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Most Successful Flower Show

Held Under the Auspices of the Community Club Attended by Many Visitors.

An occasion which has been looked forward to with great interest in this community and the county in general was the annual Flower Show held on Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Garden Department of the Community Club.

The flower show was held, as usual, in the Parish House of Grace Episcopal church.

The display was perhaps the most gorgeous ever shown in Waynesville and was considered by many as the most successful in every way. Special mention should be made of the dahlias, which were there by the hundreds and were unusually luxurious.

A list of the prize winners will appear in a later issue.

JUST FROM CAROLINA.

(Wherein is given some idea of the Scenic Grandeur in and around Waynesville.)

I am just back from the top of the Eastern United States—an average mile high, with peaks all around me, towering above from an altitude of 5,050 feet above sea level of 6,636 feet above. Which is equal to saying I have just completed a vacation at and around Waynesville. Eagles Nest mountain within five miles of Hotel Gordon, my stopping headquarters, is more than 5,000 feet and Mount Guyot, the tallest peak in the Smoky Mountains, is 6,636 feet above sea level, being the second highest peak East of the Rockies, and only surpassed by Mount Mitchell by a few feet.

Incidentally, I was reminded that fame is a very unsafe mistress. I found many tourists around Hotel Gordon talking about Mount Guyot, pronouncing it just like it is spelled. That pronunciation would almost cause the ambitious Swiss-American geographer and scientist who gave the tallest Smoky peak its name with his own to turn over in his grave. There is also a tall peak in the Rockies and another in the White Mountains of New Hampshire bearing the same name and so named by the same author.

Mount Guyot was discovered and named by Arnold Henry Guyot, a Swiss-American naturalist and geographer, born in 1807 and dying in 1884. The name is pronounced as if spelled Ge-yo, with the Y indicating it is pronounced as j. Gejo is about as near as the average English tongue can come to saying this Swiss name, and I hope that the government will soon have a road to the top of Mount Gejo (Guyot) for the government is planning to make practically the whole Smoky Mountain district a national park.

There are fourteen peaks in this wonderful Smoky Mountain area that are more than 6,000 feet tall and Mount Gejo, (Guyot) they are a wonderful panorama of wild life spread at the foot of the beholder. In this domain there is practically no settlement and wild life is here seen to greater advantage than anywhere now extant under the American flag. Not only is big game, bears, panthers, deer and fox, eagle and snowbird life observed, but wild mountain streams on both sides of the great mountains are wonderful to behold.

The woods are wild and charming, growing well nigh to the very tip top of Guyot and other lesser peaks. In the higher areas of course the trees are not so large as they are below, and in some localities honey-suckle and laurel beds are half a mile in circumference. These mountains are the most charming I have seen, and I have wandered over the Rockies at some of the most historic spots. The Smoky mountains excel because they are wooded and not so awe-inspiring.

I believe that if the people of South Carolina would mobilize by the thousand and instead of by the hundred, as they now do, in these wonderful nearby mountains, they would live longer and get far more thrill out of life than they do. And I believe they will so mobilize, when the mountains are made completely accessible, as they soon will be to the motor car. One may now reach many of the higher peaks by auto and others will

To Advertise New Highway

Sylva, North Carolina, August 6, 1926.

The chamber of commerce from Franklin, Sylva, Waynesville and Canton met in Sylva last night and held a very enthusiastic meeting, for the purpose of co-operating with Franklin in carrying out an extensive advertising campaign to acquaint tourists and other travelers with the new highway, connecting Sylva and Franklin.

This new highway shortens the distance between Asheville and Atlanta thirty-two miles, and, in the opinion of the writer, the exquisite scenery along this route is second to none in Western North Carolina.

The result of the meeting was the formulation of plans to hold a celebration in Franklin on September 15, 1926, with all the towns along the line having a part in the celebration. Franklin proposes to meet the Georgia delegation, composed of representatives from various cities in Georgia, especially interested in this highway, at the Georgia line and, after a ceremony of welcome, all delegations will repair to Franklin where a picnic dinner will be served. From Franklin the delegations will go to Asheville, stopping for an appropriate function in each of the towns along the way. The entertainment program for Asheville is still tentative, but it is known that there will be an elaborate one.

It is hoped that the committee will be able to secure the services of Thomas M. Dixon as principal speaker, along with other notables.

A pleasant spirit prevailed over the meeting and it was decided to invite Murphy, Andrews and Bryson City as guests of Franklin. The object of the meeting was not to deflect tourists from these latter cities, but to impress upon tourists the greater advantage of scenery by either entering via Murphy and exiting via Franklin, or vice versa.

A very descriptive name was suggested by Mr. Ernest Withers and after a vote the name of Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta highway was unanimously adopted.

