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Opportunities In Western North Carolina

By Ed M. Anderson
Publisher

During the past 30 days I have done more than my share of traveling and while I enjoy it, there is nothing comparable to being at home among friends.

Travel, like the supply of commodities, is still more or less like it was in wartimes. Buses, trains, planes, hotels, restaurants and cabs are over-crowded; reservations are not easy to obtain and courtesy, like the pursuit of a permanent peace, is still in a selfish and nervous stage.

Since this is the first peacetime tourist season in five years, people everywhere in the nation are trying to go places, see things and do things.

Because of the pent-up income and the pent-up yearning for travel, it is most unfortunate that accommodations are not adequate, even here in this county and western North Carolina, to take care of the public demand.

Every one needs a vacation, needs a change and an opportunity to enjoy relaxation and recreation. This is especially true now that the pressure of the war years is over. But still there are difficulties in traveling and in finding adequate accommodations.

Consequently, I would strongly recommend that you spend your vacation this season driving through the mountains of western North Carolina and in seeing just what this great mountain region really has. After you've done that, you may want to see the eastern part of the state and enjoy the cool ocean breezes.

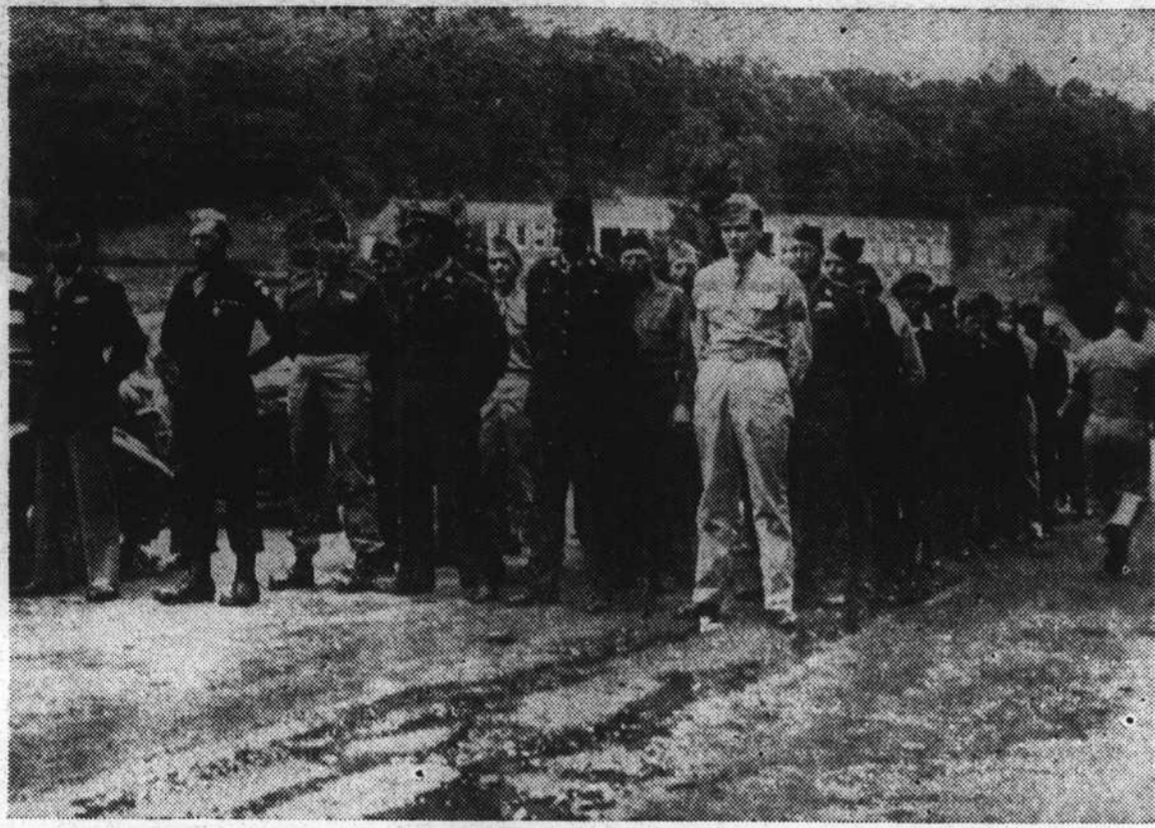
Even though you may have spent most of your life in this section, I know you will be pleasantly surprised at what you see from a tour of this great western part of the Tar Heel state, and that you will have even greater pride in the fact that you live in this favored region that has matchless scenery, an air-conditioned climate, abundant natural resources, streams that teem with fish, forests filled with a fairly good supply of game, beautiful mountain highways, thriving little cities and towns, nationally famed resorts, varied and prosperous industries, highly diversified agriculture and the finest people in the world.

