



### Finished Product

Clay Jenkins points with pride to one of the log cabins he and his crew built in "Settlers Village" in the Wolf Laurel resort at Bald Mountain. The

logs came from a 100-year-old log cabin which Jenkins rebuilt and turned into a comfortable rental cabin. (Staff Photo by Bill Sanders)

# Rebuilder Of Log Cabins

## BOB TERRELL

WOLF LAUREL — A hundred years ago, when a mountain man took pride in how well his log cabin kept the weather out, cabins were roofed by the signs of the moon.

"Shakes had to go on when the moon was going down from full to quarter," said Clay Jenkins, a native mountaineer who makes a living building log cabins. "If the shakes weren't put on at that time, old-timers said the ends of the shakes would curl up."

Jenkins, 51, of Mars Hill, is construction superintendent at the Wolf Laurel resort here in the shadow of Big Bald Mountain, and has supervised the building of "Settlers Village," a settlement of authentic log cabins which the resort rents to weekend skiers, golfers and to those who just want to get away.

"We have 10 cabins," Jenkins said, "ranging in size from those that will sleep two persons to one that will sleep 14, and each of our cabins has a history."

"We've scoured the mountain area here in North Carolina and surrounding states, buying log cabins and moving them here. All of ours are 80 years old or older. One came from Hog Skin, Tenn., and is 120 years old. Another was an old church in Madison County known as Cutshall Chapel. Someone lived in it after they quit using it for a church."

"We have one that's 18-feet square. It came from a place called Paw Paw in Madison County. A Freeman family lived in it and raised 10 kids. One of the kids became an executive with U. S. Plywood and another was a conductor on the railroad. That cabin was so far back in the mountains we had to drag it out on a sled."

### Daniel Boone's Descendants

Jenkins and a crew of men who knew how to build log cabins rebuilt each cabin here and encountered many unusual things.

"Some of the cabins had been converted to barns in years past," Clay said, "and where their doors had been cut larger to permit animals to pass through, we simply installed large stone fireplaces. We found places in some of the cabins where settlers had carved images and animals in the logs with pocket knives, and in some we found newspapers dating back 100 years ago used for wall papering."

Some of the men in Clay's cabin-building crew had worked on log cabins with their parents when they were children, and when they went to work on the Wolf Laurel cabins they began remembering things their parents had taught them.

"We've had two descendants of Daniel Boone working on the cabins," Clay said. "The late Daniel Boone VI was a

famed ironworker. He did some of the wrought iron work on our cabins. Another of our cabin builders is Hosea Boone of Mars Hill, whose lineage goes back to Daniel Boone."

These men still believe in building cabins by the signs of the moon, and they observe those ancient rules at Wolf Laurel. "We also lay our split rail fences by the moon," Clay said. "We lay the worm—that's the first rail that goes on the ground—on the rising of the moon. That keeps the fence free from termites. In the 10 years I've worked here, I've never seen a termite."

### World's Finest Collection

Clay Jenkins was the first employee hired by Wolf Laurel. He went to work at the resort April 4, 1963. Prior to that he had done construction work in Asheville, and on the Savannah River atomic plant in South Carolina.

"We continually look for good log cabins through the Appalachian mountains," Clay said. "Our cabins are of hand hewn yellow poplar logs. They hewed straight and stayed straight. The logs are so good that, if kept dry, they'll stand another 200 years. Most of them were built at cabin-raising events where all the neighbors would bring their axes and help a man put up his cabin. They were the finest log workmen in the world and a lot of times there would be spirited competition between axmen."

Clay's grandfather, Sam Wheeler of Mars Hill, fiddled at the floor warming of the huge barn that has since been converted into the main offices for the Wolf Laurel resort. That building was put up by Oscar Willis 80 years ago when he also built his log cabin near by. The cabin that was Willis' home is now Wolf Laurel's No. 1 cabin.

Willis built his cabin in what was Indian country before his time. "We've found boxes of arrow heads here at Wolf Laurel," Clay said, "and stone axes, even some mud axes baked out of mud and held together with either human or animal hair, like adobe. This was primitive country at one time."

When he isn't building a log cabin, Clay Jenkins sells real estate in Wolf Laurel. Usually, though, he tries to find something to do in the construction line. The area in which he built the Settlers Village used to be swampy, but Clay and his crew ditched the whole area, dried it up, and now have perhaps the world's finest collection of authentic log cabins on the place.

