

# Great Smokies Once Again Nation's Most Popular Park

Great Smokies continues to be the most popular national park in the United States.

Report by the National Park Service has disclosed that 2,926,000 persons visited the Great Smokies in 1954.

In comparison, there were 1,328,000 more visitors to the Great Smokies than to Yellowstone, and a poor third with 1,328,000.

Of the 33 national parks in the United States, the Great Smokies ranked first in the number of visitors which exceeded 2,000,000.

In the category of specified monuments, historical areas, and recreation areas, the Parkway pulled a record 1,328,000 visitors, an increase of 17 per cent over 1953.

Ranking second on the Blue Ridge Parkway was second only to the Capital Park System in the District of Columbia of all the national parks administered by the National Park Service.

Only the National Capital Park System had a million visitors in 1954. The Grand Teton, Rocky Mountain, and Shenandoah in Virginia ran second in the Great Smokies with 1,328,000.

The Great Smokies showed an increase of 1,577 visitors in December over the same month in 1953 with an attendance of 38,851.

The Blue Ridge Parkway, however, showed a decrease for the month, apparently because of severe weather forcing the closing of the mountain-top highway.

There were 20,023 less visitors on the parkway in December, while the total hitting 112,884, while for the same period in 1953 there were 132,907 visitors.

The National Park Service also announced that publication of monthly reports of the number of visitors to areas administered will be discontinued during the slack travel season.

Instead, summary reports will be compiled and published on a seasonal basis in conformity with the seasonal pattern of use of the areas.

Reports for the summer months, the park travel season, will continue to be published on a monthly basis.

During the coming year, the National Park Service said, the reports will be published in accordance with the following schedule:

Winter report, a summary of January, February and March visitors, will be published in April.

The spring report, a summary of April and May visitors, in June.

The June, July, August and September reports will be published in each succeeding month.

The fall report, a summary of October, November and December, will be published in January.

Mrs. J. P. deFravio has returned to Charlotte after a visit with relatives in the county.

The old saying, "Feed a cold and starve a fever," is false, experts say, because overeating cannot help a cold and going without food will not reduce body temperatures.



ONE OF THE FIRST CONTRIBUTORS to the porchlight drive conducted by the Waynesville Secretaries chapter for the March of Dimes Tuesday night was Sammy Crawford, 2 1/2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Crawford, 455 North Main St. Solicitors were Miss Joy Woody (left) and Mrs. Enos Boyd, both members of the Secretaries organization. (Mountaineer Photo).

## March Of Dimes Ends; May Prove 'Best Ever'

Figures, representing contributions from the Canton-Clyde-Bethel area have begun to dance furiously before the eyes of the local March of Dimes treasurer. The drive, now officially over, appears at first glance the most successful single March of Dimes campaign in this area yet.

Treasurer Carl Gillis pointed out Tuesday that it was too early to estimate just what the total would be. However, the results of several separate efforts concluded in the last week have become known. All are encouraging.

From employees of The Champion Paper and Fibre Company and its subsidiaries was received \$4,318. Promised by The Champion Paper and Fibre Company Foundation is \$750.

The Hominy - Thickety - Beaverdam Communities raised about \$400 and \$325 respectively from their Gospel Hymn sing at the Canton High School Saturday night and The Hamburger Lunch Sale Friday noon. Nearly 700 hamburger lunches were made and sold according to the final tally.

West Pigeon Community Development workers raised \$170 with what was described as a wonderful chicken dinner at Bethel Saturday night.

The Kiwanis Club of Canton sponsored the "Dime Board." The "Board," situated on the corner of Main and Academy, raised over \$360 during four days of operation for the March of Dimes.

Radio Station WWIT together with volunteers from the communities of Center Pigeon and West Canton held an auction of tasty cakes, pies, candies, and other foodstuffs over the air Friday afternoon.

But foodstuffs had to share honors with two parakeets and other miscellany which were also donated for the auction. Mrs. Chasen of Center Pigeon reports that items donated by people there brought \$194. Mrs. Frankie Hyde of West Canton says her community's donations sold for \$150.

Turner Cathey banked his Pennsylvania Ave. School students' contributions Tuesday morning. The amount, the principal reported, was \$286.83.

The total of these projects alone represents about \$7,000. There are others who are yet to make final reports.

## Oakwood Garden Club Has Meeting

The Oakwood Garden Club held the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Earl Cabe Thursday evening, with Mrs. Frank Cabe co-hostess.

Mrs. Earl Cabe presided and gave reports of various activities, including the club's participation in planting bulbs at the Canton Public Library, and contributions to club-sponsored projects in the state and district, and the local community.

