

# Prehistoric Forest Found

The National Geographic Society has uncovered the remains of a great prehistoric forest while excavating the site for its new headquarters building in Washington, D. C. The Society has sent expeditions across the globe, up to the stratosphere, and down to the ocean bottom, only to find a geological treasure trove literally in its own back yard. Power shovels have unearthed remains of a grove of giant bald cypresses that grew in a dank Ice Age swamp. The trees are at least 100,000 and possibly 500,000 years old. Many stumps were still standing upright. Logs Well Preserved The cypress logs have been preserved amazingly well in the peaty clay of the swamp. Not petrified, the reddish wood appears to be merely waterlogged. It becomes harder and very lightweight when dried. Curiously, living examples of the same trees stand only a few blocks away in Lafayette Park. The present-day tree with its buttressed trunk and light-green feathery foliage belongs to the same species that thrived in the prehistoric swamp. The park's trees were planted since the bald cypress does not

grow naturally within Washington. During the Pleistocene, or Ice Age, however, bald cypresses were common from what is now Alabama to New Jersey. The swamp beneath the Geographic Building is part of an extensive bog explored in 1922 during excavations for the Walker (now Mayflower) Hotel. It is known locally as the Mayflower swamp. Soon the ancient swamp will disappear again beneath a monumental building designed by architect Edward Durrell Stone. The structure will have wide, overhanging eaves for comfort and for handsome shadow pattern. Structural materials include marble, granite, glass, steel, concrete, and masonry. The building will cost about seven million dollars. Excavations for this and the multitude of other new offices in midtown Washington are providing a field day for geologists. The deep pits for modern underground parking are exposing aspects of the city's geologic history that lay inaccessible for many years beneath concrete. Billion-Year-Old Rocks The oldest rocks in the District of Columbia date from almost a billion and a half years to Pre-Cambrian times. But the most

prominent and controversial topographical features in Washington are extensive terraces which were formed much more recently. The terraces ascend like wide, gently sloping steps from the low flats along the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. The Pentagon and Jefferson Memorial stand on the first terrace. The Washington Monument is on the second (though the mound it surmounts is artificial). The White House is on the third. The Capitol rises on the fourth. And the Lee Mansion in Virginia is on the fifth. The Washington Cathedral rests on a sixth level called the Lafayette Plateau. The various levels were created during the Pleistocene when great sheets of ice covered the northern part of the continent. The glaciers did not reach the District of Columbia, but indirectly affected its topography.

## Businesses Keep Varied Hours

Housewives who like to do their summer shopping early can find stores in several areas of North Carolina opening their doors for business before 7 o'clock each morning—and with two or three rural communities beginning the retail day as early as 5:30. Stores open four hours later, at 9:30, in Asheville, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, High Point, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem. A total of 171 communities participated in the survey, according to Thompson Greenwood, executive vice president of the N. C. Merchants Association. "With stores in North Carolina apparently open to the public an average of better than 50 hours each week—compared with about 25 hours for banks and 40 hours for offices and most other places of business—there seems to be little reason or excuse for retail establishments in this State to open their doors on the Sabbath," said Greenwood. He said that a majority of the stores in 142 of the cities taking a part in the study close their doors at least one afternoon each week during the summer months. Many of them have at least one afternoon closing the year around. Although Wednesday predominates as the day for afternoon off, Tuesday and Thursday are followed in some communities. Despite the fact that many of the stores in the larger cities are open at night each week, the survey indicates that approximately 90 per cent of the stores in North Carolina are closed by 6 o'clock. Most stores open their doors mornings no later than 9 o'clock.

## National Better Breakfast Month

How are the breakfast eating habits in your family? It is suggested to start today during September Better Breakfast Month to provide the family with an adequate morning meal. Believe it or not, many Tar Heels eat no breakfast. This affects their future health and well being. It is hard to get the nutrients needed during the day, for health and fitness, without eating breakfast. For many people, and particularly for children, it is sound planning to have one-fourth to one-third of the day's food at breakfast and to include good sources of protein, such as eggs, lean meat, or milk. Contrary to popular opinion eating breakfast does not tend to cause overweight if foods are properly chosen. An egg for breakfast helps provide part of the day's food needs, especially high quality protein which may not be obtained at other meals. Try eggs on "Devised Ham Muffins" for a special breakfast treat.

