

GOING PLACES... SEEING THINGS

August Is Festival-Fair Time Down South

Festivals and first-of-the-season fairs share North Carolina's travel and vacation calendar with music, drama and sports events in August.

The peak summer travel season continues, as early fall flowers in the mountains and ripening sea oats on the oceanfront preview the coming of Autumn.

To help employees and members of their families to a more meaningful trip overnight, on week ends or on vacation, Plant Recreation posts monthly bulletins on travel suggestions. Its service on any plant operating day of the year provides helpful cues and information on places to go and things to do, and see.

Asheville: Craftsmen's Exposition

Among outstanding festivals on the August calendar and within a few hour's distance from Gastonia is the Craftsmen's Exposition at Asheville's City Auditorium, August 24-27. Artisans from across the North State will demonstrate their skills at loom, potter's wheel and workbench, and display their choicest handiwork.

At Burnsville, handicrafters from the Blue Ridge country will set up workshops and displays on the Town Square for the third annual Arts and Crafts Festival, August 15. It is sponsored by the University of Miami (Fla.) Drama and Art Workshop.

Music and Drama Circuit

Concerts in a cool mountain setting are being presented at Brevard through August 30. The Brevard Music Festival offers programs on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons. The Transylvania Music Camp presents guest artists and conductors with the Transylvania Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band, Choral Ensemble, and Orchestra of the Faculty and Staff.

Outdoor drama season will continue through Labor Day weekend. Playing nightly except Mondays are "The Lost Colony" at Manteo on the Coast; "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee in the Great Smokies; and "Horn in the West" at Boone in the Blue Ridge.

Songs, Stickball and Blowguns

If you are traveling in the Smokies and stop at the Mountainside Theatre location near the the Qualla Indian reservation, you can attend

Cherokee Indian stickball games through late August. One of the roughest, toughest sports in the world, stickball at Cherokee is played in the rugged tradition established before the first white men—Spanish explorers led by DeSoto—visited the Great Smokies in 1540. This unusual game shares the stage with Indian songs, dances and blowgun-shooting on Monday night programs.

Mountains to Sea: Fishing's Good

You can fish in trout streams of Western North Carolina through August 31.

Devotees of the angling art who are traveling toward the Coast will want to keep in mind several fishing contests which are now in progress. Some are: All-NC Coastline Fishing Contest through August 30; Fabulous Fishermen Contest, Morehead City area, through October 30; Fishing Rodeo of Southeastern N. C., through November 30; Hatteras Island Fishing Contest through December 1; Cape Fear Region Contest, and Top-sail Surf City Region Fishing Contest through December 31.

Regional and Community Fairs

Late this month country fairs begin to take the spotlight. Earliest such event is the Western North Carolina Fair at Hendersonville, August 17-22. A few days later in the same town, you can attend the 13th annual North Carolina Apple Festival. Dates: September 1-7.

The 10th annual Community Fair at Drexel is August 25-29.

Of water sports, power boat racing is set for August 16 at New Bern, and at Roanoke Rapids, August 30. The Sailing Regatta at Kerr Reservoir is August 22-23.

Brasstown Vacation Crafts Course

Like to combine travel with learning? The John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown is offering a Vacation Crafts Course August 10-22.

Among other prominent events on the State travel calendar for August are: Virginia Dare Birthday Celebration, Manteo, August 18; Civil Air Patrol Friendship Days and Air Show at Wilmington, 22-23; and National Tobacco Queen Competition at Mount Airy, 28-29.



GROUP PLANNING—Miss Davis (second from right), goes over program plans for the Sunday school intermediate age group, with Gail Fore and Becky Shields (from left, seated); Brenda Houser, Bill Francisco, Linda Lynn and Pat Stacy.

Some On-the-Job Training For A Firestone Scholar

This summer a Firestone college scholarship winner is getting some "on-the-job" training in Christian education. Peggy Davis, awarded the higher-education grant in 1956, has been employed at Gastonia's Covenant Methodist Church since June 1, where she is working with young people's groups.

When she concludes her assignment September 1, she will make final preparation to return to High Point College as a Senior later that month.

At Covenant Church, Miss Davis works under supervision of the minister, the Rev. Ross Francisco, in directing certain phases of the educational program among youth. Included in her regular schedule are her duties as teacher of an Intermediate (12-14 year) Sunday school class, and direction of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of young men and women 15 to 20 years of age.

FOUNDATION for Peggy's experience at Covenant was not alone through academic training at college. During the past three years at High Point she has been a leader in student groups. As a member of one of several Fellowship Teams, she has traveled to many parts of North Carolina to present special youth programs in churches.

On week-day and Sunday

trips her team has gone out to promote young people's participation in religious activities. She has helped her team in counselling with youth, in an effort to encourage interest and increase participation in the total program of the local church.

The Firestone scholar's college work is leading to a major in elementary education and a minor in religion. In her Senior year she will do practice teaching in public school, as part of the requirement for her degree and education certificate.

At High Point, Peggy has been an outstanding student both scholastically and in extracurricular activities. In her Junior year she was selected for membership in the Order of the Lighted Lamp, the school's oldest honor society. Membership is based on signal achievement in scholarship and service to the college.

This high honor came by secret vote of Peggy's fellow students in the Junior and Senior classes and was approved by the faculty. It was climaxed with her installation by the president of the college.

The student, one of six to win Firestone college scholarships in the Gastonia area, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis. The mother is a quiller operator here.



'500' WINNER

Race winner Rodger Ward looks across a Firestone tire on his Leader Car Special, before taking to the track to set a new record in auto racing at this year's Indianapolis 500-mile speedway classic.

The veteran Los Angeles racer, also a chief test driver for Firestone, rounded the

Sweeney In 35th Year With Company

E. F. Sweeney, plant manager of Firestone Textiles at Bennettsville, S. C., is in his 35th year with the company. He is a frequent visitor to Firestone in Gastonia.

The Bennettsville plant manager started with the company

in 1924 in the cotton fabric department.

He worked in Fall River, New Bedford, and Newburyport, Mass., and Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, before assuming his present assignment in 1948.

Man-Made Fiber Industry Grows

As evidence of the growth of the man-made fiber industry, a recent issue of the Review, Federal Land Bank of Richmond, said that in 1940 cotton accounted for 81.0 per cent of total U.S. mill consumption; wool, 8.3 per cent, and all of the man-made fibers, 10.0 per cent.

By 1958, the Review noted, cotton's share of mill consumption had dropped to 65.9 per cent, and wool to 5.8 per cent, while man-made fibers had grown to 28.2 per cent.

track in three hours, 30 minutes and 49.21 seconds to set the new record: 135.857 miles per hour. The previous record of 135.601 per hour was set in 1957 by Sam Hanks.

It was the 36th consecutive year of the 43 Indianapolis 500-mile races that the winner rolled to victory on Firestone tires.

This year, the company is celebrating its 50th anniversary of race-tire development.

Most of the footprints on the sands of time were left there by work shoes.

A man all wrapped up in himself makes a small package.

There are a few things heavier than lead. One of them is a guilty conscience.

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