

Spectacular Pisgah National Forest Attracts Three And One Half Million

Cradle Of American Forestry Is Open

By - Staff Writer

Three and a half million travelers in the last year indicate that the Pisgah National Forest is one of Transylvania's finest attractions.

Ranger Jim Wells has reported that camp sites have been filled since May and picnickers have been flocking to the Pisgah.

Just three miles east of Brevard the entrance leads down a paved road which winds through fine hardwoods and lush mountain vegetation to delightful vacation spots.

Sliding Rock attracts many enthusiasts who enjoy the excitement of slippery slides down the 45 degree angle rock into the bubbling waters of the Looking Glass Creek. Brave souls careen down the slide in soaking jeans, water-logged tennis shoes squealing as they go. The slide is rough on bare skin so sliding experts advise protective logs.

Much of the road into the forest is bordered by Looking Glass creek, and the 85-foot falls some three miles from the entrance is a "must" for the "shutter bug."

Pisgah, spreading over the flanks of the Blue Ridge and parts of the Appalachian Mountain ranges is a museum of various types of vegetation from Canadian Spruce to blooming rhododendron.

Named for the biblical Mount Pisgah, the forest is named the "Cradle of American Forestry" because the first forestry school was started there in 1899 by Dr. C. A. Schenck.

In recent months, a 10-year program was begun to restore the "Cradle" to its historical state.

In addition to the rebuilt school house and new Visitor Center, the Forest Service has restored the Hiram King House, rebuilt a commissary, student quarters, blacksmith shop and moved one of the original Black Forest Ranger lodges to the Pink Beds location.

A pedestrian tunnel is being constructed under the highway to connect the complex of buildings.

Cherokee Indians once roamed the forests and believed that spirits lived in the trees, rocks and mountains. "Devil's Courthouse," a towering, massive ledge of rock was believed by the Indians to be a place of judgment for the cowardly and wicked. Legend has it that a silver vein lies beneath the rock. From a scenic overlook from the Blue Ridge parkway, visitors may catch a spectacular glimpse of the fabled rock.

Pisgah National Forest is interlaced by over 200 miles of woodland trails, open to hikers and horseback riders. The Ranger Station is equipped with maps of the forest.

Off the beaten path the adventurer can find immense "Shining Rock," a huge mound of Whiteside Granite. In the winter when moisture freezes on the rock's side, it gleams like a neon light, giving the rock its name.

Huckleberries grow in the wild setting at the foot of the old granite rock, formed over 250 thousand years ago as a volcanic batholith, an underground storage well of magma which solidified into an igneous rock.

The blooms of the flowers and bushes paint the forest throughout the summer. Five varieties of blooming rhododendron explode in beauty in colors ranging from white, pink, to deep purple.

In 1942 a stray spark set fire to acres of timberland in the forest, leveling many of the best trees. Now rhododendron coats this "graveyard" area. Fires most serious damage is not to trees, which will grow back, but



HIGH ATOP the Pisgah National Forest is the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway. The entrance at Waggoner Road Gap is pictured above. (Photo by Austin)



THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS of summer visitors and campers come to Transylvania each year to admire the many majestic mountain peaks. A scenic view made in the beautiful Pisgah National Forest is noted above.

Brevard Jaycees Attend Pisgah Forest National Meet, Baltimore Club Meets Friday Night

Among Western North Carolina Jaycees and their wives attending the 47th annual convention of the United States Jay-

cees in the Baltimore civic center, June 25th through June 29th, were John Ford, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Huggins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. John K. Smart, Jr., all of the Brevard club.

More than 10,000 Jaycees participated in the convention sessions which were highlighted by the election of the new U. S. Jaycee president and ten national vice presidents. The delegates also considered resolutions and policies affecting the young man's civic organization's 300,000 members.

This will be an important meeting as plans will be made for the "Miss Universe" contest sponsored by the club.

All interested persons are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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Whitewater Picnic Is Slated At Sapphire On Wednesday, July 26

By - Hester Hansen

SAPPHIRE - WHITEWATER —The date for next week's business meeting at the Sapphire-Whitewater Community Club will be posted at the Community Center and Sapphire Post Office.

Watch for it, and attend this final planning meeting for the Whitewater Picnic to be held at the Community Center on Wednesday, July 26th. This will be a noon basket picnic with entertainment in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Don Batson had a birthday party for Miss Jean McNeely on Sunday evening, June 25th, with the Walter

McNeely family.

Mrs. Betty Blair and Mrs. Maryjo Batson are assisting at the Daily Vacation Bible at Rosman Methodist church.

Mrs. Thomas E. Willis will assist our librarian each Thursday afternoon starting next week.

Jean and Gail McNeely and Susan Pate are attending Girl Scout camp this week.

