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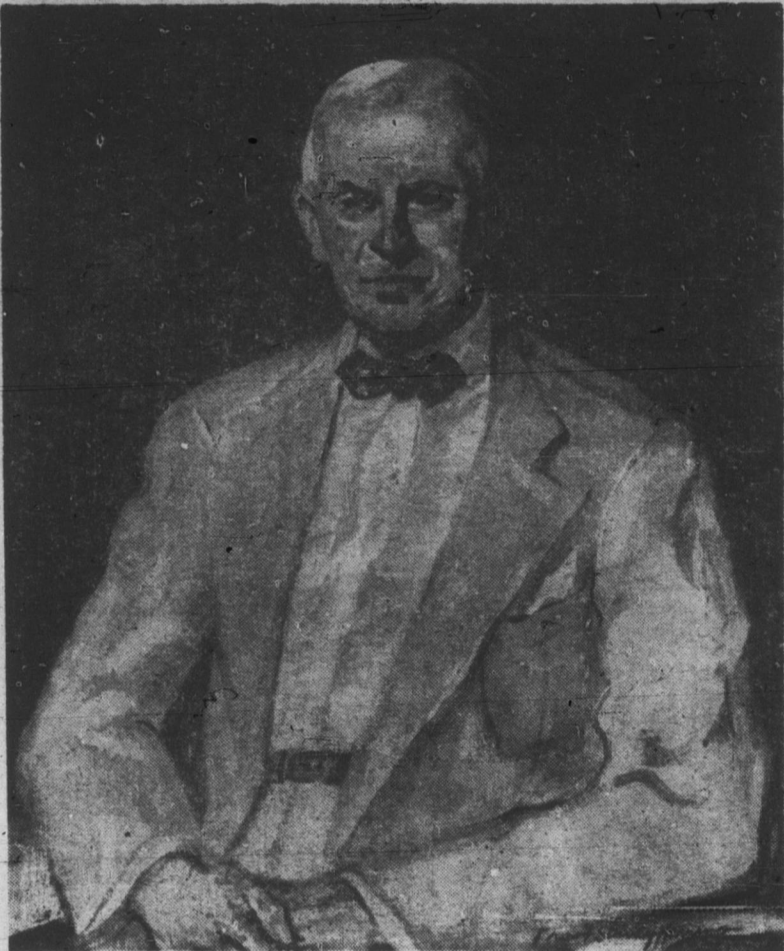
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George H. Maurice Subject For Portrait Demonstration



By: Hope Bailey
(special to The Yancey Record)

This portrait of the distinguished George H. Maurice, of Moore County in the sand hills of North Carolina, was painted by Frank Stanley Herring, co-owner and president of Burnsville Painting Classes, Inc., at Seecelo.

Mr. Herring, who is nationally known as a portrait, figure and landscape painter as well as a teacher, chose Mr. Maurice as the subject for his second portrait demonstration this season. This demonstration was presented for the public on Thursday night, July 30, in the "Pit" at Seecelo.

Mr. Maurice, an engineer and author who lives at Eagle Springs near Pinehurst in North Carolina's thermal belt, was born in Westchester County in New York State.

In Mr. Maurice's own words, he was born in Sing Sing (the name of the village in those days) weighing on that auspicious moment somewhat less than three pounds. "I soon managed to effect my escape," said Mr. Maurice, "and, in the words of the famous Phineas Fogg on his return to his London Club after his tour around the world in ten seconds less than eighty days, 'Gentlemen, here I am,' which covers a long life with little remarkable incidents."

Actually, this is only Mr. Maurice's modest opinion of himself, for his life story is an interesting one.

He was a practicing engineer in New York City for a number of years, but his strong desire to "get back to the land" brought him South in 1912 in search of a desirable spot to settle with his family.

He acquired a large acreage of rough land in Moore County and lived there in a tent for five months while clearing the land, building a house, barns and other farm buildings. In the fall of 1912, he brought his family to Moore County and they "settled down to a peaceful life of contentment."