J. H. Wilson of Sylva was elected chairman and C. C. Poindexter of Franklin was elected secretary of the celebration committee. The following committees were appointed to represent the various towns along the highway in staging the celebration: Asheville, Holmes Bryson and Roger Miller; Canton, D. J. Kerr, H. A. Osborne and W. E. Jones; Waynesville, C. M. Dicus, Ernest Withers and Frank Miller; Sylva and Dillsboro, J. H. Wilson, D. G. Bryson and J. F. Frezer; Franklin, John S. Trotter, T. W. Porter and C. C. Poindexter; Clayton, Dr. Dover and Claude Derrick; Cornelia, R. C. Brooks and Henry Stovall; Gainesville, H. H. Estes and W. C. Meador; Atlanta, to be selected.

SPECIAL PREACHER AT GRACE CHURCH.

At the eleven o'clock service in Grace Episcopal church on Sunday, August 15th, the special preacher will be the Rev. R. R. Harris, Head Master of Christ School Arden, N. C. Christ School is an Episcopal school for boys, and during its history has had fifteen graduates ordained to the sacred ministry. All interested in Christian Education are urged to attend and hear Rev. Mr. Harris.

Other services during the day: 8 A. M. The Holy Communion. 10 A. M. Church School and Bible. 8 P. M. Evensong and sermon by the Rector.

NEW DRUG STORE AT HAZELWOOD.

J. W. McKay, pharmacist, will open a modern drug store in Hazelwood on Sept. 15. The location will be near Allen-Siler Company store.

A beautiful soda fountain, refreshment tables; an up-to-date prescription department with all modern facilities will be some of the features of the new drug store.

Dr. J. W. McKay is well known in this community, having spent several summers at the Lake and been in

soon be made accessible.—Taken from the South Carolina Gazette, Columbia, S. C.

Proposed Haywood Country Club

Owners of Belle Meade Properties Offer Liberal Opportunity to Citizens.

(By Buel B. Hyatt.)

For the past fifteen years I have attended various and sundry meetings of presumably public spirited men and women. I have seen audiences held for hours, listening to the eloquent words from the lips of a Native Son. And always, with fervent enthusiasm, the gatherings materialized with accomplishing the intentions of the meetings. This town was first called Waynesville in 1811. That hasn't been very long ago. Anyway, when I was a boy playing "peechees," the old fellows were playing "law for law" with a big marble for a middleman. I've watched them throw horse shoes for hours. Those amusements were adequate for their day. The old order has changed; and, the present demands a different type of sport and amusement.

The Royal and Ancient Game of Golf has become immensely popular among the American people. The owners of Belle Meade properties now offer to the citizenship of Waynesville, and visitors as well, the opportunity to organize and own a Country Club and Golf Course. Surely, there isn't a progressive person who will question the utility of such an institution as an asset to this town and community? Belle Meade properties consist of 180 acres within three-fourth of a mile of Waynesville. The owners are willing to convey 50 acres of this land to a corporation known as the Haywood Country Club; who shall construct and maintain a golf course on the land fronting on what is known as the Allen's Creek road and running back toward the residence on the tract; and, will take \$20,000 of stock in the Haywood Country Club, paying \$5,000 in cash with initial subscription. All they ask of the organization is \$30,000 for their lands, payable in \$100 units over a period of ten years, and that the corporation erect a club house on the property at an estimated cost of ten thousand dollars.

I wonder if the people of Waynesville realize that we are deficient in supplying types of amusement demanded by present day of the week. True, there is a splendid course at Lake Junaluska.

Waynesville must have a course that is governed and maintained on the same principles that make other courses desirable and patronized. Here in Western North Carolina, we are fortunate in being able to construct a course at a minimum cost. The contour of the land insures an attractive series of greens and tee elevations, with natural hazards. In that particular area there is sufficient available lands for an eighteen hole golf course, should that size course be desired by the club members and stockholders. The average golf player delights in a few singles, four-somes, medal play and match play, on the seclusion and privacy of a country club golf course. And some of the finest golf courses in the United States are owned and maintained by country clubs.

Along with many other urgent needs for the future Waynesville; there must be a general recognition of the importance of methods to hold and entertain our tourists. You men and women who have the making of Waynesville in your grasp must have breadth of vision; your thoughts must embrace every opportunity that will promote our interests; and your plans must co-ordinate with those of successful towns and communities. Waynesville must measure up to modern demands, for a different era is at our threshold. To keep step with the music of the stars must be the future program of our growing Little City.

