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Blue Ridge Craftsmen Will Display their Art In Crafts Exposition

Mountain Products Typical of Pioneer People to be Featured in Proposed Arts Exposition to be Held in Asheville Soon.

A Mountain Crafts' Exposition in Asheville n the summer each year, as proposed by the Chamber of Commerce, meets with the hearty approval of Western North Carolina, inc, states Major Warren E. Hall, secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Major Hall says such a project is a splendid thing for this section as the mountain crafts are strictly local or typically Western North Carolina products.

It is pointed out that this section has thousands of visitors each season who want to take back home something to remind them of pleasant days in the Land of the Sky. Hundreds and thousands of these visitors do not know of the work being done by the toy makers of Tryon or by the Cherokee Indians of Swain County.

There is need, states Major Hall of having these products collected and shown where visitors may come and see and purchase what they want.

Other resorts it is pointed out have stores selling things typical of their sections, and there is no reason why the mountain crafts of Western North Crolina should not be developed into a large scale business.

Incidently, states Major Hall, if the products sold are of good quality and attractive, each will be a constant advertisment for Western North Carolina.—Asheville Citizen.

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The Presbyterian Circle met with Mrs. F. K. McFarland last Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. A brief study of "Romance of Home Mission," by S. L. Morris, composed their monthly program. This Circle will meet monthly until this subject is completed. At the close of a pleasant and profitable afternoon, the hostess served hot chocolate, and delocious home made cake and candies.

Mary McFarland celebrated her 16th birthday in a most delightful manner last Saturday, November 22. The color scheme of pink and white was used throughout the rooms, and further carried out in candles, and in the table decorations. Nineteen guests enjoyed the afternoon with Mary in both indoor and outdoor games, and in honor of the occasion brought many lovely gifts as tokens of remembrance for the day. Refreshments were served consisting of ice cream, cake, mints, and pink and white candy papooses. The big white birthday cake bore the dates in pink, 1914-1924. All had a delightful time, and at the close of the happy afternoon departed wishing Mary many more returns of the day.

Sunday, November 30, at 11a. m., Rev J. L. Coleman will preach at the Baptist Church in the absence of the the pastor. On Sunday evening next, the Billy Sunday Club of Spartanburg, will have charge of the services. They previously visited Tryon and won a place in the hearts of the general public.

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Tryon Tossers Lose In Brilliant Game To Fassifern

Snappy Game Full of Thrills Enthralls Audience.

The girls of the Tryon High School put on a thrilling and snappy exhibition of basket-ball when they matched strength with the peppery and aggressive aggregation representing the Fassifern School for Girls, Hendersonville, N. C.

Although beaten by a narrow margin, the Tryon lassies played a brilliant game and the result was in doubt until the last minute of play. Fassifern has a fast team, and the girls from the 'Top o' the Mountain' played an exceedingly clean and sportsman like game unmarred by wrangling or rough tactics.

The final score was: Fassifern 14, Tryon 11.

After the game Mr. and Mrs. Schilletter with the help of other interested ladies served tea for the girls.

Tryon's next game with Fassifern is scheduled for January, but the girls are planning to reverse the scores—even though they know that Fassifern has a smooth and snappy basket-ball machine with enthusiastic backing.

Mrs. F. P. Bacon Talks of Old English Estates

Clever Address At Lanier Club Interests Attentive Audience

A golden afternoon, with sapphire sky without; drawn shades and soft lights within, a glowing atmosphere toned by bouls and jars of autumn leaves and chrysanthemums with the benign countenance of Sidney Lanier smiling a sweet welcome from his niche in the mantle—such characterized the second meeting of thre Lanier Club last Thursday, at the Lanier Library Building.

Sincerity of purpose seems always the keynote of these gatherings, andd it was not wanting on this afternoon, for the business meeting teemed with endeavor, and utmost good can but result, as has resulted, these many years from this organization. Miss Helen Stearns, president, conducted the program in her charming, gracious manner. Mrs. Dennison read the minutes, and Mrs. Mary O. Kelly gave an interesting report on civic work, relative to keeping the streets in better order and free of trash and leaves. There was also some discussion as to whether the Club should wait until more funds had accumulated before further beautifying the grounds, but Mrs. E. G. Holden, with that Faith that "move mountains," came to the rescue, and the club, catching a glint of that indomitable courage, moved in a body to start the work along, and look to the finances afterward, knowing that the funds would be forthcoming. Mrs. Frost informed the club that as a telephone was much needed, and it was not thought advisable to draw on the account at this time, six members had privately donated each a months subscription to a telephone, and that others would no doubt offer their aid.

