

TRAILS TO RUBY MINES —

# Macon County-Outdoorsman's Paradise of Many Attractions

Macon County, as is the case with the four other counties in the Blue Ridge Trail Association area, is the outdoorsman's paradise.

In the county are four camp grounds and two recreational sites. These are all on or near major highways. They are also on or near well marked hiking trails.

There are two trails in the area — the Appalachian, which passes through the western part of Macon County, and the newer Blue Ridge Trail, which traverses almost the entire length of the five-county area. This trail runs between Standing Indian and Grandfather Mountain, winding its way over some of the most rugged and most beautiful scenery in Eastern America. Those who hike this trail will experience the thrill of walking under Cullasaja River at Dry Falls, climbing forest covered peaks and looking down from the top of Whiteside Mountain, one side of which is a

2,000 foot perpendicular rock. In the area are a total of 50 waterfalls and 75 peaks ranging from 5,000 to 6,460 feet in altitude.

**Highest Point**

The Blue Ridge Parkway (Skyline Drive) runs parallel to a portion of the Blue Ridge Trail in the Balsam Mountains. The highest point on the parkway is at Jones Knob in this section. In fact, the highest part of the parkway, when it is completed, will be the many miles of mile high road in the Balsams.

Hiking and camping in the mountains is becoming more popular by leaps and bounds. There are two categories of campers: (1) those who wish to get out in the cool woods and hike, or just relax; (2) those who want to see the country first-hand with a minimum of expense and at the same time have the family enjoy camping out. This group outnumbers the first, makes trips during the daylight hours, sometimes

driving one hundred miles or more before returning to prepare supper by a gasoline lantern. By camping out, it is possible to travel four times as far on a given amount of money as would be possible if the family were stopping at motels and restaurants. Last season, all records were broken by campers. The Blue Ridge Trail Association and others have requested that Congress increase appropriations for camping and recreational facilities in this section.

**A Fairyland**

Here is a fairyland for the botanist, the ornithologist, and the rockhound. Due to the combination of a high altitude and southern latitude, the area has more different types of plant life than any other section of the country.

The area also has a great variety of precious and semi-precious stones. It is most famous for its rubies. At the four Cowee Ruby

Mines, near Franklin, for a nominal fee a person may hunt rubies all day, keeping what he finds. Everyone finds something — some only ruby chips with no value, but others have found stones worth thousands of dollars.

**Camp Center**

For those who like to use the camp as a center from which they make daily drives, this mountainous area has no equal. Within 30 to 40 miles of any of this section there are attractions such as: Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests.

- (1) Fontana, Nantahala, Thorpe and other crystal clear mountain lakes.
- (2) Cherokee Indian Reservation and its drama, "Unto These Hills".
- (3) Smoky Mountain National Park.
- (4) Black Rock Mountain Park and Rabun Bald (North Georgia).
- (5) Soco Gap and Mile High Overlook in the Balsam section.
- (6) Highlands and Cashiers area with its waterfalls, bridge trails, lakes, and golf courses.
- (7) Beech Gap and Wagon Road Gap in the spectacular Pisgah area.
- (8) Ruby mines.
- (9) Miles of mountain streams with the best trout fishing in the South.
- (10) Everywhere nights so cool that you always use a blanket.

Whatever you want to do — a hiker, a botanist, a biologist, an ornithologist, geologist, or rockhound, then head for the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina and North Georgia — the area that has rightfully been named the outdoorsman's paradise.

Bolton, Betty Cox, Lorraine Cox, Marie Cox, Frances Cunningham, Helen Cunningham, Peggy Cunningham, Beverly Dalton, Carolyn Dendy, Linda Dendy, Mack Dendy, Genie Enloe, Linda Mashburn, Mildred McCoy, Mary Frances McGlamery, Linda Neal, Carolyn Nolen, Ruth Nolen, Gaye Phillips, Ann Turpin, and Judy Turpin.

Special numbers included a solo sung by Dorothy Lee Cox, accompanied by Lorraine Cox, and a duet by Carolyn and Linda Dendy, accompanied by Mack Dendy.



**YOUNG ARTIST**

Steve Carpenter, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter, of Franklin and Hickory, is a budding artist. A student at Grandview Junction High School, he won first place in an oil painting contest in the student essay and poster contests sponsored by the Daughters of American Revolution and its chapters and received a national award. This was the first time a special prize has ever been awarded for this type of work by the D.A.R. and an exception was made this year because young Carpenter's entry was so outstanding. Steve is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carpenter.



**Bell Piano Pupils Give June Recital**

Mrs. Willard Bell presented her piano pupils in a recital at her home on Baird Cove Road Wednesday, June 1. Pupils playing included Mary

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**GETS DEGREE**  
A bachelor's degree was bestowed upon Mrs. Ruth Snyder Curley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Snyder, of Franklin, at the 68th commencement exercises of Woman's College, University of North Carolina, on May 29. Mrs. Curley was one of 500 receiving degrees in 12 classifications of academic work.

**MRS. FRANKS WEDS FRED A. KNIGHT**

Mrs. Elsie Womack Franks became the bride of Fred A. Knight last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the chapel of the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Robert Standley, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony and wedding music was presented by Mrs. Tom Collier at the organ. The couple entered the chapel unattended. Only members of the immediate families were present for the wedding.

Mrs. Knight is a teacher at Franklin Elementary School. Mr. Knight was with the Maintenance department of the board of education in the city schools of Atlanta, Ga., prior to his retirement in 1934. The couple will make their home in Franklin.

**COOKING CORNER ICEBOX PIE**

Mix together:  
2 eggs  
2 cups pineapple juice  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
Mix thoroughly and boil for 7 minutes. Remove from heat, add 1 box strawberry gelatin, mix well. Let cool. Whip one large can of evaporated milk that has been well chilled. Fold into mixture. Pour into vanilla wafer pie crust. Chill in refrigerator. (Other flavors of gelatin may be used)

instead of the strawberry, if preferred.)

Mrs. Della Mae Bredie (Watauga Club)

**Real Estate Transfers**

May 19: J. Parker and Lella Adams to Russell and Charlotte Cook, 92 acres, Ellijay township; Bob and Maxine McClure, Gilmer A. and Maud Jones, and R. S. and Lois Jones to John and Louisa Tamm, 102 acres, Smith-bridge township; Johnnie and Opal Angel and John and Pauline

Gibson to Carey and L. E. Angel, property, Ellijay township; M. B. Pendergrass to Osie Pendergrass, 4 acres, Nantahala township; Charles and Rita Ferguson to Oran and Mary Cunningham, property, Franklin township; Emma Cunningham to Oran and Mary Cunningham, 5.9 acres, Franklin township.

May 20: W. V. Parker to Bob G. McClure, 5.4 acres, Smith-bridge township.

May 21: J. W. and Nina Addington to Joe and Barbara Hodgkin, property, Smith-bridge township; Jeter and Vernon Higdon to Beulon and Leelle Holland, 3 acres, Millsboro township.

May 23: Alice L. Olds to Harold E. and Laura Halpin, property, Highlands township.

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