



N. C. Highway 104, new link between Boone and Linville, affords an unusual view of the profile of Grandfather Mountain and its mile-high suspension bridge. Inset: "Happy John" Coffey,

Grandfather Mountain resident, tunes his 21-string, hand-made harp, in preparation for his annual offering of ancient folk tunes at the 33rd Singing on the Mountain, June 23 at Linville.

GOING PLACES... SEEING THINGS

Wilderness Is Real In Smoky Mountain Park

June, which officially rings up the curtain on summertime, is one of the year's most action-packed months on the plant Recreation Department's travel service calendar. Its 30 days of usual sunshine in the mid-South is a veritable storehouse of activities that beckon the traveler to interest-packed experiences—especially in the out-of-doors.

From coast to mountains in the two Carolinas the week-end traveler or vacationer may choose between the sun-fun of beaches, sports events, outdoor dramas, colorful festivals and spectacular sightseeing—to mention a sampling from the lengthy roster.

TOP ATTRACTION on the Atlantic Coast is the sixth annual Myrtle Beach, S. C., Sun Fun Festival, June 5-9. The Festival is an extravaganza of beauties, celebrities, kiddie frolics, parades and contests that officially launch the summer season at this seashore resort.

All across North Carolina the growing number of outdoor dramas and pageants begin their seasonal runs after mid-June and continue through Labor Day. At Manteo, most famous of all these dramas, "The Lost Colony," begins its 17th season on June 29. "Unto These Hills" opens its seventh season at Cherokee on June 25, while "Horn In The West" begins its sixth season at Boone on June 28.

FESTIVALS abound in the North State during June. One of the most colorful of such events is the Singing on the Mountain near Linville on U.S. 221, just off the Blue Ridge Parkway. In a broad meadow on the western slopes of lofty Grandfather Mountain, thousands have gathered each fourth Sunday in June since 1924 for a day-long program of old-time songfests and picnics. The mountainside takes on a carnival atmosphere as temporary refreshment and souvenir shops are set up to accommodate the visitors who come from all over the South and as far away as California. Sunday school and church groups, preachers and mountain music-makers from North Carolina and other states are joined by state officials, civic leaders, noted musicians and other visitors. The Singing this year may be attended by traveling over a new state highway that links the resort community of Linville with Boone.

AT BENSON, a gathering similar to the Grandfather Singing will be staged June 23. The State Singing this year will be the 37th annual convention.

IN MEMORIAM

Funeral services for John Thomas Pearson were held May 21 at First AR Presbyterian Church and burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Mr. Pearson is survived by his wife, Mary Edith Boyd Pear-

son, and the following children: Miss Phoebe Pearson, Shop secretary; Ray Pearson, Synthetics; Mrs. J. G. Tino, whose husband is overseer in the Multi-Stage Nylon Treating Unit; also Mrs. Fred Grigg, Mrs. Thomas Cocker and Boyd W. Pearson all of Gastonia; Mrs. W. B. McQueen,

Columbia, S. C.; and Mrs. Gene Ledford, Washington, D. C.

Also surviving are three brothers, W. F. Pearson, George Pearson and Zeb Pearson, and a sister, Mrs. W. S. Torrence, all of Gastonia. Nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive.

Another festival of note in June is the 11th annual Rhododendron Festival on the summit of Roan Mountain, near Bakersville. It is the grand climax to the spectacular flower show in the region, celebrating the peak blooming of purple rhododendron on the Roan. The Festival this year on June 23 and 24, can be visited by a paved highway and the U.S. Forest Service road. A highlight of the event is the crowning of rhododendron queens from North Carolina and Tennessee, with both states participating in the program held on the state line. Highways 26 and 261 connect Roan Mountain to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

A VISIT to the Smoky Mountains National Park is this month's suggested week-end or vacation trip. This mountain wilderness of unsurpassed natural beauty, with its half-million acres of towering forests, is the most-visited of all the country's national parks. Last year more than 2,500,000 tourists drove its mountain roads, hiked its wilderness trails, visited its pioneer museums or fished its 600 miles of swift streams.

