

The Foothills View

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The Battle Of The Blossoms

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This week's freezing temperatures may have caused only sleepless nights for the large South Carolina peach growers but for the small growers the result could be more devastating.

As temperatures dropped into the mid 20's on Tuesday night, Cash Farms of Cowpens, S.C. prepared for the battle against the frost and, later, the snow.

"We were up all night," said Gwen Cash Bulman, secretary-treasurer of the 600 acre Cash Farms. "We burned tires and ran the blowers on our spray machines to keep the frost from settling."

"We started burning at 3 a.m. just as the frost started to settle. We were burning until 7:30 Wednesday morning."

According to Mr. Bulman, an orchard as large as Cash Farms would find it impossible to protect every tree. "We assessed our orchard to determine the areas most susceptible to frost damage," she said. The maturity of the trees, the location and variety of the trees are all considered in determining which

areas should be protected, she said.

News of any orchard surviving a spring cold snap is welcome to an area that was hard hit by freezing spring temperatures last year. South Carolina's 1982 peach production was cut in half from the 430 million pounds produced in 1981.

Not all orchards survived this week's cold snap as well as Cash Farms. "The frost killed a lot of our crop, especially those that had already bloomed," said Joe Suddeth, owner of a small 50 acre peach crop in Mayo, S.C.

"I have no idea how much money we'll lose," said Suddeth. "It will take several days before we'll know what we really lost. It will take that long for the blossoms that were killed to fall off."

Unlike Cash Farms, the only precaution taken by the Suddeths was to build a brush pile for a fire. "We felt the wind would blow it out of control so we didn't set it," said a member of Suddeth's family. "We didn't do anything else because we weren't sure what the weather would be like. All we could do was hope."



Before The Snow: Peach blossoms in a field at Spartanburg County, S.C.

According to Suddeth, his orchard consists of approximately 2500 young trees, the majority of which had already bloomed.

"This was the first year for our young trees to produce," said Suddeth. "We probably lost all of them."

From Outer Banks To The Foothills: That's Entertainment

It's going to be a busy entertainment weekend in Cleveland, highlighted by the Fifth Annual Foothills Folk Festival Saturday night and the premier run of the musical, "Kinnakeet," Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Foothills Festival, held at Lattimore School, draws top quality traditional musicians and dancers each year, with proceeds going to develop recreation facilities in Lattimore.

On the program this year are several groups who have performed at the World's Fair and are winners of competitive festivals. Among them are Liz and Lynn Shaw of Canton, named "Fiddlers of the Festival" at Union Grove. The Shaws do more than fiddle; they'll play a variety of traditional instruments Saturday.

The Carolina Cut-Ups, from Weaverville, are also frequent prize-winners, and played in Belgium last summer at the International Folklore Festival. Pam Collins and her daughter Tanya have clogged on the "Grand Ol' Opry," and the Appalachian Mountaineers, a free-style clogging team from Candler, hold dozens of awards

from competitive appearances.

All of these groups will appear at the Lattimore festival, along with several others, including the Goldrush Bluegrass Band of Flat Rock and the Little Mountain String Band from Rutherford County. The festival starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 16 or under.

"Kinnakeet," the adaptation of Boiling Springs writer Stanley Green's autobiographical novel "Kinakeet Adventure," is a wholly home-grown musical. Writer Michael Goforth and composer Dotty Dickson collaborated on the play, set in the Outer Banks, which follows the trials and errors and joys of a young school teacher who comes as a stranger to an island culture like nothing he'd ever known.

Stan Logan will portray the teacher. Other players include Brenda Summers, Mary Lopez, Nina Lynn Blanton and Bobbert Lamb. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Advance tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children; admission at the door will be \$4 and \$2.

Senior Performs Recital Sunday

BOILING SPRINGS.—Sherrie Allen, sacred music major at Gardner-Webb College will give a senior piano recital on Sunday, March 27.

The 3 p.m. recital, open to the public and free of charge will be held in the O. Max Gardner recital hall on the G-W campus.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold of Hamptonville, N.C., Miss Allen will perform selections from Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Bartok.

Assisting in the program will be Robbie Vance on baritone and William McSwain on piano.

Miss Allen is a graduate of East Wilkes High School in Ronda, N.C. and is a piano student

of Carolyn Billings, an assistant professor at G-W and a Boiling Springs resident.

Miss Allen is a member of the Gardner-College Choral Ensemble and is a recipient of the 1981-82 Campbell Music Achievement Award.

She has served the past three years as a governor's aide and is currently a senator in the Gardner-Webb student government.

Miss Allen is a member of the G-W Baptist student union and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is the recipient of the FOCUS Scholarship and Leadership Scholarship.

A Spot Of Death In The Forest

A pickup truck slowly trundles through a darkened field while the passenger sweeps the field edge with a spotlight. Distant eyes are blinded by the light, and a shot rings out. Quickly, the men throw the deer in the back of the truck—later to be illegally sold.

Firelighting—the illegal practice of shooting deer at night while they are blinded by a light—is now reaching its seasonal peak, according to enforcement officials with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

"However," said Gene Abernethy, chief of the Division of Enforcement for the Wildlife Commission, "in some areas firelighting goes on year-round. The practice is especially prevalent in eastern North Carolina—the large deer herds, flat terrain, and big fields lend themselves to firelighting. Firelighting is less of a problem in the Piedmont, and occurs in small pockets in the Mountains.

"Many firelighters are professional poachers who sell the deer they kill. The price of a field-dressed deer is usually \$40 to



Spotlighting Deer—An illegal hunting practice - causes the animals to stop in their tracks when they cross a car's headlights.

\$50, and in some areas a team of firefighters can kill a dozen deer in one night. It doesn't take long for this poaching to take a serious toll on wildlife populations. Firelighters also damage

fields with their vehicles, and will often kill valuable livestock as readily as they shoot deer."

"Concerned citizens are our best weapons in controlling firelighting," Abernethy con-

cluded. "We urge all citizens to report firelighting—and other wildlife violations—through our toll-free 24-hour Wildlife Watch Hotline at 1-800-662-7137.

Five On Citizens Board

Five Cleveland County residents have been appointed to the newly Citizens Concerned for Higher Education Committee.

They are Marie Martin, director of financial aid at Gardner-Webb College and Craig Meadows, president of the Student Government Association at G-W; Senator W.K. Mauney, Jr. of Kings Mountain, Marjorie Hoyle Rogers and Clyde Stutts of Shelby.

Currently the state grants \$850 for each state resident attending an independent institution. The General Assembly has been asked to raise that allocation to \$1,025 for 1983-84 and to \$1,200, for 1984-85.



Members of the Shelby Rotary Club have dinner with their guests before attending the show, "From Broadway With Love" during the annual Ladies Night held at the Gardner-Webb Lutz Convocation Center. From left to right are Mr. Tony Izzi Jr., member of the G-W board of advisors, Mrs. Tony Izzi, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Smith, Mr. Hoyt Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dedmon, Dr. Carven Williams, G-W president and Mrs. Craven Williams.



Drum Majorettes of America sponsored the 1983 "Metrolina's Most Beautiful" baton and modeling competition. The Contest was held in Gastonia at the YMCA February 26th.

Jaime Porter won the title of "Metrolina's Most Beautiful Little Majorette". She also placed 3rd in Queen of the Day; 2nd in Special Queen of the Day; 1st in Twirling.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Porter of Shelby. Jaime is a student at Vicky Arrowood's School of Baton and Modeling.