



**GARDEN TIME**  
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There are many things to do in the garden in June such as take up, divide and transplant blue flag or bearded iris, jonquils and daffodils, tulips and Dutch iris. Also prune, stake and tie dahlias and tomatoes—mulch these two crops if you want to eliminate some of the problems of cultivation. Side-dress sweet corn with nitrate of soda when it gets knee-high. Give your lawn a topdressing of nitrate of soda just before a rain or water it in with a hose. And while we are on the subject of water, during the summer heat most horticultural plants should be supplied with approximately one inch of water a week either by rain or irrigation. The quality of vegetables will be seriously affected unless they receive sufficient water at the critical periods.

It is also time in June or early July to sow seed of tomatoes, collards and broccoli for the fall crop. Use a wilt resistant variety of tomatoes such as Homestead, Southland or Jefferson. Fall tomatoes will not be successful if your soil is infested with rootknot nematodes. Al-

though many people plant collard seed in the spring and grow large plants, the most tender collards are those seeded in July or August. The plants are not as large when cold weather comes but the quality is much better.

Green sprouting broccoli has become very popular—especially for freezing. Seed should be planted in late July or early August in order that the main crop of buds will mature before heavy freezes occur. The plant will withstand some frost but is sometimes severely damaged. DeCicco is a good variety for North Carolina.

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munities in this picturesque section of the Blue Ridge Mountains may be arranged for at the theatre office.

"Thunderland" dramatizes the life of Daniel Boone, who spent his boyhood in the Yadkin Valley of North Carolina and blazed trails through the North Carolina mountains during the early part of his career as a woodsman and explorer. The story opens with the birth of the great frontier leader, and follows his adventures across the Appalachian mountain range into the stormy territory of Kentucky.

Hubert Hayes of Asheville, author of the drama, is a direct descendant of Boone. Music is by Lamar Stringfield, Pulitzer Prize-winning North Carolina composer whose music is also heard in "The Lost Colony".

**BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR**

The monthly Court of Honor for the Mayland District, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday, June 9, at the Pineola Presbyterian Church. All Scouts and their parents and friends are invited to attend.

**FIRE DANGER STILL GREAT SAYS VITUS**

Although this is not fire season, there is still considerable fire danger, according to George Vitus, district forest ranger. Due to the dry weather and consistent winds, two fires broke out last week. One of them burned over three acres of woods near the Mack Thompson mill at South Toe, all on private land. It was put out by the U. S. Forest Service fire fighting crew consisting of M. M. Murphy, Oscar Simmons, Bobby Simmons, John Griffith, Clark Griffith and Herman Rathbone.

The other fire burned ten acres of National Forest land on North Fork River in the Big Ivy section. It was put out by the Big Ivy crew under the direction of Warden John M. Allen.

The fire danger is so great that Mr. Vitus has all three look-outs in his district open. They are located at Green Knob in Yancey County, Devils Nest in Mitchell County and on Little Snowball in the Big Ivy section. According to George Vitus, forest fires are particularly destructive at this time of the year. It will not only kill more of the young growth, but will severely damage large timber.

**BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE**

The Yancey County Bookmobile schedule for the coming two weeks will be:

Thursday, June 4: Double Island; Brush Creek; Tipton's Grocery; Long Branch; Bee Branch; Pig Pen Road; Toledo; Mine Fork.

Friday, June 5: Elk Shoals; Higgins; Little Creek; Ramseytown; Sioux.

Thursday, June 11: Bee Log Postoffice; Bald Mountain.

Friday, June 12: Mrs. Leona Mumpower's; Newdale; Arbuckle Road; Boonford; Windom; Shoal Creek.

**Many Orchids May Be Found In This County**

By WENDELL A. HINKEY

The Pink Lady's-slipper is the most beautiful wild flower of our area according to some folks. It is certainly one of the most interesting and one that deserves and needs friendship if it is to continue to give pleasure to the person who walks in the woods in the spring. A member of the Orchid family, the Moccasin-flower, as it is often called, is most difficult to transplant since its soil and other requirements are quite exacting. For this reason it is better that the wild flower fancier leave it in the woods where it is growing. Picking, too, is hard on it, even though the leaves are left, for the root is tender and is often damaged when the stem is pulled loose.

The orchids as a group are among our most highly specialized flowers having among them several ways of encouraging pollination. The Pink Lady's slipper forces the honey bee that comes to gather the nectar to help in the pollinating. After the bee has gathered her nectar she can not get out of the slipper-shaped petal without going through a small opening where stiff hairs comb the pollen grains out of the hairs on her back. After passing the combing process, the bee must squeeze by the anthers which leave more pollen on her back which in turn is raked off by the hairs in the next blossom she visits.

For the various kinds of Moccasin-flowers of different sizes there are certain species of bees which can enter and escape from each type, and it has been reported that some kinds of these orchids are in danger of extinction because the certain type of bee needed for its pollination has become scarce through the efforts of man to get rid of

bumble bee nests in hay fields and such inconvenient places. There are some kinds of bees that resort to violence of a kind when they find themselves trapped within the slipper and cut a hole in the petal through which to escape.

Other facts that makes the Lady-slipper's existence precarious are the difficulty with which the seeds germinate and the length of time it takes for the germinating seed to develop into a flowering plant and thus complete the cycle. It apparently varies with different conditions, but it may take as long as five or six years to develop into a plant capable of producing a flower and hence seeds.

Among other orchids common to Yancey County are the Yellow Lady's-slipper which is similar in form to the Pink but with a yellow flower and with several leaves on a slender stem rather than just two at the base as with the pink. The Yellow one seems to prefer a richer woods soil than the Pink species which can get along in sandier and drier locations though they are often found within a few feet of each other.

The Showy Orchid, with a group of two to ten purple and white blossoms in a spike, is another common orchid hereabouts. This orchid, like the Lady's-slippers, blooms in May. Later on the Yellow-fringed Orchid or Golden Plume exhibits its spikes of yellow or orange flowers with their fringed lips, mostly occurring in pastures or open woods.

Growing in rather dry, often rocky woods is a plant with small dark green leaves with prominent white lattice-like markings. It is an attractive plant in its vegetative state, and I would guess that more people have asked me the name of it than any two other plants. It is the Rattlesnake Plantain or Lattice-leaves, one of our less showy orchids whose leaves attract more attention than the flowers. It blooms in July or August with a spike of small whitish blossoms.

All in all the orchids are among our most interesting plants, worthy of our acquaintance and protection. And I would like to urge again that folks not pick them, especially the Moccasin-flowers or Lady's-slipper. We all enjoy them; let's keep them around for future years.

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