Recently I spent a week in Colorado. It was my first visit in that great state where nature has performed miracles—where there are over 50 peaks that soar to the startling height of over 13,000 feet—where the timberline stops and snow covers the mountain tops the year round—where there is indescribable color in the sharp cliffs, gorges and canyons—where streams literally tumble and roar down the mountain-sides—where the sun shines brightly across the prairies and where there is not much waterfall. The scenery there is spectacular. One is almost bankrupt for words to describe it.

Since I returned I have been from Brevard to Asheville and from there to Marion, Little Switzerland and over the Parkway to Linville, Blowing Rock, Boone, West Jefferson, Sparta, Roaring Gap and back by North Wilkesboro, Morganton, Lake Lure, Hendersonville. Then I made a trip over highway 64 to Murphy by Lake Toxaway and beautiful Fairfield Inn, Highlands and Franklin. From Murphy I went to Hiwassee and Fontana Dams, through the Nantahala and Pisgah National forests, thence to the edge of the Cherokee Indian reservation, Sylva, Waynesville and Canton and Asheville. The occasion of this last trip was to attend a two-day press meeting and tour at Murphy. By reason of my work, I knew every section of western North Carolina except the southwest area and I was satisfied with this knowledge, but never in my life have I enjoyed visiting any section more than I did Murphy.

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Veterans Of World Wars I, II March In Parade



A section of the July 4 parade sponsored by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Ashe county.—(Staff Photo)

42 Enrolled In Farmer Training Program For Vets

Ralph B. Cheek And E. C. Minnich Are Supervisors For Alleghany

The Veteran's Farmer Training Program is well underway in Alleghany county, leaders pointed out this week with 42 ex-servicemen now enrolled.

The program, the purpose of which is to train men to be more proficient in farming work, is open to all veterans of World War II. The program is carried on under the Veteran's Administration with instructors from the vocational agricultural units of the various counties, it was pointed out.

Ralph B. Cheek, supervisor for the Sparta section, announced that 30 veterans were enrolled in the program here. Classes are held each Saturday morning from eight to twelve noon with Roy Ellison, James Graham, and Herbert Woodruff special instructors. A representative of the Veteran's Administration also visits the trainees from time to time.

E. C. Minnich, vocational agriculture teacher at Piney Creek, has twelve enrolled, it was announced. He is assisted by Dent Pugh.

Mr. Cheek pointed out that any (Continued on Page 8)

Decoration Day To Be Observed

The annual Decoration Day at Cranberry cemetery will be observed on Sunday, July 21, it was announced this week.

The program will begin at 10:30 with a brief service in the cemetery. The graves will be decorated at this time.

At 11:00 o'clock Eld. S. G. Cautill will conduct the preaching service.

President Truman Signs Draft Bill



President Truman signs the draft extension bill, extending the draft for nine months and permitting the induction of childless married men in the 19-44 age bracket. Witnessing the signing of the bill are, left to right, Brig. Gen. C. S. Dargusch, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, and Col. Louis Renfrow.

Total Receipts Of Roaring Gap Curb Market Amounts To \$800.00 First Three Weeks

Fresh Vegetables And Fruits Are Much In Demand By Colonists

The curb market at Roaring Gap under the sponsorship of the Home Demonstration clubs of the county, is off to a good start, Mrs. Isom Wagoner, home agent and supervisor of the market, announced this week with total receipts amounting to \$800.00 since the opening day on June 21.

Mrs. Wagoner pointed out that Friday was always the biggest day for the market, but that much food was sold on Tuesday. The market has been open only six days this season.

All fresh vegetables, such as beans, peas, potatoes, onions, beets, carrots, squash, lettuce and cabbage, are in great demand, she explained. Many berries have also been sold.