With his engineering experience and his interest in that field, he soon became highway engineer and clerk for the Moore County Highway Commission and held that position until 1930.

His keen interest in the frontiersman, Daniel Boone, developed into a persistent hobby, leading him to spend years in gleaming little-known facts about the life of Boone, especially the 25-year period when this American trail-blazer lived in North Carolina.

Mr. Maurice has done much research on this period in Boone's life, about which little had been written before the publication of Mr. Maurice's book, DANIEL BOONE, published by Murray Printing Company at Eagle Springs.

This publication, which recently

came off the press, is a revised edition of an earlier book by Mr. Maurice. This latest edition includes interesting facts and sidelights, as well as photographs of Boone's North Carolina home (the original still stands with later additions having been built by more recent owners) and other photographs pertaining to Boone's life.

According to Mr. Maurice, so many histories of Boone's life have been faulty—many of them even disagreeing on the date of his birth. This evidently is due to the conflict in "old style" and "new-style" calendars, with the Quaker year beginning about the first of March. Mr. Maurice believes that Daniel himself preferred the "old-style."

When asked why Daniel Boone has been remembered long after other early pioneers were forgotten, Mr. Maurice replied that it must be due to "Daniels" intrinsic goodness. This is clearly revealed in the letter (reprinted near the end of Mr. Maurice's book) which Daniel wrote to his sister a few years before his death.

The book, DANIEL BOONE, is a short, concise statement of facts which should prove to be interesting reading for anyone especially natives of North Carolina.

Mr. Maurice's father, along with the Rockefellers, Morgans and others was one of the original owners of Jekyll Island, off the coast of Georgia, before the State purchased it for a public beach and park.

His daughter, Miss Ellen Maurice, has been coming to Burnsville for the past eleven summers to study portrait, landscape and still life painting at the Burnsville Painting Classes. During many of the past eleven summer seasons, including this summer, Mr. Maurice has accompanied his daughter to Seecelo, where he spends his vacations.

Mr. Herring, who teaches portrait and still life painting at Seecelo and who is represented in 40 states with portraits and other paintings in public and private collections, has given portrait demonstrations at Seecelo at regular intervals during each summer here. The purpose of these demonstrations is to show students and visitors how to proceed in painting an oil portrait.

Owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Herring and J. Robert Miller, Seecelo consists of fifty-two acres of green fields and wooded hillsides overlooking the town of Burnsville, with superb views of the mountains in all directions.

The location provides a pleasant rural atmosphere, yet is within a mile of Burnsville's village square, making an ideal setting for professional or amateur artists to study and relax during their vacations.

On the grounds at Seecelo there

David W. Bynum Named Soil Conservationist For County

Mr. James B. Stamey, Chairman of the Yancey County Soil Conservation District announced today that Mr. David W. Bynum of Boone, N. C. has been named by the Soil Conservation Service to replace Lewis W. Dameron as Soil Conservationist for Yancey County. Mr. Dameron, soil conservationist in Yancey County for the past six and one-half years, is being transferred to the Dan River Soil Conservation District, where he will be in charge of the Stokes County office.

Mr. Bynum, a native of Lincoln County, has been associated with the Soil Conservation Service in Watagua County for the past two and one-half years. He is a 1951 graduate of N. C. State College School of Agriculture.

A member of the U. S. Marine Corps for four years during World War II, he received a reserve commission in the U. S. Army while attending N. C. State College. Upon completion of his college work, he was re-called into active duty during the Korean Conflict. From 1953-56 he was engaged in farming and construction work.

Mr. Bynum is active in the N. C. National Guard. He is Company Commander of the 2nd Rifle Platoon, company C, 120 Infantry, located at Boone, N. C.

Services Held For Mrs. Hannah Wilson

Mrs. Hannah J. Wilson, 88, of Celoid died Tuesday morning after a long illness.

Services were held at South Estate Baptist Church Thursday (today) at 2:30 p. m.

