## THE GALAX NEWS

(GORGE RESEARCH DISCUSSION CON'T FROM P.2)

The Gorges of the Toxaway, Horsepasture, Bear Camp Creek, Thompson, Whitewater, Chattooga, and Estatoe Rivers represent areas of unusual interests to biologists. The research now being conducted is sponsored and financed by the NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. Most of the gorge areas are owned by the Duke Power Company which is also actively supporting the research.

The areas are very important from the point of bio-graphy as they harbor species of plants which are called relicts. They are either themselves the survivors or are the evolutionary survivors of the once widely distributed Tertiary flora that occupied most of North America during that geological period. Although some relict species are found throughout the Southern Appalachains, indications are that there is a concentration of species in the gorges.

The unique physiography of the gorges will be discussed by Dr. Howell, using kodachromes. Dr. Visian will discuss his work on the life history of the rare plant <u>Shortia</u>. Dr. Rodgers, who has spent two summers making surveys of the plants, will discuss the general vegetation of the Horsepasture River Gorge. Mr. Ramsey will discuss the fishes of the gorges, particularly with reference to stream capture. The amphibians and reptiles of the gorges will be the subject of Mr. Eruce's discussion. The gorges under study require the maintenance of Base Camps at locations convenient for those working in the area. This summer the base camp has been on Bear Camp Creek on land owned by the Duke Power Company. A weather station is maintained at the camp.



## GALAX THEATRE FRI-SAT AUGUST 17 - 18

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PRESBYTERIAN BAKE SALE - SATURDAY, AUGUST 18 BROWN'S STORE BUILDING - 9:00 a. m.

