

Rose Bowl Queen and Court in Coronation Dress



Queen Barbara Virginia Dougall and her ladies-in-waiting decorated the scene at the annual Tournament of Roses football game between Southern California and Duke at Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 2. The beauties are Rose Bowl Queen Barbara Virginia Dougall, center, and her court. The queen was selected from several hundred entries.

LETTERS to the Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE—Letters to the editor, if free of personal abuse, are always welcomed. All letters must be signed and the opinions expressed by the writers are not necessarily the opinions of The Mountaineer.

Editor The Mountaineer:— Uncle Joe Leatherwood is sending your paper and nothing could be more welcome gift as I was born near the head of Lake Junaluska in 1854. I was eight years old when my parents moved to Tennessee where I was raised.

I get quite a thrill reading about the family names I remember, Killians, McCrackens, Massey, Welch, McElroy, Crawford, Alford, Francis, Leatherwood, Reeves, Moody, and Moodys, also numerous others and did I get a kick reading these letters to Santa Claus. They remind me of the time I hung my stockings on a nail right over my bed so Santa would wake me when he had to climb over the bed to get to my woolstocking, that was at grandpa Wm. Leatherwood's and I believe the house still stands.

I noticed one youngster asked for a spoke of marbles and another said, "bobdy, I hate to leave." Lots of folks said not to forget their brothers and sisters and friends. I was impressed by the frequency of requests for candy, oranges, and nuts. You know I live in California where those things are common and it is hard to remember how prized they were when I was a child, particularly the oranges, lemons, tin horns and firecrackers. They still use crackers at Xmas? The world poke brings back happy memories as it is never heard here in the Golden West?

Do remember my childhood days grandpa Leatherwood's with that family of boys. We used to fishing in Raccoon or Richland creek. If anyone stepped over your toes and didn't step back, there was fight for no fish could be caught unless he did. We had so many fights over ball playing that an older uncle stepped our bats into stove wood. Later time we had our pockets bulging with colored eggs. Fighting eggs were the order of the day. Woe unto one who tried to work with a colored wooden egg. I recall the day we ran away and went across the meadow to a swimming hole. It rained and raining back through the tall grass we got wet hurrying to the nearest shelter, which happened to be the hole house dug out into the side of the hill. We encountered uncle John who had taken shelter there too. When we were all inside he proceeded to lock the door and securing a keen watch he let us out one at a time and told us, "I'll bet there wasn't a boy in that crowd (there must have been a lot or more) but what remembered this episode.

I also recall the time I crawled into my clothes closet and went to sleep only to be disturbed by the whole family who had hunted the place over for finding me. There was a man named Leander Medford who would tell us if we didn't watch out. I remember the little church and school house at Tuscola. Doc Long was the postmaster. The train came to mail on the run. Doc would throw into the mail car door—provided an Clark would slow the train a bit. Doc missed it so often we put up a mail crane and then the kids would gather to see the new invention work. We used to go chinquippin hunting. There were lots of them around the woods, also wild strawberries down towards Clyde. I think it was on grandpa's farm. Will Tate had swell apples and apple cider down that way.

By the way I played with Percy Cora Ward where the lake is (if they read this greeting.) We children used to gather at the cut near grandpa's to watch the night train try to make it over the bridge. It took a lot of puffing and blowing, but they always made it. There was a big baptizing at Waynesville when aunt Annie Francis surprised her Methodist family by being immersed into the Baptist faith. There was in the creek near the church. I was in Waynesville at a political convention. Jim Ferguson and grandpa Leatherwood were the ring leaders. Jim mounted a table but grandpa was tall enough. The Waynesville Courier was then edited by Mr. Boone, who afterwards became a Baptist minister. He was a poet, too.

