The Golf Course In Blue Ridge Forest

Invading A Mountain

For many years I have hed Hogback Mountain— changing tints in the ging seasons—the marve- sunsets flaming across his back. He has always ed so removed, so indivi- and yet so picturesque, nding me of Cowper's

nes must be beautiful that daily seen, e daily, and whose novelty survives knowledge and the scrut- iny of years."

ently I decided to try to his acquaintance. There been so much activity all nd him that I thought it d be interesting to know he himself thought of the ion that is goin on at nt in Blue Ridge Forest. is not a simple thing to on intimate terms with a ain but today I managed s him what he thinks the motors, the swim horseback riders and rs that are beginning to e themselves among his ts and valleys.

suppose I realized," he nded away, almost to him- that these modernists d get me some day. It's y hard work even for an essible mountain to resist great currents of what is d progress But I certain- d escaped for many a long ary. You see I belong to Archaic family."

Archaic?" I quered, re- ing my ignorance.

es, Archaic, a very, very amily of mountains. There the Ocoee branch, who are y well known, but not y so exclusive as my own

nodded deeply impressed. f course, you know," he med. "De Soto crossed me on his way to the Mis- ppi in 1540."

ain my ignorance made modest.

hat was several centuries and I paid no special at- on to the incident. Small s of fellows like that e little impression on me. pose if I had known he going to discover the great- river in the world and be in all the histories and raphies. I might have done thing for him—staged a der storm, perhaps, or—"

felt a kind of tremor and d a deep gurgling sound, realized that old Hogback laughing at his own joke. rom time to time there been Indians and hunters explorers and travelers go westward, but they were what my own kind, and I r thought much about . I was just glad they my lovely woodland ches and the fine views of fellow mountains. I have ys been very fortunate in soil and climate, so that ming things grow almost ywhere on my sides and mit. Some fellows as old are sort of lean and bare —well—plumb ugly."

Wars never get very near I have heard the distant ble of guns, but only once they really come here. That a few years ago, when they ned some of the boys for World War right on my t doorstep. There was an llery camp and they cer- ly did make me irritable at es rattling around and scar- my poor old sides—but I'd of steady myself after the ts and say 'everybody has contribute something to the d of his country."

A few of the wanderers I e entertained were pros- tors. They had heard of hidden wealth and they e just going to make me re it, willy-nilly. They have nd and carried off some of — but you can rest as- ed they do not know what m really worth, and"—here old fellow sounded small sly—"they are never going find out by my telling them thing. Major Sharp found old nugget up on his prop- y the other day, and he is hty proud of it—showing it to everybody but—"

Positively I felt the old fellow shrug his shoulders and make a face.

"It was just a couple of years ago when I realized fully that the days of my personal retirement were over. There were two or three men who kept coming up over and over agin, and then they brought the surveyors, and I began to hear them planning what they meant to do—a motor road right up to my very summit! A club house, cottages, golf course, swimming pool. I just shook with wrath and excitement. What right had they to take away my seclusion and make me share my beauty spots with folks I did not know?

It has taken them some time— but I have to admit they have done it. They had to get across little old Piney and Vaughan's Gap before they even approached me — but I could feel them coming nearer and nearer. There were roaring blasts and rattling trucks and men's voices and the tramp tramp of mules. Finally they tackled my sides, and day after day they got nearer and nearer to my summit. I'll say I gave them a run for their money"—again the old fellow gave a sly chuckle—"but at last I had to admit they had won. The road was at the top—right in my own private, intimate territory."

"You know the strange part is that by the time they really from him. You know not many begun to enjoy the situation. The sounds of human beings when they are friendly and industrious and have no meanness in them are rather companionable, and after a while I was lonesome at night when they went away and sort of warm and glad in the morning when they came to work again."

"How do you like all these parties of people coming, now that the club house and the swimming pool and the golf course and tennis courts are done?" I asked him. "Did you count on having such continuous company,"

"That," said the old chap, almost humbly, "was all a part of the slow change in me, I suppose. As a matter of fact, I really like it. They all seem to appreciate what they find up here, and, of course, almost anybody—even a grumpy old recluse of a mountain—likes to be told how beautiful he is and what lovely sights can be seen wonderful achievement. He just mountains can offer as much as I can in the way of views of of my neighbor mountains—Paris Mountain, Bushy Ridge, Glassy Rocks and even a glimpse of the big boys, Mitchell and Pisgah and the Blacks. Then there are people who prefer to look out over the South Carolina plains, and the panorama I furnish is unbeatable for beauty."