Within the Smoky Park area are facilities for camping at Cades Cove, Chimney Tops, Smoke-mont, Deep Creek near Bryson City and at Balsam Mountain, 10 miles from Soco Gap. Except for these park-managed camp grounds, the only overnight accommodations inside the park are on Mt. Le Conte. Motorists without camping equipment can find a number of motels and hotels at Cherokee, Waynesville, Maggie, Bryson City, Fontana and other points on the eastern approach to the park, and at Gatlinburg and other points on the Tennessee side.

OPEN to the public are 635 miles of hiking trails, including a stretch of the famed Appalachian Trail. From May through October free naturalist-guided field trips and talks are available.

FOLKWAYS of the early settlers are memorialized in the Pioneer Museum at Oconaluftee Ranger Station. Nearby is a re-created pioneer farmstead. Other mountain dwellings and buildings have been preserved in original settings in Cades Cove.

The plant travel information service suggests the following route to the Smoky Mountains Park: From Gastonia over U.S. 29 to Shelby and over U.S. 74 to Asheville. U.S. 19 from Asheville to Cherokee Indian Village, at which point it connects with U.S. 441, the main thoroughfare through the park.

Contribution Of \$1,821.75 To Center For Handicapped

Work went along as usual—carding, twisting, winding, weaving, and all the other operations on a regular day at the mill.

But while Firestone employees were at their regular jobs, their same hands were busy a few miles away—helping to erect a center where dreams might continue to come true and where miracles could be wrought.

You see, it was one day this

spring, and construction was getting underway on the new Gaston County Center for Handicapped Children.

The employee-contribution of \$1,821.75 had been sent along and was doing its share in terms of concrete blocks, mortar and steel. For the donation, collected through the last United Fund effort at the plant, the Center's business administrator, Brown Baird, wrote:

"Your contribution certainly helped our financial status. I'm sure our boys and girls would say, 'Thank you, for helping give us a school of our own so we can learn to the best of our abilities'."

The Gaston County Center for Handicapped Children, at 322 South Linwood Street, was founded in Gastonia in September of 1953, and incorporated in December of the following year.

The new building near the Gaston County Farm Center at Dallas, is scheduled for completion by next September.

Give Pretty Dress To Drab Trash Can

This is the time of year when efficient home owners turn attention to outside appearance around the house. A fix-up project that will add a touch of neatness to your premises is a shield to hide the garbage can.

It can be constructed of three sides, with the open portion facing away from the street, or a neighbor's house. The open side gives ready access to removing the can for trash disposal.

Construct a light wood frame, anchoring it to the ground with posts. Take a wire mesh used by builders as a base for plaster. Cut it to size with tinner's snips and staple or nail to the frame.

The diamond mesh lath is galvanized or painted black and can be had at building supply houses and hardware stores. You can paint it to harmonize with the surroundings.

An added touch may be provided by planting a climbing vine at the base of the shield, a few low shrubs, or annual or perennial flowers.

Luck is preparedness catching up with opportunity.

To be successful, you don't have to stay awake nights—just stay awake days.

Outdoor Movies

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July 12: To Hell and Back (technicolor), Audie Murphy.

July 19: Count Three and Pray (technicolor), Van Heflin and Joanne Woodward.

July 26: Ma and Pa Kettle at Waikiki, Percy Kilbride and Marjorie Main.

August 2: Far Country (technicolor), Jimmy Stewart and Walter Brennan.

August 9: This Island Earth, Jeff Morrow and Faith Domergue.

August 16: Last of the Comanches (technicolor), Broderick Crawford and Barbara Hale.

August 23: It Came Beneath the Sea, Kenneth Tobey and Faith Domergue.

August 30: Saturday's Hero, John Derek and Donna Reed.

September 6: Forbidden Land, Johnny Weismuller and Jungle Jim.

12 Great Things To Remember...

The value of time . . . the pleasure of working . . . the success of perseverance . . . the dignity of simplicity . . . the worth of character . . . the power of kindness . . . the influence of example . . . The obligation of duty . . . the virtue of patience . . . the wisdom of economy . . . the improvement of talent . . . the joy of originating.

Joseph A. Martin, a former Carding Department employee, died April 20, after an extended illness.

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BILL WAS SO SURE THE CIRCUIT WAS DEAD A SHOCKING MISTAKE, THE CORONER SAID!

I STILL THINK I COULD REACH IT WITH A LADDER!

For safety's sake, always use your Protective Equipment

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