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Around Town

By W. L. B.

Have you noticed something has been added to the Chamber of Commerce sign: A pair of crossed keys now suggests that our area is no longer "just a summer resort." About November 1 we hope to see many winter sports enthusiasts visiting us, taking advantage of the new sports mecca which is open near here.

We are sorry to hear of the accident which has Tom Buxton in the hospital. He was running "Camp Scamp" here. All his friends hope that he will be back with us real soon.

Most people enjoy getting their name in the newspaper once in a while and a few frown on the idea. It's the reason for the publicity which makes the difference. About all we can say to those who might object is that they be careful of the kind of news they create. The Journal is a newspaper and it will print the news. When it ceases to do this it ceases to be a newspaper, and being newspaper people we would be falling short of our responsibilities.

A final public hearing on the proposed town zoning ordinance is to be held here on Tuesday, August 12. It will be to the advantage of all concerned to make a special effort to turn out on that evening. We are to have representative government in Blowing Rock certainly more than fourteen people, the number turning out for the last meeting, will have to express their opinions on matters of this nature.

Isn't it nice to get out of the heat by coming to the Holiday Highlands where the air is fresh and cool! And speaking of the air, we wonder why someone hasn't invented some kind of a contraption which would measure the amount of air we breathe each year. He could sell the invention to the State and each of us could be muzzled with one, and Sanford would have another means of adding to his tax base. The air is about all that is left which isn't taxed!

Dr. Keys is back with us again. We have our way, our readers will be hearing from him through the columns of The Journal before the heads back south again.

District Governor Will Address Rotary Club Here Monday Evening

Holland McSwain, Governor of District 767 Rotary International, 661-62, will address the Blowing Rock Rotary Club when it meets Monday, August 7, at 6:30 p. m. at the Chuck Wagon for its regular dinner meeting.

McSwain, a native of Cleveland County, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, is superintendent of public schools in Murphy.

He has been active in Rotary Clubs since he became a member in 1937. He is a former member of Yanceyville, Red Springs and Franklin clubs and is past president of Yanceyville and Murphy Rotary Clubs.

Mr. McSwain has been president of the western district and the Division of superintendents of the western district, of the N. C. Education Association, and president of the Cherokee Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He has received the Scouting Silver Beaver award.

Asheville Antiques Fair Opens Tuesday

An Elder in the Presbyterian Church, he is a former Moderator of Orange Presbytery. Also, he is Past Master of Caswell Brotherhood Masonic Lodge No. 11 and a former District Deputy Grand Master.

Opera Stars To Give Concerts In Banner Elk Friday, Here Aug. 13



STUART ROSS, pianist



BEVERLY BOWER, soprano



ROBERT NAGY, tenor



JOAN WALL, mezzo soprano



CALVIN MARSH, baritone

Distinguished stars from the Metropolitan Opera Company will sing again at Banner Elk and Blowing Rock this summer for the benefit of two of the mountain area's most interesting institutions. The artists include Miss Beverly Bower, soprano; Miss Joan Wall, mezzo soprano; Calvin Marsh, baritone, and Robert Nagy, tenor with Stuart Ross as their accompanist. They will sing at the Anne Bryan Recreation Center in Banner Elk Friday, August 11, at 8:15 p. m. for the benefit of the endowment fund of the new Charles A. Cannon Jr. Memorial Hospital at Banner Elk. Their second appearance will be Sunday, August 13, at 11 a. m. at the Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock for the benefit of the Grandfather Home for Children, Banner Elk.

The benefit performances, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hayes of Concord, accounted for gifts to the institutions last year totalling \$20,000.

This will be the 43rd annual concert by opera stars at Blowing Rock, continuing a series started in 1918 by the late David Ovens of Charlotte and carried on after his death by the Hayeses.

It will be the third annual appearance of the stars at Banner Elk, where honored guests will be the 94 children who are cared for at Grandfather Home, which was established in 1895 by the late Rev. Edgar Tufts. The Edgar Tufts Memorial Association now operates Grandfather Home, Lees-McRae College and the Cannon Memorial Hospital at Banner Elk.

The singers will be accompanied by Stuart Ross, a member of the Manhattan School of Music faculty who has reserved a week each summer for the past 23 years for this labor of love in the Western North Carolina mountains.

Miss Bower is a protegee of Miss Helen Jepson, famed Metropolitan Opera star. She has received much praise for portrayals of leading roles with the New York Civic Opera and has proved a favorite with Blowing Rock and Banner Elk audiences during previous appearances.

Miss Wall, fresh from a tour of Europe, will be making her second appearance here. A native of Louisiana, she has appeared with the Metropolitan Opera Company for several seasons.

