

LAUDS SCENERY OF NANTAHALAS

Official of Appalachian
Trail Association
Visits Here

HIKES 170 MILES Calls Standing Indian the 'Grandstand of South- ern Appalachians'

Following the Appalachian trail from its southern terminus at Mt. Oglethorpe in Georgia to the Great Smoky Mountain National park, hiking a distance of 170 miles in eight days, Myron H. Avery arrived at the Little Tennessee river late Wednesday. Mr. Avery is the acting chairman of the Board of Managers of the Appalachian Trail conference, which is undertaking the construction of the 2,000-mile wilderness hiking trail along the crest line of the Appalachian mountains. For the last five days of the trip Mr. Avery was accompanied by Warner W. Hall, of Decatur, Ga. who is chairman of activities of the Georgia Appalachian Trail club.

Mr. Avery came south to inspect the lower end of the Appalachian trail in connection with the work of the trail conference in standardizing the marking of the trail throughout its entire length. He was accompanied along various parts of the Georgia section by E. B. Stone, Jr., and Charles N. Elliott of the Georgia Forest Service, and R. Roy Ozmer, of the Georgia Department of Game and Fish, who have been active in marking the Georgia Trail club's section of the route.

Trail Follows Nantahalas

From Mt. Oglethorpe the trail flows the Amicalola mountains and the crest of the Blue Ridge through the Cherokee and Nantahala National forests to the end of the Nantahala mountains at the Little Tennessee river. At this point Mr. Avery and Mr. Hall were met by George Masa of the Carolina Appalachian Trail club, which is marking the route through the Nantahala Mountains in North Carolina.

Mr. Avery, who has hiked over approximately 1,000 miles of the Appalachian Trail, said:

Admires Standing Indian

"The wildness and beauty of the Blue Ridge in northern Georgia is a distinct surprise to me. I do not believe that the people farther north have any adequate conception of this mountainous region. The trail affords magnificent outlooks over a rugged and primitive wilderness, showing exceedingly few marks of civilization. The beauty of the forest growth and of the rhododendron and azalea is almost beyond conception. Not once during my entire trip did I see a single instance of the destruction wrought by forest fires. This speaks eloquently of the effective work of the Cherokee and Nantahala National foresters in the way of fire protection. The forest type is such a contrast to the scrubby growth prevailing farther north, caused by repeated burnings. One of the very finest portions of the route was the recently constructed forest service trail between Tray mountain and Standing Indian in the Nantahala National forest. The outlooks from Springer, Blood and Tray mountains compare most favorably with anything I have seen along the Appalachian range. Standing Indian, 5,500 feet in elevation, in Macon county, is surely the grandstand of the southern Appalachians.

Trails Marked

"We did not experience any difficulty in following the trail from its southern terminus to the Little Tennessee river. The Georgia Appalachian Trail club—with a limited corps of workers due to the fact that interest in trail construction and mountaineering is of comparatively recent origin in the south—has done a remarkable work in the selection and marking of the route. Its recently published booklet on the mountains of north Georgia was of considerable assistance to us. The Appalachian trail project owes a great deal to the Forest Service, for without its trails, the extension of the trail in the south would be an impossibility. A great deal of attention has been focused of late on the Smoky Mountain National park. This is also on the route of the Appalachian trail and I have traveled the crest line in the eastern (Continued on page six)

Beautiful Tributes Paid At Funeral of C. C. Angel, Bryson City Times Editor

BRYSON CITY, June 10.—A beautiful tribute to the memory of Clarence Cooper Angel, 31, editor and owner of The Bryson City Times, whose death occurred Sunday afternoon, was paid Monday afternoon at the funeral service held in the Bryson City Methodist church.

More than 1,000 persons of all walks of life crowded the little church to its capacity and still others stood on the outside unable to gain entrance as the Rev. Dr. James T. Gillespie, professor of Bible at Agnes Scott college, Decatur, and part-time pastor of the Presbyterian church here, preached the funeral sermon.

"Truth and honesty combined with an undaunted courage in the work of newspapering in a small town in North Carolina have their rewards even if they are never known until death, in the form of stark tragedy, stalks in and claims the life of the principal character in the scene," Dr. Gillespie declared. In speaking of the life of Mr. Angel and of his work as a newspaper man in Bryson City, Dr. Gillespie said in part:

A Real Sportsman

"The things that have impressed me most during the 10 years of my life acquaintance with Clarence Angel were his genial personality, his courteousness, his smiling and easy approach. He was a real sportsman; a red blooded young man, an athlete, a lover of fair play.

