

GOING PLACES... SEEING THINGS

Oconaluftee Reproduces Early Cherokee Life

Would you like to visit a living reproduction of the oldest culture on the American continent? For members of Firestone employee families who would like to see what life was like before the white man tamed the wilderness, all roads lead to Cherokee and the village of Oconaluftee.

This Indian village about 50 miles west of Asheville and a half-day auto trip from Gastonia, is the redman's Williamsburg. Here history of an ancient culture comes alive in the reproductions of primitive life scenes and environment of America's earliest-known inhabitants.

This backward step into the past has been made possible by the non-profit Cherokee Historical Association for the purpose of perpetuating the history and traditions of the Cherokee Indians. Oconaluftee Village was reproduced by the Tsali Institute for Cherokee Indian Research, an association-sponsored technical organization, members of which are drawn from the universities of North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

MEMBERS of the Tsali Institute collectively represent the fount of all known life, customs and architecture of the Cherokees. And here at Oconaluftee they have brought forth a reproduction of primitive culture that is authentic and unusual.

At the village, Indians today are garbed in the traditional feathers and buckskins of their forebears, and daily perform tribal rites and practice craftsmanship that have been revived from the early days of their history.

In a log and mud cabin at Oconaluftee, Cherokee women prepare traditional Indian foods, some of which are pickled beans, dried corn, bean bread and yellowjacket soup. Others in the village are at work fashioning bows and arrows, weaving baskets and preparing dyes from native roots and barks.

THE VILLAGE is surrounded by a fence of locust poles on a tract of approximately 30 acres, most of which is in forest.

At Oconaluftee are reproductions of an authentic design of 200 years ago. These include types of homes in which the Cherokee lived, and the earliest type dwelling of the white man when he first made friends with the Indian and traded with him in the early 1700s.

The museum at Cherokee is a focal point of reminders of Cherokee history and tribal tradition.

Oconaluftee Indian village is open to visitors every day through October.

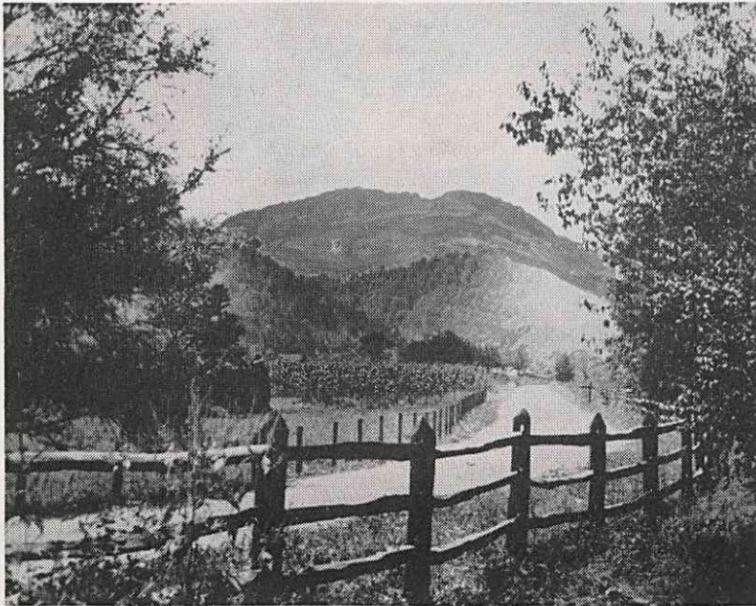
A VISIT to Oconaluftee would be incomplete

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Employees whose ancestry goes back to Scotland will be among those to congregate at Macrae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain for the second annual gathering of Scottish clans, August 18. The program will open with a worship service led by a native-born Scots minister and the singing of ancient Scottish psalms by the choir of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Kilt-wearing bandmen will parade, heralding the playing of Highland games. Dancing, bag-piping, and track and field events are included on the program.

The picture: Rugged Grandfather from the north side.



THE HILLS BEYOND

Funeral services were held July 15 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Bessemer City, for Mrs. Fannie Payseur Harmon, 68, mother of Mrs. Ethel Cole of SYC Weaving.

