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Beauty Spots Being Ruined

MACON county has two spots which are a constant source of delight to our home people, as well as to hundreds of tourists each year—Arrowood and Vanhook Glade.

These two spots have been made accessible to the public, and conveniences have been provided by the officials and personnel of the Nantahala national forest and the CCC boys.

They are ideal places for picnics and for camping; and there is no charge.

The surpassing loveliness of these forest glades, vibrant with bird songs and surrounded by purple mountain peaks, their seats, grass, walks and cooking places, are appreciated by nature lovers who come from all over the nation, but our own people do not seem to value them as others do.

There is much complaint and criticism about the litter which local parties leave scattered everywhere. Wrapping paper, paper bags, cans, bottles, etc., are left all over the place—and this is especially true at Arrowood. Incinerators are provided and conveniently located for the disposal of all trash, but many people seem unwilling to exert the slight effort necessary to clean up when they are ready to leave.

Many people think and some say: "What's the use of cleaning up all of this stuff? Nobody will ever know who left it."

It may be true that it will never be known who left it, but that attitude denotes a selfishness and disregard for the rights of others which it is hard for fair-minded people to understand.

Remedy Within Ourselves

AFTER one has read all the fine-spun theories of politicians and political planners, it is reassuring to read a statement like the following by James D. Hunter, president of the Bank of California, which has guarded the savings of its depositors for 74 years. When asked regarding the present economic situation, Mr. Hunter said:

"We are living in a very trying period. As a people we have come to think of the dollar as a thing of itself rather than what it will buy. A substantial reduction in production costs, with industrial peace, would create more employment and give such a greater relative purchasing power as to far outweigh the seeming temporary loss. Honest work is the best answer to our grief. When working, we haven't time to think of what, in idleness, seems trouble.

"What does it profit an industry or a labor group to get prices up to the point of diminishing returns, if a great mass of people have to go on short rations? It is neither economically nor morally right. I think the question will answer itself in the fact we have approximately 130,000,000 people who must be fed, clothed and housed, and the weight of their numbers will bring about a proper adjustment as soon as they realize what it is all about."

This crop limitation referendum on cotton, tobacco and other crops may be all right, but if they try to limit the crop of tender spring onions, luscious young lettuce and delicious young mustard, we're agin it.

Professor Harold D. Meyer, holding the chair of sociology in the University of North Carolina, who is now traveling in Germany and Italy, seems to be very much enthused over some parts of the Austrian paper hanger's system of government in Germany, as well as about the extreme affability of Mussolini. The Professor is evidently being well entertained.

Future Farmers' Chapter Made Great Gain In 1937

Although the prices of farm products were lower than they were in 1936, the students earned \$1,400 more than they did on their projects in 1936. This can probably be accounted for because of the fact that the students followed more closely the better farming practices which they studied in their vocational agricultural course. Sixty-one students completed 100 projects including the following farm enterprises: corn, wheat, hay, tobacco, sorghum, cabbage, beans, Irish potatoes and other truck projects, hogs, beef and dairy cattle, sheep and poultry. The scope of all these projects taken together would be about equal to one fairly large farm.

Truck crops (cabbage and beans in particular) showed the largest profit—\$1,572.85 above all cost except the students' own labor. Clyde Dendy, son of Joseph Dendy of the Gold Mine section, made a total sale of \$397.75 from one and three-eighths acres of cabbage. After the deduction of all cost except his own labor, Clyde earned \$240.45. Mitchell McCoy, son of S. E. McCoy, also of the Gold Mine section, earned \$203.72 above all cost on his two-acre project of beans and cabbage. Thomas Corbin, son of W. L. Corbin, of near Otto, made a labor income of \$123.70 from seven-eighths acre of beans.

The average yield on the 44 corn projects was over 42 bushels per acre. This is about twice the county and state average on this crop. Eleven boys made yields of more than 60 bushels per acre. Some of the outstanding projects were those of Ray Franklin, son of Jerry Franklin on Rabbit Creek; Raie Teague, of Prentiss, and Billy Higdon, son of William Higdon, of Higdonville.

A check on some of the miscellaneous jobs and skills that the boys are developing in addition to their main projects shows that over 95 per cent of the students thus far have started home libraries with a total collection of 3,077 bulletins and 345 books. Sixteen boys culled their poultry flocks. Twenty-one boys set 267 fruit trees and 193 grape cuttings. Twenty-eight boys pruned their home orchards—a total of 724 trees, equal to between 10 and 15 acres. Six boys dehorned eight calves and five boys castrated eight pigs. Fifty boys did 45 construction jobs and 20 repair jobs in farm shop work.

One of the most common construction job was making combination bulletin files and book cases for their home agricultural libraries, and one of the most common repair jobs was sharpening and setting plows.

The fathers of all the boys in general were very cooperative in giving the students a chance to conduct these projects at home and thereby giving them an opportunity to put into practice those better farming methods which are studied in school—thus putting into practice the future farmer motto of "Learning by Doing."

Gneiss

By MRS. F. E. MASHBURN
WALNUT CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Walnut Creek Sunday school is a union Sunday school using union literature. There are four classes each Sunday. One class gives a special program. Thus, all who will may take an active part.

As a body the Sunday school has called a preacher, Mr. Charles Jennings, to preach two sermons each month. He preached the 3rd Sunday in February. On March 19 at 4 p. m., he is coming to hold services at Aunt Lizzie Rogers' home.

On Sunday, March 20, at 10:30 a. m., preaching services will be held in the Walnut Creek school house. Immediately after preaching the people will go to the home of W. A. Keener, where "Aunt" Ann Jones has been bed-fast for over three years. She will be 85 years old March 20. All friends and relatives are invited to come that day.

