

November: A Remnant Sale Of Autumn Glory

Down in the Carolinas, November combines autumn foliage with the green of long-leaf pine and magnolia to set the background for a month of "specials" awaiting those on-the-go.

The show is free if you have the transportation, the Plant Recreation department reminds you, in posting this month's travel bulletins. And wherever you go, take your camera with plenty of film, especially the color kind.

In North Carolina, outdoor sports in crisp, bright weather and a "remnant sale" of autumn color are but some of the top travel attractions.

November Events Offer Some Festive Color

Among November events are several harvest festivals and other seasonal attractions. Biggest of them all is the 14th annual Carolinas Carrousel at Charlotte, November 23 and 24.

A partial list of others: Fall Flower Show, Raleigh, Nov. 9-12; Rutherford County Harvest Festival, Rutherfordfordton, 20; Holiday Jubilee Parade and Ball, Greensboro, 25; Harvest Square Dance, Pinehurst, 25; Piedmont Festival, Thomasville, 25 and 26; Parade and Coronation Ball, Forest City, 30.

The 12th season of "Star of Bethlehem" at Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill begins Nov. 22 and continues through Jan. 2.

Free Motor Travel Directory: Where You Can Stay and Eat

Motor Travel Services Inc. has released the first combination directory of its recommended restaurants and motels across the United States and Canada. The CAR (Certified Association Restaurants) endorsement plan was begun 18 months ago and now has some 1700 independently-owned restaurants displaying the CAR emblem.

Each establishment is pledged to serve good food at popular family prices, in clean and pleasant surroundings. They also offer children's portions at special rates.

Motels approved by Motor Travel Services to display the GEM emblem (Greater Economy Motels) are inspected and selected on these standards: Convenient location; consistent, reasonable rates; clientele of salesmen, family groups, and tourists; cleanliness throughout premises; adequate and comfortably equipped rooms; precautions for guests' safety; and courteous service with congenial hospitality.

Restaurants are listed alphabetically by state and town, exact location, hours open and additional facilities available. Motel room rates are also detailed.

A free copy of the new CAR-GEM Directory is yours by sending 10 cents for postage, to Motor Travel Services, Dept. 1C, 1521 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis 3, Minn.



Edna H. Harris Carding

Loyd J. Watson Twisting (syn)

25-YEAR PEOPLE



O. A. Mashburn Twisting (syn)



Lillie Bradshaw Spooling

S. P. Bolding Ind. Relations

OTHER RECORDS

9 Have Begun 26th Year

Nine more proud people saw their names added to the quarter-century service roll in October. They are presented in photographs on this page. While these marked 25 years of service completed, there were others who made history in October when they reached service milestones of 20, 15, 10 and 5-year periods. This group includes—



Owen Green Twisting (syn)

William Beavers Twisting (syn)

Twenty Years

Collie B. Moore and Lennel H. Kennum, Industrial Relations (canteen service).

Fifteen Years

Neal Lowery, Carding; William H. Gilmore, George L. Terry, John Bradley, Twisting (synthetics); Jessie L. Ammons, Weaving (cotton); Samuel Love, Warehouse; Leonard Bumgardner, Quality Control.

Ten Years

Earl W. Queen, Broadus Moss, Betty F. Guffey, Jack L. Hall, Ernest J. Baker, Elene L. Dodgins, Edna Fortenberry, all Twisting (synthetics); Marcus L. Dobbins, Weaving (synthetics); James S. Garner, Weaving (cotton); Scott J. McCarter, Shop.

Five Years

Edwin E. Dyer, Twisting (synthetics); Nadine C. McCraney, Charles Carringer, Weaving (synthetics).

showing your age many years ago—these are just a few of the means by which you can verify your age.

ALTHOUGH your claim for retirement benefits can be processed faster if you have your proofs ready when you file, do not delay making your application if you do not have proofs at hand.

If you need help in obtaining an acceptable proof of age, contact your district Social Security office at 365 West Main avenue in Gastonia, or the office nearest your home town.



Jesse Carter Carding

Fred J. Garrett Carding

Proof Of Your Age For SS Benefits

What record of your age do you have as proof for Social Security claims? This question, according to Gastonia District SS manager Lex G. Barkley, causes most concern among people of retirement age.