That has become of the letters from Dellwood, Clyde, Fines Creek, Balsam that were so popular? Well, you all are invited to come see our exposition this year. Francisco bay is an inspiring bay with two wonderful bridges and a fair site located in the middle of the bay. The whole thing can be seen from any vantage point. Ernie, writer and traveler, says San Francisco is the most beautiful city

ANSWERS

(Question on page 5)

1. November 22, 1899 (40 years ago) at the Battery Park Hotel, Asheville, N. C.
2. R. D. Gilmer, W. T. Crawford, James M. Moody, W. B. Ferguson, G. S. Ferguson, George H. Smathers.
3. Hon. Josephus Daniels.
4. Mrs. Willis P. Davis, Knoxville, Tenn. Helped organize Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association.
5. A wholesale drug store dealer of Knoxville who has served for several years as president of the Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association.
6. Mark Squires who died in 1938—served as chairman N. C. Park Conservation Association, Lenoir, N. C.
7. His mother, Laura Spellman Rockefeller.
8. Ohio and Illinois.
9. 713.41 square miles (425,000 acres) 357.16—N. C. 356.25—Tenn.
10. Only Haywood (60,343 acres) and Swain (169,126 acres).
11. Haywood—26.3% of N. C. side 14.35% of entire Park, 17.3% of county in Park lands.
12. The area of Haywood county is 546 square miles or 349,440 acres.
13. \$12,000,000 of which the states of N. C. and Tennessee each put up about \$2,000,000.
14. 1—Newfound Gap, 2—Clingman's Dome 3—Lookout Point above first tunnel on Gatlinburg side, 4—Heintooaga Ridge.
15. 71 miles of crest trail along the state line which is a part of the trail from Maine to Northern Georgia.
16. Approximately 760—500 being of the highest type.
17. The average width is 14.14 miles and the greatest length, 49 miles. The greatest width in N. C. is about 15 miles.
18. 5200 feet—12 peaks exceed 6000 feet in elevation.
19. N. C. 110.44 square miles above 4000 feet, 25.87 above 5000 feet, 4.5 above 6,000 feet. Tennessee 67.76 square miles, 21.10 square miles, 2.45 square miles.
20. 1 Clingman's Dome—6642 feet, 2 Mt. Guyot, 6621 feet—3, Mt. LeConte, 6593 feet—4, Mt. Buckley 6582 feet—5, Mt. Chapman, 6430 feet—6, Blased Balsam, 6243 feet.
21. Thomas Lanier Clingman, N. C. political leader and a mineralogist.
22. More than double at Clingman's Dome (88.28 as compared with 38.67.)
23. About 33 miles. The distance between Buckeye Gap (West) and Camel Hump Knob (East) approaching Mt. Guyot.
24. Eight—4 in N. C. and 4 in Tenn. In North Carolina on Mt. Stelling, Spruce Mountain, High Rock and Shuckstack.
25. North Carolina—Big Creek near Mt. Sterling, Round Bottom on Straight Fork, Smokemont. Tennessee—Sugarlands near Gatlinburg, Tremont in Cades Cove.
26. Yes. Two—rattlesnakes and copperheads.
27. Black gnats sometimes called "punkies" and sometime "No-se-cums."
28. Greater—about 140 trees as compared with 85 on the continent of Europe. Only 75 found in the Shenandoah.
29. Ridges and peaks which are covered largely by laurel and rhododendron are called slicks on account of their appearance from a distance.
30. No, hunting is never permitted within a National Park.
30. Yes, from May 16th to August 31st and only a state license required. Live bait not permitted and a bag limit of 10 only.
32. Soca Gap 11 miles—Black Camp Gap 17 miles—Heintooaga 23 miles—Newfound Gap via Black Gap 61 miles.

Park Travel In December Shows Increase Over '37

Visitors to Great Smoky Mountains National Park during the month of December numbered 10,907 and they came in 3,961 vehicles. The visitors were from 44 states, the District of Columbia, one province of Canada, Ontario, and England. Thirty-four per cent of the visitors were from other states than the local states of North Carolina and Tennessee, which exceeds the percentage of "foreign" visitors for December, 1937.

States in number of visitors: (1) Tennessee, (2) North Carolina, (3) Illinois, (4) Ohio, (5) Indiana, and (6) Georgia.

Greatest travel for any one day in the month was on Sunday, December 4, when 1,036 persons visited the park in 308 vehicles.