The Rev. Mr. Glenn, the pastor, and the Rev. Theo Letterman officiated, burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, the Rev. Garren Wilson of Marion, and Bascom Wilson of Celoid; four daughters, Mrs. Aaron Shuford, and Mrs. Mary Kinchelo of Celoid, Mrs. Virgie Hollifield of Old Fort, and Mrs. R. B. Wright of Marion; 21 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Yancey County YMW Club Elects Officers

The Yancey County YMW Club met August 14 and elected officers for the coming year. The newly elected officers are: Tom Johnson, president; Betty Ogle, vice president; Nina Gibbs, secretary; Bert Sutton, treasurer; and Billy Ogle, historian.

This week the regular meeting will be held at Carolina Hemlock at 7:00 p. m. A picnic is planned and all potential YMW Club members are invited to attend.

NOTICE

Mrs. Tillie Brooks will be guest speaker at Martin's Chapel Methodist Church Sunday, August 30th.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to all our friends for their many acts of kindness during the illness and death of our loved one, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

The family of Zeb Fox

is a swimming pool, a lake stocked with fish, ten cabins for adult students, Lake Lodge which houses the dining room, Pine Lodge where student exhibits are shown, a main studio and the "Pit" where portrait demonstrations are presented, and the summer residence and private studio of the owners.

This summer's session of the Painting Classes at Seecelo closed last Saturday, August 22. The owners reported a full booking for what has been one of their most successful seasons—last week marking the close of the 14th consecutive summer of operation in Burnsville.

Dr. McConaughy Will Speak At Presbyterian Church Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel U. McConaughy will occupy the pulpit of the Burnsville Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 30th, in the absence of the minister, Rev. Warren S. Reeve, who has gone away on a short vacation. Members of the congregation will remember that Dr. McConaughy who is General Presbyter for churches in the region of Binghamton and Elmira, New York, was guest preacher during the series of evangelistic services held here last March. He and Mrs. McConaughy have been vacationing in this general area for the last week so. Service in the church on Sunday begins at 11 and is preceded by Sunday School which convenes at 9:45. Visitors will be cordially welcomed.

Corn and Tobacco Demonstrations Arranged In County

By: E. L. Dillingham, County Agricultural Agent

Special corn and tobacco demonstrations are getting a lot of attention from visitors and neighboring farmers, according to reports coming to the county agent's office.

These demonstrations have been arranged in cooperation with local farm leaders and the N. C. Extension Service Specialists at N. C. State College. All farmers and other interested persons are urged to visit these demonstrations and observe first hand the disease resistance yield and other characteristics of these varieties.

Those conducting tobacco demonstrations are Scotty Hughes, Windom Community; Ralph Ray, Cane River; Lawrence Grindstaff, Brush Creek; and Tilden Fender, Bald Mountain.

Corn demonstrations are located at Elmer Peterson's Brush Creek; Leroy Silver, Jacks Creek; Dewitt Howell, Arbutle Road; Estel Higgins, Higgins; Handy Riddle, and Yates Randolph, Brush Creek.

Ralph Ray is also conducting an alfalfa variety demonstration and a Birdsfoot trefoil demonstration.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, good vision is a precious gift bestowed by God and nature upon all mankind, and

WHEREAS, our eyes are windows of light through which we see and understand each other and enjoy the beauty of the world in which we live, and

WHEREAS, the ruthless threat of blindness is increasing although at least half of all blindness is due to neglect and for that reason is needless,

THEREFORE, we owe it to ourselves and our loved ones to recognize the wisdom of protecting vision, to join fully in the battle against blindness and to learn how to take care of our eyes and the eyes of our children, and in cooperation with the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, the North Carolina State Association for the Blind, the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind and the Burnsville Lions Club I hereby designate September, 1959 as

"SIGHT-SAVING MONTH" and I call upon my fellow citizens of this community to conserve the vital resource of good vision by learning the habits of good eye care, and by supporting research efforts which will help all men enjoy the blessing of healthy eyesight.