"Then you really do not mind these gay crowds?"

"No, I enjoy their good times, too. Laughter is a pleasant noise, and even the music when they dance has a pretty sound. I never thoght I'd like this stuff they call jazz, but it is all right when diluted with mountain breeezes."

"I hear them say the swimming pool is fine. It ought to be. They have used some of the best and freshest of my mountain brooks to fill it and the golf course—they call it sporty—that does not mean much to me I've only noticed that fellow they call 'Bill' and another name that's unpronouncable from New York seems to think it is a most wonderful achievement. He just goes all over those 'tees' and 'greens,' patting them as thought he loved them like his own folks."

"No, visitors, even, do not bother me any more. After all, a good many of them are from my own State—you know I am a South Carolinian myself, even if I do have to be approached from the Old North State. You just tell any body you happen to see that I am really getting quite hospitable, and if they care to come up and and explore—why, I'll do my best to treat them well. I can always give them some cool breezes, a beautiful sunset or two and best of all a sense of calm and peace that will rest them from all the cares and troubles and anxieties of the little world that runs to and from below me."

I would have been more than willing to continue this conversation but twilight was coming on and the old fellow grew quieter and quieter settling himself slowly into the valleys around him as the sun dropped beyond the mountains and the cool of the coming night bestowed a sort of benediction upon us both.

MARBLE CONTEST HELD AT CROSS KEYS

The Cross Keys Marble game was played Saturday Sep. 11, was full of pep from start to finish. Whitesides and Weaver played Hollifield and Shelham the three best in five. Hollifield and Shelham won the first three best in five. Whitesides and Weaver won the next thre best in five. Then Bridges and Hardin played Whitesides and Weaver, two best in three. Whitesides and Weaver got fist seven, Bridges Hardin the second and third seven.

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Polk County News

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Misses Minnie and Ethel Henderson called on friends at Melvin Hill Sunday evnening.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended revival meetings at Melvin Hill.

Mrs. Ella Putman is visiting relatives at Shelby this week.

Farmers are very busy haying and foddering these days.

Mrs. Hattie Toney and her daughter Miss Violet, enjoyed a visit from their friends, Mrs. Samons and her charming daughter Miss Elsie of Spartanburg, a few days last week.

TRYON ROUTE 1

Oh, September the beginning of Autumn! Do the flowers like myself feel a sudden sadness, because the summer will depart.

Miss Jettie Heague leaves this morning for Asheville Normal.

Miss Annie Edwards accompanied by Miss Laura Jack of Columbus, leaves first of this week to attend college at N. C. C. W. of Greensboro.

Mr. Bill Collins was called this week to Great Falls, S. C. as assistant painting foreman Bessie his wife will be at her old home on Route one for the week.

Mr. Jonathan Pack of Green River spent Monday night of last week with R. G. Hamilton who has been ill for some time but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nance of Spartanburg, and Master Bob Brown were among Sunday afternoon visitors at Walnut Grove.

Mr. Carl Edwards was the week-end guest of Bob Jack Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter, Edwards were Thursday supper guests of their aunt Minnie.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. Sept. 14—Freshman week at the University of North Carolnia begins Tuesday, September 14. All freshmen were required to report in Memorial Hall Tuesday morning when the registration schedule will be explained to them. Actual registration took place Wednesday. The first year men began pouring into Chapel Hill Monday, September 13, and more than 800 were on hand.

During the week the new men will be given a thorough physical examination, and those found to be defective will be given special work under the personal supervision of the director of the gymnasium. Library tours, discussion groups on student government and the honor system, consultations with deans and counselors are a few of the other items which make up the freshman week schedule. The purpose of Freshman week is to help the incoming men orient themselves to their surroundings and start them out at once to enter freely into the campus life, to get the most out of their classes, and to make the right kind of friends.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C. Sept. 16—The University of North Carolina wil open its 134th session with the beginning of classes on Friday morning, September 17. Registration for the upper classmen will take place Thursday, Septmeber 16, and freshmen will register Wednesday, September 15. It is expected that the total registration will pass the 2,500 mark.

Numerous changes will greet the men returning to the Hill. South Building — formerly a domitory—has been remodeled and now houses the administrative offices of the University. New East is undergoing reconstruction and other minor changes have taken place on the campus and in the village.

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