Mrs. Harmon was buried in Bessemer City Memorial Park. She was married in 1904 to David W. Harmon, who survives. Besides the daughter employed here, there survive Mrs. Hood Canipe, Mrs. D. B. Burleson and Mrs. Parks Benfield.

Also remaining are two sons, Roy of Rockingham and Bill of

Bessemer City; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Haney of Gastonia, Mrs. Cone Carpenter of Bessemer City and Mrs. John Jenkins of Kings Mountain; one brother, Cecil Payseur of Kings Mountain; and 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. A son, Norman, was killed in Korea in October of 1952.

Last rites were conducted from Stanley Methodist Church and burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery on the Stanley-Mount Holly highway for Calvin Coolidge Sadler, who drowned in the Catawba river July 4.

without attending a performance of Unto These Hills. This, America's most-attended outdoor drama, is in its eighth season at Mountainside Theatre on U. S. 441 near the North Carolina entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Unto These Hills tells the story of the Cherokees' efforts to keep their homes and become a part of the American Government, and the martyrdom of the Cherokee Tsali to permit a remnant of his people to remain in the Great Smokies rather than be driven west over the infamous "Trail of Tears." The cast includes descendants of the Cherokee leaders portrayed in the drama.

Unto These Hills is presented nightly except Monday through September 1.

THE LIST of suggested places to go and things to do in August is a long one at the plant Travel Information Service. From it, here is a random sampling of North Carolina events to take place within a short driving distance from Gastonia.

The summer series of street dances, an entertainment feature at Hendersonville for more than 30 years, will continue through Labor Day. The dances, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, are held each Monday at 8 p.m., in Boyd Park.

At Highlands, highest elevation of any incorporated town east of the Mississippi, the annual "Hillbilly" Day is set for August 7. Residents and travelers dress in "hillbilly" costumes and enjoy square dancing, mountain music, contests and a parade.

THE BREVARD Music Festival at Brevard will be held August 9-11; 16-18; 23-25. Staged each year since 1945, the festival concert series features visiting artists and the Brevard Festival Orchestra. It is sponsored by the Brevard Music Foundation, a non-profit educational organization.

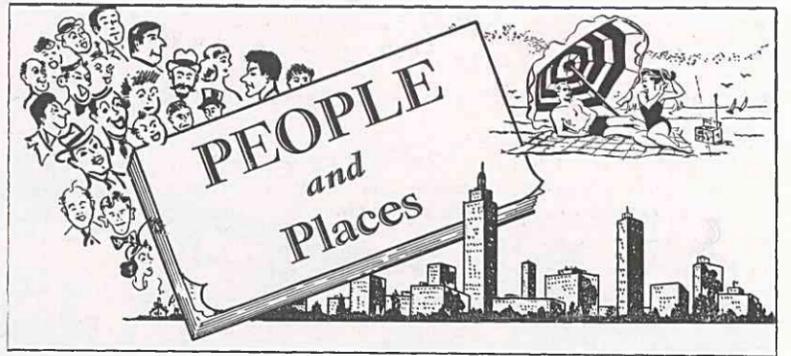
The Western North Carolina Fair, first of the season in the state, is August 12-17, at Hendersonville. Here also is the North Carolina Apple Festival, August 23-September 2. On the program: Parades, displays of apples, pageantry, dances, coronation of the Apple Festival Queen.

August 18 will bring the skirl of bagpipes, lively Scottish dancing and traditional Scottish sports contests to Grandfather Mountain. The Second annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans will be held in McRae Meadow on the mountainside near Linville on U. S. Highway 221.

The deceased was a brother of Thomas Sadler, loom fixer in SYC Weaving.

Calvin Sadler is survived by Mrs. Sadler and three young daughters, Susan, Sallie, and Rebecca; and his parents George L. Sadler and Bessie A. Sadler. Besides Thomas who works at Firestone, also surviving are brothers Frank of Morganton, and James Sadler of Alexis.

Sadler was a veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion, in which he was very active.



