

## Full Development Of All U. S. Parks Slated For 1966, Director Says

### 8-Point Plan Proposed For Full Development

"The National Parks more than pay their way in relation to the National Budget," Conrad Wirth, director of National Parks, is telling in a series of addresses throughout the nation. His address was presented, together with slides at the recent WNCAC meeting at Cullowhee, when "Mission 66" was presented to civic leaders of this area.

The plan, according to the director, is to complete the development of all Parks by 1966.

The director pointed out an 8-point program, which starts out with three assumptions: that we must plan for a total visitation of 80 million by 1966; second, that this visitor load must be accommodated without undue harm to the parks, and third, that our plans for the future shall include all existing facilities that are useable.

"Here is what we propose," the director said:

1. Secure greater participation of private enterprise in serving the public in the parks, as well as including facilities in communities adjacent to the parks, and in providing utilities in the parks.
2. Locate visitor accommodations at sites in attractive surroundings, where they can be operated efficiently at reasonable cost, and where they will not encroach upon major park features. This may require additional legislation for financing purposes. Where feasible, we will also move our administrative and utility service facilities away from important visitor-use areas.
3. Provide the kind of visitor-use facilities that will meet con-



HOME NURSING is now being taught to home economics students at Clyde High School in a special course, sponsored by the Canton chapter of the American Red Cross, under the direction of Mrs. Joe Palmer, home ec teacher at Clyde.

Receiving instructions here from Mrs. Earl Martin, public health nurse (standing left), are "patient" Theresa Brown and "home nurses" Dorothy Williams, Sheila Holder, and Rita Higgs. (Mountaineer Photo).

ditions imposed by modern means of transportation and modern leisure time habits.

4. Develop so as to result in greater dispersion of visitors geographically throughout a park and use over a longer period of each year.

5. Expand the public service and information and guide programs so as to provide better opportunities for visitor understanding of a park and to improve

visitor cooperation in the protection of the park.

6. Acquire under Federal ownership all lands within the boundaries of the parks, and eliminate uses which are unsightly and not in keeping with park purposes.

7. Provide for adequate housing for our staff which is a very important part of our protective program. This can be done by a revolving fund program that will be self-liquidating, but additional legislation will be needed.

8. Sponsor a coordinated nationwide recreation plan leading to a nation-wide recreational system (in accordance with the intent of the Park, Parkway, and Recreational Area Study Act of 1936). This plan should produce a system of recreational developments in which each level of Government bears its proper share of the expanding recreational load. I might add that the problem of the National Parks cannot entirely be solved without reference to the State and local park systems, and the recreational use of State and Federal lands.

These eight points are the start of a realistic development plan based on modern conditions. We have the details of this plan ready—one package—MISSION 66—A sound, reasonable plan that will accomplish the desired results. But, to go with this plan we need a realistic business plan—a financial plan which will take care of the Federal Government's part as well as that of the concessioner.

"It is going to take money to carry out this program. How

much? I shall not have a firm estimate until later, but it would be unrealistic to think we can do the job without substantial increases in development and operation funds.

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"These are the elements of our plan to provide for visitors and to protect this natural resource. These are the physical things that must be done, but the building of roads, or the providing of accommodations are only the means to an end. I mentioned earlier what the economists say about the business aspects of parks and recreation. The sociologists and recreation planners also are concerned with America's expanding leisure time. Here is what the president of the American Recreation Association says on this matter: 'One of the major trends today is leisure. This is a fact. How we are prepared to use that leisure time and what we do with it will to a great extent determine the kind of people and the kind of nation we will be in the future. Let me say that again—The way we use leisure will determine the kind of nation we are tomorrow. This I firmly believe.'

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"Pride in their Government, love of the land, and faith in the American tradition—these are the things the National Parks can give the American people. To do this is worth all that we need to spend," he said.

