

6000-Acre Gift For N.C. Forest

The Nantahala National Forest has just received, by donation, the land for which it was named. The Nantahala Gorge, formerly owned by Mr. Percy B. Ferebee, was accepted by Del W. Thomsen, Forest Supervisor of the National Forests, in May. This block of land, consisting of 5,303 acres, lies within the Cheoah and Wayah Ranger Districts of the Nantahala National Forest in Graham and Macon Counties, N.C.

Thomsen said, "Four and one-half miles of beautiful trout waters flow through the Nantahala Gorge for which the Nantahala National Forest was named. Nantahala is an Indian word meaning 'Land of the Noon-day Sun.'"

"The river contains much 'white water' and is widely used by canoe enthusiasts. The tract is also crossed by 11,800 feet of the Appalachian Trail. In 1969 the U.S. Forest Service contacted Mr. Ferebee asking him to sell them a few acres of land. In return, the National Forests ended up with approximately 6,000 acres being given to them."

Continuing his remarks, Thomsen said, "This is one of the most generous gifts of land to the National Forests that it has been my experience to remember. This donation reflects Percy Ferebee's foresight in planning for the perpetual protection and management of the Nantahala Gorge, and the intense interest he had in the conservation of our natural resources."

"This outstanding tract of land was actually given to the people of the United States to be managed by the U.S. Forest

Service in Ferebee's Last Will and Testament. Mr. Ferebee died on December 29, 1970. Ferebee, a native of Elizabeth City, came to western North Carolina to work with the U.S. Forest Service after his graduation from North Carolina State College in 1913. Later, he left the Forest Service's employment and stayed in Andrews, N.C.

HERE AND THERE In Burnsville
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and family of Lenoir, N.C., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh, parents of Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wilson, parents of Mr. Wilson.

Miss Breggetta Wilson of Chapel Hill and two friends spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Banks have returned home after a stay of four years in Alaska. Mrs. Banks is the former Carolyn Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ray with their daughter, Dr. Carolyn Cort and Dr. David Cort of Richmond, Va., visited Pawley's Island, S.C., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harrell of Shelby, N.C., were visitors in town last week.

Mrs. Adler Byrd who has been a patient in Spruce Pine Community Hospital was transferred to Memorial Mission Hospital on Saturday.

Joe Demney of Pickens, S.C., was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Deyton.

Joe and Jim Baden have arrived in Cattaill Community for the summer and are staying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Threadgill. Joe attends Harvard University and will receive his Masters degree in Business Administration next spring. Jim graduated recently with Cum Laude from Duke University. He will enter the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga., in the fall. Joe and Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baden and their sister, Helen will join them the first of July in Cattaill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Smith and son Ernest of Hudson, Ohio, with sixteen of their art students are spending a week at the Nu Wray Inn while painting scenes from Yancey County.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ray flew to Atlanta, Ga., Saturday where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bingham from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. From there they flew to Hawaii on a two weeks vacation.

The Woman's Club of Troy, N.C., who are on a science trip to WNC and East Tenn., spent the day in town Saturday taking in places of interest and dining at the Nu Wray Inn.

During his lifetime Ferebee became widely known as a banker, successful businessman and conservationist.

The National Forests will soon erect a monument in the Nantahala Gorge in accordance with Mr. Ferebee's wishes, showing that these lands were left to the people of the United States.

Homemakers Hold Meeting

The Pensacola Homemakers Club held their June meeting Monday evening, the 18th at the home of Mrs. Julia Heckart with 9 members attending.

The meeting was called to order by the club president, Dot Ray. The devotional, given by Mozell Penland, was taken from John 15:13-15. She talked about the Wealth of Friendship and closed with prayer.

The songs that were sung

were Church in the Wildwood and What a Friend We Have in Jesus. Accompanying on the organ was hostess Dot Ray.

Mrs. Ray gave a report on landscaping and gardening. In the absence of Mrs. Deyton, Mary Melton gave a talk on Water is Your Personal Environment, showing charts demonstrating the importance of water in our bodies and how the level is maintained by the food we eat and drink.

The thought for June was Be the Best of Whatever You Are. Everyone cannot be at the very top but we should all try to live up to our potential in everything we do.

After refreshments, served by the hostess, meeting adjourned. Comments by the ladies present on the Spaghetti Supper which was sponsored by the club for the benefit of Pensacola Vol. Fire Dept. last Saturday, showed that event to have been a great success. Entertainment furnished by the Eubanks Family Band and the Pensacola Smooth Square Dance Team was excellent. Also three ladies who are visiting the community played and sang. So everyone enjoyed good food and good music--an all round pleasant evening.

Student On Dean's List

Ben F. Geuge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Geuge, Route 5, Burnsville, N.C., has made the Dean's List at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, N.C. for the spring semester, according to an announcement by Dean Henry W. Jensen.

Warren Wilson is a four-year church-related liberal arts college located near Asheville. It is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Janel Hughes and Susan Carroll from Covington, Ky., are visiting Rev. and Mrs. J.R. Buchanan. They are assisting in the Vacation Bible School at Fellowship Baptist Church, Mitchell Branch.

Bob McClure of Asheville and Bruce Westall spent the first of the week on a fishing trip to Fontana Lake.

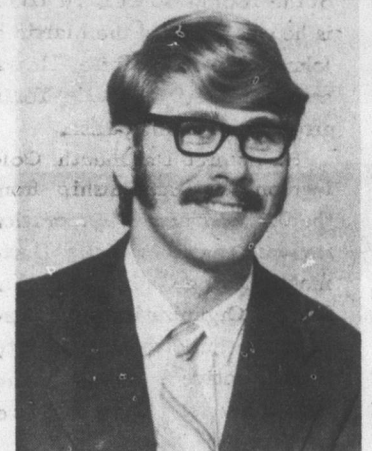
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Yuziuk entertained a party of sixteen people at Beam's Restaurant last Thursday evening. Those attending were Mr. Yuziuk's sister and husband, the Wm. Wisneski's of Miami; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anglin, Phil Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Westall and R. K. Helmle, all of Burnsville; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Weiss of Miami and Burnsville; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kelly of Seven Mile Ridge in Yancey County; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ell of Philadelphia, Pa.

Dance Slated

The Avery County Jaycettes will sponsor a dance on Saturday, June 30 at Avery County High School. The dance will begin at 8:00 and continue through 12:00. There will be advance tickets sold by the Jaycettes for \$1 each. Admission at the door will be \$1.50.

Music for this event will be provided by the "Message" from Boone.

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Devoid Wright

ETU Graduate Teaches Karate

Devoid Wright, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wright of the Jacks Creek Community graduated this month from East Tennessee University.

Wright received his B.S. degree in Industrial Technology in three years. He graduated from Cane River High School in 1966 and from Asheville-Buncombe Tech before entering the service for two years.

During college Wright studied karate, and holds a black belt in this means of self-defense. He taught karate in Johnson City, Tenn. during his three years in school. Wright recently opened the Isshin-Ri Karate School, located near Micaville where he teaches interested students the ancient Japanese art of self defense.

In addition to learning and teaching karate during college, Wright also studied flying, received his pilots license.



Angie Donahue

Visits Yancey

Angie Donahue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Donahue of Miami is spending the summer with her grandparents, Bob and Jessie Landis of Colberts Creek in Yancey County.

Eight-year-old Angie is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and can presently be seen on television in commercials for Playtoys and Tide.

Angie holds the "Little Miss La Petite" title for the State of Florida and is "Our Little Miss" for North Miami.

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