- 2 English muffins
- 1 can (2 1/4 oz.) deviled ham
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon grated onion (may be omitted)
- 3 eggs
- dash salt
- dash paprika
- 3 tablespoons milk
- Split English muffins in half. Toast, spread with deviled ham and keep warm while scrambling eggs. Melt butter or margarine in a skillet. Toss in grated onion and cook a minute or two. Beat eggs in a little bowl along with salt, paprika, milk. Pour into butter-onion mixture and cook over low heat until eggs begin to set. At this point

stir with a fork until eggs are scrambled but still moist. Spoon on top of hot muffins.

## 4-H Club News

By JAMES E. GOFF Assistant County Agricultural Agent

The Exum Community held an organizational meeting for a 4-H Club at their community house building. Due to sickness in the community there were not a large number of boys and girls present. It was the feeling of those present that another meeting on September 25 at 4 o'clock would be in order to get the other boys and girls together to organize a 4-H Club. The various communities of the county are now having their drives to raise funds for the 4-H Development Fund. After a very successful kick-off campaign meeting of September 15 everyone is in hopes that the county goal will be acquired. Robert Wood of the state office was the main speaker at the meeting. He explained the purpose and goals of the 4-H Development Fund. Wilton Harrelson and Aubrey Johnson of Shallotte sponsored a chicken barbeque supper for those attending the meeting.

## By CHARLES ALAN RUSS

I was awarded a scholarship to Wildlife Camp at Camp Millstone in Richmond County August 7-12. At camp we had classes on things such as conservation in general, soil conservation, and wildlife conservation. Every morning we met and discussed the days activities and in the evening we had vespers. On one afternoon we had a firearms

# Tobacco Market Closes Sept. 26

The Whiteville Tobacco Board of Trade announces that the local market will close after sales Tuesday, Sept. 26.

With the closing of the 51st consecutive season of tobacco selling in Whiteville, the market has set records since it first opened and each selling day, through closing time, new records will be placed on the books. Most observers put the total weight of tobacco sold this year at nearly 35 million pounds, two million off the pace of last year's sales but even with a drop in poundage already a new high average with the total money of last year being surpassed.

Through last Friday's sales the Whiteville market sold 32,812,774 pounds for \$21,305,618, two million pounds and \$2 million more than sales to date last year. The government has received only 2.75 per cent of sales or 902,445 pounds this year which is well below the percentage received at this same comparable 1950 date. According to George Gold, sales supervisor, FC purchase last year was running nearly a full percentage point above

the 2.75 that has been recorded for the 1961 season. The local market had its only one-million-pound sales date last week and that was recorded Monday when 1,019,610 pounds were purchased by the buying companies for a \$68.31 average. As the week progressed poundage fell off but all four days recorded better than a \$64 per hundred average.

## BUILD NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Vercout of Valdese have started construction of a two-story frame home at Howell's Point. It will serve the upstate people as a summer home. Vercout is connected with a hosiery mill located in Valdese.

## Strange Sight Was Seen In Hurricane

With hurricane Esther boiling along the Atlantic coast the experience of a Southport man—who shall be nameless—during Hurricane Helene, being both frightening and humorous, is hereby aired. The man was overheard telling of being at Wilmington during the Big Wind of three years ago. Seems he had gone to a window and looked out, just in time to see a great cypress tree fall to the ground, in direction away from his refuge.

"I thought the tree was standing still," remarked the Southporter, "and that the house was floating away. In spite of the company, I screamed out loud!"

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## MONTANA

One of the first things you will notice when you visit Helena, the State Capitol is the information booth located in the rotunda. It is staffed with two guides in summer, and there are guided tours at frequent intervals. One of the highlights of the tour is Charles M. Russell's masterpiece, a huge mural in the chambers of the House of Representatives glorifying the Lewis and Clark expedition. On the grounds are the State Museum, Russell Gallery and State Historical Library. Helena is built on the site of the "Last Chance Gulch" mining camp and old diggings can still be seen on occasion in the neighborhood.

