



Mystery Hill Museum Opens

One month after fire destroyed a large frame structure at Mystery Hill, between Boone and Blowing Rock, another building has taken its place, and owners, R. J. Underwood and Buford Stamey of Boone are again in

business. Lost in the July 21 disaster were many irreplaceable mountain curios. Underwood said that Paul Winkler of Boone lent him many similar curios to use until others can be located.—Rivers photo.

Mystery Hill Opens; Burned 3 Weeks Ago

Three and one-half weeks ago Mystery Hill was almost completely destroyed by fire. It began regular operations Friday.

When the fire had burned out over three weeks ago, only Mystery House was left standing. The museum, souvenir shop and the snack shop were burned to the ground.

However, the next day, workmen were unloading cinder-block with which to build a foundation for the new Mystery Hill building. Work crews have been working on a new building day and night for the past three weeks. Some nights they were on the job until midnight. The men helping rebuild Mystery Hill include Glenn Bodenheimer, Chester Trivette, Dwight Brown and Buford Stamey.

Mystery Hill, which is owned by R. J. Underwood and Stamey, is noted for its mysterious gravitation phenomena.

In Mystery House, visitors can stand on the walls, see water run uphill and see a ball roll uphill. The owners say the force of gravity is such at that spot that everything is pulled toward the north.

Also, visitors are shown trees which lean toward the

Mrs. Meador Dies Aug. 14

Mrs. Sarah Mattingly Meador, 78 years old, of 1628 Dufosse Ave., New Orleans, La., died August 14 at Blowing Rock Hospital. She had been in Blowing Rock for a month.

A native of Lexington, Ky., she was the widow of Henry Meador, former president of the Gulf Oil Co.

The body was taken to New Orleans for funeral services and burial.

Chamber Commerce Is Given Reports, Shown Wagon Films

In the absence of Chamber of Commerce President Herman W. Wilcox, Alfred Adams, assistant vice president of the Northwestern Bank, presided at a luncheon meeting of the Boone chamber on August 13 at the Daniel Boone Inn.

John Corey, assistant professor of education at A. S. T. C. and executive secretary of the Alumni Association, presented an unedited film clip sent from a Durham television station which covered camping scenes from the wagon train movement from Ferguson to Boone during the Tercentenary Celebration in June.

In addition to scenes from the first camp site at Darby—including shots of wagoner DeWitt Barnett (and cousin cap) of Boone and his small granddaughter in 1863 dress—the film covered the wagons as they neared Cook's Gap.

Miss Jane Smith, assistant to the manager of WATA in Boone, was filmed as she interviewed passengers on the trip. She said later that although the trip was "rough," the people had been marvelous to talk to and that she found the trek quite exciting.

Corey told the meeting that free publicity for "Horn in the West" is being given very cordially by the Durham-Greensboro networks and other news media. In fact, he said the Greensboro station had sent him a statement indicating that free publi-

city for the drama was worth \$1,000 for the month of June.

Mrs. B. W. Stallings reported the success of the recent Boone Home Tour, now in its 20th year. She said there were 427 on the tour, and that of that number only 129 were local people. She urged more home support in the future.

Mrs. Stallings also said many out-of-town guests had said they came for the tour and, at the same time, to see "Horn in the West." Along with the reports she got were praises for Boone and the surrounding area.

The new architectural firm

here, Harrell & Clark, was represented at the luncheon by Beemer Harrell. Harrell told the group his firm moved to Boone from Hickory because it feels an architectural firm can play an important part in the rapid growth of Boone.

The mania for speed is work and results often explains many of the mistakes that cost money.

The people who take their work seriously are usually the ones who have the permanent jobs.

TRADE AT HOME

Mrs. Willie Shull Dies In Texas

Mrs. Mildred Church Shull, 56, of Miami, Fla., widow of Willie Shull, died Thursday morning at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas, after an illness of two months.

She and her husband operated Longvue Motel near Boone until he died four years ago.

Mrs. Shull was born in Ashe County to Allen H. Church and Naomi Howell Church.

Surviving are her father, of the Idlewild community near Jefferson; a daughter, Miss Corinne Shull of Miami; a son, David Shull of Miami; a brother, Ralph Church of Idlewild; and two half sisters, Misses Willie Dean and Nona Church,

MILITARY PAY INCREASE

The Senate has approved unanimously for everyone in uniform, except enlisted men in the three lowest grades with less than two years of service, to receive an increase in pay.

The increase, beginning October 1, would include nearly all men and women in active service, reserve, National Guard, and retired.

Under the Senate bill, enlisted men would get boosts of \$5 to \$120 monthly while raises for officers would range from \$60 to \$120 monthly.

both of Idlewild.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p. m. Sunday at Greenway Baptist Church by the Rev. W. R. Eaton and the Rev. C. O. Vance. Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

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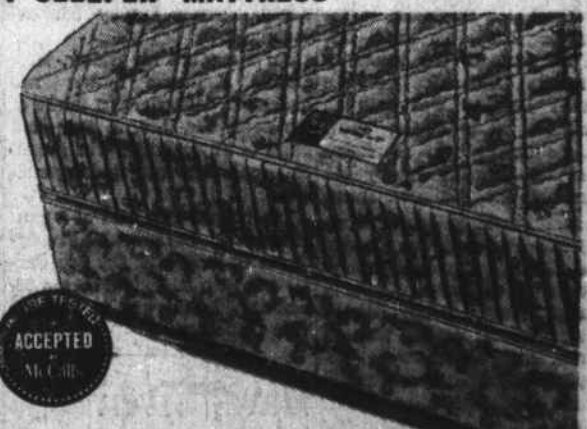
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