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VIOLET RAYS ON OUR WAYS
 By H. M. Alley

Note: This column is written with malice toward none, but with the common good of all in mind.

A news item says that 64 million Americans were employed during the month of June which is the greatest number of workers to date in our nation's history. This does not offset the fact that there were the usual number of idlers and loafers in and around our hallelujah. Much of the unemployment that is often played up in the press, and during political campaigns is not always indicative of a shortage of available work, but rather indicates an increase of voluntary idleness. There have always been a few people smart enough to live without working, and we're not speaking of rich folk!

However shocking and offensive this may sound, we do not hesitate to say that every able bodied man and woman, regardless of his or her profession or position ought to engage in some part-time work or industry that would require the use of their hands, and which would produce something that would be useful to themselves or others. And no one should be graduated from High School until he or she has mastered some art or craft that

could be resorted to as a means of livelihood if necessary.

The great Apostle Paul set a ruling for the christians of the New Testament period to the effect that, "...if any would not work, neither should he eat." (1 Thess. 3:10) A similar rule today, enforced by law, would take many an idler and loafer off the streets of our towns and cities. Though there are doubtless some who would become rather weak and hungry before they would roll up their sleeves and engage in honest toil.

Uncle Josh says: "Hit minds of what ole Cy Slowdown toled th woman what come down to Cedar Crick, U. S. A. a-takin Senses in 1950. When she axed ole Cy what his occupation were he says says he, "Squirrel huntin, my profession, maam." "Oh, mister Slowdown," says she, "you mean squirrel hunting is your hobby or sport. But surely you have some kind of work which you do most of the time." "No maam," says Cy, "Ain't nary job ever comes betwixt me an squirrel huntin, Jus ax ary man an squirl the Crick and he'll tell ye that I don't work nothin like three thirds of my time."

Seen in passing: (And of all times to have been passing!) "Two young females, commonly called "Bathing Beauties," only these were several hundred miles from the closest bathing beach, clad in trunks and halters that left more than two thirds of their nude bodies exposed to the sun, and to the still more torrid stares and thoughts and comments of a number of

POETRY CORNER

Conducted By
 Edith Dederick Erskine
 COULD ANY?

Could anyone speak so charmingly
 Nor seem one-half sae brow;
 Could maid have true unconsciousness

And show not an inch of awe?
 If silver but lacked the shining
 Or gold never knew its weight;
 Like a girl walking paths—and singing
 In the bright spring-time of Fate?

Lena Mearle Shull, Asheville, N. C. (Scotch)

AGE
 A friend with logic said to me,
 "Although your years are eighty three,
 Since you retain a lucid mind,
 And in tomorrow interest find
 You're still not old."

"But should a man one half your years
 Abandon hope, give way to fears
 And hold aloof from life today,
 From joys that should adorn his way—
 That man is old,
 Yes, very old."

A. D. Brewer, Franklin, N. C.

(Poetry for this corner should be sent direct to Edith Dederick Erskine, Weaver ville, N. C.)

 male admirers! One wonders sometimes if such lassies and their mamas, too, have completely lost their senses. And after all what is the big idea behind it all? Surely if it were just to get the benefit of the sun these dry-land Bathing Beauties could find enough room for that in their own back yards.

 F. B. I. reports indicate that rape, as well as other major crimes is on the increase. Perhaps it is necessary to constitute this a capital offense punishable by death. But it could be that to enact laws to prevent and punish certain provocative acts, styles and indecent public exposure would do as much to curb this beastly (with all due apologies to the animal world) tendency on the part of men and boys as would the dread of the death penalty.

 And now, lest certain mamas and certain gals think we are showing un-fairness, let me hasten to add that no self-respecting man or boy above twelve years of age will appear on the street or in public meetings or places of business stripped to his wiaist, Everyone who does ought to receive a stiff fine.... Nuff Sed.
 Editor's Note: Signed articles, such as the one above, do not necessarily reflect the editorial opinions of this paper.

They Take To The Forest

By George Vitas, Toecane District Ranger

"Look dad, I foud one!" This excited cry came from a tan, bare-chested 12 year old boy who was perched atop a heap of sun-drenched rock spoil that had come out of a mica mine.

It had started last summer as just another sight-seeing tour, with no particular stopping place in-mind, for a New Jersey school teacher and his family. Their route took them to the mountainous Pisgah National Forest in western North Carolina. Here they camped one night at the Carolina Hemlock Recreation Area. It was to be, like several previous stops, just for overnight. They stayed two weeks!

With Mt. Mitchell and the Black Brothers hovering over them, they found the mountain trails a delight to hike. The recreation area had a natural swimming pool in the South Toe River which the teacher, his twin sixth-grade sons and the native rainbow and brown trout found to their mutual liking. The area was provided with sanitary facilities, pure drinking water, fireplaces in which to cook, tables and benches. There was space to pitch their tent and park their car.

