

# 88 Billions Spent By Government In 1943

The federal government spent more money in the 365 days of 1943 than it did in all the first 150 years of the nation's existence.

The 1943 total of approximately \$88,000,000,000 embraces war costs of over \$82,000,000,000—or roughly \$227,000,000 every 24 hours, or \$225,000,000 of it for war.

From the establishment of the treasury in 1789 through June 30, 1926, there are no good figures on the comparatively tiny costs of the government. Aggregate government expenditures amounted to \$87,000,000. Up to last Dec. 31, 1926, they totaled \$247,200,000—less than three times the amount spent in this second year of total war.

Costliest period of World War I was the 1918-19 fiscal year when the government paid out \$18,500,000,000. Average daily spending during 1943 was some \$21,000,000 greater than the total amount spent in the period of 1789-1812.

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## Travel In Park Shows Increase For December, '43

Compared with December, 1942, travel in the park during December, 1943, showed a great increase. It will be remembered that December, 1942, was the first month of gasoline rationing, and there was practically no travel to this park during that month.

During December, 1943, an estimated total of 5,912 persons, in 1,740 vehicles visited this park, as compared with an estimated total of 2,684 persons, in 818 vehicles, during December, 1942, an increase of 120 per cent.

Twenty-three per cent of the total visitors came from other than the states of Tennessee and North Carolina, 21 other states being represented.

Travel is estimated by comparison of actual travel counts made at certain periods of the month with actual travel counts made at the corresponding periods of the preceding year.

### MUCH TIMBER NEEDED

More than 31 billion board feet of timber are needed in 1944 from the U. S. forests to supply forest products needed for war materials and essential civilian uses. Every foot of timber needlessly burned reduces the supply available for war and for the reconstruction days of the coming peace.

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"Take off those nylon stockings!"

## State Is Leader In War Records

Crittenden Reviews Activities of Department of Archives and History.

Editor's Note—This article by Dr. C. C. Crittenden, secretary of the State Department of Archives and History.

During the year 1943, the State Department of Archives and History (formerly the North Carolina Historical Commission) has sought to do its full part in the war effort.

The program for collecting war records, begun in 1942 with the cooperation of the Office of Civilian Defense, has been pushed throughout the State, and collectors of war records have been appointed in 97 of the State's 100 counties. Nearly 50,000 soldiers' letters, posters, newspapers, camp newspapers, bulletins, recordings and addresses, scrapbooks, photographs, individual service records, and other materials on the State's part in this greatest of all wars have been brought together—and the work hardly has begun. North Carolina is the only State in the South, and one of a half dozen states in the entire nation, conducting a broad program in this field.

Many Visitors  
For the large numbers of servicemen who come to Raleigh on weekends from Camp Butler, Camp Mackall, Fort Bragg, Seymour Johnson Field, Camp Davis, and other military and naval reservations, the Hall of History (State Historical Museum) has been kept open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and on holidays. During the year, more than 25,000 persons, mainly men and women of the armed forces, have visited the Hall of History.

A new large scale program of cooperation with other State departments in the disposal of useless records has been launched. Under the act of 1939, such disposal can be made only with the consent of the custodian of the records and of the Department of Archives and History, upon authorization of the Council of State. During the year a number of departments have taken advantage of this procedure to get rid of worthless records which were cluttering up their space.

On the other hand, every effort has been made to save valuable materials, and considerable quantities of these have been transferred to the department from other State departments and also from several of the counties.

Publications  
The publication program has been carried on by issuing four numbers of the North Carolina Historical Review, various pamphlets and leaflets, and particularly the records of the Moravians in North Carolina. Volume VI, covering the years 1793-1808. Giving the history of the Moravians in Wachovia from the beginning, all six volumes of this latter series have been edited by Dr. Adelaide L. Fries of Winston-Salem, archivist of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province.

Members of the department have continued to play a part in national historical activities. During the year Dr. R. D. W. Connor, chairman, served as president of the Society of American Archivists.

## Book Review

By FRANCES FRAZIER  
Staff Writer

Have you read "The Great Smokies and the Blue Ridge?" If you have not, by all means get a copy and read it now. This book is edited by Roderick Peattie and published by Vanguard Press. It is made up of chapters contributed by Donald Culross Peattie, Alberta Pierson Hannum, Edward S. Drake, Ralph Erskine, all of whom have been captivated by the magic mountains; Arthur Stupka, John Jacob Niles—mountain ballad expert and Dr. Henry Sharp of Barnard College, Columbia University.

There is no doubt that the writers feel the beauty and wonder of the Smokies for they have put forth their earnest efforts in portraying the glories of the mountains.

Alberta Hannum, in one of her chapters, expresses it most effectively as she writes: "All the senses grow lullied as you look," which is a perfect description of the soothing beauty of the Smokies. She also gives us, in her long chapter on "The Mountain People," some of the most delightful things ever written about these mountains. Mrs. Hannum took the diary left by a man named Jacob Carpenter in Altamont, N. C., quoting entries and using her own store of knowledge and sympathy to expand upon those entries.

To those who are near enough to thoroughly enjoy and appreciate the wonders of the Smokies, one of the most beautiful descriptions of seasonal glories of the mountains is found in one of the chapters written by Donald Culross Peattie. He writes: "In October, the brilliant colors march up the mountain side like an army with banners flying. As far as the eye can see, Persian carpets are stretched out under the autumn sky."

"The whole book is, indeed, a come-on. The writers well know that one visit makes a friend for the Southern Appalachians," writes the reviewer, Alfred Mynders, of the New York Times. So highly does the New York Times think of "The Great Smokies and the Blue Ridge" they have given almost a full page to its review.

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