

# Flowers Will Bloom On W.N.C. Mountains

grape blossoms blooming along the banks of Tuckasee, apple blossoms all but gone, and Indian farmers sweating over their spring plowing.

While the Smokies and Blue Ridges offer many interesting flowers and the most varied community of plant life in America, the great shrubs are the bass note in this symphony, and of them the purple rhododendron is the most impressive.

Good displays of this, with mountain laurel should begin appearing around June 10. While no section of the North Carolina mountains are free of them, there are especially good displays on the Roan, Mitchell, Andrews Bald, Craggy Gardens, Grandfather and Pisgah.

The great white rhododendron (R. Maximum) is due to come to flower from two weeks to a month behind the purples. Flame azalea, closely related to the rhododendron in habits, will occur along with them. This brilliant flower, said to be found nowhere in the world except in North Carolina and India, sometimes reaches the magnitude of trees a foot in diameter.

## Aids Cities



STEWART LEIGH WILSON

Mayor Henry T. Powell of Henderson, president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, has announced the addition of Stewart Leigh Wilson to the State League staff as a field consultant available to work on municipal problems. Wilson is a native of Norfolk, Va. He was educated in the Raleigh public schools and the University of North Carolina, where he graduated in 1942 with a B. A. degree in political science. Wilson entered the Army in January of 1943 and served in the Pacific with the combat engineers and infantry. He left service as a lieutenant. He is married to the former Miss Nancy Barwick of Raleigh. He succeeds Guy Whitman, who left the League to enter private business.

## Cecil News

By MRS. J. EDGAR BURNETTE

### BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Pressley announce the birth of a daughter, on May 5, at the Haywood County Hospital.

T/S Doice Caldwell, stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, arrived home for a furlough, on Sunday morning.

### MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM

An all-day program was held at the Riverside Church, on Mother's Day. Following the Sunday School hour, Miss Alma Chambers had charge of the verses and exercises given by the children of the four-through-twelve years ages. Miss Lela Mae Burnette gave a recitation on "The Book of Books".

A basket lunch was spread at noon on the tables put up next to the river, with 175 members and friends present. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarie Messer and daughters, of Dillsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chambers, of Hazelwood; Mr. Fred Crum, of Canton; Rev. and Mrs. Gay Chambers; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Caldwell; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chambers and family; Mr. Fred Pruett; Mr. Robert Pruett; Rev. Thomas Erwin; Mr. Robert Messer and children; Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Erwin, of Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark.

An afternoon program of singing was held with a quartette from Springhill Church composed of Mrs. Mease Mrs. Will Rhinehart, Mr. Robert Clark, and Mr. Louis Chambers rendering several songs, with Mrs. Wilson Caldwell at the piano. The Riverside quartette was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Burnette, Mr. Howard Reece, and Mr. Glenn Chambers, who sang a few numbers; then a double quartette was composed of both groups. The program was concluded by a solo "Just A Closer Walk With Thee", by Mrs. Edgar Burnette.

### MOVE TO ALABAMA

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Burnette, have sold out their property and moved to Montgomery, Alabama, on Saturday. They plan to reside with Mr. and Mrs. James M. Waller, the latter's parents, until they can buy a home or build one. They'll be greatly missed in the community and church work.

Mr. Winton O. Clontz, of Canton, spent the week-end at the Clontz camp, as guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burnette and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Warren and family, were the dinner guests, on Sunday, of Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. West.

Miss Betty Jean Shipman had as guest, on Sunday, Miss Barbara Jean Burnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Grooms and family, of Enka, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grooms, and daughter, of Asheville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grooms, on Sunday.

### WMS MEETS

The Women's Missionary Society of the Riverside Church, held their monthly meeting, on Wednesday evening, in the basement classrooms, following the study course hour.

The program given was on the subject "Meet the Japanese", by Mrs. Howard Reece; Japanese As Christians, by Mrs. Thomas Erwin; Japanese As Baptists, by Mrs.

and there are American olive, gardenia, Ilex myrtiflora and many others.

The bulb farms have early harvests in February and March, and in April the Hollanders of Terra Ceia reap their tulips. By this time the dogwoods and peach blossoms of the Sandhills and Piedmont appear, together with many wild flowers, and the apple orchards on the slopes of the mountains are ready to bloom.

All of this however, is a mild prelude when compared to the mile-high gardens which fling up such masses of color that they are unbelievable until seen.

The time to see them runs from the last week in May until as late as mid-July, when you'll have to do some climbing to keep up with a fast-disappearing spring.

