night with lights. Only three out of 100 rural North Carolina homes had electricity then, so you may have a similar memory.

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