Dover R. Fouts
Mayor, Town of Burnsville

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown us during our recent bereavement. The floral arrangements, memorial contributions, and personal services were deeply appreciated.

The Helmle and Baker Families

Rev. Walter Zvoda To Show Film At Mt. Pleasant Church



Rev. Walter Zvoda of Asheville, N. C. a former Roman Catholic and now a Baptist evangelist will show a sound film on the "Inside of the Vatican City" at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Sun. Sept. 6, at 8:00 p. m.

He will also show the old historical Rome showing the Colosseum where Emperor Nero tortured the Christians because they would not worship him. Then the catacombs under the city of Rome where Christians starved to death because they would not worship the Papacy.

His topic will be, "What does Pope John's church unity mean?" The Pastor, David A. Staley, extends an invitation to the public.

Mrs. T. M. Tyner Hostess To Sue Reynolds Circle

The Sue Reynolds Circle of the WSCS met with Mrs. T. M. Tyner Thursday at 8:00 p. m.

Mrs. Don Pardue, program chairman, opened the meeting with the Call to Worship followed by the scripture taken from Romans 12.

A discussion was led by Mrs. D. R. Fouts on "How Could the Church Program Better Meet the Needs of the Community."

Fifteen members and one guest, Mrs. Charles Lee Griffith, were present for the meeting. The circle will meet the third Thursday in September with Mrs. Don Pardue and all members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Tyner, circle chairman, presided at the business session. Mrs. Harry Eowen gave the treasurer's report and Mrs. James Ray read the minutes of the last meeting. The project committee was instructed to report to the circle at the next monthly meeting.

Newdale Community Club Holds Meeting

The Newdale Community Club met Friday, August 21 at the Newdale Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Georgia Edge spoke on the important facts learned in the Community Club meeting in Raleigh which she attended.

The meeting date of the club has been changed to the third Friday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 18 at the Newdale Methodist Church.

Services Held For Max B. Gardner

Max B. Gardner, 74, a retired Yancey County farmer, died in a hospital Tuesday morning after a short illness.

Services were held at the Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home chapel Wednesday at 3:00 p. m.

The Rev. O. L. Brown officiated, and burial was in the Banks Creek Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow; three daughters, Mrs. Glenn Hix of Blacksburg, S. C., Mrs. D. L. Thorne of Covington, Ind., and Mrs. Claude Riddle of Asheville; a son, William Gardner of Asheville; three brothers, Jack J. of Asheville, Fulton of Hendersonville, and M. C. Gardner of Burnsville; and three grandchildren.

Annual ASC Election To Be Held Sept. 10

The annual ASC election will be held in the 16 farm communities of your County on Thursday, September 10, 1959. The polls will be open from 7:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m.

Three committeemen and two alternates will be elected in each community. The committeemen receiving the highest number of votes will be chairman and a delegate to the county convention to elect a county committee. The

county convention will be held in the Court House on September 25 at 10:00 a. m.

These committeemen play a very important part in the administration of all ASC programs. It is urged that all farmers elect the best qualified people to serve on all committees.

Listed below are the communities, polling places and nominees for each community.

EAST BURNSVILLE — County Court House: Thad Ray, G. C. Anglin, Echird Hunter, Luther Ayers, Morris Styles, Adler Byrd, Huland Brinkley, A. E. Miller, Wallace McDowell, Emory Roland.

WEST BURNSVILLE — Ralph Ray's Store: Burnie Pittman, Arvil King, S. J. Bennett, Walter Edwards, Dolph Blankenship, Tom Robinson, Vonno Anglin, Bobby Anglin, Fate McClelland, Ralph Young.

CANE RIVER — Proffitt's Feed Store: Jack McIntosh, Bill Tomberlin, Jack Buckner, Lawrence Ray, John McCurry, Ralph Buckner, Alvin Hensley, Jess Buckner, David Peterson, Lee Evans.

UPPER EGYPT — Max Higgins' Store: Max Higgins, Jr., Carl Hilemon, Estell Higgins, Crate Bailey, Edd Hensley, Vance Hensley, Mack Higgins, Bernie Edwards, Clarence Proffitt, L. A. Sparks.

