

# HERE and THERE By Hilda Way Gwyn

We left town . . . four women strong . . . headed for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park . . . we had a picnic lunch made up of the items essential for an appetizing meal, to be eaten amid the beauties of nature . . . the sun was shining brightly . . . the sky was clear . . . we felt at peace with the world . . . and that sense of well being and anticipation of several good hours ahead . . . everything seemed to point to a day of perfection . . . we were all in tune . . . in fact we felt the bonds of companionship so keenly that we planned other trips together . . . we would see Western North Carolina before the summer of 1937 was over . . . each told of some special place she would like to take in . . . we agreed to do them all . . .

We drove on . . . we passed Sylva . . . the sun was a bit dimmed . . . we left U. S. 19 . . . we were nearing Cherokee . . . we had intended to take a look at the baskets and pottery . . . it was sprinkling a little . . . we would stop when we returned . . . the rain quickened . . . it was no longer a summer shower . . . we were getting hungry . . . clouds shut out all view . . . perhaps we had better stop . . . and eat in the car . . . and not try to get to New Found Gap . . . where we planned to follow a trail and eat our lunch in the woods . . . maybe the rain would be over when we finished lunch . . . but our hopes were blasted . . . when the scraps were collected . . . it was still raining . . . we moved on toward the Gap . . .

When we reached the top the sun was out again . . . perhaps we had better press on to Gatlinburg . . . before another shower . . . as we intended to return to Cherokee for the pageant . . . down the mountain into Tennessee . . . we merely drove through Gatlinburg . . . no stops . . . as we must get back to the Reservation . . . it began to rain . . . then it poured . . . the windshield wiper refused to wipe . . . the driver could not see . . . we were forced to stop on the edge of the village . . . rain came in mighty sweeps . . . the hail beat upon the windows . . . then a hail . . . we tried to start . . . the engine dead . . . we could not budge . . . out in the rain to send word to a garage . . . they came with the wrecker . . . we were towed in . . . the engine flooded . . . we waited . . . we had ample time to visit all the shops . . . and take in the local color . . . the mechanic at the Sharpe Garage

assured us everything was O. K. and we could travel like a top . . . much relieved we started up the mountain . . .

We made the Gap and started down . . . we passed the Reservation . . . with much regret . . . the pageant was among the events of the past . . . we would have to come another time . . . the car seemed to be traveling with some difficulty . . . we came to U. S. 19 . . . a queer flutter developed . . . we thought it was the fan belt . . . we managed to get to one of the pottery shops . . . a tall fellow came out . . . but his knowledge seemed limited . . . and his stimulated condition quite noticeable . . . we drove on without much comfort . . . the flutter grew worse . . . a terrible foreboding sound . . . one had the sensation that at any minute the engine might go off with a bang . . . and the car go up in flames . . . we asked three women how far to Dillsboro . . . four miles . . . how could we make it . . .

On we crept . . . holding our breath . . . and listening to that unearthly sound that seemed to spell disaster . . . we finally drove into a filling station in Dillsboro . . . where Captain Weaver, told us, "Well, you are mighty lucky at that . . . it is a wonder you ever got here . . . you have had a narrow escape . . . it will take maybe five hours . . . maybe more to get it in condition to be safe for traveling . . ." it was drizzling a fine rain . . . we couldn't wait all night . . . Monday morning held obligations for some of us . . . we phoned home . . . a car came to our rescue . . . in the meantime a bus was due . . . two returned that way . . . it was nearly ten when we were safe under our roofs . . . our ardor for sightseeing considerably dampened . . . who started the talk about seeing Western North Carolina anyway? . . . I wouldn't be surprised if the owner of the car, who will settle the bill . . . will be the last to regain her enthusiasm . . . isn't it funny about home? . . . when you leave—sometimes—it is a place with four confining walls . . . maybe monotonous . . . maybe it grows a bit dull . . . but if you think you can't get back to it . . . it becomes the grandest spot earth . . . you could never be happy anywhere else . . .

**Emblem of Strength**  
The dragon, a familiar object in Japanese decorative art, is the emblem of vigilance and strength.

## As Putnam and Son Waited



George Putnam and son

While all available ships and airplanes combed the vicinity of Howland island for Amelia Earhart Putnam and her navigator, Fred Noonan, George Putnam and his son, David, awaited word from the searchers at Oakland, Cal.

### Religious Features To Be Used In Prison Camps Of This State

Oscar Pitts, acting director of the prison division of the North Carolina Highway and Public Works commission, announced recently the inauguration of the first organized religious program among the state's prisoners July 1, when the Rev. Eugene M. Bryant became director of religious activities and education. Pitts announced that in response to many letters from prisoners asking for Bibles more than 1,000 Bibles and New Testaments had been bought and distributed among the prisoners, in the various camps.

### Church Membership In Nation Shows Increase

Church membership in the United States continues to grow, it was reported last week. Figures for 1936 show 63,493,036 in all denominations, an increase of 837,404 over 1935. The Catholic church with 20,831,139 mem-

### Necklace Of Princess Auctioned Off For \$75,000

Last week the fancy of Marie Antoinette, the frivolous princess, who became Queen of France, was recalled, when one of her diamond necklaces was sold in London at an auction for \$75,000. The purchase was the Maharajah of Darbhanga, the owner of ten palaces and a fancier of jewels. Marie Antoinette was fond of "brilliant dresses, huge ostrich feathers, magnificent jewels, especially diamonds. She once bought some diamond sprays which required six years to pay off. She fretted lest other queens had more resplendent gems. Her love of jewels involved her in the famous incident now known as the affair of the diamond necklace. That famous piece of jewelry was said to be worth "two warships." Its purchase for the queen by the infatuated Cardinal de Rohan, through adventurers, led to his disgrace, a scandal and a sensational trial.

Baptist topped all other Protestant churches with a total of 10,332,005.

## Senator Bailey Hits At The C.I.O.

Senator William Josiah Bailey issued a statement last week in Washington, accusing John L. Lewis's Committee for Industrial Organization, of lawlessness and charging the government with failure to maintain order. He urged labor to support "only" organizations that respect the law, warning that to do otherwise would bring the labor cause into disrepute. "That cause is popular now, but it can be discredited," he said. He accused

## Three Former Negro Slaves Apply For

Three North Carolina Henry Roundtree, Charles Blount Baker—applicants for benefits under the Slave-Soldier Act. Their average age was 72. Until the Civil War they were C. I. O. representatives in an illegal sit-down. United States Justice Dept. "honest workers" and the public peace that should be declared.

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Let us put our house in order. Every citizen of the State and every community must cooperate if North Carolina is to reap the maximum results and the increased prosperity that will come from our advertising. Let our communities put on bright, clean faces. Let us beautify our highways. Let every North Carolinian greet visitors to the State with the spirit of hospitality for which North Carolina is justly famous. Let our Police Forces and other Peace Officers exert every effort to be friendly, courteous, and obliging to the "Stranger within our Gates." Let each and everyone of us assume our new responsibility in North Carolina's March of Progress.

Governor's Hospitality Committee

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