"A public servant, buying The Bryson City Times over two years ago, he worked through the columns of his paper with other men and women who devote much of their time and energy to the service of their community—an unselfish service. How well he was doing his task. Such service brings criticism and opposition and takes real courage. I admired him for that. He was an independent thinker and this requires a keen intellect. Too many follow the beaten path of tradition and do not have the courage or energy to think for themselves. He had the courage of his convictions, was honest and true in what he was and thought. He never tried to conceal what he thought or was nor take credit for being other than what he was.

A Great Loss

"The loss of Clarence Angel to Bryson City, to the country, and to Western North Carolina is great. He was a valuable man. Would that we could have had him with us for many years to watch his judgment mature and profit by his labors."

The Rev. Dr. R. L. Creal, pastor of the First Baptist church, followed Dr. Gillespie. He said in part:

"The things I cannot say on account of my deep emotion constitute a greater tribute to the memory of Clarence Angel than anything I shall be able to say. I have known him for six years. We have been very close to one another. His unflinching friendship has meant much to me. I know his appreciation of others (Continued on page six)

Jack Talley's Throat Cut; Bill Angel, Tod Guest Held

Jack Talley is in Angel Brothers' hospital suffering from serious knife wounds and Bill Angel and Tod Guest are in the county jail being held without bond as a result of a fight Sunday night on Highway No. 28 about three and a half miles from Franklin.

Guest and Angel are charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. They are being held without bond pending the outcome of Talley's condition. Both were already under other charges when they were arrested Sunday night.

Angel was arrested several weeks ago charged with drunkenness and carrying concealed weapons, namely a pistol and a set of metal knuckles. Guest was under \$300 bond, charged with refusing to aid an officer when deputized.

Talley almost bled to death, it was reported, before he reached the hospital. There was a long, deep gash on his neck and the jugular vein had been cut. He is expected to recover, but his condition is regarded as serious.

Friday night Chief Henry arrested Jess Thomas and charged him with driving a car while intoxicated, assault and resisting an officer. Thomas put up such a fight that the chief had to call for assistance. He deputized Tod Guest on the spot, but Guest refused to assist. Thomas was put under \$700 bond and Guest under \$300.

Saturday morning Thomas started to Georgia in his automobile. Near Otto he collided with an automobile driven by Walter Blaine. No one was injured, but both cars were badly damaged.

Two more stills were captured by Sheriff Slagle and Deputy George Mallonee Saturday night. The sheriff captured one near Nantahala and Mallonee seized another in the Cowee section. No arrests were made.

GROUP LEAVES FOR CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan and Miss Myrtle Frances Wyatt have taken a group of the young people of the Presbyterian church to Banner Elk for the Young Peoples Conference of the Asheville Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Flanagan is to be head counselor of the boys. The party will be at Banner Elk June 8-16, and will go from there to Charlotte to attend a Christian Endeavor Convention.

The young people going from Franklin were Elizabeth McGuire, Rosalind Bulgin, Margaret Slagle, and John Earle Lancaster.

Services will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. C. E. Cunningham will speak. Mr. Neal Alexander, of Charlotte, will sing. All are cordially invited.

Great Smoky Mountain Park Attracting Much Interest

With the development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park into a great national playground, now assured in the very near future, interest, on the part of the touring public, in the national park is on the increase. The growing volume of inquiries, in regard to the Great Smokies, being received by the Asheville Chamber of Commerce and other information agencies in Western North Carolina, forecasts great popularity for the national recreation area. Inquiries have been received from all parts of the United States and from foreign countries.

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D. G. Stewart Injured In Fall from Ladder

D. G. Stewart, manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company, is in Angel Brothers' hospital suffering from a broken knee cap and a badly sprained ankle as the result of a fall of about 20 feet from a ladder Thursday morning. Mr. Stewart was working on a phone line to the second floor of J. R. Pendergrass' store on Main street. He grasped an iron stay sunk in the wall to climb into a window. The stay pulled out and Mr. Stewart plunged to the ground. His injuries were regarded as very serious but he was reported at noon to be resting as well as could be expected.

NIGHT FISHING IS PROHIBITED

Game Warden Calls Public Attention To New Local Law

Fred Slagle, county game warden, has asked The Press to call the attention of the public to a new fishing law enacted at the recent session of the General Assembly making it illegal to fish in Macon county at night.

The game warden said that it is not generally known that fishing after dark is prohibited in this county and he wanted all fishermen to be forewarned.

The bass fishing season reopened officially today and a large number of followers of Izaak Walton lost no time in getting out their trolls and spinners. A number of fishermen were reported on the municipal lake.

Last Saturday afternoon in magistrate's court J. H. Carelock and L. T. Peek were found guilty of fishing in the posted waters of Cullasaja river. They were fined \$1 and the costs. They found in W. R. C. Smith, Atlanta publisher, who owns most of the fishing rights up the Cullasaja, a real sportsman and the fairest prosecuting witness who ever took the stand. After the hearing Mr. Smith invited Mr. Carelock and Mr. Peek to go fishing with him and then offered to pay half their fines or match coins to see whether the defendants paid all or none. Mr. Carelock and Mr. Peek explained that they had been fishing in waters owned by Mr. Peek and, in quest of wary trout, waded too far up stream, finding themselves encroaching on Mr. Smith's waters.

