

The Foothills View

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Rolling Toward Fall



A harbinger of fall are these rolls of hay on a field in Cherokee County. Misty mornings and lower temperatures over Cleveland County this past week are

signs in the air that autumn is soon coming. Another sure sign of the season, the opening of public school, is scheduled to begin in Cleveland next week.

A Clannish Group: McBrayer Gather For Reunion

It was a goodly place, David McBrayer must have decided in 1805, to settle with his wife, Delila, in the small valley of the Sandy Run Creek north of the Cherokee Nation.

The couple built a log cabin, raised 12 children, and eventually were buried facing east on a gentle hill overlooking a century later, the present-day town of Boiling Springs.

About 225 descendents of David and Delila gathered north of town last Sunday week at a family reunion held at the couple's original farmhouse. Descendents of other McBrayer lines also attended.

McBrayers from as far away as Kansas, Oklahoma, and Indiana renewed acquaintances, filled out lineage forms, and poured overed tables of family memorabilia.

Featured guest was Carl McBrayer of Midwest City, Okla., who played Scottish tunes on the bagpipes and dressed in a kilt outfit made from the red, cream, and green McBrayer family tartan.

McBrayer told of the family's heritage in Scotland, particularly in the area of Dumfries, a border town where the

McBrayers were hereditary provosts for centuries. He also told of the McBrayer family immigration to America and the family movement southward and westward.

David McBrayer, according to family tradition, was born mid-Atlantic in the boat sailing to America.

Honors For Lemons Here

Boiling Springs First Baptist Church will honor Billy Lemons, organist, Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Lemons will present a concert of organ music during the regular worship service with a reception in his honor, sponsored by the Women's Missionary Union, following in the church fellowship hall.

The public is invited to both the concert and reception. Lemons served as interim organist from March to April, 1965, at the church, and in August of this year became the church's organist. The son of Bemus T. and the late Mozelle Wilson Lemons, he is married to Sarah Blanton Lemons.

Funeral For Davis Child

"I reminded them that God used the death of David's child in the Bible to speak to us about heaven," said Dr. J. M. Ezell, pastor of Bethel Baptist, after the funeral Tuesday of Melea Ann Davis, infant daughter of Rickey and Beth Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Davis of Boiling Springs are the child's grandparents.

Melea died Saturday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. Graveside services were conducted at Cleveland Memorial Park by Dr. Ezell and the Rev. Francis Dobbins.

In his services Dr. Ezell recalled the Biblical verse that "except you come as a little child, you shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Charges After Car Crash

Boiling Springs police charged a 23-year-old man with exceeding the posted speed limit after his 1977 Trans-Am ran off Homestead Road and overturned early Sunday morning.

The driver, the sole occupant, suffered "a cracked nose," according to police, who expressed surprise at the light injury. The roof of the car was crushed nearly flat on the driver's side.

According to police, the car left the road on the right-hand side, came back across the pavement, and overturned down a bank on the left-hand side.

Wilt Reduces Numbers Here

"Sweet as memory, the mimosa steep the bedroom."

— Rilke, a German poet

If you can remember a tree from your childhood, chances are it's a mimosa. The spread of low-hanging branches, each small enough in circumference for a child's hand to grasp, make this flowering native of the pea family the first tree many of us climbed.

But if there seem fewer of the trees now, it's no

trick of an adult's aging memory. There are in fact fewer mimosas with their summertime masses of pink and white flowers — their numbers have faded due to a devastating disease known as mimosa wilt.

"It (the wilt) was here in the '50s, because I can remember trees that died of it," recalls Mike Harrelson, a biology professor at Gardner-Webb College.

The soil-borne disease causes a sudden wilting of the mimosa's foliage. The leaves turn yellow and drop from the branches; a cut branch will show a brown discoloration in the first quarter-inch of the wood.

Although there is no prevention of mimosa wilt, some areas of Boiling Springs apparently are not yet affected. Particularly fine specimens of mimosas bloomed this summer along Flint Hills Road.

"It's very interesting that even with the wilt, there are wild mimosas in the Boiling Springs area," Harrelson says. I've seen mimosas off College Farm Road where I know no one planted them. Of course the seeds were dropped by birds."

A wilt-resistant variety named the Union mimosa has been developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture station at Tif-

ton, Ga. Two earlier varieties named Charlotte and Tifton were thought to be resistant but were not. There are varieties only wilt-resistant, Harrelson cautions; there are no wilt-proof hybrids.

The mimosa, also known as the silk tree, gains its second name because of its delicate, silky flowers. The showy masses of pink and white flowers are now turning to seed in the Piedmont area, producing long, curved pods.

The mimosa is a very rapid grower, and can lengthen six to eight feet in one year. Its foliage is sufficiently delicate to allow sunlight to pass so grass can grow underneath it.



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