Chicken constitutes the chief meat on the market with much butter, eggs, and cheese also sold. Jams and jellies, as well as cakes are much in demand but due to the scarcity of sugar, they are not prevalent on the market. Flowers are an excellent item, she explained.

"I am very much pleased with the excellent start that has been made and feel sure that we will have the biggest year since the beginning of the market," Mrs. Wagoner said.

GROUP TO LEAVE SUN. FOR CAROLINA BEACH

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Mrs. Edwin Duncan, and Mrs. C. A. Miles will leave Sunday for Carolina Beach where they will spend a week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson.

Final Rites Are Held For Shelly Moxley July 5

Former Alleghany Resident Killed In Gun Battle At Robbins

Funeral services for Shelly Wayne Moxley, 46, Chief of Police of Robbins and former resident of Alleghany county, was held July 5 at the high school auditorium with Rev. G. R. Blackburn, pastor of the Robbins Baptist church; J. E. Ratchford, pastor of the Robbins Presbyterian church; C. S. Saunders, pastor of the Holiness church at Robbins and C. D. Rutland, of Broadway, a friend and former pastor of the deceased, officiating. Interment followed in the Pine Rest cemetery.

Chief Moxley was the second victim to meet death as a result of a hot gun battle in a tiny Robbins grocery store on the evening of July 1. The shooting was between Moxley and Bascom Brown, 25-year old veteran of World War II, who was killed instantly in the affray.

Chief Moxley was born in Alleghany county on March 17, 1900, the son of John C. and Ellen Moxley. He was a veteran (Continued on Page 8)

Reunion Held At Piney Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Brown served dinner to over one hundred guests on Sunday at their home in Piney Creek. The entire family of ten children and seven grandchildren were united for the first time in ten years.

Guests present were: the children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Delp and children, of Rising Sun, Maryland; Miss Velma Brown, of Baltimore, Maryland; Russell Brown of the U. S. Navy, stationed in Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Delp, Mr. and Mrs. Osco Church, and children, Stratford; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brown and daughter, Sparta; Misses Eva, Marie, and Louise and Colonel Brown of Piney Creek.

Other guests were: Mrs. Brown's aged father, Mr. I. N. Hudler, of West Jefferson; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gambill, Dale Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McMillan, all of Crumpler; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Delp, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wyatt, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Perry and children, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Halsey and son, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parlier, and children, Mr. and Mrs. Linville Blevins and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Delp and children, Rev. and (Continued on Page 8)

Building Boom In Sparta Continues Despite Shortages

Erection Of New School Building And Milk Plant Held Up For Short While

The building boom continues in Sparta, despite the scarcity of materials, and a number of new business houses are expected to be opened within the near future.

Plans are underway for the constructions of other buildings as soon as more materials, are available. The erection of a new school building at Sparta, the Coble Dairy milk receiving station here and a number of residences, are held up only by the lack of materials.

The warehouse and store building back of the Farmer's Hardware, as well as the new garage building on the site of the former Four Oaks Tavern, are expected to be completed soon. An addition to the Irwin Motor Company is also under construction. On Highway 18 on the Laurel Spring Road, a new garage building owned by Wayne Hoppers is also under construction.

A group of cabins was recently completed at the Cool Springs Tourist Home, formerly known as The Rock House on the Twin Oaks mountain and the group of dwelling houses owned by Johnson Wyatt are expected to be completed in the near future.

Plans Are Made For Flower Show

Will Be Held Later Part Of August; Sponsored By Woman's Club

Plans for the annual flower show under the sponsorship of the Sparta Woman's Club will be completed at a meeting of the club at the community building early in August, Mrs. R. F. Crouse, president, announced this week.

The exhibit, it is understood, will be open to everyone, both club members and any others interested in flower arrangement. Classes for the exhibit will be announced later.

The show last year was an outstanding success and plans are underway for an even bigger show this year.

Mrs. Crouse urged that all members of the club be present (Continued On Page 4)

Sparta C. Of C. To Meet Friday

The July meeting of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday night at eight o'clock at the community building, members were reminded this week.

A number of business matters will be taken up and reports from committees will be heard. Bob Allison, chairman of the entertainment committee, pointed out that some definite programs would be discussed.

Dinner will be served by the Sparta Woman's Club.

