

## Outdoor Pageant Returns To April Calendar

April brings to North Carolina a parade of festivals, sports events and outdoor attractions, all set against a background of Spring-flowers pageantry. The greenup season, although a bit late this year, means a lively calendar of interesting things to do and places to go in a setting of mild weather made more attractive by the flowers which brighten parks and woodlands.

Posting this month's travel notes, Plant Recreation includes a reminder that golf courses and riding trails are prime at mid-South resorts; that tournaments and horse shows add interest to the sports scene. Surfcasting along the coast and trout fishing in mountain regions are coming in season.

Although the mountain trout season opened April 2, only native trout will be ready for anglers until after April 30. By that time, the Wildlife Resources Commission will have had time to stock hatchery trout in the streams. Delay was due to record snows that interfered with replenishing of streams.

### Ocean And Offshore Fishing Good

By late April, bluefish show up in inlets and surf of the Outer Banks, along with sea mullet, croaker, perch, flounder and others of more than 30 species along the shoreline. Offshore fishing is good for many other species, too.

A new fishing and hunting booklet is available free upon request to the State Travel Bureau, Raleigh.

Dogwood, the state flower, blooms from the coast in April and its snowy blossoms spread westward into early May. The Coast and Sandhills dress up in azaleas in April, in famed beauty spots like Greenfield Park, Airlie Gardens and Orton Plantation in the Wilmington area. Inland, Laurel Lake Gardens at Salemburg are famed for azalea and other spring flowers.

By Easter, Reynolda Gardens at Winston-Salem are bright with Japanese cherry, tulips, azalea and other plants. Other places where bulb plants and ornaments are showy in April are the Sarah P. Duke Memorial Gardens, Dur-

ham; Coker Arboretum, Chapel Hill; and the gardens at Biltmore House, Asheville.

April brings to the Great Smokies a shower of ground flowers, dogwood and shadow blossoms. The annual Wildflower Pilgrimage in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is April 28-30, with Park naturalists guiding visitors to different parts of the area.

### Jamboree Recalls Pirate Days

Dare county stages the annual Dare Coast Pirates Jamboree, April 29-May 1. It opens the surf, sun and fishing season to the North Carolina seashore playgrounds. On this year's program: a pirate battle and landing on Kitty Hawk Bay, coronation of Pirate King and Queen, and the world's largest saltwater fish fry on Hatteras Island. Pirate costumes worn by local people and many visitors are reminiscent of the days when plunderers like Bluebeard scoured the land under their sinister flag, the Jolly Roger.

Other events on the April calendar: Sports car hill climb, Chimney Rock, 23-24; and into early May: Fabulous Fishermen Contest, Central Coast, May 1-Nov. 1; Fishing Rodeo, Southeastern N.C., May 1-Nov. 30; Square Dance Swap Shop, Fontana, May 5-8.

North Carolina is noted for its Easter sunrise services, most traditional of which is this year's 188th Old Salem Moravian program, April 17 at Winston-Salem. Other Resurrection services the same morning include those at Mountainside Theatre, Cherokee; Fields of the Wood (pre-dawn), Murphy; Wayah Bald Mountain, Franklin; and Hatteras Lighthouse, Hatteras Island.

Now that the outdoor season is here, Plant Recreation has this special note which will be of wide interest to employees:

New campgrounds, together with information about hiking, boating, and outdoor recreation spots, are featured in "Outdoors in North Carolina", a free publication. Request a copy of Information Bulletin No. 142 from the State Travel Bureau, Raleigh.



AT LIBRARY—Flower arrangement which was entered in the New York International show was on exhibit several days in mid-March at Gastonia's Public Library. Carla Fritton (left), Mrs. Turner's granddaughter, looks over the arrangement with Judy Murphy, a member of the library staff.

## Club Member At Flower Show

Mrs. W. R. Turner Sr., member of Variety Garden Club of Firestone, became the first from the Gastonia area ever to enter an original arrangement in the International Flower Show. Her contribution was placed in the Ikebana (Japanese) section of the 1960 International Flower Show at the New York City Coliseum, March 5-12.

The arrangement, of the Heika type, was constructed along non-classical, informal lines, in a base of free-form ceramic. It featured eucalyptus and immature pineapple, both materials being used for the first time ever in arrangements at the show. It was displayed on a teakwood table against shoji screens.

