

Hikers
From Cincinnati Spend Week In Area

Nine members of the Cincinnati Hikers club, made up of business and professional people of Cincinnati, have been spending a week in this region.

The party, which stopped for the third consecutive summer at Buck Creek Ranch, visited Whiteside, Standing Indian, and Wayah Bald mountains and other points of interest in this vicinity.

Father's Day was first celebrated in the U. S. in Spokane, Washington, in 1910.

MACON THEATRE

MATINEES: Friday, 3:00; Saturday, 12:00; Sunday, 2:30
NIGHT SHOWS — 7:00 - 9:00

Friday, June 24

Rod Cameron In

"THE PLUNDERERS" (In Color)

Saturday, June 25 — Double Feature Program

George O'Brien In "Timber Stampede" Warren Douglas In "Homicide For Three"

Sunday-Monday-Tuesday, June 26-27-28

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Wednesday-Thursday, June 29-30

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"Miss Tatlock's Millions"

with RIA CRUSE - ROBERT STACK
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NOTE INCREASE IN MORTGAGES ON FARM LAND

U. S. Total Of 5 Billion Is 1/4 Billion Ahead Of Year Ago

The national farm-mortgage debt on January 1 was more than five billion dollars, or nearly a quarter of a billion dollars higher than a year earlier, according to C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of farm management for the State College Extension service.

Department of Agriculture's bureau of agricultural economics, Mr. Ratchford said the increase in the farm-mortgage debt during 1948 was more than double the increase shown during 1947.

Although a rise was shown for the country as a whole, five states—Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Illinois—continued to show a decline. The 1948 increase in North Carolina was 1.3 per cent; the increase for this state since January 1, 1946—two years—has been 25.3 per cent.

Mr. Ratchford said farmers apparently have found uses for their income other than debt retirement. They have continued to replace worn-out equipment and make necessary repairs and improvements at costs

It's Long Haul From Tomato Seedlings To Your Ketchup

SOUTHPORT.—It's a long haul—that bottle of ketchup or glass of tomato juice—to your table. It probably started here in southeastern North Carolina, where some shrewd Yankee people came to gain a little time on the rest of the tomato plant market. Thence to New Jersey farms for maturity, and then to the cannery.

Very few tomato planters grow their own plants, but buy them from specialists, and a good many of them come from the fields of Everett H. Sheppard, of Shiloh, N. J., who gives the plants a good start in this sunny southeastern area—which has a record of only seven inches of snow over a period of 25 years—then hustles them to the north for early spring transplanting.

In May, the early planted seeds come to size and are harvested rapidly, taken to a packing house where a simple "assembly line" operation conditions them for a quick overnight trip to the North. In the field, a measuring stick is used by harvesters to determine whether the plant should be pulled. At the packing house, the plants, taken from an endless belt, are wrapped in paper, after being packed in wet moss, and placed in baskets holding 500 plants each. The "line" can handle 1,600 plants a minute.

The haul from this one operation alone runs to millions of plants a season.

Zacharys Off On Trip To Yellowstone Park

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Zachary and children left this week by motor for Yellowstone National Park. They took along a tent and other equipment, and plan to spend several weeks, camping in the park and in other scenic areas of the West.

RICH IN MINERALS

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which are still relatively high, he added.

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