Sit-Down Strike Protesting FHA



Protesting FHA priority policies in behalf of war vets like himself, 22-year-old Jack McElhose, former air forces lieutenant, on sit-down strike in the FHA offices in Los Angeles. The young contractor, who began his strike when told that all priorities for veterans had already been issued, slept on the floor during the night. Shown feeding him is his sister, Mrs. Gertrude Mather.

REJOINS ARMY AT 61



Harry F. Grove, 61, a rural mail carrier of Larned, Kan., is shown after passing his physical examination to re-entire the army as a private. He saw service in World War I and was discharged with the rank of captain in 1920.

Bank Deposits Of Northwestern Over \$30,000,000.

Increase Of \$8,000,000. Over Last Year, According To June 29 Statement

The Northwestern Bank now has deposits over thirty million dollars as shown by the statement at the close of business on June 29 of this year, an increase of eight million dollars over last year.

The Northwestern Banks, which in addition to the Sparta bank, has branches at Jefferson, Blowing Rock, Taylorsville, Valdeese, Burnsville, Black Mountain, Spruce Pine, Bakersville, Old Fort, Boone, and Newton, with North Wilkesboro the home office, listed its total resources on July 29 this year at \$31,437,437.64, which is an increase of \$8,550,021.15 over the June 30 total of \$22,887,235.49 in 1945.

Deposits of the banks between January 1 and June 30 this year rose from \$26,769,651.02 to \$30,076,567.52, an increase of \$3,306,916.50.

The total resources of the bank has increased more than three and one-half million dollars during the past six months, it was pointed out.

A new branch at Hickory was added recently, it was announced.

TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, will speak Sunday at 8:30 a.m. (e.s.t.) over stations WSOC, Charlotte and WSJS, Winston-Salem on the Baptist hour. His subject will be "Christian Strategy for World Conquest."

County Schools Opening Date Set For August 26

Central Schools Still Short Of Teachers, Miss Fields States

August 26 has been set as the tentative date for the opening of schools in Alleghany county, Miss Clyde Fields, superintendent of schools, announced this week.

It was pointed out that several teachers were still needed before that time.

It is understood that George VanHoy has accepted the principalship of Piney Creek high school while no definite announcement has been made of the successor of C. R. Roe who resigned after sixteen years as principal of Sparta high school.

Miss Fields said that there were still some teaching positions to be filled in the central schools as well as in the small schools throughout the county.

Painting and repair work is now going on in several of the schools and others will be put in readiness as soon as workmen can be secured for the jobs, Miss Fields said.

At a joint meeting of the Alleghany County Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners last week the annual settlement was made and the budget for the coming year was set up.

Applications for the teaching positions have been placed in the hand of the various school boards for consideration, Miss Fields stated, and it is expected that the teachers for the coming school year will be announced at an early date.

Chatham To Be Speaker Sunday

To Give Address At 13th Annual Royal-Miles-Brooks Reunion

Thurmond Chatham, of Winston-Salem, will deliver the principal address of the day at the thirteenth annual Royal-Miles-Brooks reunion which will be held on Sunday, July 21, at the home of George M. Royal, one mile south of Roaring Gap post office just off U. S. Highway 21, it was announced this week.

A decoration service will be held at the family cemetery at 10:00 a. m., and will be followed by a preaching service at 11:00 a. m. The address will be delivered by Mr. Chatham at 12 noon.

It was pointed out that all service men are extended a special invitation to attend the reunion and that they are asked to wear their uniforms. If they do not have uniforms, they are asked to wear their service caps.

Dinner will be served on the grounds at 1:00 p. m. The general public is invited to attend and to bring a basket lunch.

Fender Reunion Held On Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fender held a family reunion at their home at Whitehead, Sunday, when all the family were together for the first time in seven years. Lunch was served on the lawn.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Fender and children, Stratford; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fender and children, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Irwin and son, Cambria, Va.; Mrs. Ethel Fender and children, Sparta; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrison and daughter, of Ennice and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fender, of the home.

Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fender, Whitehead; Eugene Fender, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grayson, of Whitehead.

State Alumni Meet On Scenic

The northwestern division of the N. C. State College Alumni Association met at Bluff Park last Monday night with about sixty members and their wives and friends present.

Following the picnic lunch served at the park, the group went to Laurel Springs school where a picture of the State-Duke football game was shown.