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Members of the Blue Ridge Parkway Association will hold their Spring Meeting at Peaks of Otter Lodge on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Bedford, Va. May 9th and 10th.

May 9th at six p.m. will be the social hour followed by a gourmet buffet. Speaker for the occasion will be Charles Barbour, Director of Travel and Promotion for N. Carolina.

On May 10 at nine a.m. the business meeting will be held and Granville Liles will bring members up to date on the National Parks Centennial Celebration to be held at Doughton Park, N.C. on June 30th.

Job Record Is Important

Many people are unaware of the importance of maintaining a good job record. The W.A.M.Y. Manpower program has compiled the following explanation of what a job record consists of and why it is important.

A job record is everything concerning your relationship to the jobs you have had. It is something that can be used by employers to determine what kind of worker you are, how long you have stayed with previous jobs, what is your ability, how you get along with others, or anything else

an employer might be interested in knowing about a future employee.

A good job record is also important because of the present high rate of unemployment. Employers are flooded with applications for every job opening. A quick look at your application can determine if you would be a desirable or undesirable employee. If you have a habit of moving from job to job, have been unemployed for a long time, or if you make a practice of not doing a good job, you will be considered undesirable. Your past job record may be the determining factor in whether or not you get another job.

As long as there are unemployed people with better job records than yours, your bad job record will almost certainly deprive you of a second chance.

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Charlotte, Carolina's Queen
Charlotte, Carolina's Queen City

by Kenneth Frederick & Blanche Marsh. 1967. Pp. 201. R.L. Bryan Co., Columbia, S. C.

From Rags To Riches could easily be a sub-title for the book, **Charlotte, Carolina's Queen City**, by Kenneth Frederick and Blanche Marsh. Basing their conclusions on a series of circumstances, events and personalities, the authors present in dramatic form a pictorial study with historic highlights.

A few readers may feel at the conclusion of the story that the city of Charlotte just happened to be "lucky" - lucky to be settled by enterprising Scotch-Irish colonists who could seize an opportunity to become the courthouse town of the county; lucky in that the settlement was the center of an Indian trader trail to Charleston which in later years would outline the route for a great interstate highway; lucky in that the timely invention of the cotton gin transformed the economy of the county from general farming to cotton growing; lucky in that the discovery of gold caused the town to become the gold-mining center of the country until 1848; lucky in that the coming of the railroads sparked commerce and industry;

lucky in that the town became the location of a branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; and very lucky in that the city's own Cameron Morrison in 1921 to further the program of good roads. But the best luck of all was that Charlotte produced sons of such caliber and vision as (to mention a few) Thomas Polk, James K. Polk, William Alexander (along with several other Alexanders), John Davidson, James A. Jones, the Belk brothers, J. B. Ivey, William T. Harris, Thomas M. Barnhardt, Willis F. Dowd, Phillip L. Lance, "Billy" Graham, and many others. By way of explanation, since it is commonly agreed that, as a rule, one makes one's own luck, we doubt the validity of ascribing the success of Charlotte to just sheer luck.

In describing the Charlotte of the 1960's perhaps Mayor Stanford E. Brookshire in 1967 summed it up best by saying that the city is "Large enough to be cosmopolitan, small enough to be friendly, old enough to possess rich traditions, young enough to be strong and vibrant, rich enough to be generous, poor enough to embrace hard work, and with all, possessing a heart and conscience that embraces the needs and interests of all of its citizens."

Permit Needed For Gorge

Persons visiting the Linville Gorge Wilderness on the Pisgah National Forest this year will find things a little different. Each hiker into the Gorge will need to fill out a permit after May 26, Supervisor Del Thorsen of the National Forests in North Carolina said today.

Thorsen said increasing use of Linville Gorge had made the permit system necessary in order to give the Forest Service a better idea of the amount of use and its impact on the Wilderness. The Wilderness Act of 1964 calls for "outstanding opportunities for solitude" as well as provision of a community of life largely unaffected by man's activities. Today's increasing use of Linville Gorge makes it increasingly difficult for the Forest Service to meet these objectives.

