

### Park Naturalist May Program Is Announced

The Naturalist Program for May in the Great Smokies has been announced by the National Park Service with hikes, nature walks and talks scheduled for nearly every day. The programs are open to everyone and no registration is necessary unless specifically indicated.

This week the program opens May 1 with a 2½-mile round-trip hike to Laurel Falls from Fighting Creek Gap, starting at 9 a.m. Hikers will see the flowering shrubs and plants of the lower elevations, as the altitude varies between 2,300 and 2,600 feet.

Wednesday, May 2, a nature walk starts at 9 a.m. from Park Headquarters Building.

Thursday, May 3, footsore visitors may listen to an illustrated talk on "Through the Seasons in Great Smoky National Park," at 8:15 p.m. at the Andy Huff House in Gatlinburg.

The week concludes on Friday with a hike along the Appalachian Trail from Newfound Gap to Indian Gap, starting at Newfound at 9:15 a.m. Elevation along this section of the Trail ranges from 5,000 to 5,600 feet.

### Canton High Band And Chorus Slate Spring Concert

The Canton High School Band and Chorus will present their spring concert Tuesday, May 15, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Also on the program are the Junior High Band and the Senior Brass Sextet. Members of the Sextet are Diane Thomason, Glenda Pressley, Charles Gaddis, Steve Westmoreland, George Freeman and Darrell Hawkins.

At the concert, senior band members will be presented awards by a member of the Canton Lions Club.

Many Indian tribes of America had a vigorous and ancient art consisting of pictures on rock, bone, hides, wood and pottery when Columbus landed in America.

for a joint meeting, according to the president of the organization, Bruce Jaynes. The Canton Classroom Teachers have been invited to attend the meeting, also.

Tickets for the banquet are available in each school from the CTA building representative, and reservations must be made in advance, according to Mrs. O. L. Yates, president of the Haywood unit of Classroom Teachers.



A HEAVILY-LADEN TABLE at the Crabtree Methodist Church dedication Sunday commanded the close attention of these four youngsters, having some difficulty in making their selection from the wide variety of foods on hand. (Mountaineer Photo).



MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE attended the dedication of the Crabtree Methodist Church Sunday morning and then attended a picnic dinner in the church basement at noon—among them this mother and her son, filling their plates. (Mountaineer Photo).

### Rotarians Hear Expert Tell Of New Parachutes

Rotarians heard first-hand Friday, from a parachute engineer, of the strides which have been made in the field of parachutes in recent years.

Charles Pully, vice president of Irving Manufacturing Company, the world's largest manufacturer of parachutes, startled the civic club and the ten guests with the statement that only 8 per cent of parachutes made are used for saving lives. The other 92 per cent are used for everything from landing tanks, trucks and other equipment from planes, to serving as a brake for the huge bombers landing on conventional air strips.

One of the latest uses of parachutes is in the field of guided missiles. The expensive missiles are equipped with automatic parachutes which enables recovery of them after they have reached the height of their flight.

Pully explained that newly designed parachutes are necessary for use in planes that go 600 miles per hour or faster. Some of these consist of several parachutes, which open at different altitudes, and all designed for the safety of the pilot.

The executive told of how just two weeks ago a test pilot was thrown from an exploding plane, with a broken back. He was unable to help himself, but the automatic releases with which parachutes are now equipped took over and the helpless pilot floated to earth with no further injuries.

Mr. Pully showed a "ribbon parachute" which is used as a brake for stopping a huge bomber in landing. He also showed the newly

designed parachute used for laying mines in harbors. This parachute makes it safer for the mine-laying pilots as they do not have to get within gunfire range of the ships in the harbor.

Torpedoes are also laid with parachutes and at a greater safety to the pilots, he went on to explain. "Parachutes are not an invention

of the present generation," Mr. Pully said. "There are carvings in Siam showing a parachute which was perhaps used in 500 B.C."

The parachute came into practical use after World War I, when the late General Billy Mitchell sent word from the Western Front in Germany to get him "something"

to save pilots of disabled planes.

The Army called in three men who had previously shown patterns of parachutes to officials. One was Mr. Irving, now head of the firm making the parachutes, a German and an Englishman. All three inventors were called in and drew lots for demonstrating their para-

chutes. The Englishman was killed as his parachute failed to open. The German who drew second lot refused to demonstrate his. Mr. Irving's demonstration was a success and he got the first government contract for making parachutes.

Mr. Pully was presented by John Hildenbiddle, manager of Dayton Rubber Company here. The two men were roommates in college. Walter Baermann was inducted

as a new member, and there were 10 visiting Rotarians.

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By Floyd Nelson

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