

New Travel Season With Promise Of Spring

No sooner have Christmas and New Year's Day come and gone than there is a promise of Spring, with its invitation to going places and doing things in the outdoors of the Mid-South. And in the Carolinas, golf, riding and early-blooming camellias come with January's package, as a harbinger of a new season on the calendar, midway in the two states and along the coast.

Beautiful at any time of the year, the gardens of Eastern North and South Carolina are showcases for camellias and a host of hollies and other evergreens this month. Among the gardens to see in January are Orton Plantation and Airlie near Wilmington, and the historic Port City's Greenfield Park; Laurel Lake Gardens near Salemburg, and Clarendon Gardens at Pinehurst.

Palmetto's Places of Beauty

In South Carolina you will find Brookgreen Gardens and Sanctuary one of the most popular beauty spots in the Southeast. This year-round attraction at Georgetown brings thousands of tourists to its beautifully-landscaped grounds of almost 10,000 acres by the Waccamaw river and the sea.

In the Charleston area, you will want to see such famous places as Middleton, Cypress, Magnolia, Pierates Cruze Gardens, and Hampton Park.

In North Carolina, going where the wild geese go puts "something special" into travel this month. Easily reached by travelers on the coast and in the southern Piedmont are the feeding grounds of thousands of geese, ducks and other migratory birds which arrive in Autumn and remain until early Spring.

At Gaddy's Goose Refuge near Ansonville (U.S. 52), wild geese feel so much at home that they accept food from visitors and can be photographed close-up. At Lake Mattamuskeet, the intricate flight patterns of geese and ducks are seen over a 30,000-acre lake and the surrounding fields and marshes. Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, on the Outer Banks, is one of the few places in the world where the rare Greater Snow Geese can be seen in substantial numbers.

Resort-Areas Free Directory

North Carolina's appeal as an all-year Variety Vacationland is accentuated in a new illustrated booklet describing its winter golf and riding resorts and the year-round attractions from mountains to coast.

"Mid-South Resorts" is available free from the State Advertising Division, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh. The booklet contains information on the Sandhills resorts of Pinehurst and Southern Pines; Tryon in the Thermal Belt of the Blue Ridge, and Sedgfield in the Piedmont.

Also included is information about historical attractions which can be visited at any time of the year in many different sections of the State; and the fishing, flowers and special events which are traveler highlights in early Spring.

The UNC Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill is featuring through Feb. 6 its annual program, "Scouting the Skies".

South To The Sunshine State?

At this time of year, the travel service of the Recreation department is reminded that a number of Firestone employees and retired people head toward Florida for a week end or vacation of sun-fun. If you've been to the Sunshine State before, you'll remember—but for first-timers, this reminder from Plant Recreation:

Seasons in Florida do not follow the calendar. Holiday rates begin Dec. 15. The winter season begins Jan. 15 and lasts through March. Pricewise, this is the most expensive season for travelers.

If you're interested in finding out about Florida resort areas, the Recreation department has pamphlets, circulars and folders describing many of Florida's cities, towns, activities and attractions. These will give you the flavor—some idea of the atmosphere—of various areas to visit.

For more information—or some special advice and help beyond what the travel service here can provide, write to the chamber of commerce in the town or city that interests you. Employees who have done this testify that you'll get a prompt, courteous and accurate reply.



Television Part Of His Job

This Technician in the Firestone tire-testing laboratory at Akron, Ohio makes watching television a vital part of his job. The closed-circuit tv serves a dual purpose while focused on a giant test wheel. This way, the technician can get a close, clear look at an aircraft tire being tested at speeds up to 300 miles per hour during

make-believe takeoffs and landings.

The tv also permits the technician to judge performance of the tire and spot failures from behind the protection of a brick wall. Test conditions are pre-determined on the control panel, which records temperature of the tire, the distance it has traveled in the test, and other information.

A Transportation Committeeman

Company president Raymond C. Firestone has been named to the advisory committee of Transportation Center at Northwestern University.

The committee, composed of business leaders from the transportation and allied industries, provides counsel on policies and programs of the Center.

Objective research is the chief

function of the Center which is a national educational and fact-finding organization serving the country's transportation industry.

Its work also involves making surveys of all phases of the transportation industry, and sponsoring short courses, seminars and fellowships at Northwestern University. It maintains an extensive reference library for the industry, and publishes educational booklets on its economic and research projects.

5,722,000 NC Spindles In Place

Of the 19,942,000 spindles in place in the United States, the Department of Commerce reports that 17,652,000 of them were active on October 1, all processing cotton. An additional 1,607,000—making a total of 19,259,000 — were active in the

processing of fibers other than cotton.

Close to one-third of all cotton-system spindles in place in the United States are in South Carolina textile mills. The state has 6,634,000 spindles, ranking first by a margin of 912,000 spindles over second-place North Carolina. The North State has 5,722,000 spindles in place. Georgia is third, with 2,912,000; Alabama, fourth, with 1,610,000.

GARDEN CLUB

Legends of the Madonnas'

During the Christmas season the Variety Garden Club of Firestone turned its regular monthly luncheon meeting into an exhibit of art-flower arrangements on the theme, "Legends of the Madonnas".

The presentation at the Recreation Center was planned by the club program chairman, Mrs. Henry Chastain, with the president, Mrs. W. E. Pope, presiding. A program on the madonna and how it has been employed in flower-art themes throughout the ages, preceded selection of the three most outstanding exhibit entries.

First place went to Mrs. W. E. Pope; second, to Mrs. Carl Stowe Sr.; third, to Mrs. Lewis Moss. Selections were made by Mrs. F. B. Galligan, wife of the plant production manager. She was honor guest, invited especially to choose the best entries.

OTHER club members who brought arrangements, and the themes of their handiwork:

Mesdames R. G. Henderson—"Prayer for Peace"; W. R. Turner Sr. — "Of the First Snow"; L. M. Foy—"Madonna in a Silver Setting"; Yates Campbell — "O Holy Night"; G. D. Gates—"Madonna of the Roses"; W. H. Chastain—"Madonna of Grapes", "Spirit of Christmas", "Madonna in a Gold Setting", and "Silent Night".



MADONNA IN NATURE — Mrs. Carl Stowe Sr. (left), second-place winner, with her arrangement of "The Madonna of

the Roses." Mrs. Lewis Moss was the other club member to have one of the three top entries. Hers was "Madonna of Palms and Fruits".



ETERNAL THEME—Mrs. F. B. Galligan (left) and Mrs. W. E. Pope, with Mrs. Pope's first-place entry, "The Annunciation", from St. Luke's account of the archangel Gabriel's announcement of the advent of the Messiah Child.



Your second and fourth fingers on either hand are the most often open to injury. Try to keep them close to the others when working on a running machine of any kind.