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Grandfather Mtn. Now Boasts Commodious Visitor Center

Grandfather Mountain.—A new visitor center which combines natural stone 800,000 million years old with the very latest vinyl and polyester materials has just been opened atop this 6,000-foot high peak of the Blue Ridge Range. Built to withstand winds of 200 miles an hour, the building atop Grandfather Mountain contains meeting facilities capable of seating 200 people, snack bar, gift shop, restrooms and storage. An

observation deck has been put on the top of the building, and a specially designed flag pole has been erected. Because three Grandfather Mountain flag poles have been destroyed in the past four winters, the new pole has been hinged and can be lowered if winds higher than 125-miles an hour are expected. The new visitor center, which owner Hugh Morton says is the largest single construction project

in the development program at the mountain, has as its outside surface Grandfather Mountain stone, and native hemlock wainedged siding. A natural history museum will be added to the visitor center in the spring. The meeting area, called the Skyscraper Room, will be available to civic, fraternal and business groups who desire a daytime meeting place at a mountain top set-

ting. "We believe it is something that will be an asset to the whole region," Morton said. New heavy duty equipment for the U. S. Department of Commerce Weather Station will be installed atop the new facility. Weather instruments have been destroyed each winter since the station was established in 1953, but the new heavy duty instruments are believed adequate for the mountain top station. Native Grandfather stone forms one wall of the Skyscraper Room and the gift shop below. The floor of the meeting area is of oak, and all the steel beams are furred in surfwood. The entire building is wired for

Mountain City Editor Dies

Mountain City, Tenn., October 11.—Death claimed D. M. Spurgeon at his home here Saturday evening after many months of ill health resulting from a series of heart attacks. He was 58 years old, and had been a resident of Mountain City since 1943. He was editor and publisher of the Johnson County News, which later came to be known as the Tomahawk. He was a native of Clinton County, Ind. He was a member of the Mountain City Methodist Church and a Colonel on Governor Ellington's staff. He attended Purdue and Northwestern Universities and held BS and MA degrees. Funeral was held at the Methodist Church Tuesday and burial was in the Donnelly cemetery. Surviving are the widow, a son, Patrick, of Knoxville, and a daughter, Mrs. Palma Larkey of McLean, Va.

sound so that music can be provided, lounges are walled in cement enamel, snack bar fixtures are stainless steel and glass window panes are reinforced with wire. Designer of the new facilities was Charles C. Hartmann, Jr., of Greensboro. Hartmann, who also designed the Mile High Swinging Bridge on Grandfather Mountain, supervised construction, which was done by Brooks Lumber Company of Greensboro. Rock masonry was done by Hartley Brothers of Linville. Opened last week, the new visitor facilities will remain in operation until the close of the season at Grandfather Mountain on November 15. Formal dedication of the building will be made when the new museum is completed next spring. Visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. Aud Ward were Mrs. Lillie Coffey, Lenoir; Mrs. Dailie Turner, Hickory; Mr. Ellie Privett, Blowing Rock and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harwell of Hickory. In this past year there have been

BLOODMOBILE COMING OCTOBER 26

Lives Often Saved By Supply Of Blood At Local Hospital

By JOE McCLUNG (Recruitment Chairman) In discussion last week with Mrs. Virginia A. Groce, administrator of Watauga Hospital, a number of interesting and important cases were cited in the use of whole blood. Just recently a life was saved in Watauga Hospital when whole blood was administered to a patient who had received burns over 65% of the body, and by administering whole blood (four pints), a life was saved. Every day, even in routine surgery, I discovered from Mrs. Groce that whole blood plays an important part in any hospital. It is not unusual, as just recently a case was cited to me, for a patient to receive as much as five pints of blood. In this particular case, a patient needed 5 pints of a positive blood. This blood was on hand in our hospital and again blood proved to be an important factor at an important time in this particular patient's life.

two complete blood exchanges in two newborn children. Thus far this year, Watauga Hospital has used 151 pints of blood. This, however, is below average. Usually it would be much higher. I had the pleasure of seeing and having it explained to me by Mrs. Groce, how the blood is ordered, shipped, received, stored, and returned if not needed. Our census is a deciding factor as to the amount of blood ordered and kept on hand by the hospital. A shipment might consist of 12 pints of blood leaving Charlotte in a foil insulated box with divided partitions packed in ice in a plastic bag and double sealed. Arriving in Boone by bus, the blood is picked up by the hospital, taken immediately to the laboratory where it is stored under refrigeration. If at any time the temperature drops, a buzzer goes off, notifying those in charge that the blood must be transferred to proper refrigeration immediately. If this blood is not used in 21 days, then it is returned to the Charlotte Blood Center under refrigeration, where it is then made into plasma or other important derivatives of blood. Each shipment of blood is entered in a ledger incoming, the patient who used the blood, the date it was received by the patient, the type of blood used and the reaction, if any, to the patient. Accurate records are kept at all times on this blood so vital to life. If this blood is not used, the date the blood is returned to Charlotte Blood Center is then entered in the ledger also. A, O, and B type blood are kept on hand most of the time at the hospital. However, this month alone the hospital has had need for and has used 3 pints of AB positive. Blood can't be placed in value

of dollars or cents for a life alone can't be placed in the category either, and blood being a life-giving and life-saving substance, only on the importance of giving blood can the value be placed. Before Watauga Hospital became a member of the Red Cross Blood Program, we had a walking blood bank; people were typed and classified, and when blood was needed a person had to be called. Life and time were involved. This proved unsatisfactory. Now by belonging to the Piedmont Carolinas Blood Program, it is important not only for us, but to every other chapter to meet their quota so that our needs for Watauga County can be met at any time. Importance can not be stressed enough for participating in the Red Cross Program, for accidents, unforeseen needs and death can not be anticipated. So, let's remember October 26, and let's all give so someone may live. Cannon Hospital Given Approval Banner Elk—Dr. Lawson Tate, Director of Charles A. Cannon Jr. Memorial Hospital, announced today that the two million dollar hospital has been fully accredited. The Board of Commissioners of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals approved Charles A. Cannon Jr. Memorial Hospital as accredited for a period of three years. The hospital survey was conducted on August 7, by Dr. Arthur A. Magill, field representative, of the Commission. The last inspection was May 2, 1958, at which time Grace Hartley Memorial Hospital was approved for full accreditation.

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