In roaming the trails with his boys, the school teacher came across several old mica mines. In the old banks of these mines he discovered many interesting rocks, among them an occasional garnet. His lapidarian appetite whetted, he drove to Asheville, bought a book on semi-precious stones and had an absorbing time searching for and identifying them. While at the recreation area, he met several other parties of campers who were also on a national forest vacation. They spent a number of days in the sun, fishing; and in the evening, before the campfire just talking and sometimes singing. His boys discovered willing playmates in the children of the other campers and his wife found the wives of fellow campers cordial companions. When it came time for them to start the trip back to New Jersey, they did so regretfully. But they gave their camping area

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

The orthopedic clinic for this district will be held in the Spruce Pine office of the District Health Department on Wednesday, July 20. Children should be registered not later than 11 a. m., and adults not later than 12:30. Doctors J. Bruce Galloway and Walter Watts, of Asheville, will be the clinicians.

 No chest X-rays will be made in the Spruce Pine health office today (July 14), due to the absence of Dr. McRae, who will be in Washington all week. The Thursday office clinic will be held by Mrs. Louise P. Cornett, the Avery County public health nurse. The Friday afternoon clinic in Bakersville will be held by Mrs. Anne Ballard, the Yancey County public health nurse.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED BY GARY BYRD BENNETT

Gary Byrd Bennett, age 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bennett was honored Sunday with a birthday dinner at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Byrd of Burnsville. Later, a train trip—which was a new experience for Gary—was enjoyed by him and a company of ten of his friends. He not only enjoyed the ride but learned many interesting things on the trip.

 The summer immunization clinics scheduled to be held by Dr. McRae on Wednesday, July 13, on Jacks Creek and the lower part of Cane River, have been re-scheduled for Tuesday, July 19; the timetable remains the same.



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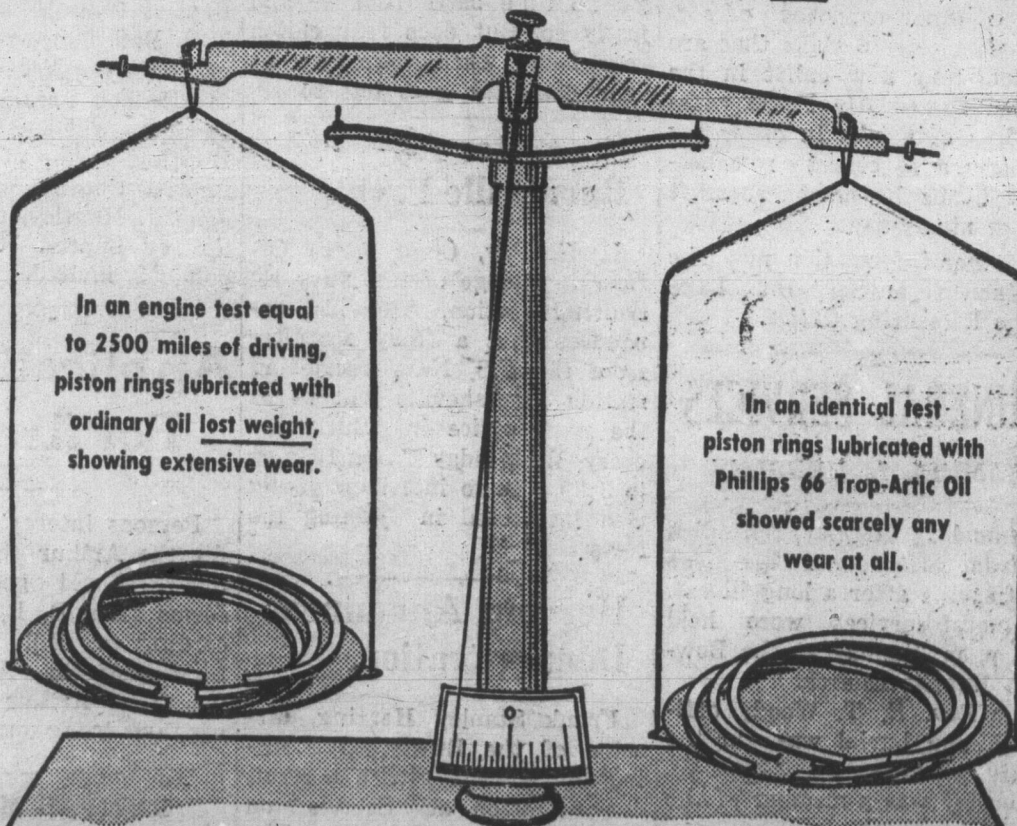
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Os Deyton and Royce Lee Howell

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