

VISITORS TO SMOKIES PARK ARE INCREASING

GATLINBURG — Visitors to Great Smoky Mountains National park are again increasing, according to John Morrell, park ranger in charge of the checking stations. Ranger Morrell reports that April and May visitors outnumbered those for the same months last year by nearly 10 per cent.

It was last year that Smoky Mountains park, with 1,157,930 visitors, had the greatest attendance of any national park.

However, peak attendance was in 1941 when there were 1,310,101 visitors, although several other parks topped that total.

Morrell's figures showed 78,359 visitors in April and 91,239 in May, a total of 169,598, against 70,539 and 85,608 in April and May, 1946, respectively, a total of 156,146.

As more automobiles become available later in the year, Morrell believes the attendance will continue to increase and possibly set an all-time high despite a sharply decreased attendance in the winter months because of severe cold, heavy snows and block-

CULLOWHEE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. William Churchill of St. Petersburg, Fla., arrived Sunday to spend the summer at the Bob Cotter home.

Mrs. Albert Shelton underwent a major operation at the C. J. Harris hospital, Sylva, Tuesday. She is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Norton left last Monday to make their home in Sedro Wooley, Wash.

Mr. Lee Hooper, Sr., of Cullowhee and Atlanta, Ga., suffered an accident recently in which he received a broken hip. He is reported to be in a critical condition at the Grady hospital, Atlanta.

Miss Edna Buchanan, who teaches in Milledgeville, Ga., is now doing research work at Duke University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Buchanan of Cullowhee.

Mrs. M. N. Beville of Gainesville, Fla., arrived Friday to spend the summer at the Long farm, Cullowhee. Mrs. Beville has been to Cullowhee for her vacations for the past several years.

Mrs. R. T. Houts, Jr., and daughter, Linda, will spend the weekend in New Market, Tenn., with relatives. Rev. Mr. Houts is attending a short course for ministers at Emory University.

Miss Kathryn Davis spent a few days the first of the week at Greensboro.

Vesper services will be held each Monday evening at 6:30 in the parlor of Moore's dormitory. The service will be conducted by Mr. Edward Whitson, the recently appointed minister for the Presbyterian congregations of Sylva and Cullowhee. All Presbyterians and other friends are extended a cordial invitation.

Attendance in January was 12,810, which was 104 less than the year before.

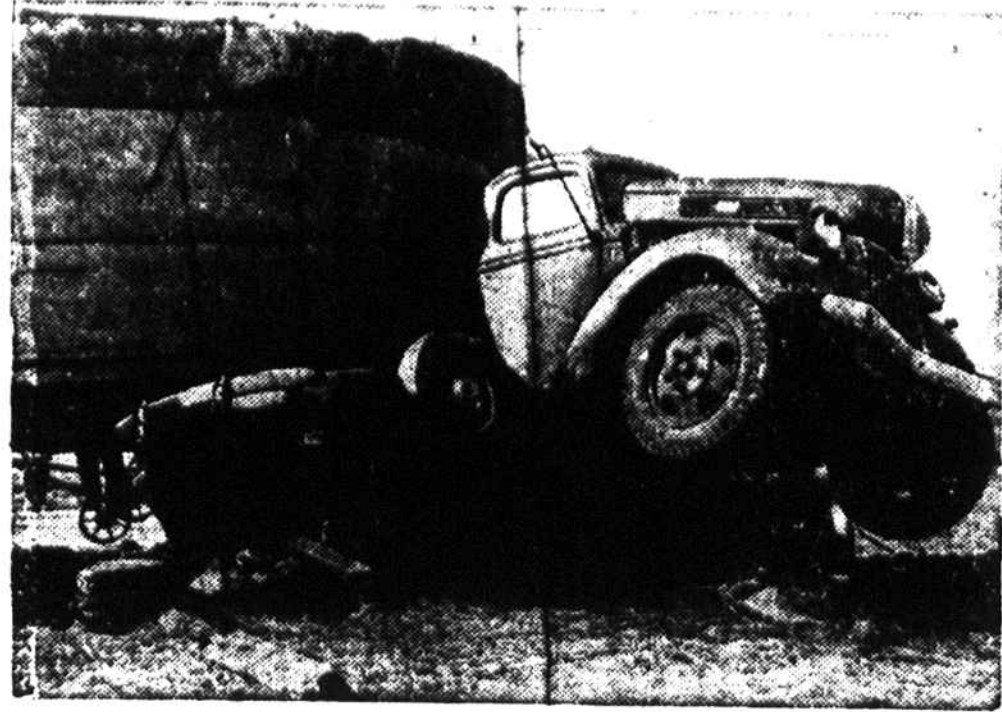
Visitors dropped 10,000 in February when 20,740 visitors were checked. Biggest drop was in March when visitors fell to 25,673 from 79,143 the year before.

