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Transcript of a sound recording in MS 608, WLBZ Radio Station Records, Bangor, Maine, 1931-1973

Title: Emma Gatewood Following Her Second Hike of the Appalachian Trail

Date: September 18, 1957

Recording number: Tape 35, part 2

Length of recording: 2:58

[transcript begins]

BILL MINCHER: The following was recorded on September 18th, 1957, on the occasion of Mrs. Emma Gatewood, aged 69, of Gallipolis, Ohio, who had just completed a hike from Mount Oglethorpe, Georgia, to Mount Katahdin in Maine. She was leaving Bangor on a Greyhound bus bound for Ohio once again. This is a beep tape. You'll notice that the quality is a little bit off, there's a little quavery effect at the first of it, but it straightens out a little bit later on.

Do you expect that you'll take a long hike like this, sometime, again?

GATEWOOD: Oh, not on this trail. I may hike parts of it, but I don't think I'll do the whole thing again.

MINCHER: How long have you been taking long walks like this?

GATEWOOD: Oh, I just made that one in '55, and this one. I've hiked a good deal all my life, but just short distances.

MINCHER: I see, but you decided to make this long trip twice. Was there any difference between the two trips?

GATEWOOD: Oh, I don't know as there was particularly. I enjoyed this one more because I knew the people and they received me very kindly and entertained me royally and all that, and I got a big thrill out of it.

MINCHER: I'll bet you did. Let's see, how long did it take? You started on April what?

GATEWOOD: 27th, 142 days.

MINCHER: That's pretty... and 2025 miles, is it?

GATEWOOD: 28.

MINCHER: 28 miles. Well, those three would mean as much to me, probably, as the as the 2,000 odd would to you. What, do you plan to continue a lot of outdoors activity when you get back home?

GATEWOOD: Oh, I'll have to, as long as I can get around. I can't stand to stay inside.

MINCHER: Well I would say that you are a person that certainly had meandering in your mind, but you're not going to walk back to a Ohio, right?

GATEWOOD: Oh, I'm going on the bus.

MINCHER: I see, are you heading directly home now?

GATEWOOD: Well I may stop over someplace, in Pittsburg, but I go right on home.

MINCHER: How many people, do you have any idea, did you meet on your first hike from Georgia to Maine that you ran into again this time?

GATEWOOD: Oh, quite a few, of course there were several that I didn't, like Scouts and things like that, that I didn't see this time that I saw the other time, but I saw a big part of the ones that I saw the first place this time. Especially the people that live along the trail.

MINCHER: Were they looking for you, of course?

GATEWOOD: Well, not down south farther. They didn't expect me. Up here, why they all knew that I was coming and they were looking for me.

MINCHER: Yes, of course after you started your trip the wire services got ahold of it and followed your progress pretty well up through.

GATEWOOD: Mm-hmm.

MINCHER: Well, I'd like to offer my congratulations because you have done something and I think probably a lot of people would like to do, but would find it very difficult.

GATEWOOD: Yeah, I think they would, too.

MINCHER: And I know that you have a ticket to complete buying there now so I'll wish you good luck and say thanks very much talking with us.

GATEWOOD: Well, thank you. Bye.

MINCHER: Okay. Bye.

[transcript ends]

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