



Highland Games

A troop of "Highland Flingers" leave the dance platform after competing in the Sunday afternoon festivities at the eighth Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans on MacRae Meadows near Linville. Each year, crowds are attracted to

Grandfather Mountain to watch the games and the Pipe bands that pass in review during the two-day event. This area in mid-July is said to resemble the highlands of Scotland.—Staff photo.

Ten Thousand Are Attracted To Gathering Of Scottish Clans

By RACHEL RIVERS

The colorful Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of the Scottish Clans last weekend attracted 85 clans and approximately 10,000 spectators to the eighth annual meet at MacRae Meadows.

Visitors came from 22 states and from India, Austria, England and Scotland for the festival. Many were Scots now living and working in the United States.

Of course, anyone who has ever visited MacRae Meadows for this mid-July "gathering," is not surprised at the variety of color—mostly Scottish plaids.

This is the time of year when mountain greenery is most green and scenery most seen. This is the time of year when a lone bagpiper takes his stand on one of the knolls of Grandfather Mountain, and an alien music falls from his strange instrument.

This is an exciting time for the most fluid imagination, and droves of photographers rush about, each getting the best shot, while lads and lassies pipe, "fling", toss cabars . . . enter the pole vault, the sheaf toss, tug-of-war and highland wrestling . . . and hold a "Highland Shoot", sponsored by the North Carolina Archery Assn.

Track and field events (A. A. U. sanctioned) are not neglected, and dozens of trophies, medals and cash prizes are

awarded the winners.

This, also, is the time of year when the Highland Games are over and one is hard put to give justice to it. And with the hum of the Carnegie Tech Pipe Band in the background, I can

say: If you missed it this year, don't miss it next year.

Our congratulations to Mrs. Agnes MacRae Morton and her son, Hugh Morton of Wilmington and Linville for another fine and exciting weekend.

Horse Show Entry Blanks Sent Out

Entry blanks and the official prize list for the 40th annual Blowing Rock Horse Show to be held August 1-4 are now being sent out.

The entry blanks should be filled out and sent to Mrs. S. C. Gilbert, the Blowing Rock Horse Show Association, Blowing Rock. The entry deadline is July 21.

Seven performances are scheduled for this year's show. There will be a 10 a. m. and a 2 p. m. show on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 1-3. There will be a 2 p. m. show on Sunday August 4.

In addition to the seven performances, there will be a square dance August 1st, a buffet supper August 2nd, a breakfast August 3rd and a horse show ball August 3rd.

The Horse Show Management Committee has listed five improvements for this year's show:

1. A warm-up ring for the saddle and walking horses.
2. A separate schedule for the hunter classes which will be held on the outside course at the same time that saddle horse and other classes are being held in the ring.
3. Reconstruction of the jumps on the outside course.
4. Reorganization of the equitation division, including a Henry Bergh class.
5. A change in the schedule to make a three day show for saddle and walking horses.

Don't View Eclipse, Says Health Officer

Never look directly at an eclipse of the sun. You may cause serious damage to your vision, warns the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Inc.

During the afternoon of Saturday, July 20, the entire North American continent will be covered by an eclipse of the sun.

This eclipse means a serious threat to the eyesight of every person, both adults and children, who watch it directly. Children are particularly susceptible to vision damage. There is no safe way to look directly at the eclipse. Smoked glass, exposed photographic film, and

dark glasses are not adequate protection for watching the eclipse. Many who have tried them in past eclipses have suffered eye injuries, says Dr. Michael of the local Health Department.

A simple projector for observing the eclipse can be made with two pieces of white cardboard. A pinhole or pencil hole in the top cardboard serves to project and focus the image of the eclipse on the second cardboard. The size of the image can be changed by altering the distance between cardboards. Do not look at the sun through the pinhole.

Know The Weather

By E. H. SIMS

What does color have to do with estimating distance, on earth and in the sky?

Take a look at the mountains next time you are thirty or forty miles away, and out of them. At that distance they will almost surely be enveloped in a blue haze. At long distances on earth things take on a bluish hue.

In the sky the opposite is true, a secret of weather many people don't appreciate. The nearest clouds appear darkest, or bluest. The far away views

produce red overtones. At sunset, when you see clouds in the west, far away, quite often they will be all sorts of reddish colors. The sky is colored by the sun's reflection on the dust particles in the air when viewed from a distance.

With mountains, or earthly things, a bluish color denotes distance. In the sky, red is the color denoting distance.

When politics get involved in a public issue, say goodbye to any hope of a sensible solution.

Telephone Talk

by W. R. COOKE, JR. Your Telephone Manager



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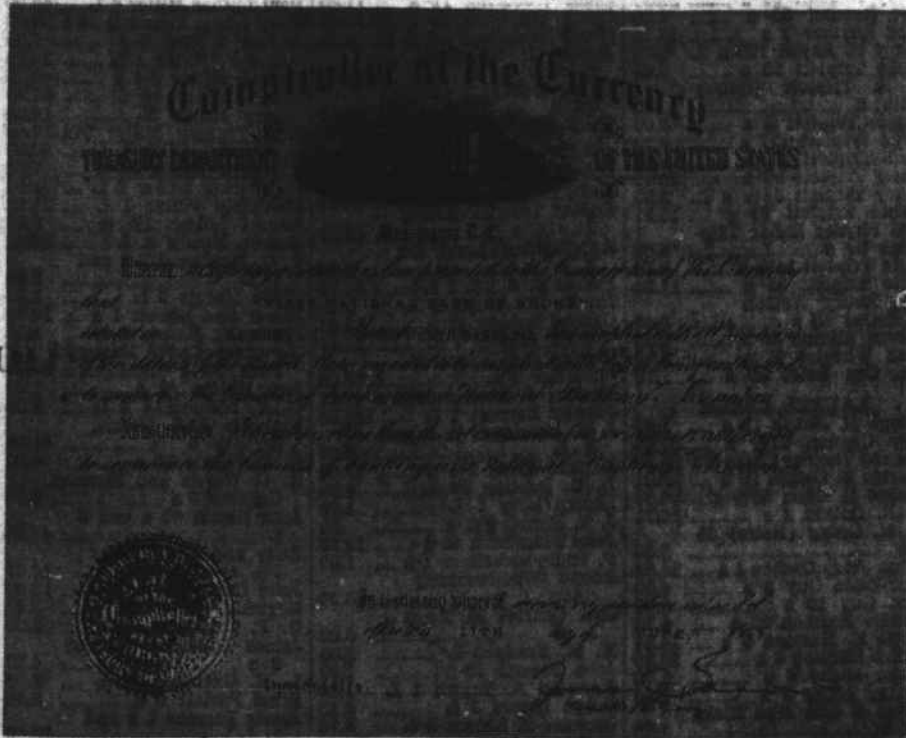
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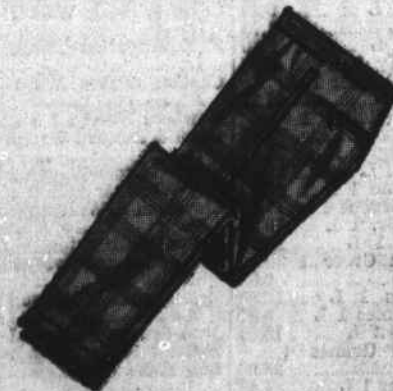
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