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Mrs. Rogers

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two or three years, she was, of course, much pleased to see them. But she was perhaps most delighted to have with her one great, great granddaughter, little Debby Webb of Baltimore, Maryland, granddaughter of Mrs. Cumi Parton of that city, who was also present.

Mrs. Rogers still gets about the house fairly well with the aid of her cane; but she is not as nimble she says, as she was two or three years ago—before she fell down the stairs of her home, when she received some painful bruises and lacerations.

A member of the Baptist Church for many, many years and a devoted Bible reader, Aunt Sis has memorized many passages of the Scriptures and can recall them—verse, chapter and name.

"I believe," said she, "that being a Christian and showing it in your life is the greatest thing on earth."

REMEMBERS THE CIVIL WAR

Aunt Sis remembers many of the people and incidents of the old days—even back to the Civil War, she being about ten years old at the out-break.

"I remember seeing our soldiers marching along the road by my father's house and singing—

"We've all ketchted the rheumatiz
A-wadin' in the snow;
But we've killed a thousand
Yankees
And we'll kill a thousand
more."

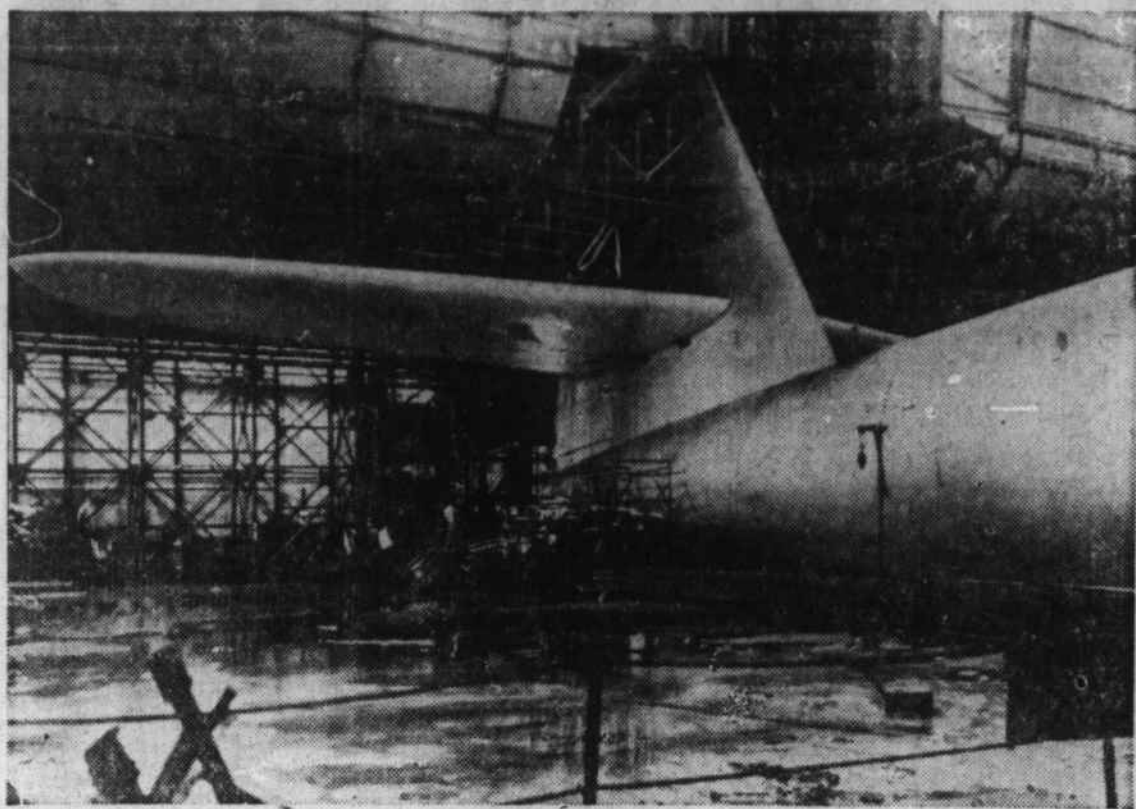
She also recalls the privations and suffering of those years of civil strife. How that they would hide out in the woods their most precious possessions or household valuables like a work horse or cow, or maybe bed clothes until the raiding parties got by. Of their privations Aunt Sis said she remembers how her family made out or lived on nothing but water, home-made tea and Irish potatoes for three weeks.