## RIDES HIROHITO'S WHITE HORSE



EX-CAVALRY OFFICER Richard Ryan sits astride the world's most famous white horse—Emperor Hirohito's "Hatsushimo," which the Japanese placed in his custody "for the American people." Ryan is shown in Pittsburgh, Pa., during a tour of veterans' hospitals with the horse. The Dalmatian is a gift of actor Edward Arnold. (International)

## Fiddlers Meet At Canton Set For June 13th

The annual Smoky Mountain Fiddlers' convention will be held at Canton Friday night, June 13, at the high school auditorium, it has been announced by officials in charge of the program. The program, which attracted wide attention last year, will be under the direction of Bascom Lamar Lunsford, well-known authority on folk music.

The program will be sponsored this year by the Varner-Rhinehart post No. 61, American Legion. "Aunt" Samantha Bumgarner of Sylva, fiddler Bill Hensley of Buncombe county; Joe Pressley, of Canton, champion fiddler last year, will be some of the well-known entertainers who will participate this year. Other musicians wishing to take part in the event may do so by contacting Edgar Pressley, Box 20, Canton.

### AIR SAFETY CITED

CHICAGO—AP—The National Safety council reported that 16 U. S. air lines completed their 1946 scheduled passenger operations without a single fatal accident.

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### "Desert Horseman"

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CHARLES STARRETT and SMILEY BURNETTE  
Comedy and Serial

Late Show

### "Lone Wolf In Mexico"

—Starring—  
GERALD MOHR and ERIC BLORE

Sunday, May 18

### "Little Mr. Jim"

—Starring—  
BUTCH JENKINS and FRANCES GIFFORD  
Comedy

Monday, Tuesday, May 19-20

### "Swell Guy"

—Starring—  
SONNY TUFTS and ANN BLYTH  
News and March of Time No. 3

## Isolated Atoll Is Liked By Small Navy Garrison

AP Newsfeatures

PONTAGERAS ISLAND, Ulithi Atoll—Less than two years ago Ulithi atoll provided one of the great fleet anchorages for American operations against the Japanese. Now it is a lonely, almost forgotten outpost, manned by less than two dozen Navy and Coast Guard personnel.

Battleships, carriers, cruisers, destroyers and countless other craft once found refuge from submarine attacks and storms by entering one of two narrow channels into Ulithi's huge lagoon. Navy men swarmed ashore to the tiny islands for recreation. Supplies were piled high on the coral.

Now the island is visited only twice a month by a ship which brings food, beer and other supplies to the men who operate a weather station and a loran range navigational aid for ships and planes.

The island commandant, Navy Lt. Ernest H. Goldman, directs 22 enlisted men.

Most of the men say they are contented, however, preferring the loneliness with its personal freedom to the stricter spit-and-polish atmosphere of larger bases. Each tour of duty is for six months.

The men play softball, badminton and volleyball during their spare time, or go on outrigger canoe trips with inhabitants of other islands. Fishing and tennis are good.

When the supply ship appears, virtually everybody piles into a waiting duck and rides out to gossip and to trade old movies for new ones. Sometimes the ship's crew goes ashore to play softball against the Ulithi team and to have a beer party under the palms.

"The men get along unusually well," says Goldman. "There is rarely any trouble and many of them would prefer to stay here."

## McNarney Says UN Needs Small Military Force

NEW YORK—AP—Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, chief of the United States section of the United Nations Military Staff Committee, declares there is no necessity for the United Nations to have an armed force powerful enough to defeat a major power.

He said that if the need for fighting a major nation arose, it would mean "war and nothing but war."

He added that the U. N. forces "would be very valuable for isolating a hot spot," and expressed the belief that World War I could have been averted if there had been an international security force to isolate "the hot spot in Serbia." There need have been no World War II if the German invasion of Austria in 1938 had been isolated, he asserted.

### NEW BLOOD GROUP IS BELIEVED FOUND

NEW YORK (AP)—A new blood group different from the four standard known groups has been found by two Sydney physicians and a science graduate employed by the Red Cross transfusion service, the Australian News and Information Bureau says.

The physicians said the new group was found while testing a woman's blood for classification in one of the standard groups. It still is being studied to determine what importance it might have in transfusions or other medical studies.

Mr. Robert Clark, of the Springhill Church, had charge of the preaching service at the Riverside church, on Sunday evening, following the B.T.U.

His scripture was I Chron. 4:12 and the subject "Stewardship" which was well thought out and delivered.

The Youth Fellowship meeting, held on Friday evenings, at the Hall of Friendly House, are in charge of Charles Warren until Mrs. Rosalie West returns from her month's vacation from Canada, about May 27th.

## SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT

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