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Area Affords Scenery; Is A Drive From Here

On the left is a deep gorge, with great peaked mountains forming its opposite limits. While these are often too close to permit distant views, occasional glimpses of succeeding ridges are seen behind them. The terrain is exceedingly rough, mostly with second growth timber. A few Indian houses and cabins are at bottom of gorge, down which runs Soeo Creek, forming Soeo Falls. The traveler gets the impression here of being in the center of a great mountain maze, which indeed he is. On the left are the Platt Balsams. The ridge into which the road is carved on the right prevents views of the Smokies.

As the route comes down into broad fertile Soeo Valley, occasional groups of Indians at work or walking about the highway will be encountered. There is some lumbering on the ridges and some substantial farms along the creek. During the spring the dogwood and rhododendron and laurel grow in profusion.

The highway then levels off into

A Popular Drive From Waynesville



This picture was made on the Soeo Gap Road, Highway No. 19. The highway leads through a broad valley, with beautiful farms, and on up to the top of the mountain at Soeo Gap, and then on into Cherokee. For variety of scenery, this road is hard to beat.

Crowds Increasing at Weekly Street Dances

Attendance at the weekly street dance on the parking lot of the court house is steadily growing.

The dances are sponsored each Thursday night by the Jaycees, and several groups of dancers enjoy several hours of square dancing under the lights on the paved lot.

Hundreds of spectators gather another wide valley, with homes of Cherokees on either side. As your speedometer registers 25 miles from Waynesville, you are in Cherokee.

From Cherokee, one takes Highway No. 107 to Newfound Gap and Clinchman's Dome.

On the return trip to Waynesville, the motorist can continue on No. 107 at Cherokee and go into Dillsboro and Sylva, over 19-A and on into Waynesville over the Balsams.

The return trip from Cherokee over No. 19 affords a decidedly different trip than going down, in that the views are reversed. Many people prefer to make two trips, in order to get the "reverse" views of climbing the mountain as well as the descent.

Musical Week Is Planned For This Section Of State

Music in the mountains and none of it mountain music is the order of the week-end of August 12 thru 14 in this area.

Throughout the three days, Brevard's annual music festival will feature a 75-piece Festival orchestra composed of vacationing-student professionals enrolled in the famous Transylvania Music Camp under the baton of James Christian Pfohl. Nationally known singers are solo artists for the presentations.

On the evening of August 12, summering opera stars including Norman Cordon of "The Met" will sing in an Evening of Music at Blowing Rock.

At Asheville, on Saturday 13th, barber shop quartets gathered in competition from throughout the Southern Appalachians and sticking strictly to barber shop harmony will hold forth in City Memorial Auditorium.

Proceeds are used for a recreation program of the Jaycees.

Country Club Having Best Season In Years

Some people found it too hot some found it wet. But for the Waynesville Country Club, the summer so far has been wonderful.

And the outlook is the same for the rest of it.

W. T. Eller, the owner of the popular resort, said recently the Country Club is enjoying its best season in "three or four years."

"We're well fixed for August. Last month was excellent from the standpoint of business."

The visitors generally, including the many regular patrons who return each summer, stay for periods ranging from a week to a month.

Meetings And Office Hours

Rotary Club meets every Friday at one of the Towne House, Jonathan Woods, president.

Lions Club meets every Thursday evening, at 7 at the Towne House. Richard Bradley, president.

Public Library open daily 10 to 12, and 1 to 5. Closed Wednesday afternoon.

Chamber of Commerce, open daily, except Sunday, 9 to 5:30.

See church pages for details of church services in Haywood.

1948-49 Library Circulation Was 62,735 Volumes

The annual report of the Haywood County Public Library published last week showed the circulation for the fiscal year that ended June 30 was 62,735.

In 1944, before the county very recently started, it was 11,111.

This figure grew to 45,036 in 1948.

