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citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia, and his passing left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and neighbors; and WHEREAS, Mr. Lance was born on Jan. 27, 1937, in Murphy, NC, and was raised on his family's farm located on Murphy Highway which has been in the Lance family since 1860; and WHEREAS, he was among the first young men to receive the Eagle Scout ranking in Union County; and WHEREAS, upon graduating from Union County High School, Mr. Lance gained acceptance in Young Harris Col-

lege, where he earned a position on the basketball team after receiving recognition for scoring more than 2,000 points at Union County High School; and WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Armed Forces and graduated from the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy; and WHEREAS, upon his graduation from pharmacy school, Mr. Lance founded the Hill Lance Drugs store which he operated for more than 30 years until his retirement; and WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Lance founded the Union County Recreational Department and was a member of the boards

for Union County Recreation, United Community Bank, Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, and Union County Historical Society; and WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by renaming a road in his memory. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of U.S. Route 19 in Union County from its intersection with State Route

515 to the North Carolina line is renamed as the Jack Collins Lance, Sr., Memorial Highway. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is autho-

rized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs renaming the Jack Collin Lance, Sr., Memorial Highway. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Sen-

ate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. Jack Collin Lance, Sr., and to the Department of Transportation.

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Guests included members of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club Vogel Volunteers, Mrs. John Derden Sr., and John Derden, Jr.

Gambrell then introduced Dayton Miller of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club. Founded in 1930, it's one of 31 trail maintaining clubs. Miller said that the ATC has a long history of a connection between the Appalachian (AT) and the CCC. There are a number of important locations on the AT built by the CCC, such as the Walasi-Yi Center, and the Shelter at Blood Mountain.

Gambrell then introduced each of the CCC Boys, one by one, so they could share their story with the crowd.

John Guess, 93, of Chatsworth, helped build Fort Mountain State Park in Chatsworth. He worked there until the camp closed, and then was drafted into the U.S. Army. He said that he did a "little bit of everything" in the CCC, including construction work, and road construction. After he left the service, he became an electrician. Guess then said, "I laid out my fishing pole, and meant to bring it today, but I forgot it." Gambrell offered to let him borrow a cane pole, so that he could do a little fishing before he left Vogel.

The next CCC Boy to tell his history was James Wilson, 93, from Banks County. Wilson served three months in South Carolina, 19 months in Washington State, and two months in Oregon. While in the Northwest, he blasted rock, and cut down trees.

"I did whatever needed to be done," he said. "I enjoyed every minute."

After serving two years in the CCC, Wilson worked in cotton mills for 42 years. Wilson said that he came out of the CCC "a strong person."

Next was Herbert Brimer, 97. Originally from South Atlanta, Brimer now lives in Jasper.

He shared with the crowd how he first completed a two-week cooking school in Clayton, and after two days it was determined that he couldn't cook. He was then sent to the gravel pit for five days.

This didn't work out well, either. He was then approached and asked if he would like to work in the Officers' Mess as Steward. He said, "Yes sir, I would"

He served this post for 30 days, and then he went into the kitchen. He was promoted to Assistant Cook, then Chief Cook. Brimer served the CCC as Chief Cook in Union, SC for 21 months.

In this job, Brimer said, "I learned a lot about cooking, and people." As a cook, Brimer earned a "higher wage" of \$36/month, so \$30 of his wages was sent home, and he could keep \$6.

The fourth CCC Boy to speak was Curtis Mackey, 93, from Hartwell. Mackey served in the Macon Park Service for several years, and then at Roosevelt State Park in Pine Mountain. Specifically,



The CCC Museum at Vogel State Park includes historic items and photographs of the CCC era at the park. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

he worked on the swimming pool.

When Gambrell asked Mackey if he has been back to swim in the pool, Mackey said, "Oh, yes, I have been back to it several times."

After serving in the CCC, Mackey served in the U.S. Army, during which he was injured in the Normandy invasion during World War II.

John Derden Jr. was then introduced. His father, John Derden, Sr. founded the John B. Derden CCC Museum. Derden Jr. gave an historical overview of the CCC – the New Deal project of President Franklin Roosevelt during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

CCC was a series of work camps in every state to provide jobs for young men aged 18-25. These camps, operated under military authority, were located in forests, mountains, swamps, and plains.

The purpose was to rehabilitate depleted natural resources by developing State and National Parks, planting trees, fighting wildfires, and battling floods.

The CCC project was active from 1933-1942. Nationally, 3,245,240 young men participated in the program during this timeframe.

CCC Boys made \$30 a month, with \$25 being sent home. Men could not be married, and had to commit to a six-month enrollment period.

The men could re-enlist, and a typical enrollment period was two years.

The CCC not only provided employment not otherwise available during the Depression - it also taught the young men a trade, enabled them to travel, finish their high school education, and provide three square meals per day.

Our own Vogel State Park is a shining example of

the success of the CCC program. CCC Company 431, beginning in the summer of 1933, built Vogel State Park. On Feb. 6, 1934, the camp was designated as Georgia Camp SP-2. Vogel was Georgia's second State Park.

Next, the group dismissed from the Group Shelter to tour the John B. Derden CCC Museum.

Derden Sr., from Gilmer County, was a CCC Boy, who, after joining the Corps, was assigned to Co. 3435 Camp P-87 at Armuchee.

He was later transferred to Oregon. Derden was once overheard saying "The 12 months I spent in the CCC were some of the best times of my life."

The Museum became a reality in 1996 under the direction of Derden, who traveled the country to acquire many of the artifacts and photographs displayed in the Museum.

The Museum features photo exhibits of camp life, a diorama of a CCC camp, exhibits of trades the boys learned such as blacksmithing, forestry, and masonry, and a photo history of Vogel through the years.

When asked what the CCC has meant to Vogel, Gambrell said, "Back during the Great Depression, Vogel State Park, along with 800 State Parks throughout the country, was built by the CCC. Of course here at Vogel, they built the lake, the dam, the cabins, they did the beautiful stonework that you see here, the trails that lead off the Park. The Park was opened shortly after the CCC finished construction. Vogel would not be here without the CCC. Since Vogel opened, some 20 - 25 million people have come to the Park. For a dollar a day, these men did our country a great favor."

Suspicious fire in Union County

An early morning fire on Sunday on Cook Street is under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's Office, Union County Fire Department Capt. Richard Jones said.

The vacant home was fully involved when firefighters arrived at the call at 4:48 a.m. on Sunday, Capt. Jones said.

"We've called in the State Fire Marshal's Office to investigate," Capt. Jones said. "The fire is suspicious; there was no power to the residence at the time of the fire."

The fire at 238 Cook Street remains under investigation Capt. Jones said.