An enthusiasm as boundless as space must be evidenced by every citizen. One reason for the greatness of the Roman Empire was because those in authority welcomed other citizens into their midst. A Golf Course has become as essential to a town as any public utility. And, with efficient and intelligent management, in association with a Country Club, will bring more tourists to Waynesville. I trust that every votary of successful Waynesville will investigate the offer of the Owners of Belle Meade properties. In my opinion, the citizenship never had a more liberal offer and opportunity to acquire a suitable area of land on such reasonable terms for a Country Club and Golf Course. I would like to see every public spirited man and woman become interested in the vital issues that have a bearing on the Future Waynesville. Is the Town of Waynesville a successful corporation? Every taxpayer is a stock holder in our town. Then, why shouldn't every individual be thoroughly enamored with any plan that makes for a better community life. Golf Courses are paying investments. Therefore, investigate this opportunity, put your good shoulder to the wheel; and, in a few months Waynesville will have this much desired medium of sport and entertainment.

MRS. GWYN HOSTESS.

Mrs. T. Lenoir Gwyn delightfully entertained with four tables of bridge at her home on South Main street Tuesday afternoon honoring Mrs. Odin Buell of Buellton, California and Mrs. J. A. Jones of Lynchburg, Va. The whole lower floor was thrown en suite and was artistically decorated with a variety of cut summer flowers. Mrs. Gwyn presented her guests of honor with lovely hand embroidered towels. For top score prize Mrs. Francis received a hand embroidered guest towel. In cutting for the consolation prize a hand made handkerchief, Mrs. Joe Graves was the winner.

During the afternoon Mrs. Gwyn served a delectable salad and ice course.

Those present were: Misses Dorothy Thomas, Mary Gwyn, Mesdames Odin Buell, Buellton, Cal., J. A. Jones, Lynchburg, Va., Robert Pinner, Robert Wood, Baltimore., Alden Howell, Jr., Joe Graves, Winifred Baker, Orange Lake, Fla., Charles Knight, San Francisco, Cal., Robert Osborne, West Palm Beach, Fla., William Hannah, E. A. Oliver, Fayetteville, Fred Peden and Roy Francis.

Miss Ellen Watlington, of Reidsville, is a guest of Miss Martha Neal on Walnut street.

GUESTS AT THE RUSSIAN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griegan and children, Betty Dolly and Jack, Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and daughter, Helen, Mrs. G. B. Johnston, Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Johnson and son, Neal Decatur, Georgia, Miss Jennie Lynn Deval, Decatur, Georgia, Mrs. Edna Thomason, Selma, Mississippi, Miss George Cole and son, George Jr., Memphis, Tennessee, and Mr. Clure Keys, Columbia, S. C.

LOUISE HUNTER TO SING HERE TUESDAY.

Louise Hunter, celebrated soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Co., will sing here Tuesday night, Aug. 17th, at the new high school.

Miss Hunter is well known both in this country and Europe as one of the leading sopranos of the day, and is noted for her beautiful voice, and charming personality.

Miss Hunter began the study of music at the age of 4 years, and has gone steadily forward until now she has few equals and no superiors. Last winter she was one of the sensations in New York, and was compared favorably with Marian Talley.

Her charming personality completely captivates her audience the moment she makes her appearance will be greeted by a capacity house.

Ferguson Family Honor Ancestors

Homer Ferguson, Shipping Magnate, To Attend Unveiling.

Members of the Ferguson family of Haywood county, and many others who have moved to other parts of the state and country, will gather at Crabtree church next Saturday to unveil a monument to the first member of the family to settle in this country, Robert Ferguson, of Ireland, and his wife, Fannie Love Ferguson.

The Fergusons, one of the oldest families in this part of the state, had been living in Haywood county for more than 100 years, and this year marks the hundredth anniversary of the death of the founder.

A ceremony of unveiling will be observed, and prominent members of the family will make addresses, among them Colonel H. B. Ferguson, of Washington, D. C., and Homer Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. The monument is being erected by members of the family through the efforts of Mrs. Mary Noland Ferguson, whose husband was a grandson of Robert Ferguson.

Robert Ferguson who was born in 1764, came to America from Ireland and lived near Kings Mountain with his family. At the time of the Revolution, still a boy, he carried water to the wounded American soldiers, while his older brother fought under Sevier.

Later he married Fannie Love, whose family had also come over from Ireland, and the moved to Madison county and later to Crabtree, where the family now centers.

Pioneer and Trapper. One of the pioneers of this part of the state, Robert Ferguson became a hunter and trapper, and acquired a large amount of land on which he built his home. The house is still in the family.

The descendants of Robert Ferguson, who had nine children and 82 grandchildren, have moved to all parts of the country, and have become well-known in their respective professions. Colonel H. B. Ferguson is well known as one of the men who raised the Maine. Jim Garland Ferguson, of Arkansas, was a candidate for governor of his state in the last election; Will Ferguson, of the United States Shipping Board; G. S. Ferguson, of Greensboro; Professor A. C. Reynolds, superintendent of the Buncombe county schools; and the late Judge G. S. Ferguson, of Waynesville, are among his descendants.