A discussion on planting dogwood trees and pruning trees and shrubbery followed the business.

During the social hour a tempting sweet course with Russian tea was served by the hostesses.

W. M. Williamson was honored Sunday with a birthday dinner and family gathering at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williamson. Sharing honors with him were his sister, Mrs. Mattie Sparks of Hendersonville, whose birthday was Tuesday, a daughter, Mrs. Lewis Clark, and a granddaughter, Mrs. David Ashe, whose birthdays came the latter part of January and the first of February.

Others attending were, Mrs. Williamson, Mr. Ashe, Lewis Clark and boys, Danny and Fred; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williamson and daughters, Mrs. Mary Hamett and Mrs. Sue Allen; and grandson, Lynn; James Williamson and two army buddies from Fort Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. George Worley, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Taylor of Greenville, S. C.; Nicky, Loy Lee and Lynn Williamson, Kate and Ernest Williamson and Sue Jane Robinson.

Nicky Williamson, Morris Haney and Weaver Hipps, students at N. C. State College spent a few days between semesters at their respective homes.

Mrs. Joe Bob Carswell and small daughter, Pamela Jo, arrived Sunday from Napa, California to join Mr. Carswell recently discharged from the U. S. Navy, who entered Blanton's Business College this week.

Mrs. E. P. Crane has returned home after spending a few weeks in Memorial Mission Hospital where she underwent treatment.

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## The Younger Set



By PEGGY REEVES And SUZANNE CURRY

Hi folks! The main topics of conversation this week are: the All-State Band Clinic at Cullowhee and the fact that the concert band at WTHS, long noted for its high standing in the state, will not be competing in the contest this year.

Owing to lack of interest on the part of many students, Mr. Isley announced that the band would not take part in the contest this year and that there would be no more concert band after this year. Mr. Isley plans to combine the concert and military bands and just have one marching band. Let's hope we can persuade Mr. Isley to change his mind and keep Waynesville on the musical map! How about it band?

The 16 members of the concert band who played in the All-State Band held at Western Carolina came home late Saturday night tired but feeling they had accomplished something. Mr. Boone, professor at Duke University, directed the band. The workshop band were made up of the students who did not make the all-state band.

While in Cullowhee, the girls stayed in the Madison and Moore dormitories. The boys lodged in the football headquarters for the night and I hear they had pleasant dreams. What, boys, no comment? Those attending the clinic were Buster Green, Eddie Demour, Mary Reeves, Pauline Inman, Marguerite Russ, Patsy Holder, Peggy Reeves, Barbara Jones, Suzanne Curry, Wanda Hipps, Salinda Dicus, Phyllis Davis, Joe Jack McEvoy, Beverly Teague, and Andy Owen. Mr. Campbell accompanied us over Friday and Mr. Isley came over Saturday for the concert that night. The directors were given a dinner in Dillsboro Saturday evening and from the way they talked it really sounded delicious (especially when you put it by our hamburgers!).

The Local Yokel will be on sale Friday. The price will be 10c. This is the first time the paper staff has published a paper under the editorship of their new editor, Bill Prevost. Bill was elected editor when George Williamson moved to his new home in Charlotte. We all miss George and hope Bill will be as successful with the paper as George. We know he will!

The Talent Show which was given in chapel Tuesday turned out to be a very enjoyable hour out of class. The winner of the talent show in senior high was Lois Hannah, who sang "My Isle of Golden Dreams" and played her guitar. The winner in junior high was Bonnie Siler, who played "Under the Double Eagle" on the piano. Both girls are very talented and we want them to know that everyone enjoyed their numbers! Congratulations!

Church will hold the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Carter on Thursday, February 17, at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Webster and daughter of Pasadena, Texas, have arrived to visit her father, Arthur J. Ford, and other relatives.

Miss Neely Ford who spent three weeks at the home of her brother Jesse Ford and family while recuperating from a recent illness has returned to Barium Springs.

Dean Haney is spending a few days this week in Raleigh and Chapel Hill on business.

Miss Rowene Robinson of Breward College spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Robinson.

## Rodent In Court

OMAHA (AP) — When the burglar alarm rang in a municipal court room at the police station, the cops were sure nobody was really trying to break in, but just the same a squad hustled up to search the rooms. The investigation brought this observation: "It was a mouse that tripped the alarm."

votes were counted, we finally came to a decision and decided on one color for both the boys and girls. It was unanimous that black would be the color. The officers of the senior class also picked out their invitations and cards Wednesday morning. The front of the invitations will have on it an etching of the old building. We hope everyone will be satisfied with them!

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