Marsh has been a leading performer at the Metropolitan for the past seven years. He is a soloist at Calvary Baptist Church, New York City.

Nagy, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, won the Metropolitan Auditions of the Air and was given a contract in New York after study in Europe.

The Banner Elk program will include popular and classical numbers. The quartette will open with the Spinning Wheel number from "Martha" by Von Flotow and will follow with medleys of Stephen Foster and Victor Herbert compositions, as well as a sextette from

"Lucia di Lammermoor" arranged for four voices.

Solos by Nagy, who will be making his initial appearance here, will include the aria, Nessun Dorma, from Puccini's "Turandot" and the serenade from Romberg's "The Student Prince". He will join Miss Wall in two duets—Home to the Mountains from "Il Trovatore" and "Only A Rose" by Friml.

Miss Wall's solos will include the Gypsy Song from "Carmen" and Helloy, Young Lovers from "The King and I".

Miss Bower will sing the aria, Un Bel di Vedremo from "Madame Butterfly" and Villa from "The Merry Widow". She will join Calvin Marsh in a duet, Ah, dite alle Giovine, from "La Traviata".

Marsh will sing the prologue from "Pagliacci" and "Some Enchanted Evening" from "South Pacific".

Sunday morning's program will feature sacred music, beginning with the quartette's rendition of Psalm 150 by Cesar Franck and closing with "The King's Highway" by David McKay Williams. Nagy will sing "If With All Your Hearts" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah". Miss Wall will sing "The Living God" by Geoffrey O'Hara. Marsh will sing "The Publican" by Van der Water. Miss Bower will sing "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" by O'Hara.

The public is invited to both concerts.

The artists will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hayes in Blowing Rock during the weekend. Hayes was recently elected president of the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, succeeding Dr. Marshall Woodson, who retired.

Mrs. Phillips Injured In Car Accident Tuesday

Mrs. Henry D. Phillips is at the Blowing Rock Hospital suffering from head and chest injuries received in an accident Tuesday.

Mrs. Phillips was returning home from Lenoir in a car driven by her granddaughter when, according to reports, their car was crowded causing it to leave the hard surface and crash into a bank. Both occupants were taken to Blowing Rock Hospital where Mrs. Phillips' condition was termed serious. Her granddaughter received treatment and was released. At press time Mrs. Phillips was reported as responding to treatment and appearing to be improving.

The accident happened at about 2:40 p. m. Tuesday, about ten miles south of Blowing Rock. Considerable damage was done to the car.

Mrs. Phillips is the widow of the late Bishop Henry D. Phillips of the Southwestern Virginia District of the Episcopal Church. He had served at the Blowing Rock Church during summers. Mrs. Phillips makes her summer home here on Dogwood Lane.

Interfaith Day At Methodist Church

On Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, people from many denominations will gather in the Blowing Rock Methodist Church to participate in what is ordinarily known as "Lazarus Day", so-called in honor of one of the great rabbis of America who has been instrumental for many years in trying to bring about a better understanding among Protestants, Catholics and Jews in the attempt to stem the tide of Communism and evil in the world. He was one of three celebrated men to visit the Near East a few years ago to study the difficult problems there. He was one of four chaplains to take part in the ceremonies connected with the burial of World War I's Unknown Soldier. He is the author of two of the finest books dealing with this sought-for better understanding. His books, "On Common Ground" and "Bridges Not Walls", are outstanding.

The occasion is something more, however, than a tribute to Dr. L a z a r o n. Representatives from other denominations will participate in the program. From the Presbyterian Church comes Dr. Walter Keys, beloved former pastor of Rumble Memorial Church of Blowing Rock. The instrumental music will be furnished by Miss Barbara Coffey, representing the Baptist denomination in general and the great Southern Baptist Seminary of Louisville in particular. Invitations have been given to other denominations but no official representative was available. Many, however, will doubtless be present to hear the great minister preach.

A unique feature of the program will be the playing of two tape recordings by members of the Lazarus family who are now in Europe. One of these is an original interpretation of the Twenty-Third Psalm by Mr. Harold Lazarus. The other is a recording of the Swiss Lullaby by Mr. Samuel Thaviv, Concert Master of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

It is expected that a large audience will be present to participate in this unique and wonderful program.

Chartered Bus Will Provide Service To Banner Elk Concert

Folks in this area wishing to attend the concert at Banner Elk on Friday, August 11, will find bus service available at \$2.00 for the round trip fare. A chartered bus will leave from in front of the Chamber of Commerce office promptly at 7 o'clock. Reservations must be made in advance not later than Tuesday evening. Mrs. Charles Sykes is in charge of transportation tickets and reservations may be made by calling her at CY 5-4266.

This special service is being arranged for those who would prefer making the trip by bus rather than driving their own cars.