Mrs. Turner, wife of W. R. Turner Sr., second hand in Weaving (cotton), and mother of Mrs. W. L. Fritton of Main Office, was accompanied to New

York by Mrs. William Gantt, president of the Kings Mountain Garden Council. Both women served as hostesses for one day during the coliseum show.

A RECORD 200,000 flower lovers attended the show, theme of which was "Flowers of the World." Represented were more than 1,000 amateur and professional horticulturists who featured nearly 500,000 blooms, plants, trees and shrubs, rock gardens and exhibits of man-made streams, ponds and waterfalls.

A record \$110,000 in prize money was distributed by the sponsor, International Flower Show, Inc., a non-profit organization which is aided by the New York Florists Club and the Horticulture Society of New York.

In addition to Mrs. Turner's membership in the plant-sponsored garden club and Ikebana

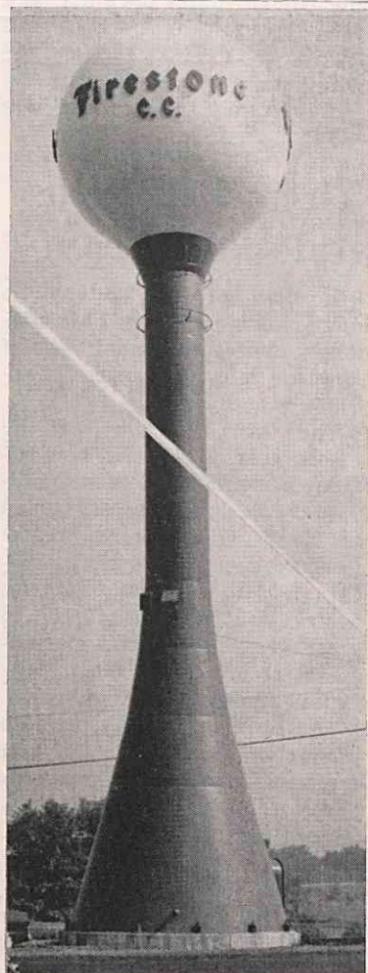
International, she belongs to the Charlotte Garden Club, the Camellia Society; and is a National Amateur Flower Show judge, accredited by the National Council of Garden Clubs.

## Golf Championship At Firestone Club

Teed 100 feet above the ground, this giant "golf ball" serves as a water tower at the Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. The sphere, 21 feet in diameter with a capacity of 50,000 gallons, serves as an automatic sprinkler system for fire prevention in the clubhouse.

The Firestone Country Club has been selected by the professional Golfers' Association as the site of the 1960 PGA National Championship. It will also be the site for the sixth consecutive time of the PGA-sanctioned Rubber City Open, August 20-23 this year.

The average motor vehicle lasts about 4½ years longer today than the average vehicle did in 1925, when 6½ years was the typical age of vehicles when scrapped. Totalled mileage during the motor vehicle's lifetime has quadrupled—from 25,750 in 1925 to more than 100,000 miles in 1959.



## SPIRES OF THE SPIRIT

### 'A Very Present Help'

THERE are different kinds of strengths. For example, the circus strong man is admired for his ability to bend an iron bar; the cool statesman is hailed for his patient courage in international bargaining.

Not all of us have these kinds of strengths. But all of us can reach for one essential strength: Spiritual Power. Like the rain, it is showered on the mighty and lowly.

Still some people obtain it, while others miss its blessing. Why? Like the weary traveler who dips his cup in the overflowing spring that he may quench his thirst, one needs to reach out and claim this Resource from On High.

Spiritual strength—or call it faith—has a powerhouse where you can go to have your resources renewed.

That place is a house of worship. Here the faith which brings peace of mind, and helps to rid us of the tensions of living, is available and waiting for us.

By worshipping together with our families, our friends, we can find strength for our lives.

For our houses of worship are the Houses of God. There, as we turn from ourselves and offer up praise to the Creator and Sustainer of life, we find renewed hope and spiritual strength.

"God is a very present help. . ."



Find the strength for your life...  
WORSHIP TOGETHER THIS WEEK

## Textiles Through The Ages . . .

Scientists at the American Museum of Natural History in New York have learned how cloth was woven 3,000 BC in Central Asia, although all vestiges of the cloth decayed thousands of years ago.

The scientists examine tiny pieces of broken pottery, rested against a piece of wet fabric by an ancient potter. From these lasting impressions the researchers can arrive at what the cloth was made of, and the skill of the weaver.

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