### 7,750,128 Visited WNC National Forests In '55

A total of 5,153,220 persons visited Pisgah National Forest last year and its sister forest, Nantahala, was host to 2,596,908 persons.

The figures were contained in the annual report of Don J. Morriss, supervisor of North Carolina National Forests.

Of Pisgah's visitors 101,250 had camped out overnight. Nantahala had 6,230 overnight visitors.

Pisgah was the most popular with picnickers, too, with 615,570 counted at the various picnic areas. Some 90,420 picnickers visited Nantahala.

A total of 3,632,000 used Pisgah forest service roads and 2,200,500 used roads in Nantahala.

A total of 7,797,998 visited the national forests in the state including Pisgah, Nantahala, Croatan and Uwharrie during 1955.

In 1954 a total of 6,155,480 persons visited Pisgah and 2,946,534 visited Nantahala.



ROBERT EVANS, JR., eighth-grade student at Waynesville Junior High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Evans, Sr., of Clyde, won the annual speech contest for local junior high school boys last week, sponsored by the Haywood County chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. His speech was on "The Death of Stonewall Jackson".

### Enka Announces Suggestion Plan For Employees

American Enka Corporation has announced a new employee suggestion plan, effective immediately, through which employees may receive cash awards up to \$1,500.

In announcing the plan, T. G. Ford, director of General Industrial Relations, said that it is designed to encourage employees to think constructively about their jobs and to submit ideas that will aid in the progress, efficiency and welfare of the Company and its people.

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Of course, this is the rosy side of the business. According to recent surveys, the average actor on Broadway earns an average of \$750 per year or about forty cents per hour. They wait on tables and drive taxis to get by meanwhile. But the big dough in sight keeps them struggling for the big time.

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### FFA Banquet Set February 24 At Bethel High

The Bethel High School chapter of Future Farmers of America will hold its annual Father and Son Banquet in the school cafeteria Friday, February 24, it has been announced by M. C. Nix, FFA advisor.

The event will be part of Bethel's observance of National FFA Week.

This year in addition to honoring fathers, the banquet also will honor donors to the Bethel FFA barn and the FFA advisory committee. Last year 140 persons attended the event; this year invitations will be sent to 180.

Although final arrangements have not yet been made, Dr. J. B. Kirkland, dean of the agricultural education school at N.C. State College, has been invited to address the banquet audience.

R. E. Cathey, chairman of the FFA recreation committee, is in charge of arrangements for the banquet. Bobby Phillips is president of the Bethel FFA chapter.

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### Mrs. Rung, Former Resident, Dies In Calif.

Mrs. Harry Rung, a former resident of Waynesville, died January 26, in Los Angeles, California of a heart attack. Her death occurred on the sixth anniversary of the death of her husband. She had been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph F. McCann.

Mr. and Mrs. Rung came to Waynesville in 1923 and two years later opened The Green Tree Tea Room which gained wide recognition for its fine food. They continued the operation of the tea room until about 1948.

Mrs. Rung was born near Huntingdon, Penna., August 13, 1876. She was a descendant of founders of the United States.

Services were held in the Chapel of the Chimes, Inglewood Park Cemetery, Los Angeles.

Surviving, in addition to Mrs. McCann, are a granddaughter, Bonnie Kersch McCann, and a sister of Huntingdon, Penna.

The carillon is a set of fixed bells usually tuned to the chromatic scale and having a range of three octaves or more.

### Annual Library Tea Is Set For Tuesday

The annual tea, sponsored by the Waynesville Woman's Club for the benefit of the Haywood County Library, will be held in the library, Tuesday, February 7, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The event will mark the twelfth anniversary of the establishment of county-wide library service.

Receiving at the tea will be members of the library board, officers of the Woman's Club, Miss Margaret Johnson, librarian, and members of her staff.

Mrs. W. S. Roberts is general chairman.

A silver offering will be taken for the benefit of the library building fund.

The public is invited.

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Chief of Police

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