Travel for December, 1938 exceeds travel for December, 1937 by 5 per cent. Travel for travel year date exceeds last travel year through December, 1937, by 13 per cent.

Here's One Reason For Bald Tops

RICHMOND, Va.—Why does a mountain get bald? Because it can't stand wasps.

That is the explanation, offered to the American Association for the advancement of Science for the long-standing mystery of the 115 "balds" in the mountains of North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. It was made by Wm. A. Gales, of Louisiana State University.

These mountains are all bald-topped, lacking trees up near the peak. Their altitudes he said run from 2,700 to 6,000 feet. They have been bald apparently for centuries as their sad state goes back into Indian lore. Scientists have offered varying explanations.

But two years ago he discovered two of them undergoing a "hair cut," which seems to explain the whole puzzle. The pair were Wine Sap Bald and Wayah Bald. On these two around the lower remaining edges of their "hair" he found "incredible numbers of wasps."

They were twig gall wasps. They were killing trees by the thousands before his eyes. A checkup a year later confirmed a belief that in time this fringe would be gone.

No other mountains nearby had wasps at the time. The trees they principally attacked were oaks. Dr. Gates concluded that these wasps lay their eggs only at certain altitudes and in oak twigs mainly. For that reason any oak-thatched mountain top would be likely to become bald and stay that way.

LARGER

The 1938 fall pig crop has been estimated as 18 per cent larger than the crop last fall, according to H. W. Taylor, extension swine specialist at State College.

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LIBERAL Liberal consumption of dairy products is in prospect for the winter months, says John Arey, of State College, in quoting a report of the U. S. Bureau of Agriculture Economics.

DECLINES Foreign trade experts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture report that this season's foreign purchases of American cotton are the smallest in 20 years and 41 per cent less than a year ago.

NOTICE OF SALE

On Monday, January 23rd, 1939, at eleven a. m., at the Court house door in the town of Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina, the undersigned will offer for sale at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lands and premises lying and being in Ivy Hill Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a sycamore in Arthur Lewis line and runs S. 66 E. 259 1/2 feet to a stone; thence N. 5 1/2 E. 236 3/4 feet to a stone; thence N. 68 1/2 W. 254 1/2 feet with center of Public Road to a stone; thence S. 18 1/2 W. 228 feet to the BEGINNING. Containing one acre, more or less. EXCEPTING from the above described tract of land part heretofore conveyed to Glenn M. Campbell and C. C. Moody, by deed dated November 6th, 1937, and same being registered in Book No. 99, on page 241 of the records of deeds of Haywood County, N. C.

Sale made pursuant to the powers conferred upon the undersigned Trustee by virtue of that certain deeds of trust, dated December 13th, 1937, executed by Fred Elliott and recorded in Book 37 at page 95, Haywood County Registry, to which instrument and record reference is hereby made for the term therein.

This December 23rd, 1938. C. B. ATKINSON, Trustee. No. 834—Dec. 29-Jan. 5-12-19.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Dr. J. F. Abel, deceased, late of Haywood county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned administratrix on or before the 7th day of December, 1939, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement to the undersigned. This the 7th day of December, 1938.

BESSIE L. ABEL, Administratrix of estate of Dr. J. F. Abel, Deceased. No. 829—Dec. 8-15-22-29-Jan. 5-12.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF HAYWOOD. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. Land O' The Sky Mutual Association, Inc., Vs. Hunt Wimbish, Trading as S. P. Wimbish.

The defendant in the above entitled action will take notice that on the 23rd day of December, 1938, summons in said action was issued against the said defendant by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Haywood County, North Carolina, the plaintiff claiming the sum of Five Thousand, Twenty-seven & 48-100 (\$5,027.48) Dollars due it for goods, wares and merchandise sold and delivered to the defendant, which summons is returnable within thirty days from the date thereof; the defendant will also take

notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Haywood County, on December 23rd, 1938, against the property of the said defendant, which warrant is returnable at the time and place named for the return of the summons, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted. This the 23rd day of December, 1938. KATE WILLIAMSON, Ass't Clerk Superior Court. No. 835—Dec. 29-Jan. 5-12-19.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of E. H. Walker, deceased, late of Haywood County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Clyde, Route 1, North Carolina, on or before the 28th day of December, 1939, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 28th day of December, 1938. GRADY WALKER, Executor of the Estate of E. H. Walker, deceased. No. 837—Jan. 5-12-19-26-Feb. 2-9.

