

## WAYAH ONE OF HIGHEST POINTS

Splendid View Attracts Many Visitors To Byrne Tower

Wayah Bald, one of the highest points in the picturesque Nantahala Mountains, overlooks an ever changing panorama of rugged peaks, broad valleys, and vast timber lands. This mountain peak has long been used by the Nantahala National Forest as a strategic point in its fire detection system. Here the towerman keeps his lonely vigil for the faint puff of smoke which often spells destruction for timberland and countless numbers of wild life. The ever increasing number of visitors to this point and the need for a more modern fire tower resulted in the construction of the massive stone observation tower dedicated to the memory of John Byrne, a former supervisor. From the observation platform, Wine Spring Bald, Burningtown Bald, Tellico Bald, and the ever impressive Great Smoky Mountains are visible, while at our feet lies the farm dotted valley of the Tennessee River. Miles upon miles of mountain ridges and peaks in ever changing colors make this point a popular place for an hour's meditation.

Wayah Bald is easily accessible at any time of the year by following U. S. Route 23 to Franklin and then U. S. Route 64 to the Wayah motor road. This all-weather road leads directly to the tower, and at any season of the year, whether it be spring, summer, fall, or winter, a trip to Wayah Bald is always worth the time.

### Campers All Enjoy Van Hook Glade

Located on Highway U. S. 64 between Highlands and Franklin is the delightful Van Hook Glade camping ground. This area's main use is camping, and here many beautiful camp units have been built. Whether the visitor be in an elaborate trailer or his camping equipment consists of a tent, ample room is provided, so that his enjoyment of "camping out" in this pine grove will always be a happy memory. Van Hook Glade has been built in one of the most beautiful white pine groves to be found in the Nantahala Forest and it is one of the finest places to establish a base camp. From here many beautiful and very interesting places can be visited. Many hours can be

spent in watching the ever changing beauty of the Cullasaja Gorge. Just a mile beyond the entrance to Van Hook Glade is Dry Falls, a U. S. Forest Service development which provides the interesting experience of walking behind the waterfalls. Farther up the road from here is the Bridal Veil Falls. The highway goes behind the veil of water which always brings a thrill to the motorist.

Approximately six miles from the camping base at Van Hook Glade is Highlands, N. C. This is the highest incorporated town in the eastern half of the United States. Many very beautiful summer homes and a golf course are to be seen and on many of the roads leading from the city an unusual panorama of mountains unfolds before the motorist.

Back of Van Hook Glade is a new development which offers to the camper a place for aquatic sports, called Cliffs Lake. Van Hook Glade is indeed a strategic point for a party of campers, a beautiful place for relaxation and rest. Keep it beautiful by being careful with fire. This area is being managed and maintained by the U. S. Forest Service. It is your forest, and fire is your loss.

### Germination Of Vetch Seed Should Be Tested

Seed with more than 13 per cent moisture are susceptible to damage if stored for any length of time, warns A. D. Stuart, seed specialist of State College. "We have had reports that vetch seed imported into the United States this year contained from 12 to 15 per cent moisture at the time it came into the country," Stuart said.

"North Carolina farmers are warned to investigate the germination of all vetch seed before they buy," he continued. "Be sure that the vetch seed you buy carries a tag showing a recent germination test. You will be wise to apply this same scrutiny to all seed purchased, because poor germinating seed are a profitless purchase."

Stuart is secretary of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, which certifies pure seed and labels it with a blue tag to show that it is true to its variety and that it has passed strict germination tests. Although no vetch seed were certified by the association this year or in 1938, a total of 166,078 bushels of seed from other crops were available for distribution with the guarantee that they were pure and free from excessive moisture.

These include 13,806 bushels of wheat, 39,120 bushels of oats, 6,386 bushels of barley, 5,641 bushels of

### A Party of Visitors on Wayah Crest



Southern Region, U. S. Forest Photo

### Picnic Party at Van Hook Glade



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rye, 65,062 bushels of cotton, 17,895 bushels of corn, 15,900 bushels of sweet potatoes, 1,680 bushels of lespedeza, 370 bushels of soybeans, 175 bushels of Irish potatoes, 43 pounds of tobacco, and 122,000 strawberry plants.

There were 295 individual growers of certified seed last year, Stuart reported.

#### NEW FERTILIZER

M. L. White and C. W. Askey of Mt. Oliver, Bertie County, have each applied 100 pounds of magnesium sulphate to an acre of cotton to test the effect of the material on the crop, says R. D. Smith, assistant county agent.

#### PROMOTE LIVESTOCK

The Edgecombe Livestock Association has provided \$700 to be used by 4-H club boys of the county for the purchase of pure bred breeding stock or feeder steers. Club members to receive aid from this fund will be selected by the county agent and assistant agent.

#### GOOD CURES

Tobacco being cured in Wilson County is carrying an excellent color and shows high quality, reports J. A. Marsh, assistant agent. Prospects are fine also for a bumper crop of corn. Boll weevil is plentiful in all cotton fields.

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