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A Most Unique Chestnut Roast at "Glen Burnie" Blowing Rock.

(By Old Hurraygraph.)

Blowing Rock, N. C., Sept. 27.—The most unique function of the closing of the summer season, up here in this beautiful cloudland country, was a chestnut roast given Wed. evening at "Glen Burnie," by Col. Abner C. Boone—a distant descendant of Daniel Boone, so well known throughout this region; and Col. James A. Robinson, of Durham, N. C., a descendant of Robinson who Grew So. It was something novel, fascinating, and afforded fun fast and furious.

"Glen Burnie" is a beautiful little secluded hollow, between the mountains, about a mile and a half from the quaint and lovely little village of Blowing Rock. Adown the center flows a small stream, over a rugged bed, that forms artistic cascades, beautiful pools and in many places dashes itself into gorgeous spray and then rushes on over huge rocks like lace curtains spread among the green foliage along the banks. At the foot of the mountain, the spot called "Glen Burnie," is a flat, rocky resting place, beneath the fall of water, which comes in a thin sheet over a smooth rock that covers the entire bed of the stream, and has an incline of more than sixty feet. Around this little glen plateau, as it were, are huge boulders that stand as solid and silent sentinels, guarding the beauty of the place. About the bottom of the glen are numerous square rocks, as if nature had purposely set seats or tables for pleasant tea-tetes. It was here the chestnut roast was held.

The jagged parts of these boulders at intervals were set off with lighted lightwood knots, and the intervening crevices were decorated and festooned with flaming autumn leaves of the most varied and gorgeous colors. The effect of the torchlights and the shadows of persons moving about, were of a weird, creepy feeling, and peculiarly fascinating nature. The glint of the bubbling lights on the black curtain of the night, and the merry little stream, as it danced down in glee and broken into spray, that looked like primed rainbow drops, and the sound of the laughing waters, was a scenic effect not soon to be forgotten.

The chestnut roasting party consisted of six young couples, and were chaperoned by Mrs. W. P. Pendley and Mrs. T. H. Coffey, of the Watauga Inn, Mrs. W. L. Dougherty, of the Ingle House, Mrs. Rosa C. Echeredge, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. J. C. Gutman, of Pensacola, Fla., Mrs. M. Sterne, of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. A. J. Mitchell, of New Bern, N. C.

The name "Glenburnie," fits a chestnut roast admirably, and in this glen a huge bed of coals was secured from burning logs. The young people were armed with corn poppers, and these were secured to poles of considerable length, to keep the roasters at a proper distance from the fire. Col. Tom H. Coffey, of the Watauga Inn, was roaster, and he kept things stirring. One rule of the roast was that no one should tell an old chestnut joke. If he or she did, they were to drop out of the circle of roasters around the fire, and give his or her pole to one of the chaperones. Mr. Walter Alexander, of Charlotte, had to yield up his place to Mrs. A. J. Mitchell. It was decided that Mr. Arthur D. Edger-ton, of Norfolk, Va., came near losing his place, but the ladies voted for him to stay in the ring, if he would do so no more; and he didn't.

Miss Virginia Ethridge, of Norfolk, Va., was awarded the prize for roasting the best popper full of chestnuts. Miss Fannie Lamb Houghton, of Washington, N. C.,

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, in the wise dispensation of Almighty God our heavenly Father, our beloved comrade, Joseph Brown, Wm. Elder, Elijah Farthing, Washington Coffey, Wm. H. Horton, Abner Shesley, Azor Hartley, C. D. Harman, Calvin Miller, Riley Elzers, K. G. Harman, William Walker, and Isaac Michael, since we last met have been called to their reward; they have answered the last great roll-call; they are done with the bivouac and the camp, and we sincerely hope and believe that they are resting over the river of death under the shade of the tree of life and refreshing themselves from the waters of the river of life, where there is no more fighting; no more camping; no more answering of roll calls; but eternal rest, peace and joy. Therefore be it

Resolved That we the members of Camp Nimrod Triplett, No. 1273, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, remembering that we too must soon answer the same great call, and pray God that we may be able to answer "present" when the call comes for us.

Resolved, further, That we will hold their memory dear to us, and that in our hearts they will live forever. Read and approved this Sept. 26, 1913.

J. W. HOLSLEY, } Com.
L. W. FARTHING, }
H. A. DAVIS, }
W. W. PRESSNELL.

Resolution of Thanks.

Whereas, the people of Boone and surrounding vicinity have on several occasions shown very great kindness to the Veterans of Camp Nimrod Triplett, No. 1273, and on this particular occasion have shown us great or greater efforts than ever before in providing for the entertainment of the same. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the members now in session of said Camp extend to the said citizens, and especially to the ladies of the Appalachian Training School our sincere thanks for their kind entertainment and splendid supper. This Sept. 26, 1913.

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Of the members present, there were 8 over 80 years old, and 3 of that number over 87; there were 42 over 70, and 17 of that number over 75—the youngest 63. Present of the members of the Camp 60, with Grant and Arnold from Tenn., raising the total to 62. We have been meeting annually for 25 years, and it is conceded that this is the best Reunion we have ever had.

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was given the prize for telling the best story. Miss Brooks, of Philadelphia, captured the prize for singing the best song while the roasting was in progress. Miss Julia Houghton, of Washington, N. C., carried off the prize for the best dramatic recitation. Dr. J. E. Brooks rendered a fine pantomimical story. Mr. W. P. Pendley told the most successful way of climbing mountains and how success would come after doing it for forty years. Col. Abner Boone told the best historical story, but would not accept the prize as he was one of the hosts.

The chestnuts for the roast were gathered by Messrs. Robinson and Boone, and about two bushels were roasted, with only one burnt popper full, which fell in the fire, having slipped off the pole held by Mrs. I. G. Bell, of Savannah, Ga., while in a fit of laughter over one of the jokes told by Tom Coffey. The prizes consisted of wooden trays, bowls, rhododendron napkin rings, and such things—all home made by the mountain people.

—Chestnuts are opening and the crop is most beautiful.

—Joseph Hartley, of East Boone, has moved to Lenoir with his family to Lenoir.

—W. L. Bantright, of Hickory has sold his Bottling Works at Blowing Rock to Messrs. Wes Ashley and Robert Shores, of Middle Fork. The business will be continued at the home of the latter.

—Commissioner's court next Monday.

—Miss Florence Boyd and mother, who have spent some time in the mountains this summer for the benefit of Mrs. Boyd's health, left last week for their home in Lenoir. The stay in our health giving climate wrought a remarkable change for the better on the splendid lady.

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Information Wanted.

Editor Democrat—While at the meeting of the Blue and the Gray at Gettysburg July 1, the writer met a Federal veteran who is desirous of learning the address, if living, of a North Carolina Lieutenant who he freended him while lying on the field wounded 1st days fight.

The Federals were forced back during the day for some three or more miles, and this man being wounded, was left by his comrades. When the Confederates passed him, a lieutenant stopped and had one of his men procure a canteen of water and an extra blanket with which to make him more comfortable. He did not learn the name of his benefactor; he only learned that he was a North Carolinian.

If the Democrat will give space to the above, its exchanges may do like wise and the desired end may be attained. Any one knowing of the occurrence can communicate with J. R. Balsley, (Connellsville, Pa., or with this writer, who will give further details.

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