Don't forget it will be helpful to bring well-filled lunch baskets with you. If anyone wishes to send or bring a gift for her sunshine bag, all right. Her hobby is making quilt tops.

She remembers crossing the Nantahala mountains when she was a little girl. There were a number of

other children along, but she was the oldest one. They went up a trail to the top while their mothers went the road with the wagon. One of the oxen gave out and they had to take it out of the wagon. "Aunt" Ann's mother took the place in the yoke and helped pull the wagon to the top.

While the children waited for the mothers a hailstorm came up and they sheltered under a tree as best they could. What tears of joy did flow when mothers and children were reunited.

A home demonstration club has been organized in the Walnut Creek school house on the first Monday in April at 2 p. m. All women and girls are urged to be present at the meeting.

Harley Houston, who had pneumonia, is reported to be improving. Buleon Holland is reported to have pneumonia.

W. A. Keener has gone to work at Santeetlah dam.

Small Grower Aided Under New Farm Act

Giving the small farmer a "break" is one of the purposes of the new act, according to E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State college.

Provisions for larger payments to operators of small farms who cooperate in the agricultural conservation program, a part of the act, have been provided. Growers who would earn less than \$200 under the regular rates will have their payments increased this year.

The following scale will be used when conservation payments are being made:

If payment is not more than \$20, the total payment will be increased 40 per cent; payments of \$20 to \$40 will be increased \$8 plus 20 per cent of the amount over \$20; payment of \$40 to \$60 will be increased \$12 plus 10 per cent of the amount over \$40; payments of \$60 to \$186 will be increased \$14; and payments of \$186 to \$200 will be increased to \$200.

This scaling upward of the smaller payments will be a first charge against funds available for payments, Floyd declared.

Farmers who take part in the AAA program this year will qualify for payments by staying within their soil-depleting crop acreage allotments and by measuring up to their soil-building goals.

The new act, in the main, merely adds to the present agricultural conservation program by providing for acreage allotments, marketing quotas when producers desire them, and crop loans.

Muse's Corner

THE UNWELCOMED PEST

Last week I caught a cold.
I brought it home, and when I took the time to see
I hadn't only caught a cold
I'd caught the meanest grouch
there'll ever be.

That made me awful mad.
"Get out, Old Grouch," I said and stamped my foot and frowned
"I guess I'll have to have this cold,
But I'll be switched if I'll have you around!"

Do you know what he did?
He unpacked all his clothes as calmly as could be,
Perched nimbly on the footrail of My bed and leered a lurid leer at me.

"I'll slap your face!" I said,
"You saucy thing. All that you'll do the time you stay
Is make me mutter ugly words
And grumble all my friends away."

And that's just what I did.
I fussed and fumed for days, more than you'd ever dream,
And Old Man Grouch made me so cross
That every word I spoke would curdle cream.

Today I fooled him, though.
I left him sound asleep and rose to greet the dawn,
I rambled down a country road—
When I returned Old Grouch had packed and gone.

—By Helen H. Rucker,
Highlands, N. C.

Poultrymen Like One Day Courses

Poultry schools being held over the state are bringing a highly favorable response from farmers, according to C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist at State college.

In every city or town where one of these short courses has been held, large numbers of farm people have turned out to hear better poultry practices discussed.

The schools are conducted by extension poultry specialists with the aid of members of the poultry department at State college. Usually included in the one-day course are demonstrations in egg grading, disease clinics, and popular lectures on problems most prevalent in the poultry industry.

No registration fee or any other charge is made for these schools. Anyone interested in poultry, whether large or small flock owners, may attend.

Western North Carolina farmers attended a course in Murphy on March 7, and in Asheville on March 8, Parrish said.

Political Announcements

FOR STATE SENATE

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination by the Democratic party in the June primary for the office of Senator from the 33rd District in the General Assembly of North Carolina.

If nominated and elected I shall endeavor to serve the people of this District faithfully and to the best of my ability and to strive unceasingly toward the protection and promotion of the interests of all the people of this District and of Western North Carolina.

I will appreciate your support of my candidacy.

GUY L. HOUK

FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I hereby announce myself a candidate to succeed myself as Representative of Macon County in the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. Your support and influence will be appreciated.

R. A. PATTON.

FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Representative of Macon County in the next General Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Your support of my candidacy will be greatly appreciated, and if I am nominated and elected, it is my intention to represent the people of Macon County to the best of my ability.

GEORGE B. PATTON.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce my candidacy for reelection as Sheriff of Macon county, subject to the Democratic primary. If elected, I will continue to serve the people of the county to the best of my ability as I have in the past.

A. B. SLAGLE.

FOR CLERK SUPERIOR COURT TO THE VOTERS OF MACON COUNTY

For the past three years I have served you as Clerk of the Superior Court, as best I could in my humble capacity. Your cooperation in helping me to fill the office has assuredly been appreciated. I again announce myself as a candidate for the office of Clerk Superior Court, subject to the Democratic primary, and your support and cooperation will continue to be appreciated.

HARLEY R. CABE.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination by the Democratic Party in the June primary for the office of Register of Deeds. Having had three years experience as Deputy Register of Deeds, I will endeavor to serve the people of Macon County to the best of my ability.

Your support will be appreciated.

LESTER L. ARNOLD.

I hereby announce my candidacy for Register of Deeds of Macon county, subject to the Democratic primary. If elected, I promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and I earnestly solicit your support and influence.

GEORGE R. PATTILLO.