Oldest Since Uncle Ted

So far as the writer knows the subject of this sketch is the oldest citizen, not only of this county, but of this entire Western section, living today. Also, we believe Aunt Sis to be the second person in this county to live past the century mark, Uncle Ned Messer being the first. Messer lived to be 109. Uncle Kimsey Howell of Cove Creek, who died only a few years ago, lived to be 99 years old.

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HUGHES FLYING BOAT SUFFERS \$5,000,000 DAMAGE



THE WORLD'S LARGEST and most costly plane, the Howard Hughes flying boat, is shown in its hangar at Long Beach, Calif., after suffering damage in excess of \$5,000,000. A dike forming an artificial lake on nearby property broke and released a flood of mud and water, crushing the plane against adjacent structures and hangar. Note stabilizer jammed against hangar roof and the flood residue on the floor. It will take more than a year to repair the huge craft, according to engineers. (International Soundphoto)

Needs Of Great Smoky Mountains Park Called 'Urgent' By Joint Commission

Reduced funds for operation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has brought about an "emergency" which threatens the future of the park, according to members of the joint North Carolina-Tennessee Park Commission who met recently in Gatlinburg.

At its meeting the commission passed a resolution declaring that the needs of the Smoky Mountains park are urgent "if this great asset of the region and the nation is to be maintained for the people."

Faced with this condition, the joint committee voted to set up a program of minimum needs for adequate protection from fire hazards and for the maintenance of existing park facilities.

This program is to be prepared in the near future and then submitted to North Carolina and Tennessee congressmen for their action.

Members of the commission agreed with Park Superintendent Edward Hummel, who said a safe and proper maintenance level should be achieved before there is

further development of the park.

"The maintenance and operation of the park is giving us our biggest concern," Hummel told the commission.

"We don't have enough personnel for the preservation and conservation of the park and for taking care of visitors."

Hummel listed in the order of priority these urgent needs:

1. Additional personnel for fire protection, which he said is the most critical, and additional rangers. He said during the summer months there are not enough rangers to have the great influx of visitors and the traffic problem in the park.

2. Development of the service plant, which includes additional equipment and personnel quarters. He said the service plant is not used by visitors but helps to maintain visitors' facilities.

(Hummel said only four new quarters had been built since the park was established and all the others are old farm houses in which the wardens are living).

3. Road development to alleviate road congestion in the park.

"We will need some help from the states of North Carolina and Tennessee to do this," he said. "The federal government is not getting any better."

4. Development of the park for visitor use. (He said there should be additional camp grounds and that those in existence are overcrowded. He said the park does not have a good museum and that the historical development of the park is not complete. He said a tower is needed at Clingman's Dome and that additional roads are also needed.)

Hummel told the commission that maintenance comes first and that this should have priority before any further development of the park.

He explained that the park is being operated with less personnel now than it was in 1941.

"Today," he said, "We have a much bigger operation than we had in 1941. We have a million more visitors a year. We have 40,000 more acres of land under our control. We have 20 miles more of major roads to maintain, and we have two more campgrounds. Yet we have less personnel."

"Back in 1941 they didn't think they had enough personnel to do the job. Now I ask you, how are

we going to do the job today with less personnel and with a greater obligation?

"Every time we get a new development in the park it is going to be harder to handle because of less staff."

Members of the commission were agreed that every effort should be made to familiarize Congress with the situation existing in the park.

Kelly Bennett of Bryson City, chairman of the North Carolina Park, Parkway and Forests Development Commission, said the government had not lived up to its promises concerning the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

"The government was looking for a park for the man of moderate means," he said. "The people of North Carolina and Tennessee paid for it. This park was unlike other parks in that the people are not taxed to see it. We bought the land and the park was established. We were told there would be camp grounds and enough of them but we don't have near enough. And our funds are slashed until the maintenance and protection of the park are in jeopardy."

Bennett said that bridges on the North Carolina side of the park which were built by the state, are either down or rotting.

"If we are to have proper fire protection against fire hazards these bridges must be rebuilt and soon," Bennett said.

Ed Ashe of Knoxville said that Congress does not let the Federal buildings in Washington deteriorate and "why shouldn't we have the same consideration."

"The investment here," he said "should be protected and unless it is protected it will be lost."

He suggested that "some of the glazing of buildings in Washington be cut out in order to protect the Smokies so the park will not be jeopardized."

