

BEE GEE'S CORNER

BUCK FOREST

As we follow the winding road up Little River, by the power plant of Cascade Power Company, we pass an odd looking shanty, which seems to be a patch work of timber of various kinds and sizes. A closer investigation shows that it was an Ell or addition to a much larger building. Among the tangled underbrush that has grown up among the trees can be seen numerous pillars, and fragments of foundations, with here and there an end or a portion of what was once a large and long hewn beam. The old trees, the foundations, and the odd timbers worked into the shanty are all that now remains of the Old Buck Forest Hotel, in its day one of the most widely known hotels and resorts of our mountain section.

The road is part of what was once Little River turnpike, extending from Mills River, via Grange, Buck Forest, and Cedar Mountain, to Jones Gap. The mountain scenery, the water falls on Little River, the travel on the Turnpike combined to make this an ideal location for a hotel, and old man Cage Thomas (Micaiah S. Thomas) was quick to see the advantages of the location. Long before the Civil War he began acquiring land, and in a few years had several thousand acres, including Buck Forest, Bridal Veil Falls, High Falls and Triple Falls, and miles of good fishing streams.

For its day, Buck Forest was an extensive hotel. It could easily accommodate several score persons, and the "Big Hall" was ample for an old fashioned square dance, with a dozen or more "sets" dancing at once, and ample room for the numerous "wall flowers" and lookers-on grouped around the walls, doors and windows. In the days of our grandparents and great-grandparents, it was a favorite amusement for the young bloods to get up a party and spend a week or two at Buck Forest, with side trips to Caesar's Head, Table Rock, Cedar Mountain, Rich Mountain and Conestee. The parties often contained twenty to thirty couples. The days would be spent in making one of the trips named above, or in mountain climbs nearby, visits to the Falls, and in fishing. They would put in about a day to a water fall, putting in the time with climbs and rambles grouped around the picnic dinner at the Falls, and back to the hotel by dusk. The evenings and far into the night would be spent on the dancing floor, and on the long shady piazzas and wandering about the grounds.

The upper fall, Bridal Veil, takes its name from the general appearance of a long flowing bridal veil. At the top of the fall the water tumbles over an overhanging ledge, with an abundance of room behind the falls for scores of persons to comfortably stand "in the dry". Immediately below, the water strikes a long sloping ledge, which widens gradually and descends at first gradually but on ever

increasing curve. The water immediately commences to spread out, and as it tumbles over the rocks the air gives it the appearance of flying foam in a close view, but, at a little distance it takes on appearance of a large bit of filmy lace ruffled by the wind. At a distance, the view is much more striking. To get a complete photograph, it is necessary to go to a hilltop about half mile away, and then use a telephoto lens. The water tumbling over the top ledge gives the appearance of where the veil is fastened on the bride's head, and the trailing part of the veil extends near a quarter of a mile.

The next fall below is High Falls, a drop of just about a hundred feet, practically a sheer drop, with the lower side of the ledge extending, making the slope about twenty or twenty-five degrees out from the perpendicular. The water spreads out on the face of the ledge in almost a solid sheet, except where it is broken here and there by projecting portions of the ledge. About the foot of the falls, in irregular groups, are masses of boulders varying in size from small stones to those weighing some thirty or forty tons. The hillsides, up to the stream, are covered with dense thickets of rhododendron, laurel, etc., and rising through the thickets is a heavy growth of tall trees, chiefly hemlocks, pines and oaks. The road crosses the river, by ford, about fifty yards above the top of the fall. You have to be almost to the fall before you can see it. Many cross the ford without even realizing that they are at the falls, although the roar tells them that there are falls not far away.

The Triple Falls are three separate falls close together. About half a mile below the High Falls, as the river is passing through a narrow gorge, it pours over a sheer ledge about thirty or forty feet high; the water runs along the ledge below, to the right, about twenty-five yards, and then tumbles over a second ledge, very similar to the first; then, flows to the right again, about forty yards, and then tumbles over another and slightly higher ledge. While the lower falls is less than a hundred yards below the upper, the curve of the stream makes it almost impossible to get more than two of the falls in one picture. The steep hillsides and the dense thickets make this fall difficult of access.

Mr. Thomas operated the property until about 1870, when he sold it to Joe McD. Carson (Uncle Joe), who occupied the property until about 20 years ago. In the meantime the property had been transferred to Frank Cox of Asheville, a brother-in-law of Mr. Carson. Col. Cox, and since his death, the Cox Estate have added to the boundary, so that now the Buck Forest boundary includes some 6000 to 6000 acres.

With the dwindling of travel on the old Little River Turnpike during the seventies and early eighties, the patronage of Buck Forest dropped to but a very small amount. With the lack of patronage, the building was

EAST FORK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Shultz of Howe, Ind., were recent visitors of Mrs. Shultz's sister, Mrs. W. C. Gravelly.