NOTICE OF SALE

On Monday, January 30th, 1939, at 11 o'clock, a. m., at the Court House door in town of Waynesville, I will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in Waynesville Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, to-wit:

Being Lot No. 7 as allotted to D. B. Francis by Commissioner's report as recorded in Book of Deeds No. 58 at page 463 and 464. BEGINNING at a stake in center of the old road, said stake also being a corner of tracts Nos. 2 and 3, and runs thence N. 8 degs. W. 5 chains and 50 links to a stake in old road; then N. 42 degs. W. 1 chain and 56 links to a stone; then N. 0 degs. 50' W. 2 chains and 59 links to a stake in center of old road; then N. 76 degs. 14' E. 8 chains and 50 links to a stone; then South 87 degs. E. 10 chains, 64 links to a stake on a ridge, corner of lot 8; then South 20 degs. W. 16 chains and 25 links to a stake in the line of Lot 6; then N. 85 degs. 34' W. 12 chains to a stake in the ditch; then N. 18 degs. E. 3 chains and 92 links to a stake, the BEGINNING, containing 21.6 acres, more or less. Also the right of way belonging to said lot for purposes of egress and ingress to and from said lot.

Sale made pursuant to the power conferred upon me by that certain deed of trust executed by David B. Francis and wife, Mayme Francis, dated January 6th, 1931, and recorded in Book of Deeds of Trust No. 26 at page 233, Haywood County Registry, to which instrument and record reference is hereby made for all the terms and conditions thereof. This December 29th, 1938.

A. T. WARD, Trustee. No. 836—Jan. 5-12-19-26.

NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF HAYWOOD. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. RUTH RATCLIFF MORGAN, vs. LEWIS MORGAN.

The defendant above-named will take notice that action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Haywood County, North Carolina, for a divorce absolute on the grounds of two years separation, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Court of the said County within 60 days from the date of this notice, and as required by statute, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 21st day of December, 1938. W. G. BYERS, Clerk Superior Court.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Monday, January 16, 1939 at eleven o'clock, A. M., at the court house door in Waynesville, Haywood County, N. C., the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the following lands and premises, lying and being in Beaverdam Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, to-wit:

Being lots Nos. 38.39 and 40 as per map and survey made by R. V. Justice, September 25, 1921, of the W. H. Robinson property in Phillipsville, as recorded in Map Book "B" Index "E" Haywood County, the same being the subdivision of lots 12 and 27, of the T. C. Dotson survey of the C. E. Phillips lands, said lots herein conveyed being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING on the Northeastern intersection of two streets in West Canton, one leading toward Clyde and running with the North side of the other East 100 feet; thence North 149 feet; thence with Hiram Raines line, N. 77 degs. W. 100 feet to the said street leading toward Clyde; thence with said street S. 172 1/2 feet to the BEGINNING, being the same lots conveyed to Albert Howell by T. D. Cogburn, et ux., by deed recorded in Book 62, page 493, Record of Deeds of Haywood County, and.

Being the same land conveyed by Albert Howell, et ux., to J. S. McHaffey by deed dated July 3, 1923, recorded in Book 59, page 449, Record of Deeds of Haywood County. Being also the same lots of land conveyed in a deed from C. S. Stamey, Trustee, to J. R. Morgan and Geo. H. Ward, dated March 15, 1930, recorded in Book 82, page 441, Record of Deeds of Trust of Haywood County.

Sale made pursuant to the powers of sale contained in that certain deed of trust executed by J. L. Ledford and wife, Emma Ledford, to dated June 20, 1936, and recorded in Book 32, page 303, Record of Deed of Trust of Haywood County. This the 16th day of December, 1938.

A. T. WARD, Trustee. No. 832—Dec. 22-29-Jan. 5-12.

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