The Club had the opportunity for the first time of hearing the Club song, beautifully sung by Miss Eunice Stockard, with Mrs. E. E. Missildine at the piano, the applause showing better than words, the full appreciation for this favor.

The foregoing program may not be exactly in order, as the writer misplaced her notes and is drawing from an indifferent memory; however, the best is always reserved for the last.

Mrs. F. P. Bacon was on the program for a "paper," "Baronial Homes of England." She herself, stated that it would not be a paper, but an informal talk. In reality, it wa informal talk. In reality, it was neither, for instead, this gifted club member acted as a charming warder in leading her listeners through the ancestral halls of feudal times. As such, she pointed out the massive grey walls and turrets, calling attention to the elaborate carvings in copper which served trivial purposes in the construction. She conducted them from room to room, elaborate in their priceless furnishings and fittings; the yawning fireplace with its high mantle, rich in pewter, nooks, peep-holes, the insanitary bed-chambers, the formal English garden, the family portraits, and the pathetic little room of "Lady Betty," were all bought before us so clearly. Not with that usual monotone apt to characterize such recitals but with keen flashes of wit and humor, and with a thorough grasp of her subject, Mrs. Bacon caught and held the attention of her audience, until at the last moment a regretful ripple ran through the crowd, that her time was limited.

A social session withtea and delicious cake, served by the refreshment committee followed.

The names of the following ladies were submitted as new members: Mrs. C. Bush, Mrs. Braswell, Mrs. J. J. Gentry, Mrs. Richey, Miss Richey, Mrs. Iran Johnson.

The Club is antictpating a treat when next Thursday, at 3:30, Mrs. J. W. Huston, of Asheville, President of the First District Federated Clubc will adress its members who are urged to be present on that occasion.

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Mrs. Creighton, of College Place, Columbia, is visiting her daughter, Miss Estelle Creighton, of Landrum.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hall, of Inman, are guests of Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ford.

Bishop Frank Hale Touret, and family, of Nantucket, Mass., have just arrived for the season and have taken the Godshaw House where they will reside for the winter.

Mrs. A. Geilfuss and daughters, Misses Hazel and Violet, motored up from Spartanburg and spent the week end with daughter and sister, Mrs. Albenesius, of the Quality Bakery. They were on their way to Annapolis to attend the Thanksgiving foot ball game.

Shamrock Damask Mill Efficiently Operated

Landrum Textile Plant Employs Only Male Operatives in Manufacture of Damasks and Specialties.

Woman President and Youngest Textile Mill Secretary in the South Make the Executive Personnel Unusual.---Plant Tremendous Asset to Thermal Belt.

THE SHAMROCK DAMASK MILL.

The growth of the textile industry in the South within the past two decades has been one of the outstanding features of American industrialism. Beginning in the days following the civil war, the South without capital, credit, or any of the the facilities that might naturally be looked for in thefounding of an industry, went ahead and in spite of the natural handicaps managed to meet competition and increase its cotton manufacturing plants until in 1924 there were 18 000,000 spindles below the Mason-Dixon line and hundreds of thousands of active looms.

At first content with spinning yarn for the consumption of northern and eastern mills, the industry gradually developed plants where cloth goods were finished ready for the market.

In 1914 the Shamrock Damask Mills were constructed in Landrum by J. R. Mallory and H. L. Spears, with 20 looms for the manufacture of mercerized damasks. As the demand for this class of goods increased the capacity of the plant was increased to 65 looms with an output of 1,250,000 yards of mercerized damask yearly.

Contrary to established cusutom, Mr. Mallory a native of Birmingham, Ala., who had been engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods in Gaffney, S. C., decided to use only men in the manufacture of his line. This policy still holds good and the remarkable success of the plant may be in part attributed to that unusual condition.

Outside of the few skilled operatives who came to Landrum with Mr. Mallory when the plant was established, the employees are all natives of the city and county—men who live and own homes in Landrum and who are deeply interested in the growth and success of the plant with which they are connected. Last year the plant was one of the few on South Carolina to be awarded a bonus by an insurance company because of a complete lack of injury to employees from accidents. Not an operative in the Shamrock plant was injured during the year while engaged at he work.

The Shamrock Mills manufacture mecerized damasks and bed spreads in plain and fancy weaves in white, pink, blue, heliotrope and gold. Their product is sold through West Baker & Company of New York and the demand for Shamrock Damasks has always exceeded the supply, the plant having been in continuous operation twenty-four hours each day since it was built.

Mrs. H. L. Spears, president of the corporation is probably the only woman in the south acting as chief executive of a textile plant. Upon the demise of her husband she assumed that office which she has held ever since.

