

Rhododendron Festival Set At Roan Mountain

Bakersville. — Governor Luther Hodges of North Carolina and a great number of the Tar Heel state's dignitaries, will speak in ceremonies of the two-day Roan Mountain Rhododendron Festival on the Roan this week end.

Governor Hodges will speak at 10:10 a. m. Saturday, and, due to other engagements, will not be able to remain on the grounds past noon.

Among the other speakers will be Congressman Charles H. Jones, A. H. (Sandy) Graham, chairman of the N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission, and Judge Wilson Warlick of the U. S. Court. Carl Goerch of State Magazine will be master of ceremonies for the Tar Heel program and Jeter Burleson, Mitchell County Representative in the General Assembly, will introduce Governor Hodges.

Speeches and remarks by dignitaries of Tennessee, including the

Paul Said To Mr. Ed:



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One little fellow had been taught to recite the line from the Master: "It is I. Be not afraid."

When the little fellow came up on the platform, where he was to do his part, he was ashy with stage fright, but with his small voice trembling and full of tears, he managed to say:

"Tain't nobody but me. Doan' get skeared."

"School is out—watch for the boys and girls who are playing."

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governor and highway commission chairman, will be interspersed in the morning program.

The annual beauty contest to select a North Carolina queen and a Tennessee queen will be held at 1:45 p.m. Twenty girls of Western North Carolina communities are competing for the Tar Heel queen honors.

The North Carolina winner will receive a number of awards, including a trophy and a \$100 scholarship being given by Blanton's Business College in Asheville, a Bulova watch being presented by the Asheville Citizen-Times Publishing Company, and several other items.

The Rev. R. M. Cassity, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, will deliver the invocation as the program begins at 9:40 a. m. Saturday. W. C. Berry of Bakersville, festival chairman, will deliver the welcome address and will introduce Mr. Goerch.

Dr. James Berry of Bakersville and O. D. Calhoun of Spruce Pine will conduct the North Carolina queen contest.

Robert Bunnelle, publisher of the Citizen-and Times, has been invited to crown the Tar Heel queen and former Governor R. Gregg Cherry will present the awards to her.

A newly-paved two-mile section of U. S. Forest Service road from N. C. 261 at Carver's Gap to the site of the old Cloudland Hotel at the top of the mountain makes the trip up Roan a short, easy drive now. The road terminates in a 300-car parking lot and in 1954 a loop road through the rhododendron gardens was graded and opened to motorists.

General News Brevities

College graduates of recent years are having more children but, as a group, a study shows they still have to produce more to replace themselves.

A wider variety of car colors is expected next year.

Oil research this year will cost about \$1,000,000,000.

The Senate passed the Administration's \$3,530,000,000 foreign aid program after rejecting a series of restrictive amendments.

Acreage in feed grains in 1955 will be up for the second straight year.

Berea Drama Opens June 29

Berea, Ky.—Paul Green, America's foremost historical dramatist, and author of "Wilderness Road," will arrive in Berea on June 10, and will remain for one month while his latest drama goes into production. Cast and technical staff are on hand, and rehearsals are well underway. Mr. Green's mission is one of final polishing, of testing his script in live performance and completed setting. It will open to the public on June 29, and will continue throughout the summer.

In "Wilderness Road," Mr. Green has dramatized the southern mountaineer, not as a comic character, but as a symbol of integrity and high courage. His characters appear as Civil War Kentuckians, moving through endless frontiers; frontiers not only geographic, but social, educational and spiritual as well. It is cast and staffed by people from the southern mountains.

Religious Broadcast Sunday Morning

Special broadcast Sunday morning over radio station WATA. H. Ernest Shoaf will talk on the subject: "Have Miracles Ceased."

The Soviet is campaigning to increase cultivated land.

Miss Hardin In Capping Event

Miss Helen Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Hardin, reached the first milestone in her nursing career on May 27th when she was capped in the candlelight ceremony with the other 52 members of her class at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

A reception was held on the lawn of the nurses residence following the capping.

Attending were Helen's parents and a sister, Miss Jo Ann Hardin. Jo Ann, who is an Aeronautical Sciences Editor at the Langley Aeronautical Laboratory, Langley Field, Virginia, spent the following week at home. Helen was home for two succeeding weeks.

Nixon regards the Big Four talks as a crossroad.

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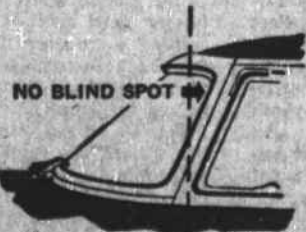
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