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FRANKLIN NINE DEFEATS POWER COMPANY'S TEAM

Last Saturday's baseball game between Franklin and the Georgia Power company team was won by the local club 15 to 4. The game was featured by the fine pitching of Phillips, the local hurler, and the fielding of McCollum and the hitting of McCracken.

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NEW DRINKING FOUNTAIN TO BE PUT ON SQUARE

The Town Board has authorized the erection of a new drinking fountain on the courthouse square.

There already is one fountain across the street from the courthouse, but it was felt that there was need for two, one for white persons and another for the colored folks.

MORE CANNING AT HOME URGED

RALEIGH, June 10.—Backed by Governor Gardner and his Council on Unemployment and Relief, another slogan has been added to the "Live-at-Home" program in North Carolina—"Preserve Your Food and Live at Home This Winter."

The carrying out of this slogan through a campaign of education is made necessary at this time, due to the fact that farm crop prices are almost certain to be much lower this coming season than last year, the lack of money in the hands of the farmers of the entire state, and the further fact that, in some counties in the state, the entire populace is being supported by the relief work of the American Red Cross, the Federal Farm Board, the Governor's Council on Unemployment and Relief, and other such organizations.

Every state organization is cooperating in this movement, to "sell" North Carolina on the necessity of saving through canning, preserving, drying and pickling, of all vegetables, fruits and other food crops grown on the farms and gardens of the state from now on until cold weather comes. The idea of the "Live-at-Home" program is to produce more food and feed, so that whatever moneys the farmer obtains, will be "over and above" his food and feed costs. The slogan of this past spring, "Farm to Make a Living in 1931," carried with it the food preservation ideal, but that ideal or plan was not pushed so vehemently last fall or during the winter months. Now Governor Gardner feels that conserving and preserving of foods through many methods is the issue before the state.

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HAMMERS BUSY AT HIGHLANDS

Much New Construction Reported To Be Under Way

MORE IS PLANNED

Two Attractive Summer Homes Build on Walhalla Road

Quite a number of buildings have been constructed in and around Highlands during the past few months. Joe Webb, contractor, whose specialty is the building of beautiful log summer homes, has recently finished one for Mr. L. N. Brown of Walhalla, S. C. The building is high on a hill overlooking the Walhalla road.

W. M. Cleaveland has also recently completed an attractive summer home, which commands an excellent view further down the Walhalla road. The owner is Mr. H. W. Barnes, of Griffin, Ga.

Extend Water Lines
The town has extended its water and electric systems to these buildings.

Contractors Fulton and Hall are building a garage for C. J. Anderson on his lot on the corner of Fourth street and the Dillard road.

Remodels Home
Col. H. G. Robertson, who owns the late C. O. Smith farm on Shortoff, has remodeled the old residence, making extensive improvements. When completed it will be one of the most convenient up-to-date homes in this section.

Several Atlanta people contemplate erecting summer homes later on this season at the Highlands Estates golf course.

MEETING IS CALLED TO FORM FRANKLIN COMMERCE BODY

Azalea Is Beginning To Blossom on Wayah

Flaming azaleas and also the white scented azaleas are expected to be blooming in their full glory on Wayah Bald and other members of the Nantahala family next week. Some blossoms already are reported to be out on the lower slopes. The white azalea, famous for its fragrance, grows most profusely on the top of Wayah. This variety is usually a few days later than the flaming azalea.

The road to Wayah is reported to be in fair condition but the forestry service has not yet completed the grading to Nantahala Gap. However, the road is passable and safe.

Rhododendron Festival Plans Also To Be Discussed

MEET ON MONDAY
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Plans will also be considered at this meeting for entering a float representing Franklin and Macon county in the parade to be held as the opening feature of the Rhododendron Festival in Asheville on June 24. Arrangements already have been made to have Franklin represented in the pageant to be held the evening of the 24th.

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Miss Ina Henry, daughter of Chief R. F. Henry and Mrs. Henry; Miss Helen Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Jones, and George Carpenter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter, who was voted best all round student at the college in recent campus elections.

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Highlands Officers Named; Sunday Ordinance Revoked

At a meeting of the town board Saturday night, J. E. Potts was elected clerk and manager. Lewis C. Rice, an A. E. F. veteran, was elected town marshal and T. B. Neeley, power house keeper and electrician.

A motion was passed authorizing the Highlands Biological museum the use of water and electric current at the request of Clark Foreman, president of the museum.

The Sunday closing ordinance, which was discussed at the regular meeting on June 1, was repealed after further consideration.