J. R. Mallory, treasurer and active manager, was manager of the Irene Mills in Gaffney, S. C. before embarking in business with Mr. Spears.

His son J. C. Mallory was elected secretary of the Shamrock Mills when only nineteen years of age, and he is today one of the youngest mill secretaries in the entire country.

Needless to say Mr. Malory and those connected with him in the management and operation of the Shamrock Mills are deeply interested in the growth and development of Landrum, which to a great extent they have been able to help build through the enlargement of of their own plant.

Employing sixty-five skilled male operatives the pay roll of the concern means much to Landrum and its employees are an asset to the community because they are permanent fixtures and not the fly-by-night type found in many big manufacturing plants throughout the country. They own their homes, pay taxes, vote and actively engage in the affairs of the community, social nd civic.

Mr. Mallory is to be congratulated on the type of men he has selected, and to his skillful training and able leadership may be rightly attributed the major part of the favorable reputation won by SHAMROCK DAMASKS in the markets of the country.

Hayne's 133rd Birthday

On November 10, 1791, one hunert Young Hayne, statesman and pioneer railroad promoter, was born at St. Paul's Parish, Colletin District, South Carolina. The history of this eminent South Carolinian is of is of peculiar interest to Southern Railway men on account of his activity in promoting the building of a line of railway extending from South Carolina over the mountains to the Ohio River. The present through route of the Southern Railway System from Charleston to Cincinnatti, via Spartanburg and Asheville, stands today as the practical realization of the dream he did not live to see fulfilled.

Hayne was one of the most distinguished and brilliant men South Carolina ever produced. During the war of 1812, he served as a captain in the Third South Carolina regiment. Admitted to the bar before he became of age, he launched early on a public career which found him at 23 years of age a member of the South Carolina legislature and at 32 a member of the United States Senate. In December, 1832 he was elected govornor of his native state and held that office until 1834. He is best known to fame for debate with Daniel Webster in the United States Senate in 1830 on the question of the relation of states to the Federal government.

In 1833, South Carolina had witnessed the completion of the South Carolina Railroad from Charleston to Hamburg, then the longest railroad in the world. Hayne and others conceived a still greater scheme of connecting Charleston with the Ohio River by a line of railway extending across the Appalachian range. His great ambition was, by so breaking down the barriers of the mountains, "to mould into one brotherhood the now estranged and alienated inhabitants of our widely extended republic."

The company that afterwards was known as the Louisville, Cincinnatti & Charleston Railroad Company was chartered on December 19, 1835. To promote this enterprise, the famous "Knoxville convention" was held at Knoxville, Tenn., on July 4, 1836. Hayne presided over this convention, which was attended by delegates from all the interested states. "The Knoxville convention," says a historian, "may be considered the beginning of the railroad system of the South as it exists today, and although its plans were never literally consummated, its importance in the railroad history of the South cannot be considered he less."

Hayne was president of the Louisville, Cincinnatti & Charleston Railroad from 1836 until his death, which occured at Asheville, N. C., on September 24, 1839, in his 48th year, while attending a meeting called to discuss the building of a road over the mountains.

During their survey of the route over the mountain, Hayne's engineers camped near the present site of the Southern's important terminal at Hayne, near Spartanburg, and this terminal was given its name by the Southern Railway in honor of the noted South Carolinian.

Car and Truck Collide on Highway

J. Allen Stuart of Charlotte Loses Considerable Skin. Drivers Uninjured.

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Williams and J. Allen Stuart narrowly escaped serious injury Wednesday morning when the car in which they were enroute to Columbus collided with the Home Ice Company's truck driven by Lee Underwood.

The truck turning into the highway from the road leading to the Kilpin estate which makes a sharp turn around a high point obscuring the view of the highway ran directly in front of the car driven by Mrs. Williams and before either vehicle could be checked the crash occured.

Mr. Stuart, who is auditing the county school books for a Charlotte concern, was thrown out of the car nad on to the pavement. Bruises and scratches resulted. Mrs. Williams retained her presence of mind and stuck to the wheel, escaping uninjured. Both truck and car were badly smashed up.

It was a narrow squeak for all concerned, especially for the genial son ofBonny Scotland. However survived four years service on the Western Front, with a fighting kiltie contingent as Mr. Stuart did—might be expected to land right side up in an automobile collission. His chief hurt seemed to be that injuries to his hand might prevent him playing his usual game of golf on Thanksgiving Day.