Mrs. Boyd McGuire and son, Frank, of Asheville, are spending a few days with Mrs. McGuire's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Gillespie.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Redmon and daughter, Evelyn, and Mr. Head of Central, S. C., spent Sunday-week at the Gravelly home.

Mr. Dub is spending some time at his summer home on East Fork.

Ernest, Homer and Larry Gillespie were East Fork visitors last week.

Miss Carrie Holden of Pisgah Forest, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Mull.

Miss Kate Gillespie left Monday for Cullowhee, where she entered school.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Redmon of Miami, Fla., are visiting at the home of Mr. Redmon's uncle, W. W. Gravelly.

Mrs. Liza Jones of South Carolina, is spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jule Reynolds.

Mr. W. R. Kimzey and son, Frank of Brevard, are camping at the Mauldin house.

Guests at the Gravelly Home Sunday afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Corbin and son John Frank, Misses Armstrong, Sumerel and Dryman, Mr. Black and Mr. Walter Reece and children.

We still have hopes of some fruit in spite of the frosts of last Thursday and Friday nights.

IRRISISTIBLE JANE

He—"Jane is irresistible."
She—"I never put up much resistance, either."

allowed to go to rack and ruin, and by 1900 portions of the building had fallen down. The collapse was complete some fifteen to twenty years ago. Now, all that remains is a small shanty or cottage built out of the fragments, and a few old timbers and stones to show that an imposing building once stood there. The trees and the shrubbery, though now but a tangled mass, show evidence of having once been beautiful and well kept grounds.

The scenery and the falls, still make the section a most attractive one, and it has numerous visitors every year. But the noise and dust of the passing herd, the rumble of the old stage coach, the halloo of the hunting parties, the wailing minor chords of the old string band, and the calling of the figures of the Virginia Reel and others of the old fashioned dances, are here no more.

Saves for occasional visits, Buck Forest and surroundings are generally uninhabited wastes, yet old timers will still dwell on the times when they enjoyed the hospitality of Old Man Cage, or of Uncle Joe.

W O W CONVENTION MEETING AT SHELBY

The Western North Carolina Log Rolling Association, Woodmen of the World, meets at Shelby on Thursday April 25th.

The Western Association is composed of twenty-one counties. W. H. Grogan, Jr., with headquarters in Brevard, has charge of all promotion work in the district.

The following local members have been selected to represent Brevard at the Shelby convention: F. Brown Carr, Fred Johnson, Winston Ashworth, F. W. Grogan, T. S. Smith, J. M. Buckner, L. P. Hamlin, Coleman Galloway, H. A. Plummer, Dr. Chas. Newland, Guy Dean, Judson McCrary, W. H. Grogan, Jr., T. L. Snelson, C. M. Siniard and T. W. Whitmire.

Balsam Grove No. 39 Woodmen Circle will be represented by Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Grogan, Jr., Miss Marjorie Garren, Miss Hassie Tinsley, Mrs. Luther Pushell and Mrs. D. W. Merrill.

HOME

Home is the harbor into which we sail
When the storms of life would our barque assail
'Tis there we gain new courage to meet
The storms of life, and look defeat
Square in the face, and with a grin
Go back to the fight, determined to win.
To HOME men come at the close of day
To a dear little wife and hear her say:

"I love you now, as I did that day
When you and I, with hearts so gay
Were made just one, where we had been two,
And vowed forever to be true."

It may be a mansion, or just a shack
On the main highway, or built way back;
Yet, once in a while, as we onward roam,
We're permitted to view a real, true HOME.

Zeb H. Wolfe, "The Plumber Poet"

State of North Carolina
County of Transylvania
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
Board of Commissioners of
Transylvania County, N. C.

vs
W. R. Smith.

NOTICE
The defendant above named take notice that an action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Transylvania County, N. C., to the end that the plaintiff may foreclose all interest that the defendant may have in the following described land, lying and being in Brevard Township, being the same land described in the complaint filed in this cause. Said action brought by the plaintiff for delinquent taxes, penalties, and costs, and the said defendant will take notice that he is required to answer or demur to the complaint filed in the office of the Superior Court of Transylvania County, N. C., or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 28th day of March, 1929.
ROLAND OWEN, Clerk Superior Court, Transylvania County, N. C.
Apr. 18-25-May 2-9.

State of North Carolina
County of Transylvania
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
Board of Commissioners of
Transylvania County, N. C.

vs
H. P. Nicholson and wife, Ida E. Nicholson (Mrs. H. P. Nicholson)

Federal Land Bank of Columbia, W. L. Mull, Lowe Motor Company, Mary S. Orr, Admr., and A. J. Beedingfield.