Grady Meador Dies In Louisiana

Word has been received here of the death of Grady Meador who had been seriously ill at his home in Louisiana the past several weeks.

The Meadors have, for a number of years, been summer residents of Blowing Rock, owning Meadorrest on Dogwood Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Meador were here early this summer but returned to their home due to his illness.

Rotary Benefit Concert

The Blowing Rock Rotary Club is sponsoring a concert which will be held Tuesday, August 15, at the Country Club.

Horse Show In Full Swing Here

Blowing Rock's 38th annual Horse Show opened here Thursday and the two social events, the square dance at the Legion Thursday and exhibitors' banquet held at the Country Club last night, were well attended.

The annual Horse Show Breakfast and the Horse Show Ball to be held at the Mayview Manor will round out the festive activities of the four-day show. The Horse Show Breakfast takes place from 11:30 a. m., and the Ball in the Sky Room of Mayview Manor starts at 10 p. m.

One of the special features of the show this year will be the entry of William "Beaver" Tate's pony "Johnny Cake". "Beaver" showing his pony, captured the Grand Championship in the Maryland State Pony Show held in Baltimore recently. "Beaver" is the 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Tate of Baltimore and a grandson of Mrs. L. M. Tate, manager of the Blowing Rock show.

Another special feature will be the side saddle riding of Mary Ann Tate which will be explained by Judge Edward Bywaters. The Blowing Rock show is the only one in which side saddle riding is exhibited.

Nurses Home To Be Dedicated Aug. 2

The dedication and silver tea to mark the formal opening of the nurses home adjacent to the Blowing Rock Hospital on Chestnut Hill, will be held Sunday afternoon, August 27, from three to five o'clock.

Plans for the event are sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary of which Mrs. Charles C. Smoot is president. The publicity chairman, Mrs. Wade Klutz, is being assisted by Mrs. Graham Denton.

Dr. Hugh Bradley Guest Minister Sunday At Presbyterian Church

Dr. S. Hugh Bradley will be guest minister at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church this Sunday morning and will baptize the infant son of the Rev. and Mrs. Blake Brinkerhoff.

Dr. Bradley is the Field Secretary with particular responsibility for the Far East of the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. Prior to joining the staff in September 1953, he was for seven years a member of the Board.

Mission work has always held a place of special interest for Dr. Bradley who was born in China where his father was a missionary doctor. For a year between his college and seminary work he taught in a mission school in China. In 1948 he represented the Board of World Missions on a preaching mission in China, Japan and Korea. Since joining the Staff of the Board he has made three other trips to the Far East and has also visited the mission work of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. in Brazil.

Dr. Bradley completed his high school studies in South Carolina, the native state of his parents. He graduated from Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond from where he has also received his Th.D. degree.

Among the trophies to be given this year is a new one in the Green Hunter division donated by Mr. and Mrs. T. Himby of Charlotte in memory of their son, Alex, who was killed on his way home from the Blowing Rock show several years ago.

Also, then Anna Maria Greene memorial trophy will be offered this year.

Miss Martha Snively, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Snively Jr., of Winter Haven, Florida, again this year opens each of the seven performances. Western parade class will close the show each day.

The program for the remainder of the event is as follows: Saturday at 10 a. m., Open 3-Gaited Ponies, Forward Seat Equitation, Junior 5-Gaited, Junior Walking Horses, Children's Horsemanship (13 thru 17 years) Open, and Novice Hunter.

Starting at 2 p. m. Saturday will be, Knock Down and Out, Amateur 3-Gaited, Open Green Working Hunter, Ladies' 5-Gaited, Amateur Roadster, Ladies' Hunter, Walking Stallions and Gelding, Handy Jumping, Ladies' 3-Gaited, 2-Year Old Walking Horse, and Western Parade Stake.

The final performance to be held Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. constitutes the championships in the various classes.

Judges for the show this year are Edward Bywaters for the Hunters and Jumpers, and A. B. Plummer for the saddle horses. Read Wilson is again acting as master of ceremonies, and Mary Ann Tate is working with her mother as assistant manager of the show. This year's secretary is Mrs. S. C. Gilbert who is a licensed steward with the American Horse Show Association. This is her first year with the Blowing Rock show.

Dr. Lucius Gage of Charlotte is this year's president of the Blowing Rock Horse Show Association.



DR. S. HUGH BRADLEY

Davidson College honored him with a D.D. degree. He is married to the former Miss Agnes Blake of Anderson, South Carolina and they have one son who is a missionary in Taiwan. At the time of his call to the Board of World Missions Dr. Bradley was serving the Decatur Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Georgia. Prior to that he had served the Second Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South Carolina; Knox Church, Norfolk, Virginia and the church in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.