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## Forest Project Underway

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the faculty at Ohio University, he joined the Central States Forest Experiment Station of the Forest Service in Carbondale, Illinois, where he developed an outstanding research program for improving the growth and quality of hardwood trees. He was promoted to Assistant Director in 1964 and transferred to Columbus, Ohio, where he initiated and administered research that led to new and improved cultural practices for the growth and management of black walnut trees.

Two years later, he was appointed chief of the Branch of Forest Genetics Research in Washington, D.C., and in 1967 was promoted to the staff of the top administrator of Forest Service Research. He was named Director of the Southeastern Station in Asheville in 1970. He has represented the Forest Service in a number of foreign assignments, to India, Ceylon and Yugoslavia and has authored or co-authored more than 50 scientific publications. In addition to membership in a number of scientific organizations, he is also a member of Asheville's Pen and Plate Club and the Carolina Mountain Club.

Dr. J. B. Hillmon, Director of Forest Environment Research for the Forest Service, Washington, D.C., has been appointed Director of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station with headquarters in Asheville. Dr. Hillmon succeeds Stephen G.

Boyce who is undertaking a new

research program to investigate biological potentials for accelerating tree growth in the East.

A native of Amonate, Va., Dr. Hillmon began his Forest Service career in 1955 at Raleigh, N.C. He was later made Project Leader at Fort Myers, Fla. In 1967 he was appointed Assistant Director at the Southeastern Station until he transferred to the Washington Office in 1969. Just prior to his most recent position, Dr. Hillmon was Assistant to the Chief of the Forest Service.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Forestry and Wildlife Conservation at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1952, a master's degree in Range Management from Utah State University in 1955, and a Ph D in Ecology from Duke University in 1969.

In his new position, Dr. Hillmon will direct a broad program of forestry research involving almost 300 Forest Service scientists and supporting personnel and cooperation with State and private organizations.

Senator Jesse Helms, who made the announcement of Dr. Hillmon's appointment along with Congressman Roy Taylor, said: "The Forest Service is dedicated to a broadened and strengthened program of forestry research, and I am particularly pleased to know that a man of Dr. Hillmon's knowledge and experience will lead the forestry research effort in the Southeast." Dr. Hillmon's appointment is effective October 1.

## Folk-Ways and Folk-Speech

of SOUTHERN APPALACHIA with Rogers Whitener

Send your suggestions for column material to Rogers Whitener, Box 376, Boone, N. C. 28601.



At a recent meeting of Watauga and Avery County citizens interested in preserving customs, traditions, and landmarks of the past, I was asked to examine a copy of *Look Back With Love*, a book about Appalachia and its people written by Alberta Pierson Hammum, now a resident of West Virginia.

Both the title and the author's name put me on my guard. "Another sweet little old lady writing about those quaint mountaineers!" I said to myself. Thus I decided to give it short shrift.

Somehow, however, it didn't quite work out that way. I found myself plowing through most of the book in one evening and finishing it off the next morning, delighted to find a writer who has attempted to paint the Appalachian region and its people honestly, with all their merits, their faults, their whimsicalities.

Much of the book derives from Mrs. Hammum's experiences with mountain folk, both as a young school teacher in the Crossnore School and as a frequent visitor to the area from her home in West Virginia. Thus *Look Back* represents an extended view of this area rather than the hastily-formed judgment of the overnight expert.

Chapter headings are, perhaps, a key to the essential honesty of the book, for they are taken from Uncle Jake Carpenter's antology of death on Three Mile Creek in Western North Carolina, recorded during the period from 1845 to 1920.

During this time Uncle Jake kept an accurate account of the deaths in the area and in his journal tersely but succinctly scrawled his judgment of the departed. He usually found space to note the dead person's occupation, his ability or lack of ability, and the nature of his character.

The journal was made available to Mrs. Hammum in the 30's when she accompanied one of her students home and was shown the manuscript by Mrs. Carpenter. Thus *Look Back With Love* is both a tribute to Uncle Jake Carpenter and the mountain people he knew as neighbors.

Excerpts from the journal make interesting reading, both as isolated entries or as take-off points for Mrs. Hammum's chapters on Appalachian mountain life.