You do not have to have a birth certificate for proof of your age, Mr. Barkley points out. He says that there are many other kinds of proof that are acceptable.

One of your old insurance policies, for example, may be very good proof. Or, you may have a Bible that has been in the family for many years. Your World War I discharge or registration, a certified marriage record giving your age at the time of marriage, a copy of your school record, baptismal certificate, a census record

State Parks Are Open Around The Calendar

A fact that many travelers overlook with the ending of summer is that State Parks—excepting lofty Mount Mitchell—are open the year-round. All sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway, "America's most scenic major highway," are open until winter weather conditions necessitate closing the higher-altitude portions.

Additional surf-spanning piers and seagoing ferries have been added along the Coast. The state's Outer Banks—now playing host to more autumn visitors than ever before—have inspired a new vacation handbook for free distribution.

"The Outer Banks of North Carolina" deals with things to see and do on the long chain of islands which swings out to Cape Hatteras and is the home of the first National Seashore in the country. A new road map and many photographs help to describe such attractions as the visitor center and museum for aviation opened this year at Wright Brothers National Memorial, expanded recreation facilities in the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and Billy Mitchell Air Field on Hatteras.

Included is information on how to reach the Outer Banks, along with material on beach resorts, fishing centers, lighthouses, historic sites, and a list of special events, a history of the area, and a roster of visitor accommodations.

To get your copy, write State Advertising Division, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh.

CHOOSING THE CHIEF

Political Parties Began In The 1790s

The way voting citizens choose a man to do the staggering job of President of our country has changed as much as the job itself.

Ratified in 1788, the American Constitution provided for election of the President by electors from each state, to be chosen "in a manner prescribed by the state legislature." Each elector would vote for two men. The one receiving the highest number of votes would be President — the runner-up would be Vice President.

It didn't take long to prove that this system just wouldn't work.

Separate Balloting For Two Offices

When political parties began to form in the 1790s, the two-vote system made it almost inevitable that the Chief Executive would be a member of one party and the Vice President of another party (as happened in 1796, when Federalist John Adams came in first and Democrat-Republican Thomas Jefferson, second).

What's more, the winner and the runner-up might be men who couldn't tolerate each other personally, even though they were members of the same party (like Thomas Jefferson and his Vice President, Aaron Burr, elected in 1800).

So in 1804 the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution provided for separate balloting for the two offices.

By that time, electors from each state were being pledged in advance to the Presidential candidates already chosen by their parties.

And by the 1820s, most states had established universal suffrage and provided for popular election of electors — which meant popular election of the President.

Balloting of the Electoral College had become the mere formality it is today. Yet, an elector still can — theoretically — vote for anybody he pleases. This happened as recently as 1956, when an Alabama elector decided to cast his vote, not for Dwight Eisenhower nor Adlai Stevenson, but for a man named Walter B. Jones!

First Party Convention Made History In 1830

Credit for invention of the party nominating convention — glorious three-ring circus of American political life — goes to a minor party with few other claims to fame: The Anti-Mason party. The Anti-Masons held the first convention in 1830, and the two major parties of the day — the National Republicans and the Democrats — both took up the idea in time and held con-

ventions for the 1832 Presidential elections.

The National Republicans nominated Henry Clay (who shares with William Jennings Bryan the distinction of having run for the Presidency and lost three times); the Democrats re-nominated President Andrew Jackson.

At those first conventions the tradition was established that each state sends a number of delegates equal to its combined representation in both Houses of Congress.

Such a system meant that in the most recent national political conventions, with 1521 delegates assembled in Los Angeles, John F. Kennedy needed 761 votes to win the Democrat party's nomination. With 1331 Republicans meeting in Chicago, Richard M. Nixon needed 666 as a magic number for nomination.

Note: November is the Big Month when American citizens choose a President and Vice President. Here is the second of a two-part series on some interesting historical material concerning the top office of the United States and our political convention system.

NEWSWEAVERS:

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Personnel

The James M. Coopers of 1106 Balthis drive were the subject of a recent feature in the Gastonia Gazette. The story by society editor Zoe Brockman presented Firestone's chief methods-standards engineer and Mrs. Cooper as "people who've been everywhere and seen everything." They spent three years in China before coming to Gastonia nine years ago. The article described the Coopers' "Chinatown" collection of mementoes, related some of their experiences in the East and told of their community activities in Gastonia.