## Lespedeza Variety Developed

A lespedeza variety developed at North Carolina State University is expected to become a valuable soil-conserving ground cover in areas subject to heavy erosion, such as steep road banks.

Named Caricea, the new variety is a soil conservation legume that is adapted to the southeast. It is described as having very high ground cover potential.

The new variety was developed in cooperative research between the U. S. Department of Agriculture and NCSU. One of the leaders of the research program that resulted in the development of the variety is Dr. Will Cope, USDA scientist stationed with NCSU's Department of Crop Science.

In thick stands, growth of Caricea is similar to that of common sericea until branches are two to three feet high. Then the branches tend to droop, forming an extremely dense, overlapping canopy.

According to Dr. Cope, Caricea should be at least equal to common sericea as a forage crop in terms of yield, seed production and digestibility.

A limited amount of certified seed should be available in the summer of 1973.

## Caution on leaks

NEW YORK (UPI) — Home owners can minimize the amount of water damage caused by sudden leaks in a plumbing system by taking a few precautionary measures, according to the American Water Works Association.

Experts advise that family and managers should know where to turn off the water in case of an emergency. Association officials said water from a burst pipe can cause untold damage in just minutes. Only fast action by someone who knows exactly where the shut-off valve is can minimize the damage.

Under any circumstances, however, should the person turning off the water be

touching a light fixture or an electrical switch while standing in the area. If necessary, use a flashlight.

The Water Association is a non-profit scientific and educational organization that speaks for the 10,000 community water suppliers in North America who provide daily water to 200 million people.

Enriching-service OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (UPI) — The Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant provided more than \$7 million in uranium enriching services during 1972, reports the Atomic Energy Commission. During the year, the plant furnished more than 1.3 million pounds of enriched uranium to facilities in the United States and elsewhere.

## Eli Callaway Resigns Post At Burlington

The resignation of Eli Callaway as President and Chief Operating Officer of Burlington Industries and the election of Horace C. Jones as his

successor has been announced.

Charles E. Myers, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Burlington said Mr. Callaway's resignation as an officer and director was accepted by the Board of Directors.

"Mr. Callaway notified the Board of his desire to take early retirement, effective September 30, 1973," Mr. Myers said. "His resignation has been accepted with regret and with an expression of deep appreciation for the very significant contribution he has made to the success of the company."

Mr. Myers said Mr. Callaway would handle special assignments for the company until his full retirement on September 30. Mr. Callaway joined Burlington in 1956 and held divisional and corporate management positions prior to becoming president in 1968.

The new President, Mr. Jones, has served as Vice Chairman of Burlington for

the past year. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1960 and became Executive Vice President of the Corporation in 1967. Since 1970, he has been responsible for all home furnishings operations, a multi-division area representing over one-third of the company's \$1.8 billion sales in 1972.

Mr. Jones is a member of the Executive, Finance and Management Policy Committees of the Company. He is a native of Pennsylvania, graduate of Princeton University and joined

Burlington in 1960 with the acquisition of Lees Carpets. He joined Lees in 1938 and served as President of Lees from 1960 to 1970.

Mr. Callaway, in a statement issued today, said, "I am retiring from Burlington next September to devote full time to my personal interests. I leave with respect and admiration for the company, its people and management, and with a

feeling of pride in having been part of the company for the past 17 years."

