

Sense And Some NONSENSE



By Dewey

Just how many people of this area fully realize what they have in way of attraction in the noted Azalea State Park? True, many of us say—"Gosh, but that's nice, and I like to go there." Yet, just how many of us realize the full story behind this park. Certainly, I'll admit that I do not.

In my travels over this nation of ours, it has been my good fortune to visit many of our national parks. It is not in comparison that I speak of these parks, in talking about Azalea State Park, but my own way of measuring the worth of the park to this area, if properly exploited.

If you want phenomena, go to Yellowstone. There you may see about all of the miracles of the world, collected in one spot. If you want to see mammoth beauty—then there's no place quite like Glacier National Park in north-west Montana. For beauty, the breath-taking kind, none can even quite start to compare to this small spot, this fairyland, as it were, situated just up the hill from the Chetco river—so close to our eyes that we cannot see one small part of its beauty.

Natural, except for installation of paths, a bandstand, and a few picnic tables, this land covered by this fairyland, is natural—just as the Almighty placed it here. Not being botanist enough to go into details about the famed Azaleas, I do have appreciation enough to value the beauty that no kodachrome can capture, no artist capable of reproducing.

Last Sunday—it happened to be my birthday, and being a bit on the lonely side because of the separation from my family, I had occasion to take a tourist through this place just after breakfast—it was about 7:30 a. m. Here, it was my privilege to gaze upon the beauty that is ours, and by my companions, we stood, silent, awe-stricken, and very humble. With dew on the grass, and a faint breeze coming up from the sea—we stood, just drinking in the aroma of God's world.

We, of this area, have something here which we should learn more about. We should spend a lot more time there, evenings, in the afternoons, and oh, don't for-

get—the mornings. Somehow, it will do something for you, if you will only permit it. This area, in addition to other resources, should be identified by this park.

Many people will be here Saturday to enjoy the Azalea Festival. Each citizen of this area should appoint himself a committee of one to show another—a visitor, the beauties of the area—and at the same time, show him the resources. Do not over-sell the area—but point out where development is needed, as well as where it has been realized.

This area is world famous—lilies have done that—but there are too many "stories" that do the area no good—and these are to be corrected, soon.

People of the nation are looking to this frontier for a place to develop home for retirement—for recreation, for summer, as well as winter homes. Point to your visitor the likely spots he

might build that "dream home" and what he will actually find once he arrives.

Tell your visitor about the climate—how little variation there is throughout the year. Such is your job, Saturday. Invite this visitor to come this summer to see the lilies in bloom. Invite him for a week-end of fishing—be hospitable, and you've done a good job!

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