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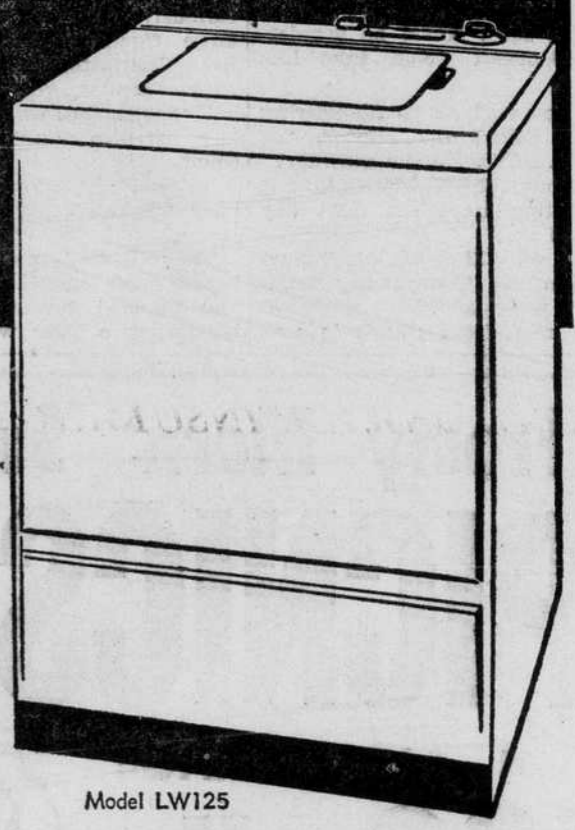
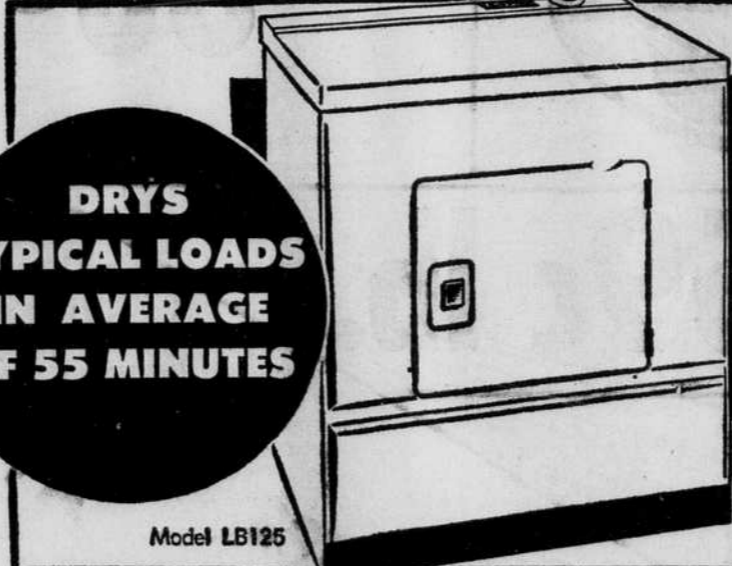
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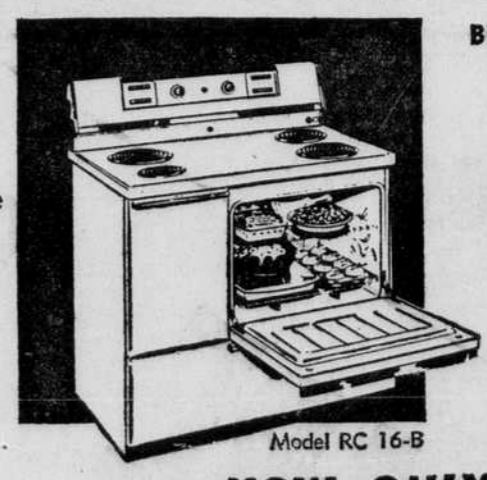
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