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Algie Wilson went to Spartanburg Wednesday afternoon and accompanied his sister, Miss Lelia Wilson, home for Thanksgiving holidays. Miss Lelia is taking a course in the Carolina Commercial College.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church will conduct a Bazaar Beautiful on December 10th, in anticipation of the Christmas Holidays. Fancy and practical aporns, art needle work, danity foods and Christmas cards will be had in abundance. Kindly remember the date, December 10.

Oyster Supper At Lanier Success

Lanier Library was again made beautiful for festive occasion Friday night, and those who dreaded the storm without and missed the oyster supper, missed a rare treat in many ways. The Presbyterian Ladies' Auxiliary gave this supper to establish funds for various purposes, and while the crowd was small in attendance, all thoroughly appreciating the beauty of the surroundings. Tables, attractively laid with hand wrought linens, dainty china and silver, were made more lovely with cut flowers. Pretty girls served throughout the evening, and the supper was delicious. Music lovers were delighted with a program rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Harrold Doubleday and Miss Doubleday at flute, piano, and cello, respectively with Miss Diana Nash playing violin. Mr. Mazanovich sang a number of songs in his charming, gracious manner, and his rousing interpetation of "Mandalay" was worth going to New York to hear; and these wonderful things and these wonderful people we have us here. in Tryon—and many missed it—because it rained.

Ex-Judge K. M. Landis, at present Baseball Commissioner, recommends a large fine for the first offence for one failing to vote, and imprisonment for the second offense.

FOFEST FIRE

We learn from visitors to Tryon who recently arrived from New York that the train crews have been instucted to be on the alert for debris and logs which are strewn all along the mountain routes as the result of the numerous forest fires which are raging in places enroute. In one place somewhere near the the Virginia-Carolina border a whole forest of pines and hemlock ablaze presented a sight that would have tickled Nero.

In Tryon we have noticed that on certain days the sun was surrounded by a smoke screen and the smell of burning wood was apparent. The long drought has sapped the trees of their moisturue and burning coals from the train engines ignite whatever they come in contact with and fanned by the strong winds prevalent in the mountain country soon start fires which are very hard to control by the time they are discovered. Fire Warden Dave Pate has asked us to caution citizens of Polk County who wander through the woods to be on the watch for fires and to notify the proper authorities of any blazes encountered.

Landrum Ladies Serve Banquet For Two Hundred

Excellent Menu and Beautiful Decorations Make Holiday Dinner Memorable Event.

As has been previously announced the ladies of the Civic League, of Landrum served Thanksgiving Dinner, last Friday, November, 21, in Watson's Hall, from 11 to 3 P. M.

This was not the typical public dinner, but the committee in charge took great pains to demonstrate that a dinner served to a large and varying crowd, could assume the nature of a splendid meal served in the most particular home. Upon entering the doors, the cozy corner immediately attracted the attention, the large window with its magnificent fern, the rug and comfortable rockers, potted plants and even a phonograph, imparted a homelike atmosphere. Directly opposite was a desk where out-of-town guests registered, and met each other and neighboring townspeople. Beyond the tables were handsomely laid with snowy linen, delicate china and silver, with quantities of beautiful not house roses in profusion everywhere. These flowers, the gift of Chas. A. Moss, the Spartanburg florist, added further charm to the dinner. The scheme of making things generally attractive was again borne out in the menu cards, tastefully printed and beautifully decorated by hand, the work of Civic League artists. The dinner itself was deliciously prepared and delightfully served, the home spirit being noticable throughout the serving hours. Apparently the entire town turned out, as well as a number of out-of-town guests, to enjoy the afternoon with the League, and to partake of the feast.

The Civic League of Landrum is one of the helpful and cooperative institutions of that town, the result of their labors and enterprise always filling in where needed. Last year, this organization seated the High School Auditorrium, and the funds from the dinner, which exceeded one hundred dollars, will beused in as worothy a cause in some other place not definitely decided. The committee who pent so much time and effort to make this particular affair the signal success it proved to be was composed of the following ladies: Mrs. J. R. Mallory, Mrs. R. J. Ellison, Mrs. R. H. Wilds, Mrs. Kyle Davenport, and Mrs. B. F. Owens. Those who served and assisted in other ways to make their guests feel thoroughly at home were Mrs. Annie Godbold, Mary Smith, Jane Carpenter, Miss Annie Kennedy, Miss Estelle Creighton, Mrs. L. M. Nash, Mrs. Mollie Spears, Mrs. R. P. Whitlock, Miss Nannie Lee, Mrs. Holland Brady, Mrs. W. L. Moore, Mrs. Mc Turner. Out of town guests were Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Ford, of Campobello, Geo. H. Bardley, Spartanburg, Mrs. J. H. Nabors, Laurens, J. B. Ward, J. F. Hanson, of LaSalle, Mrs. Olive Ashworth, Robert Ashworth, C. H. Sawyer, H. G. Peery, Mrs. W. Y. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Lynch, Mrs. Flentye, Miss Mae Irene Flentye, Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Bishop, Mrs. P. G. Morris, Mrs. Kittrell, Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Shannon, of Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Holmes Entertained Friends