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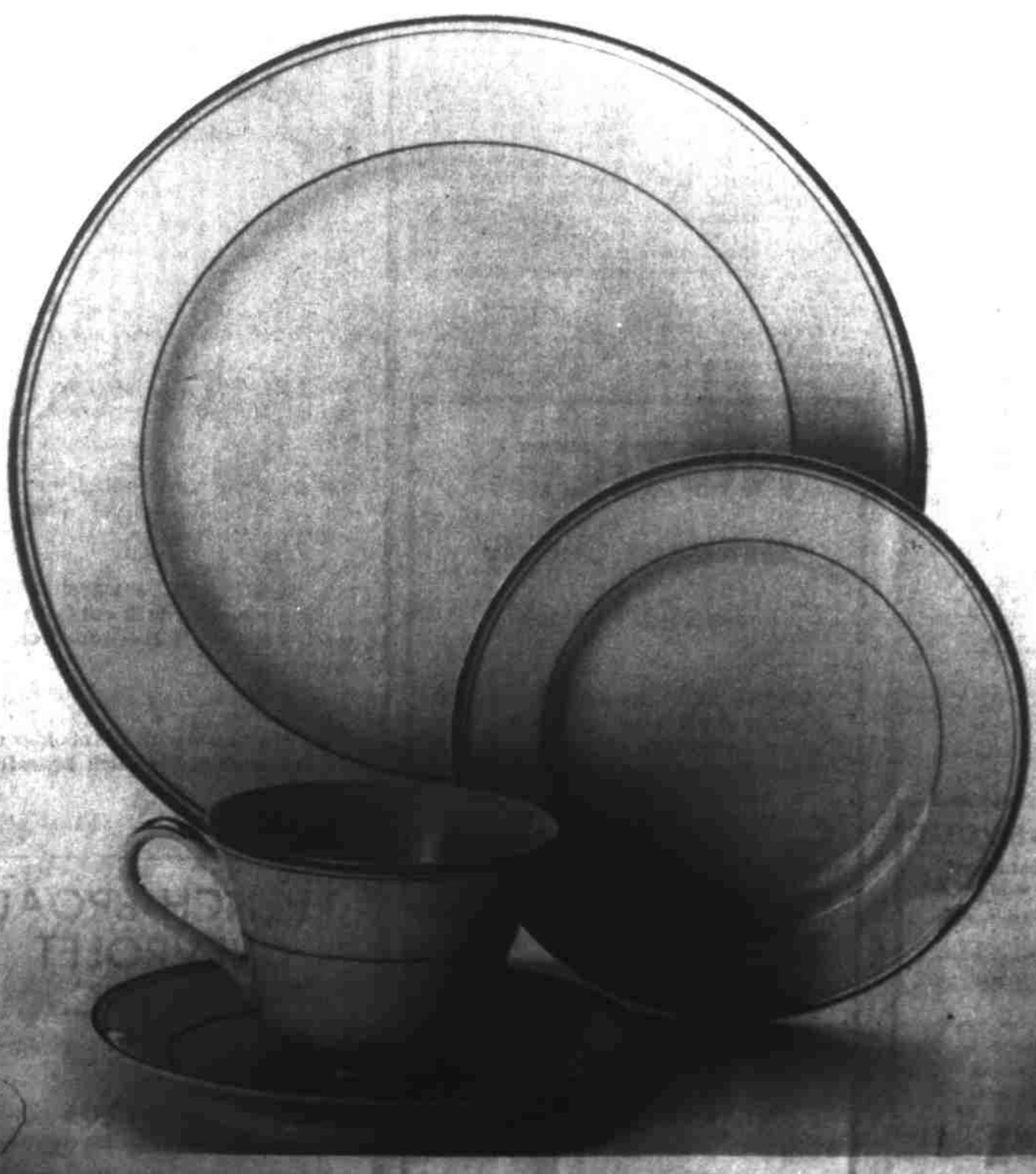
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### FISH THE COOL SPOTS

Fishing is the only sport in the world when finding a cool spot may mean you've found a hot spot.

Most anglers look for traditional "hot spots" for their summer fishing success, when—in reality—they should be searching out those cool, shaded places where fish find life more pleasant.

And a likely place to find such an area is to check the back ends of coves where water is shallowest. For here, by mid-summer, water plants such as algae and moss have developed a thick, spongy layer that serves as a water conditioner for fish.

A common theory brought to the attention of the fishing department at Mercury outboards, is that water is cooler beneath such layers of plant life. For one thing, the water is shaded from direct rays of the sun. Another thought is that the plants act as an evaporating cooler for the water underneath. Whatever the reason, these thick beds of water plants are good places to fish.

Tempting a bass or pike out of a cool spot beneath the moss isn't easy. One method calls for using a pork rind frog, with a single weedless hook. (Another popular lure is a sponge rubber frog or mouse, with double hooks imbedded in the lure to prevent their being clogged by algae or moss. The weedless feature is important.)

Cast the lure into the mid-able of the weedbed. Let it sit a minute, and then begin retrieve it along the top of the moss. Stop every few feet, then begin the retrieve again.

When almost to the other side of the weed bed, give it four several short, quick hops, hop it into the water and then let the lure go slack. This simulates the action of a live pump into the water and then retrieve along without kicking.

If your boat is in the weed

bed the lads at Mercury suggest that you never give up the retrieve technique until the lure is in the boat.

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