Wallace Brewer visited with Tom S. Mallonee, representative for U. S. 11th District Congressman Roy A. Taylor, at the County Court House in Brevard Friday afternoon.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Lusk and children were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thomas, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Thomas, Jr. of Bakersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Guthrie of Englewood, Florida, are spending the summer in Fern Park Cottage on Whitewater Road.

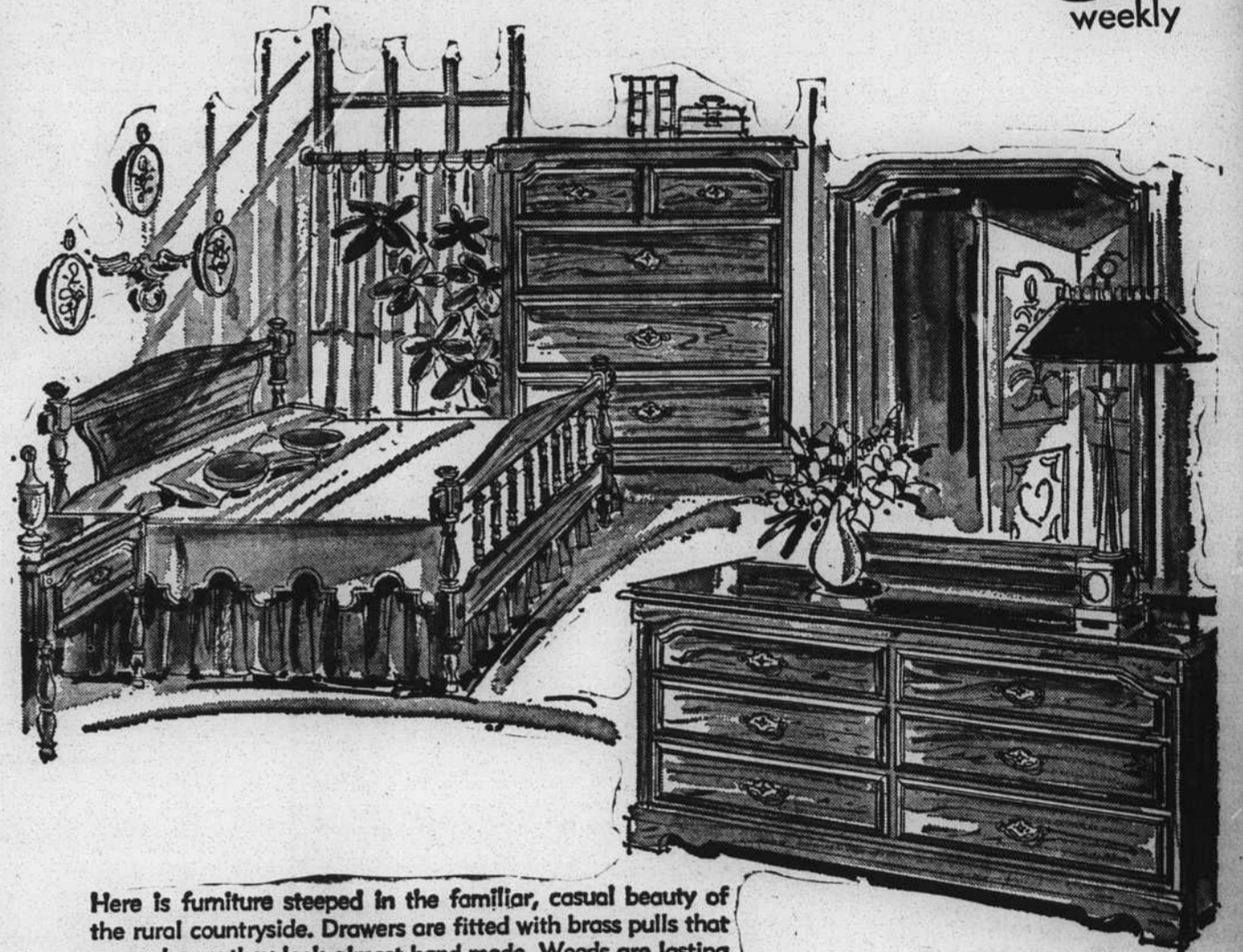
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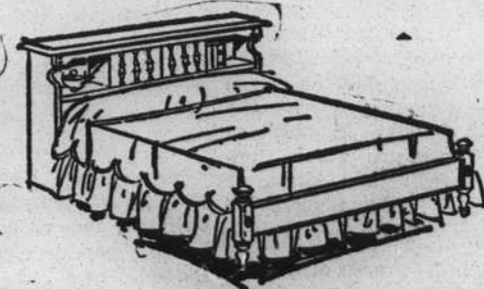


Here is furniture steeped in the familiar, casual beauty of the rural countryside. Drawers are fitted with brass pulls that are so heavy they look almost hand-made. Woods are lasting oak finished warm brown with the deeper brown of the grain showing through. This is an open-stock collection. We've suggested a group, but you can put together countless combinations—all at modest prices. Come soon.

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