Home of Thomas Wolfe Now Open to Visitors

Visitors to Asheville may now roam through the Thomas Wolfe home, the "Old Kentucky Home" boarding house at 41 Spruce Street which the author immortalized in his first book.

The house is known to millions of American readers as "Disland," the home of the Gant family of "Look Homeward, Angel," the boarding house operated by Edna Gant Plaque, pointing out points of possible interest to visitors have been placed throughout the house and are direct quotation from "Look Homeward, Angel," giving the page number in the book where the reference can be found.

Formal dedication of the home as a memorial to the author will be held on or near Tom's birth date, October 3. The building is now open to visitors, however, on week days from 10 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. and on Sundays from 2 until 6 p. m.

Comments From Some Of Our Visitors

J. M. Albergotti, of Orangeburg, S. C., who is spending some time at Lake Junaluska, writes: "I love Waynesville and Lake Junaluska for thirty years. This section has the most beautiful scenery and finest climate. And, right next to Orangeburg, the finest people in the world."

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson of Miami, Fla., says: "Have been spending my summers here for the past 12 years and find it a most lovely place. The people here are tops." They are staying at Windover.

Miller Alexander, of Lake Charles, La., who is a guest at Cata- loochee Ranch, "For years no other community has furnished the slightest sort of competition as a resort for my family's vacation. Food, hospitality, cooperation leave nothing to be desired."

Frederick C. Partridge, of Mobile, Ala., is a guest of Brookmont Court. "Very good entertainment with lots of fun, can't be beat. Will talk about this many times when I get back home. The climate is fine for this wonderful entertainment. We are referring to the square dancing on the Courthouse parking lot."

Miss Lucille Partridge, of Mobile, Ala., who is also stopping at Brookmont Court. "Come to Waynesville for a real vacation, and lot of fun. Be sure to stay at Brookmont Court."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Merrill of Bradenton, Fla., are guests at Parkway Knoll. "This is our first and most delightful experience in North Carolina. After years in the vicinity of the mountains of northern New York and the Green Mountains and White Mts., in New England, we were prepared to be critical. On the contrary, we now feel that our future summers will be spent here, among delightful people and astounding mountain settings. We are surprised and grateful that Waynesville and this area are here for us."

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Porelier and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Linder, Sr., from a party from Casco, S. C. who are staying at The Terrace Hotel, Lake Junaluska, are unanimous in their opinion. "We enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and climate."

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Van Derveer and daughter, Miss Louise, of East Orange, N. J. "Since being here, the weather and climate have been delightful. We also wish to compliment the locality on the facilities for the use of tourists."

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Spence and daughter, Miss Helen Marie Spence, are guests of Shamrock Court. They are from Jacksonville, Fla. "We confess it is the most beautiful country that we have ever seen. The water is grand and

the fruit and vegetables are tops. The weather is cool and nice."

Mr. and Mrs. Quinon Rogers, and Jack Rogers, of Waynesboro, Ga., are staying at Shamrock Court. "Waynesville is a very nice town, the coolest place I have seen in the last few weeks."

Wm. C. Welch of Fort Pierce, Fla., is stopping in Balsam. "Most ideal summer climate."

Davis M. Nichols, of Spruce Pine, N. C. "You have a very nice town and a good Rotary Club."

E. W. Neal of Jacksonville, Fla., who is a guest at the Dunham House. "Excellent climate, one of

the most desirable vacation spots in the Carolinas."

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Franklin of Fort Myers, Fla., say: "We like Waynesville because so many of our Florida friends come here and it is like home, with added benefit of cool weather."

Ray W. A. Klumpis, Washington, D. C., says: "It is easy to understand why one sees cars from so many states in your fair city. This is a delightful country, and the hospitality of the people is equal to your scenery and climate. It is a joy to visit in such a community."

Katrina's note: This newspaper is anxious to get comments of our summer visitors for this column. If you have friends in your home, it is possible that their comments be sent in for this column. Special cards have been printed for this, and are available at The Mountaineer office of the Chamber of Commerce.

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