



From the East the train climbs the Blue Ridge Mountains from Old Fort to Ridgecrest, a distance of twelve miles, ascending 1,500 feet amid scenery as picturesque as is to be found in the world.



Climbing the Blue Ridge, the train passes through seven tunnels, of which the Swannanoa is the longest. This tunnel extends 1,823 feet under the Assembly grounds, at a depth of 123 feet.



The Railway Station at Ridgecrest, on the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is a short distance west of the Swannanoa Tunnel. Eight passenger trains stop here daily. One mile west is Mt. Mitchell Station, from which passenger trains make the ascent to Mt. Mitchell, the highest mountain east of the Mississippi River.



Residence of Rev. Millard A. Jenkins, D.D., Abilene, Texas. Nearly one hundred cottages have been erected in the Assembly grounds by residents of ten States. Lots are owned by people in fifteen States and several foreign countries.



Pritchelle Hall, the Assembly Headquarters, is a well equipped mountain camp, owned and operated by the Assembly. This building contains 100 rooms, among them being the Assembly offices, a large social room, several parlors, class rooms, Assembly Auditorium, Cafeteria and sixty-five bed rooms.



People gather at Ridgecrest each summer from twenty or more States, for rest, recreation, study and Christian fellowship. The Summer School of Religious Education and a series of conferences are provided each summer.

Ridgecrest News

The Southern Baptist Assembly will have a regular page in the SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST, entitled "Ridgecrest News" under the supervision of the Corresponding Secretary of the Assembly who is also the editor of the paper.

Rev. J. R. Pace, never failing and true Ridgecrest has returned for the winter to his home. We are sure he will continue to spend his summers at Ridgecrest until he goes to the Land of Eternal Summer.

RIDGECRESTERS MAY HAVE SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST FROM NOW TO JULY 1, FOR ONE DOLLAR. Put it in an envelope and mail it, if it is lost write us and we will lose it and send you the paper anyhow.

Florence, South Carolina, led the South in the number in attendance who remained more than two days. DeLand Florida sent the largest cottage delegation. John B. Stetson University had the largest representation of any Baptist college.

In the pageant, the STRIKING OF AMERICA'S HOUR, seventeen Southern Baptist Colleges were represented. Miss Mary Ward of New York directed it with skill.

The pavement from Asheville to Ridgecrest is complete and the portion in the assembly grounds is almost done. The portion in our grounds costs forty thousand dollars and our rich Uncle Samuel pays for it.

More than twice the amount received for Ridgecrest taxes is annually expended on waterworks, lights and streets.

Those who live on side streets use the main streets as much as those who live on them. It is hoped that all street engines

will soon be put in good condition.

Mr. W. I. Willis, the efficient custodian and treasurer of the assembly, lives with his wife in Pritchelle Hall and daily watches over the cottages.

It is expected next summer to use the professors in the School of Theology quite largely on the public program. They are as good as the best as popular lecturers.

Mrs. J. H. Dew, widow of the evangelist of beloved memory, has moved to Richmond, Va.

The December mountains are covered with a thousand rainbows. The groundhog has gone to his winter home. The squirrel is laying away his hoard of chestnuts and chestnuts and the chipmunk is storing up among the leaves. The snow is changing its many faces. It is a castle of ice. It is a snow, but all is for the hundred and progress are

still climbing the hills and burroughing the tunnels with their loads of human treasure and life.

It is lovingly proposed to change the name of FIDELIS HALL to MONNISH MEMORIAL HALL and to refinish and further ornament it. F. W. Monnish was most greatly admired and loved by all Ridgecresters and his life and martyrdom for law and truth should be honored among us. He gave most of the money toward the erection of Fidelis Hall and was a liberal giver to all Ridgecrest causes.

E. L. Hon, of DeLand, Florida, is to erect near Fidelis Hall toward his cottage a number of camp huts for boys, and inaugurate a memorial Boys camp in honor of his son who fell a martyr to democracy in France.

There is serious consideration of establishing at Ridgecrest a winter normal training school. Dr. A. E. Brown is enamored of the idea as a Southern Baptist affair.