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until other sections of the scenic road have been completed, but he added that these projects probably will start earlier than originally planned if recommended funds are obtained through "Mis-

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MRS. F. E. WORTHINGTON of Hazelwood started with one orchid three years ago and now has 14 plants in her home at 300 Grinnall Drive. These plants are kept by a window in the wintertime to get warmth from the sunshine, and then are placed outdoors under a tree in the summer. Mrs. Worthington says that orchid plants, given proper care, will last a lifetime. (Mountaineer Photo).

MORE ABOUT

### Mrs. Worthington

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ber of varieties of orchids, Mrs. Worthington pointed out, all can be divided into three varieties: warm, intermediates, and cool. She said that intermediates are best suited for growing in homes because they thrive on temperatures most commonly found in the average American household. In the daytime, she tries to maintain a temperature for the orchids between 70 and 72 degrees and at night between 55 and 60 degrees. In the summertime, she leaves the plants outdoors under a tree where they can receive dappled sunlight.

She gives her orchids food once a month (using only one fourth the quantity she would on other flowers), immerses the flower pots in water once a week, and sprays the stems and flowers once a day with a spray like that used to clean windows. The major difference between orchids and other house plants, she said, is that the former are not grown in soil but in a substance known as osmunda fiber—taken from the osmunda fern. This material most nearly approximates the orchid's natural growing conditions in the tropics.

Despite the fact that orchids are known as parasites, Mrs. Worthington pointed out, they are actually "epiphytes", which grow naturally on other plants, but do not feed off the plants themselves, merely hanging on.

She added that orchids grow in the tropics in trees, feeding on materials that come to lodge in the tree.

Although orchids look delicate, she said, they are actually sturdier than most other flowers

tion 66". At the meeting with Mr. Howe were Eugene D. McKeown of Asheville, assistant chief ranger in charge of the North Carolina division of the Blue Ridge Parkway; Art A. Henderson of Soco Gap, park ranger, and Stanley C. Kowalkowski of Asheville, park ranger,

and retain their fresh appearance longer after being cut than other popular flowers.

Mrs. Worthington said that she has been growing orchids for the past three years — ever since she got her first plant at the McKee Jungle Gardens in Vero Beach, Fla. She explained that her husband has brought home a number of other orchid plants, and said that "he's in this as deep as I am."

Because of the fact that it takes seven years to grow orchids from seed to maturity, most people prefer to buy orchids in later stages of growth, she said.

The price range on plants is about \$5 apiece for cattleyas to \$18 for the frequent-blooming phalaenopsis.

Mrs. Worthington commented that although orchids have become her favorite indoor plant — "because they are so different" — she says she and her husband still love their roses which grow out in the yard.

She's also proud of her camellias, which are now in bloom out-

### Mission 66

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approximately 1,500 miles of trails. Most of this mileage would consist of connecting links between existing arterial trails and improvement of hazardous trails. The National Park Service now maintains approximately 8,100 miles of trails.

Completion of all but minor portions of the Blue Ridge Parkway and other parkways.

Increasing the number of campsites in the parks from approximately 12,000 to 25,000, thereby providing facilities capable of accommodating more than 90,000 individual campers each night. Construction of additional campsites in the undeveloped areas adjacent to the parks will be encouraged. Private capital will be encouraged to develop privately financed camps for automobile trailers within and outside the parks.

The "Mission 66" slides will be shown at Waynesville High School this week and will be available for showing here this week through Thursday night.

Organizations interested in the slide show are asked to call the Chamber of Commerce.

### MORE ABOUT Easter

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6 o'clock. Dr. L. B. Hayes, pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church, will be the speaker.

Chimes will be played by Miss Ray Ballard of Lake Junaluska as a prelude and the Call to Worship will be by members of the Waynesville MYF. Neal Kelly of Bethel, president of the sub-district MYF, will read the scripture, and music will be by a choir of the combined groups.

The program will be broadcast over Station WHCC, Waynesville and Station WWIT, Canton.

doors in a miniature greenhouse. Camellias are popular in Eastern North Carolina and in South Carolina, but they can't endure the cool mountain air of Western North Carolina, she pointed out.

Mrs. Worthington is now president of the Skyland Garden Club, and was president of the Waynesville Garden Club Council last year. She and her husband also are members of the North Carolina Orchid Society.

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