NOTICE
The defendant above named take notice that an action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Transylvania County, N. C., to the end that the plaintiff may foreclose all interest that the defendant may have in the following described land, lying and being in Little River Township, being the same land described in the complaint filed in this cause. Said action brought by the plaintiff for delinquent taxes, penalties and costs and the said defendant will take notice that they're required to answer or demur to the complaint filed in the office of the Superior Court of Transylvania County, N. C., or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

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State of North Carolina
County of Transylvania
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
Board of Commissioners of
Transylvania County, N. C.

vs
Clara Steele.

NOTICE
The defendant above named take notice that an action has been commenced in the Superior Court of Transylvania County, N. C., to the end that the plaintiff may foreclose all interest that the defendants may have in the following described land, lying and being in Dunns Rock township, being the same land described in the complaint filed in this cause. Said action brought by the plaintiffs for delinquent taxes, penalties and costs, and the said defendant will take notice that she is required to answer or demur to the complaint filed in the office of the Superior Court of Transylvania County, N. C., or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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WE DO NOT WANT TO DO!

This is YOUR Town, and the taxes that come from YOU go to the upkeep of this, YOUR Town. This is YOUR business, and we trust that YOU will look upon it as such, and make immediate payment of YOUR taxes.

IF WE ARE FORCED TO ADVERTISE--

YOU are the loser—in two ways. The expense of advertising is charged up against your property, and then the interest that the town has to pay on its indebtedness because YOU haven't paid YOUR taxes is just another expense added to the upkeep of YOUR town.

DON'T PUT IT OFF.

Many people will wait until the last day, and then there will be a jam, and you will be caused to wait about the City Hall until you can be waited upon. Please come on in and pay NOW, while you can have prompt service. It will mean much to the office, too, in that we can do the work better than if you wait until the last day and join the crowd that will be on hand in the last rush of the time.

THIS APPEAL MADE IN ALL GOOD FAITH

Your co-operation will be highly appreciated. Let's have the advertised list a really short one. Don't let YOUR taxes go over and we shall not have to advertise you.

THIS MONEY IS REALLY NEEDED.

Brevard really needs the money now due the town. Help us keep YOUR town's name on the fair list. Pay your taxes—and pay promptly—and you will thereby be serving YOUR town.

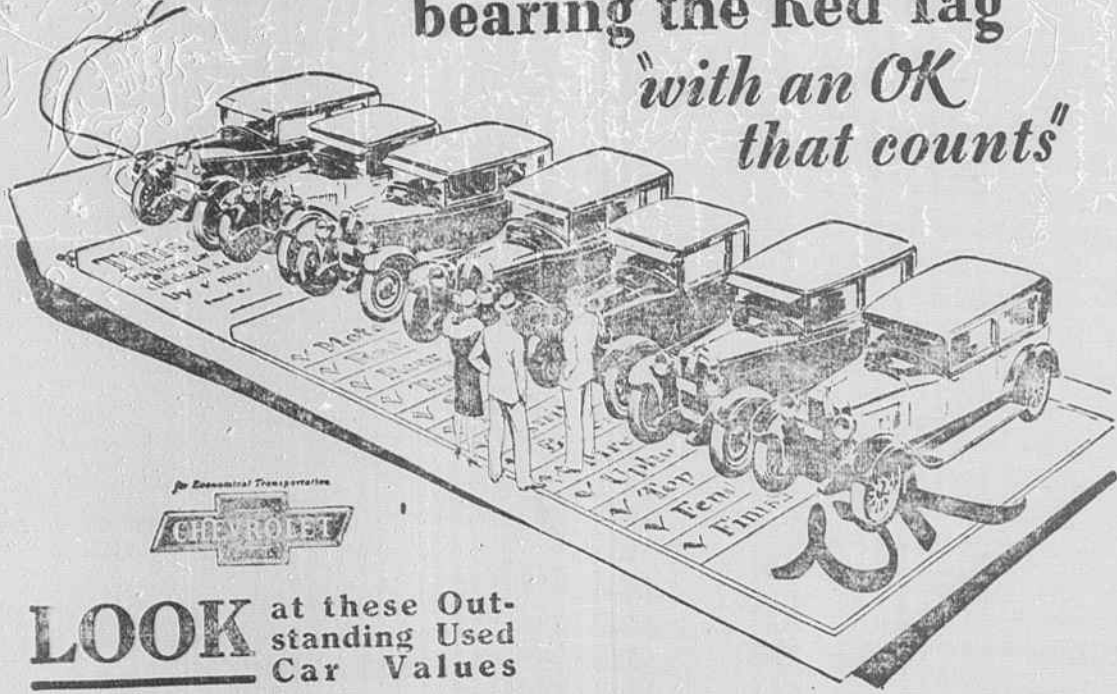
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