Other members of the North Carolina Park Commission attending the one-day meeting were Co-Chairman William Medford of Waynesville, W. Ralph Winkler of Boone, and Mrs. Doyle Alley of Waynesville, commission secretary. The Tennessee delegation was led by Charles Puckett of Chattanooga, who presided in the absence of Chairman Paul H. Mathis, also of Chattanooga.

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Field Day

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Frank Christopher, Francis Cove, 33; Ben Best, Upper Crabtree, 33, and alternates Joel McCrary, Thickety, 33, and Jack Higgins, West Pigeon, 33.

Women—Betty Pressley, Hominy, 31; Louise Chambers, Allens Creek, 26; Eve Trull, Cruso, 23; Mrs. George Frady, Thickety, 23; Mary West, Hominy, 21, and alternates Sara James, Upper Crabtree, 21, and Betty Jo Long, East Pigeon, 20.

Boys—Joe Rhinehart, Thickety, 45; Lane McCracken, Hominy, 40; Carl McCracken, Upper Crabtree, 33; Charlie Clark, Saunook, 30; George Bradshaw, Iron Duff, 28, and alternates Jimmy Best, Upper Crabtree, 28, and Bobby Hunter, White Oak, 26.

Girls—Bobbie King, Beaverdam, 45; Ruth Heien Boone, Francis Cove, 30; Ava Jean Henson, Cruso, 26; Ardath Griffin, East Pigeon, 25; Mary Sue Sparks, Saunook, 25, and alternates Jerry Layman, Cruso, 17; Shirley Smith, East Pigeon, 16, and Doris Fisher, Allens Creek, 16.

The girls' softball game will be played at 1:30; the boys' game at 2:30.

One softball team composed of players from Hominy, Thickety, West Pigeon, East Pigeon, Beaverdam, Cruso, and Morning Star will oppose another squad of players

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Phones

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would perhaps dial one digit and then the regular Canton number.

New and additional equipment for this change-over will be installed in the Canton exchange. The equipment in Waynesville was installed at the time the dial system was put into use here last spring.

Mr. McCuiston said the materials for making the change was on hand, including the heavy trunk line cables which will be strung from Canton to Medford Farm to connect with the Waynesville cable there.

The rates prevailing at the time the change-over is made will be put into force, the manager said. The new plan will save residents of the county toll charges for calls made within the county, without an increase in the rate they pay for services, he explained.

The contractor in charge of putting the cables underground in Canton plans to have the project completed within 45 days, with an "even break" in weather. The streets which will have to be dug up for the cables include Main, Water, Sorrels, and Park.

from Upper Crabtree, Francis Cove, Iron Duff, South Clyde, White Oak, Allens Creek, and Saunook.

Hearing Loss Sets Up Psychological Obstacles

By ANNETTE DAVIS

WASHINGTON — Loss of hearing presents a social and psychological problem since it threatens to cut off communication with other people. To the disabled veteran who must face it for the first time it can be a serious shock.

To clear up some popular misconceptions surrounding the deaf person, the Red Cross offers some guides in a booklet, "Helping Disabled Veterans".

Some veterans will use mechanical hearing aids and others will learn to read lips, depending upon the type of hearing disability.

The services give great care to selecting the proper hearing aid for each veteran. The fact that Aunt Nellie wears a different type does not mean that a veteran would benefit by switching to that model.

The hearing aid amplifies all sounds indiscriminately. You may be able to shout above the racket of a passing streetcar, but your voice will be lost on the deafened person. A hearing aid is adjusted to the normal speaking voice and transforms a shout into meaningless noise.

For the man who can't be helped by a hearing aid, lip reading is a necessity. It is a difficult art to

master and requires a certain amount of cooperation from the rest of the world.

Here are some pointers the Cross booklet offers to make task easier: Always be sure lips are in clear view and use too many gestures in talking. You needn't try to shape words since the veteran has been trained to read lips as they are in normal conversation.

If you realize he is in certain words, don't repeat. Add a sentence or two to your meaning. He has been trained to get the gist of sentences whole.

For the inexperienced lip conversation with more than one person is an arduous task, meaning friends virtually may be deafened from the by explaining that "he doesn't well!" and doing all the talking him. It is better to rephrase mark, and let him answer himself. If he is unaware of being spoken to, touch him on arm and indicate who is speaking. He will appreciate your effort in letting him carry on from

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