But now hotel accommodations are scarce and most of the better cabins booked for weeks ahead.

Newfound Gap on the North Carolina line continues by far to be the favorite spot for visitors, Morrell said, with Clingman's Dome, seven miles away by motor plus a half-mile foot, second.

Morrell said there is now an average of seven passengers to every two automobiles, while dur-

STORY OF A LAWBREAKER



Here lie the remains of a driver who thought he could drink and still drive a car. Racing down the highway at a dangerous speed, his car wandered off the edge of the pavement, dragged on the sandy shoulder, and was wrenched into a spin. Drunken drivers are potential murderers of every other motorist who comes near them on the road. They were involved in more than 5,000 fatal accidents last year. National Conservation Bureau safety specialists say even one or two drinks slow up reactions, make judgment unsure, increase chances of accident three to four times.

LOOKING AHEAD
by GEORGE S. BENSON
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Put on a Lid

If you aren't a deadbeat and you expect to stay out of bankruptcy and you want a decent credit record, the chances are that you pay your expenses pretty much as you go. When emergencies arise, you watch your budget so that you spend as little as possible. It's a good old American custom to live within income. That's a practice that makes for sturdy citizenship and for community stability.

But here we are, all of us together as a nation, very much wanting to cut our taxes but very leery about reducing budget expenditures. The national budget, you know, represents what we do with our tax money. It is fine to shout hooray when taxes are cut, but it will make more sense if we first learn to whittle down our alarming budget without frowning. A good strong lid on government spending is the only sane route to tax reductions.

A Halt to Spending

The President has proposed a budget of \$37,500,000,000 which Congress is currently reviewing. Sentiment exists in Congress for a ceiling on federal spending much lower than the budget recommended by the President. Congress, as soon as possible, should place a limit of \$30,000,000,000, above which federal spending may not go. Ultimately, a budget of \$20,000,000,000 ought to be adequate to run our federal machinery.

Most citizens claim little comprehension of these astronomical figures. Twenty billion may seem more like measurements characteristic of distances to the stars. But the figure is dollars. This proposed peacetime expenditure program of \$37,500,000,000 is \$9,330,000,000 more than we spent for non-defense items in 1946, not counting interest on national debt.

This astronomical budget means that almost \$300 is asked from every living American. It is estimated that such a budget would cost the average family \$1,000 in taxes this year. Budget in hand, your pencil will show in short order that we have no better way to get out from under our tax burdens than to limit our spending. We may cut our taxes without paying any attention to federal spending, but the outcome will be deficit spending and added debt.

You're Paying Salaries

Senator Byrd says there has been very little reduction in war-expanded personnel of government. Not counting the various war agencies, Senator Byrd points to constantly increasing personnel totals. These jumped nearly 300,000 since V-J Day. Moneywise, this tendency is graphically shown by the request of the Department of Commerce for \$261,000,000 in 1948. This is an increase of 600% over the \$39,000,000 this department spent in 1932.

Budget reductions reviewed by Congressional committees have suggested elimination of about one-half million federal payrollers. This is all too few. To bring the number of civilian employees of the government down to the swollen figure of 1939 we must lay off 1,500,000. (We'd still have 900,000 eating from the public breadbasket.) This would be a most logical way to avoid an annual expenditure of more than five billion dollars. This could be money saved. It's out of your pockets and mine.

USDA announces that its price support program for 1947 crop thresher run dry edible peas will be implemented through purchase agreements with growers. Last year the support program operated through dealers, covering cleaned and graded peas.

ing the war there was eight. Checks are made on Sundays and the following Wednesdays at Smokemont and Townsend and daily at Gatlinburg during the warm months.

SYLVA SCOUTS LEAVE FOR SUMMER CAMP

Several Boy Scouts from the Sylva troop left early Monday morning to attend summer camp at Camp Daniel Boone. H. F. Ferguson took the boys to the camp.

Scouts attending from Sylva are: Tommy Ferguson, Franklin Fricks, Dick Barkley, Frank Crawford, Jr., Jimmy Crawford, and Lambert Hooper.

They will spend varying lengths of times at camp—one, two, three or four weeks.

Jimmy Bales, who is a counselor at Camp Daniel Boone, left last week and will be there during the entire summer camp period.

Chamber Of Commerce To Meet July 3rd

The first Friday night of each month is regular meeting date for the directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Since Friday, July 4th, is a holiday, President Felix Picklesimer has announced that the meeting will be moved up to Thursday night, July 3, at 8 o'clock in the forestry office in Hotel Libby.

Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 27—The American Legion will meet at the courthouse at 7:30 p. m. L. H. Higdon, commander.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27—The American Legion Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Ed Bryson at Cullowhee. Members will meet at the post office in Sylva at 3:30 p. m. where cars will be provided to take them to Cullowhee. Mrs. Dan Tompkins, president.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27—Oce Chapter No. 139 Order of Eastern Star and Dillsboro Lodge No. 459 will hold a joint celebration in the Masonic Hall at Dillsboro at 7 p. m.

TUESDAY, JULY 1—The Rotary club will have a dinner meeting in Allison building at 7 p. m. Dr. D. D. Hooper, president.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2—The Halcyon club will meet with Mrs. Cicero Bryson at 8 p. m. Mrs. Claude Campbell, president.

THURSDAY, JULY 3—The B. H. Cathey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy will not meet at this time as the chapter has disbanded for the remaining summer months. Mrs. J. A. Bryson, president.

Holdens Buy Pure Oil Service Station Here

Messrs. Robert and Leonard Holden have purchased from W. R. Hampton and W. A. Reece, the Pure Oil Service Station, formerly known as Reece-Hampton Service Station, which is located at the

new intersection of highway Nos. 19-23 and 107 in East Sylva.

The business transaction was completed a few weeks ago and the new owners took charge of the business last week. Mr. Robert Holden will be manager in charge of the station.

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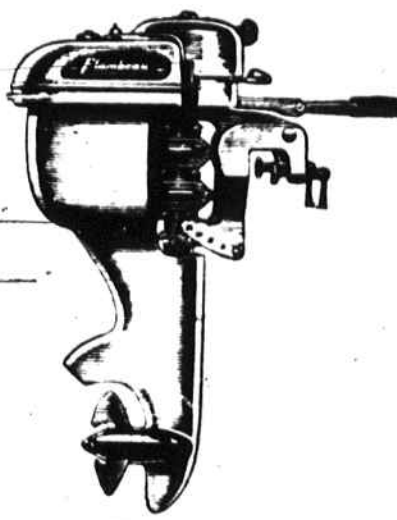
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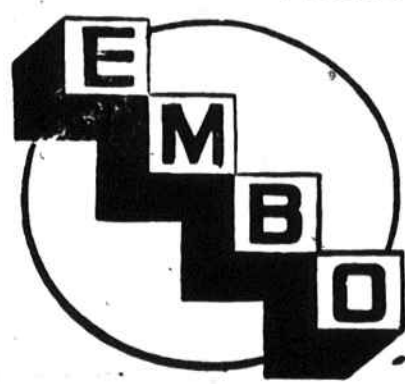
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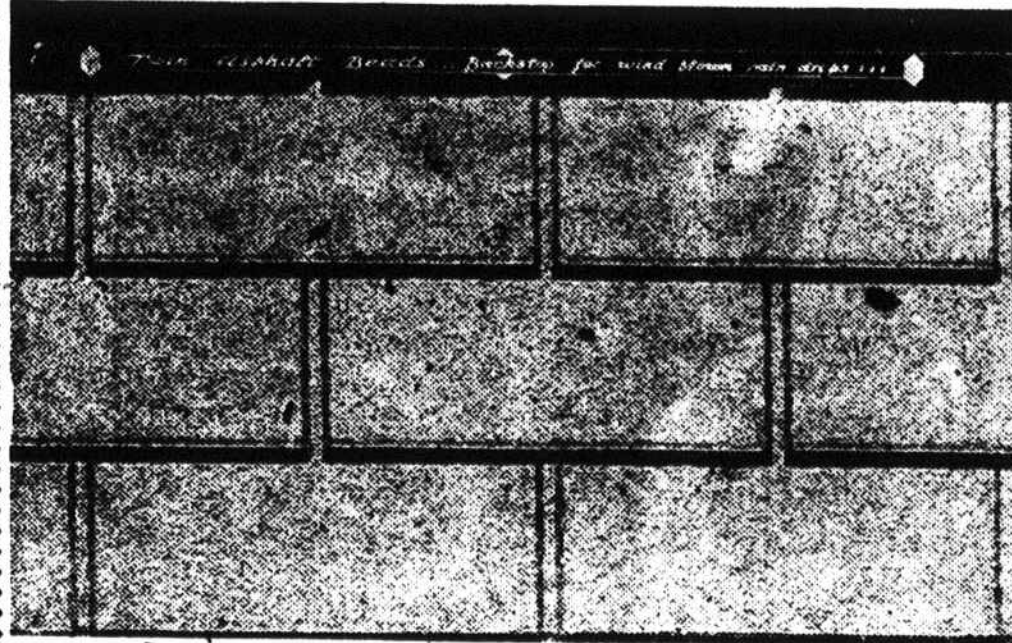
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