An ideal afternoon for old friends and new acquaintences to meet and mingle was that of Tuesday, when the attractive Holmes bungalow was thrown open in gracious hospitality by host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Holmes. Occupying one of the open knolls of Godshaw Hill, where the view discloses the mountains in all their splendor, this home is another revelation to the visitor, who who had previously prided himself on seeing the mountains from every angle. Such sequestered houses hidden away in the unexpected places, has made Tryon the "City Different" from any other spot in America.

Charming simplicity marked the appointments of the affair, the host and hostess receiving throughout the afternoon hours. Some new faces were seen; others who have returned for the season after having spent the summer months elsewhere, permanent residents of years were here, but none were strangers. Dainty refreshments were served, and conversation was informal and n happy spirit. There was something in the waning afternoon, something in that friendly atmosphere within, that made each and every guest glad that Mr. and Mrs. Holmes had remembered that they were here and that they had been numbered among their friends.

Kilpin Motor Co., Reorganization

D. S. Blois, Business Manager, C. O. Jordan, Service Manager, J. C. Hall, Sales Manager. Equipment Overhauled.

The Kilpin Motor Company, Inc., local distributors of Henry Ford's products, and dispensers of automobile fixtures, fittings and service in Tryon has recently undergone a thorough reorganization, which it is believed will immensely benefit their patrons and costomers.

D. S. Blois of Jacksonville, Fla., an experienced exegutive has been appointed business manager. Mr. Blois was for hree years connected with the Marsh Motor Company, of the Florida metropolis and comes to Tryon well recommended for his business ability. Prior to his association with the automobile business he was assistant manager of the Jacksonville Gas Company. Mr. Blois is thoroughly sold on the future possibilities of Tryon and expects to become a permanent resident.

C. O. Jordon, of Detroit, Mich., for nine years foreman of the mechanical department of one of the leading automobile concerns, an expert mechanic and electrician has accepted the position of service manager with Mr. Kilpin. Mr. Jordon states that he is adding additional equipment and completely changing the personnel of his department.

J. O. Hall of Landrum, S. C., is the new sales manager. Mr. Hall has been selling International Harvester products in the Thermal Belt for years and knows practically every farmer in the section.

The Kilpin Motor Works has increased considerably its volume of business in the past few months. The sales force is averaging better than a car every other day. Their parts and service Departments are also running along at top speed and Mr. Kilpin has expanded his field of activities to include several new features entirely new to this section of the country.

In an effort to impress upon the local farmer the great benefits to be derived from tthe use of the Fordson tractor, Mr. Kilpin is sending his Mr. Hall on a demonstration tour the first of next week. Mr. Hall is a very able mechanic and has had many years of experience with trucks and vehicles of various descrptions. He expresses confidence in the tractor as a labor and money saving device. He states it will do paring, pulverizing, saw-milling, wood-sawing, all kinds of belt work up to 24 H. P., husking, grinding, operating the plow, threshing machine,—"in fact, it will do anything around the farm short of milking cows."

The eight hour battery service is already in effect. Mr. Kilpin's experts will handle this work in half the time it would ordinarily take. This is made possible by a special department which has been installed.

To keep the radiators from freezing Mr. Kilpin tells us there is nothing better than the use of Whiz Anti-Freeze solution. It is very reasonable in price and one, two or possibly three treatments in the course of the winter will keep the radiators unimpaired throughout the winter though the temperature hovers around zero.

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Red Mountain Teachers Hold Box Supper

December Sixth Big Day at Red Mountain School.

The teachers of the Red Mountain School will give a box supper at the school house on Saturday night December, 6th, to enable them to raise funds for the purchase of necessary playground equipment for the use of the boys and girls in attendance.

Residents of the community around Red Mountain are cooperating in every way to make the event a deserved success and the program has many interesting features, including the opening number a pantomine, entitled "When You And I Were Young, Maggie."

Everybody is invited to attend the entertainment, and spend an enjoyable evening with the pupils and students of Red Mountain School, and they may do so with the knowledge that every cent taken in will directly benefit the youngsters of the neighborhood and assist in their education.

Miss Bessie Hines, principal of Red Mountain School and Miss Alice McCrain, assistant, will manage the affair and they assure the readers of the NEWS that it will be well worth attending.