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### The Appalachian Trail Clubs

**T**HE Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, representing a distinguished group of professional people—teachers, writers, doctors, lawyers, musicians, naturalists and others—came to Franklin over the week-end to make the trek over a section of the Appalachian Trail that passes along the crest of the Nantahala mountains.

Every summer witnesses an increasing number of hikers to the Nantahalas from every section of the country. Appalachian Trail Clubs are organized from north to south "for those who seek fellowship with the wilderness" and whose purpose is to conduct frequent outings and hikes, encouraging people everywhere to seek wholesome recreation through camping and trekking in the beautiful spots of mountains, woods and streams afforded, especially along the Appalachian Trail, and to promote their conservation. This Trail has been mapped from Mount Katahdin in Maine to Mount Oglethorpe in Georgia, embracing the whole length of Appalachia, with many side hikes along the way. In Macon county the Trail follows part of the old Cherokee Indian Trail, leading over Wayah and through Wallace Gap.

It is the ambition of many Appalachian Trailers to trek the entire distance from north to south through succeeding vacations. Thus we are welcoming not only those members of clubs from neighboring states, but all the way from New England. During the past week a party of hikers from New Hampshire and Massachusetts came to cover the Nantahala part of the Appalachian Trail. All praise the hospitable camp grounds and other aids of the forest service, and express enthusiasm over the rare beauty of mountains and streams, birds and trees and flowers that delight the nature lover.

It means much for our part of the mountains to entertain those who seek and find all the beauty that awaits them in the Nantahalas.

### An Undertaking of Great Value

**T**HE WPA project to copy and cross index the records of marriages and births in Macon county, which was started this week, is an undertaking of the highest value, and it is hoped that all citizens interested will cooperate in every way possible in enabling the workers to get the information necessary to complete these vital statistics.

The files containing marriage certificates go back to 1829 and are fairly complete, though some of the older ones are hard to decipher; but the birth records, which were started in 1913, are far from accurate on account of missing names, wrong dates and other errors. These errors can only be corrected by securing the necessary information from those most interested.

Time was when exact information as to the dates of marriages and births was a matter of small moment. In the early days entries in the family Bible were always made, and were considered sufficient proof in any case. But at the present time the custom of keeping records in the Bible has been almost discontinued, and it is necessary to rely on information obtained from the county courthouse.

The calls for birth records are becoming more numerous every day. Civil service examinations, applications for government and state work, for driver's license, for passports to travel in other countries, and many other forms all call for copies of certificates showing place and date of birth. Also those applying for old age assistance must be able to establish their claims by some record of birth or

### Kennedy Presented at Court



Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, wife of the American ambassador to London, with two of their daughters whom she presented with five other debutantes to the king and queen at Buckingham palace at the first court of the season recently. Left to right, Miss Kathleen Kennedy, Rosemary Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy.

### Six From Macon Get B. S. At Cullowhee

Among the 93 students who received B. S. degrees at W. C. T. C. at Cullowhee Tuesday, June 7, six were Macon county people. They are as follows:

Jesse Amanda Ramsey, Lola Kingzetta Ramsey, Elizabeth Deal Higdon, Mattie Mae Wilkes, Mayme Gertrude Moses and Lucy Cabe Bradley.

### Quarterly Meeting At Dryman's Chapel

Rev. W. A. Rollins, presiding elder of the Waynesville district, will hold the third quarterly conference of the Macon circuit at Dryman's Chapel on the third Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All officials of the charge are urged to be present.

Mother—"I don't believe you are trying very hard in school."

Johnnie—"Yes, I am. Teacher says I am the most trying boy in the class."

### Church Services

**Franklin Methodist Church**  
The Rev. J. E. Abernethy, Pastor  
(Each Sunday)  
10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Worship services.

**Macon Circuit**  
Rev. J. C. Swain, Pastor  
1st Sunday—Union 11 o'clock a. m.; Hickory Knoll, 2 o'clock p. m.; Asbury, 3 o'clock p. m.  
2nd Sunday—Mt. Zion, 11 o'clock; Maiden's Chapel, 3 o'clock p. m.  
3rd Sunday—Asbury, 11 o'clock a. m.; Mulberry, 2 o'clock p. m.; Dryman's Chapel, 3 o'clock p. m.; Union, 7:30 o'clock p. m.  
4th Sunday—Patton's 11 o'clock a. m.; Maiden's Chapel, 2 o'clock p. m.; Mt. Zion, 7:30 o'clock p. m.

**Baptist Church**  
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.  
7 p. m.—B. T. U.

**St. Agnes Episcopal Church**  
The Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector  
11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.

**Presbyterian Church**  
Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor  
Franklin—(Each Sunday)  
10 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11 a. m.—Worship services.  
Morrison—(Each Sunday)  
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.  
(Each 2nd and 4th Sunday)  
3:30 p. m.—Worship services.

**Catholic Church**  
Father Howard V. Lane, of Waynesville, will conduct services for members of the Catholic faith in Franklin as follows:  
Morning Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of each month in the American Legion hall on Main street, at 8 a. m.  
Instructions for the children on the first and third Mondays at 4:15 p. m.  
All are welcome to attend these services.

### Fresh Flounders in Trees



Belmar, N. J.—It's big business that Lester McDaniels, left, and Bill Martin are carrying on as Mrs. Mildred Winward patronizes these enterprising Monmouth county, N. J., youths who display their fresh flounders in a tree. And it is 10 per cent profit for at this season a fellow can catch this species here about as fast as he can lift them from the bottom of the nearby bay and river.

marriage, or by the evidence of neighbors or friends.

The marriage records of the county are on file, but are not in order, and could not be kept in order under the old system, therefore the cross index and permanent records now being prepared will be of invaluable service to the public.

It is a splendid work, and will probably be more valuable fifty years from now than at the present time.

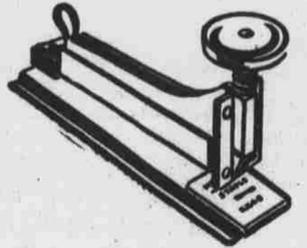
### "But We Didn't Give Up"

Sometimes in this day of relief, pensions, and increasing demands from every side for government help, it seems that the fine traditional American qualities of sturdy self-reliance and grit are vanishing. But they still exist, perhaps in as large proportion as ever. Here's a bit of testimony on the point from The Progressive Farmer:

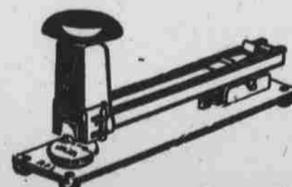
"Yes, I had a pretty good-sized farm and was doing right well, I thought, before the big depression hit us about 1932," said a friend in our office. "Then I lost the place and about everything I had saved in 30 years of work. But we didn't give up. My wife and I started life over again on a 40-acre tract. And we are climbing back. We are making a living and keeping our faith in the future."

"There are thousands and thousands of just such folks on Southern farms. To all of them we take off our hats. They are the salt of the earth. No matter what sort of trouble comes, the individual, the family, the country, or the section that can say afterwards, 'But we didn't give up,' is the one that triumphs in the end. Confederate soldiers were able to say it in the years after Appomattox. Their sons and grandsons still say it, no matter what fate offers them."

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