Uncle Jake had great respect for the person who put in a day's honest work. Time and again such notations as the following appear (in his own manner of spelling):

"Robert Wilson ag 45 dide oc 10 ware harde workman" (1845)

"Franky Carpenter ag 56 did oc 25 harde workin woin in farme made com Oates" (1862)

He also admired courage, both in war and in the everyday life of the mountaineers:

"John Abey 85 July 2 was fine solder in ware" (1863)

"Franky Davis (William Davis's wife) age 87 dide Sep 10 she had nivr fite woves all nite at Shogar camp to save her caff throd fier chonks to save caff the camp was hal mil from home noe she must have nivr to fites wof all nite" (1842)

Uncle Jake also notes deviations from the straight and narrow, but he was careful to acknowledge merit in the individual even when circumstances were slightly unusual, as in the following:

"Charley Kiney age 72 dide may 10 Wars Farmer live in mt. on bluey ridge at kiney gape hey

had 4 wim cors marid to won res live on farme, all wen to feld work to make gran all wen to crib for the brd all went Smk hos for there mete he cilde bote 75 to 80 hoges eve yere and wimen never had worde bot him never so many wimin He wod be this times wod he hare poide that was 42 children blong to him th all wente preaching them noth set tha des aver bod go long smoth hel won nother hey made brandy all of his lif never had any foes got long smoth with every bodi i nod him Jacob Carpenter (1852)

Throughout *Look Back With Love* the author is true to Uncle Jake's interpretation of Appalachian life in her extension of his cryptic observations and in her own judgments of mountain folk and their environment. Incidentally, I recently met Mrs. Hammum on a visit to Crossnore. I heartily approve of both her and her book.

## BOOK CORNER BY Mrs. Gladys Coletta

*Hour of Gold, Hour of Lead* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, 1973, Pp. 325, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, N. Y. & London.

From gladness to sadness-- and then back to gladness, with the birth of her second son, the wheel of time went full circle for Anne Morrow Lindbergh, as she relates the joy and sorrow of a certain period of her life, in her book, *Hour of Gold, Hour of Lead*. Her diaries and letters from 1929-1932 reveal a wife and mother of unusual warmth and sparkle.

The charm of the author's letters in her hour of gold lies in the intimate, physical appeal to the senses. The happiness of her early married life to her famous husband causes her to love and enjoy everything she sees, hears, touches, smells, and tastes. She loves the smell of "a circus with its sawdust, animals, peanuts, garlic, heat, and people". She loves the sight of anything blue: "I'll do almost anything for the color blue--hills or bowls or eyes or neckties". She loves the touch of "a cool thick sea mist that pricks one's face softly". She loves to hear the "gentle, persistent, comforting rain on the roof". And she enjoys the taste

of "Marmalade that the sun shone through so nicely this morning". These were the simple things in Anne Lindbergh's life, but they appealed to her because she was happy.

Almost overnight the author's happiness was crushed by the kidnapping and murder of her little son. But even in her hour of lead her sense of touch came to her rescue. Dating from the early games of her childhood, the author had always been able to re-create the sensation of touch. Now, to ease her sorrow, she warmed herself with the memory of the touch of the child's hand in hers. It was good to feel the intimacy of that memory as a balm for her aching heart.

Understandably, bitterness lingered in the soul of such a heavy-hearted mother, for many months. It was not until the birth of her second child that the spell was broken, but the scar of the tragedy would always remain. Anne Lindbergh's words ring true for all who have been touched with sorrow: "It isn't for the moment you are struck that you need courage, but for the long, uphill climb back to sanity, and faith, and security."

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In connection with the bloodmobile visit to Burnsville on August 27, when 67 pints of blood were donated, the report from the Red Cross stated that the ladies of Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church, Burnsville, furnished the canteen.

Ladies from that church have graciously helped with previous visits of the bloodmobile to Burnsville, but it was ladies of Martin's Chapel United Methodist Church, Newdale, who generously supplied the food and served it during the August 27 visit. Officers of the Mayland Red Cross Chapter, which serves Mitchell, Avery and Yancey Counties are very grateful to a member of Martin's Chapel for their assistance.



"Inflation is what makes balloons bigger and candy bars smaller." (Changing Times)