

# Park Development Program Dates Back To Dreams Of State Official In 1917

## TRAGEDY SEEN

J. S. Holmes, State Forester Credited With Launching Movement

Raleigh — Thirty years ago a state official with graying hair, keen eyes and long, sensitive fingers looked over North Carolina and saw tragedy—forests being denuded, needless slaughter of birds, fish and wild animals.

He realized that the intimate catastrophe would be — bare, dead soil and a depleted stock of wildlife—and he knew that it had to be stopped.

One way to stop it, he believed, was the establishment of state parks and refuges for wild life. Here North Carolina would say to the selfish among the hunters and lumber cutters:

"You shall not desecrate this earth with your axes and your guns. Here the animals and the trees shall live on equal terms with man."

So that official—J. S. Holmes, now state forester with the department of conservation and development—went to work, concentrating on the park idea. He led a small group whose efforts in 1917 resulted in the opening

## ESCORT BUREAU



Joseph Bernhard, chairman of the American Legion convention registration committee, signs Connie Boswell, famous singer, up for a "gate" with Louis L. McCormick, Louisiana commander, during the 1939 national Legion convention in Chicago September 25 through 28. It's all a surprise to McCormick, who is unaware of proceedings.

of the first state park—Mt. Mitchell, in Yancey county.

Now six other parks have joined the first—the latest, Pettigrew, was added this year—and

Holmes, now 71, has seen his work grow until he has supervision over eight to 10 trained foresters and 350 full and part time employes.

A native of Canada, Holmes came to North Carolina when he was a young boy. He attended the University of North Carolina and Yale university, and in 1909 became forester in the North Carolina geological and economic survey, from which the department of conservation and development was organized in 1925. The seven parks, three in the east and four in the west, are his domain, their 11,165 acres dedicated to recreation and the preservation of plant and animal life.

The largest is Morrow Mountain state park in Stanly county. It has an area of 4,200 acres in the heart of the Uharrie mountains, which are the remnants of the oldest mountain range on the North American continent. The smallest is Rendezvous state park in Wilkes county, with 140 acres.

Here's a thumbnail sketch of each of the parks:

Mt. Mitchell park, covering 1,200 acres in the Black mountains, is dominated by Mt. Mitchell, the highest mountain east of the Mississippi river. From the top of the peak, 6,711 feet above sea level, one can see miles of forests, roads, cities. Because of the great height—no part of the area is less than one mile high—the climate and plant life are more like those of Canada than North Carolina. Here the beautiful mountain laurel, great rhododendron and rose rhododendron bloom, and the streams run clear as crystal.

The 425-acre Ft. Macon park was opened in 1924. It is bounded by the Atlantic ocean on the south and by Bogue sound on the north. The location of the present fort within the park has been, for over two centuries, the site of various fortifications to protect Beaufort and Morehead City from invasion.

**Fort Restored**  
The present fort, which has been partially restored, has been pronounced a masterpiece of architectural beauty. Bird life is abundant, and though vegetation is sparse on most of the high sand dunes, one of the objectives is to restore vegetation to the area. Rendezvous park came along in 1927. The site was donated by

## PIGEON EXPRESS



Margaret Gillen, 10 years old, a patient in St. Clare's hospital, New York, where she is recovering from two operations, holds a pigeon which flew from Elizabeth, N. J., recently, bringing her a canary, the gift of J. N. (Ding) Darling, cartoonist and outdoor enthusiast. The canary is in the small aluminum pullman on the pigeon's back.

Judge and Mrs. T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro. The area includes the upper slopes and peak of Rendezvous mountain an offshoot of the Blue Ridge.

Hanging Rock park, covering 2,900 acres in Stokes county, was first developed in 1934-35. Located in the Suratown mountains, it combines rugged beauty with man-made conveniences. From Moores Knob in the park one may look across the valley of the Dan river, with its patchwork of tobacco fields, to the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina and Virginia.

Cape Hatteras park in Dare county, which also was first developed in 1934-35, is in the area designated for the National Seashore park and will be turned over to the federal government when that project is completed. This 1,100-acre park is on the famed North Carolina "banks"—slim fingers of sand extending southward from Virginia, bounded on the east by the Atlantic and on the west by numerous sounds. The soil everywhere is the rough, golden sand, and among the first objectives has been the "anchoring" of the huge dunes by restoring vegetation.

Morrow Mountain park perhaps owes its existence to Paul Kelly, assistant director of the conservation and development department. When Director Bruce Etheridge was discussing the park program with his assistants, Kelly suggested the site and the park has been rather his "pet" since that time. J. M. Morrow, of Albermarle, donated 900 acres, some land was given by other persons, and Stanley county floated a \$25,000 bond issue to round out the area. The park is being developed, like the others, as a game refuge and site for picnics, hiking, camping and horseback riding.

Work has been started on 200-acre Pettigrew park in the shore of Lake Phelps in Tyrrell and Washington counties. Several old pre-Civil War mansions in the area will be reconditioned, and Lake Phelps, officials say, promises to become a fisherman's paradise.

copy be published in local papers and a copy be recorded in the minutes of our society. Let us think of her as gone to that land where we just begin to live. Not dead, oh no! but beyond the shadows, Into the full clear light, Forever done with mist and clouds and tempest. Where all is calm and bright,

Oh no, not dead but past all fear of dying  
And with all suffering o'er.  
Say not that she is dead for  
Jesus called her home to live forever more.  
Respectfully Submitted:  
Mrs. Mollie Barrett.  
Mrs. A. F. James.  
Mrs. W. Y. Pass.

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## Obituaries

### MRS. MINNIE RILEY

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his infinite love and wisdom has called to her reward our sister and co-worker, Mrs. Minnie Riley, May 27, 1939, we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Roxboro First Baptist church wish to record our appreciation of her life, therefore be it resolved:

First, that her beautiful Christian character, her strong abiding faith, her devotion to her church and to her home were noble examples and an inspirational blessing to all who knew her.

Second, that we extend to the bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy commending them to the tender care of the Heavenly Father that he may be their refuge and cast around them his everlasting arms.

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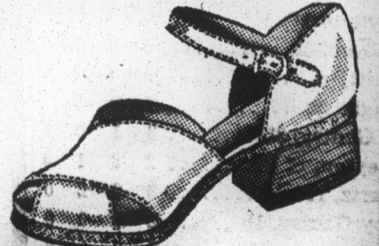
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