Representatives of the family of seven generations are expected to attend the exercises which will also include a family reunion and picnic. The oldest representative, and one of the most active, will be a granddaughter of Robert Ferguson, Mrs. Caroline Noland, of Crabtree, now 92 years old. Two of the youngest descendants, Sara Ferguson Kirkpatrick and Emily Ferguson Palmer, will unveil the monument.

MRS. THOMAS BRIDGE HOSTESS.

Mrs. Charles R. Thomas was hostess to one table of bridge at the So Big Tea Room Saturday afternoon to honor Mrs. Odin Buell of Buellton, California and Miss Mary New. Each guest was presented with a dainty handmade handkerchief. Miss Agnes Thomas of Gastonia was a guest for the party. A salad course was served during the afternoon.

PRESBYTERIAN BAZAAR.

You are cordially invited to come to the Presbyterian Bazaar on next Tuesday, August 17th, at the Green Tree Tea Room on Main street.

In addition to fancy articles, rag rugs, pillows, etc., there will be a sale of cakes, rolls, candy and other good things to eat.

All members who cannot bring their contributions by 9 A. M., are requested to notify their circle chairman so they can be collected beforehand.

Be sure to remember the time and the place—Tuesday at the Green Tree Tea Room.

DECORATION DAY SUNDAY, AUG. 20TH.

At Rocky Branch Chapel on Allen's Creek, everybody is cordially invited to attend and bring a basket of lunch and help decorate the graves. Special services in the afternoon

Pinner Farm Raises Things

Sold \$3,200 Worth of Potatoes Last Year—Crops Are Better This Year.

L. N. Pinner has a farm in Pigeon River valley, near Canton. It was in "run-down" condition when he purchased it five years ago, and a part of the open land had been abandoned for agricultural purposes.

Under well-planned rotation of crops, which included nitrogen gathering clovers and other legumes, production on this farm has been increased approximately 30 per cent with the five-year period.

When asked about his last year's yield of Irish potatoes Mr. Pinner said he got about half an average crop yield. However, from his 1925 harvest of potatoes he received \$3,200 besides keeping enough to supply his demands for seed this year. He has 16 acres planted to potatoes last year. This year he had about 19 acres and the indicated yield per acre will be much larger than last year. Rains came in Haywood county in time to save the crops of potatoes, with only slightly diminished yields.

In his rotation Mr. Pinner usually plans to let potatoes follow red clover and wheat follows potatoes. On the land from which he sold \$3,200 worth of potatoes last year he has wheat from which he estimates a yield of 35 bushels to the acre. A part of his corn crop, which indicates a large yield, is on land which he reclaimed. It was sown with rye last fall and this was turned down as a green manuring crop for the corn.

Mr. Pinner lives on the hard-surfaced county road leading from Canton to the County Home, but there are no visible evidences that he will ever need the services of that institution. In his farm activities he proceeds under the idea that "if a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well." For instance, in operating his wheat drill the furrows were made as straight as a bee line, extending between a quarter and half mile in length, and the distance between the lap drills was so uniform that nobody could tell where the laps were.

The criticism that farmers do not work regularly does not seem to apply in Mr. Pinner's case. Like the merchant or manufacturer, he finds something to do all the year 'round, and he also sweats his brain as well as his body. In other words, he works out his plans with his brains. This does not imply that he wastes human energy in performing tasks that can be done more efficiently and economically by horsepower and machinery. With riding cultivator he cultivates nine acres of corn a day and does it better than is done with a one-horse side cultivator behind which a man must walk and hold in position—and do four acres instead of nine.

"I am planning to raise a pair of good mules, buy a tractor and then keep only two mules instead of five horses," said Mr. Pinner. Raising two mules (instead of buy them) blends well into the scheme of things on his farm. He "raises" most of his nitrogen, which is the most expensive element in commercial fertilizers. The idea of "raising" things represents the only way that leads to economic freedom on the farm, regardless of where it is located. The "safest first" signal that should be conspicuously displayed on every farm is, "Make this farm self-feeding and self-supporting."

While he did not fully outline his future plans, we have a suspicion that in coming years Mr. Pinner will let flocks of purebred poultry and perhaps herds of high-grade dairy cows manufacture all his raw materials into finished products, and with these he will place himself on a regular all-the-year-round week payroll.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wilford of Arcadia, Florida are guests at the Smathers House on Broadway avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Wilford have been coming to Waynesville for over ten years.

Mrs. George S. Evans of Chicago, Illinois and Mrs. Raymond B. Witt of Chattanooga, Tennessee are guests of Miss Isabel Ferguson for several days this week. Miss Ferguson gave a tea to honor her guests at the So Big Tea Room Wednesday afternoon. About seventy-five guests called during the afternoon.