Carding

While on a summer vacation, **Leon Dawkins**, section man, **Mrs. Dawkins (Edna)**, frame tender, and other members of the family visited Sgt. and Mrs. George Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Dawkins are the parents of Mrs. Carr.

Barber and Blair Westmoreland, sons of **Roscoe Westmoreland**, card tender, spent a week end at Myrtle Beach, S. C., a few days ago. Accompanying them were Glen and Charles Walker, sons of **Fred Walker**, frame tender.

Bobbie Jean Ballew, daughter of **James Ballew**, carding fixer, and **Mrs. Ballew (Grace)**, spooler tender, was a recent patient at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Carding fixer **Alfred Caskey** and Mrs. Caskey visited their son-in-law and daughter, S/2C Bobby Gillespie and Mrs. Gillespie at Parris Island, S. C., on a recent week end.

Mr. and Mrs. **Frontus Lyles, Jr.**, and their son have returned to Indianapolis, Ind., after a one-week stay with Mr. Lyles' parents, **Frontus Lyles**, intermediate tender; and **Mrs. Lyles**, spooler tender.

A tour of the mountain country of Western North Carolina highlighted the recent vacation of **Mr. and Mrs. Furman Mason**.

Main Office

Miss Katherine Edwards, Accounting, spent some vacation time at Myrtle Beach, S. C., in July. Others from Main Office who have passed time at Myrtle Beach in recent weeks include: **Betty Holbrook**, with a party of friends; **Misses Sue Shepard**, Shipping, **Janet Woolley**, Payroll and Sylvia Gardner.

Misses Doris McCready and **Jerrie Barton**, Payroll; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCready and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moser made a trip to East Texas in early July. Included in the trip schedule were visits with relatives of the McCreadys in Tyler and Kilgore. On the return route to Gastonia, the party stopped off for a day at Hot Springs, Ark.

Miss Peggy Dalton, 819 Gibbons street, Gastonia, is a new employee in Main Office.

Homer Hall, Plant Sales, went with his family for a visit with relatives in Salisbury, N. C., in early July.

Visiting relatives recently in Savannah, Ga., were **Mrs. Pansy Falls**, Payroll, and her daughter, Hollis.

Included in the recent vacation travels of **Mrs. Eula Wilson**, Payroll supervisor, and Mr. Wilson were tours of the Firestone Company home plants in Akron, Ohio, and the Curlee Clothing Manufacturing Company of Louisville, Ky.

Personnel

Miss Barbara Abernathy spent a mid-July vacation visiting places of interest in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Flora Pence was at Myrtle Beach, S. C., July 13 and 14. She was accompanied by Phyllis Jane Honeycutt, daughter of Sam Honeycutt, of the Firestone General Offices, Akron; and Mrs. Ralph Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mesmore King and their son, Timothy, along with Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Jack W. Willis of High Point, visited Mr. and Mrs. **Claude Callaway** in July. Mr. King is minister of Rural Hall Christian Church near Winston-Salem. Also visiting the Callaways in July were Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Townsend of Winter Haven, Fla.

Spinning

Mary Laughridge, roller picker, had a family reunion at her home in late June. Her eight brothers and one sister, and 51 relatives and friends were on hand for the occasion. Among those present were the Rev. Guy Walker and Mrs. Walker.

Second Hand **O. M. Taylor** has been released from Garrison General Hospital. His condition is listed as "improving."

Mrs. A. G. Bolick, spinner, shows considerable progress in her return to normal health. She was recently discharged from Garrison General Hospital.

During July Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Woody and son of Norfolk, Va., visited in the home of **Mrs. Virgie Taylor**, spinner.

Twisting

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reagan and family from Ocala, Fla., visited **Mr. and Mrs. Coy Brewer** in July.

A tour which included stops at several places of interest in Florida was made by **Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Robinson** a few days ago. While in the Sunshine State they visited their son, Jerry Robinson, who is stationed with the navy at Key West.

Beam Hauler **Jim Neal** is recovering, after having suffered a broken leg while playing baseball in early July.

Marie Bolding, respooler tender, and **Mr. (Claude) Bolding** of Carding spent June 28 at Camp Firestone, Bridgewater, N. C.

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