Until recent times, Wilderness actually required little management because it was little used. But with continual acceleration in use, the same ideals that made the Wilderness Act necessary require the application of new ideas to prevent its deterioration.

Moreover, management techniques are not the easiest or cheapest in the Wilderness. All jobs must be accomplished on foot and with hand tools because all motorized equipment including trail bikes and scooters is prohibited. Thorsen said in short we must establish standards for wilderness carrying capacity and apply these standards in our management policies.

There are two Wilderness Areas in North Carolina-- Linville Gorge and Shining Rock both on the Pisgah National Forest. The permit system will apply only to the Linville Gorge Area as a pilot project this year and other areas will be added as necessary.

Permits, which are free, will be issued at self-service stations along each trail about 1/4 mile inside the Wilderness Area, and at the District Ranger's Office in Marion. Wilderness visitors who do not secure a permit will be subject to citation before a U.S. Magistrate where they may be fined if found guilty.

Thorsen said the permit will help answer a basic problem in wilderness management which is lack of accurate knowledge about the use each area is receiving. The information will enable the Forest Service to learn more about the number of visitors, number of persons in each party, length of stay, point of entry and where the visit will end and other things that will help in making management decisions.

A Wilderness visit is a special type of experience, Thorsen said, and the future of Wilderness depends on those who use it. He said the Forest Service wants to see that such areas are kept in a primitive setting for the benefit of not only today's visitors but for future generations as well.

Ms. Harper Has Good Chance

Political polls indicate that Margaret Harper of Southport has an excellent chance to be involved in the second primary contest for the Democratic nomination for Lt. Governor.

"One poll shows that I am running second," Mrs. Harper said this week, "and another shows the three top candidates for this office to be within one percentage point of each other. Mrs. Harper, who has waged a vigorous campaign which has kept her on the go every day for the past 10 weeks, says that "if the women fail to elect another woman this year it will be their own fault. For the first time in history we have a lot of help from the men."

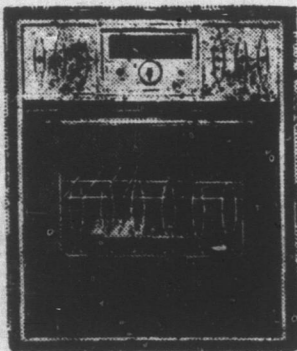
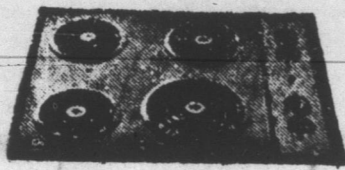
Mrs. Harper says that she has been both surprised and pleased at the source of some of this masculine support. "During the past few days I have had numerous veterans of political activity in the Democratic party say it will be a healthy thing to have a woman on the ballot in the General Election this fall.

Mrs. Harper says that the word politics no longer is unmentionable in organized woman's groups which formerly felt this was not an area for their concern.

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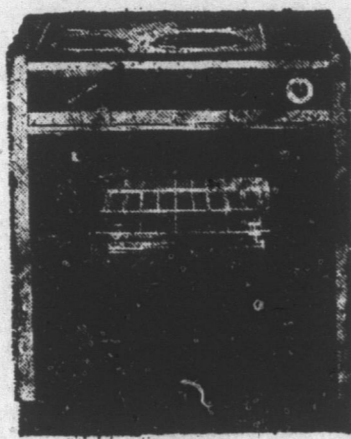
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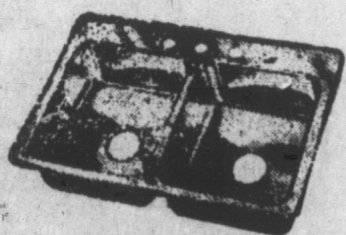
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