LOWER EGYPT — Arthur Edwards' Store: Jack Phillips, Chapple McCurry, Tilden Fender, Carl Wilson, S. C. Edwards, Nealie Ledford, Chad Williams, Virgil Jefferson, Charles Phillips, Hoy Edwards.

RAMSEY TOWN — Regular Voting Place: Wayne Byrd, Britt Holloway, O. C. Honeycutt, Finley Johnson, Richmond Bennett, Bryan Higgins, Albert Tipton, Kenneth Phillips, Darius Adkins, Darius Hensley.

GREEN MOUNTAIN — Regular Voting Place: Ellis Renfro Joe Peterson, Roy Laws, Harley Bennett, Sherman Fox, Ray Fox, Charles Deyton, Eugene Hughes, Caswell Hughes, Calvin Robinson.

UPPER JACKS CREEK — Edd Hipkins' Store: Ray English, Clarence Laws, John Evans, W. C. Byrd, Cecil Anglin, Molt Hensley, Hollis Honeycutt, Roy Duncan, Bernie Hunter, Leroy Silvers.

LOWER JACKS CREEK — Dave Peterson's Store: Gene Thomas, Frank Evans, John E. Fox, Lloyd Laws, Jack Tipton, Jack Webb, Jay Briggs, Dudley Deyton, Bernie Arrowood, Ben Silvers.

BRUSH CREEK — Regular Voting Place: J. R. Johnson, Birt Garland, Dewey Thomas, Holt Whitson, Handy Robinson, Ceter Webb, Elmer Sparks, Roy Lyles, Vernon Presnell, Lawrence Grindstaff.

WEST CRABTREE — Dellinger-Silvers Store: Nelson Boone, Crawford Jones, Lawrence King, Guy McCurry, John McCurry, Grover McMahan, Chris Peterson, Fred Ray, Mack Silvers, Till Wilson.

EAST CRABTREE — Presnell's Store: Wash Gurley, E. K. Huskins, Fred Howell, Biss Young, Will Young, Troy Howell, Champ Ray, Woodrow Edge, Roy Presnell, Clyde Yount.

UPPER SOUTH TOE — Arthur Robinson's Store: R. A. Westall, B. B. Chrisawn, A. R. Westall, Ed Wilson, Oscar Simmons, Vernie Murphy, Frank Bowditch, Walter Loftis, Ben Chrisawn, B. M. Rector.

LOWER SOUTH TOE — Chrisawn's Store: Hubert Wilson, Earl McNeil, Eliza Gouge, Charles J. Wesson, Milt Huskins, Andrew Reid, Paul Grindstaff, Mack Huskins, Arcemus Simmons, Selgel Davis.

PENSACOLA — Brooks Wilson's Store — Alvin Blankenship, Von McMahan, Wade McMahan, Carmon McPeters, Ray McPeters, Wayne Ray, G. K. Riddle, Walter Riddle, Gay Thomason, Ralph Wilson.

PRICES CREEK — Regular Voting Place—Ralph Edwards, Raymond Penland, Dot Austin, Jack McIntosh, Bill Buckner, Mack Styles, George McIntosh, Mack Ledford, Ralph Towe, Lester Holcombe.

More About "Tim" The Gorilla

By: Mrs. Frances Low

While Mrs. Frances Freeman was vacationing at Low Gap for two weeks, her friend, Mrs. William J. Potter, was caring for "Tim" the Gorilla. Mrs. Potter writes as follows: "I've come to the conclusion that if more people knew how much fun a baby Gorilla can be they'd give up raising human children!"

"This 'Tim' is without a doubt the most satisfactory animal I ever had any experience with. He is so appreciative and such a good boy. I have not spoiled him though I'd be tempted to, but I do cuddle him late afternoons and before he goes to bed at eight. During the a. m. and early afternoon he plays and sleeps while I get my work done. I have to peep in windows etc. to check on him every few minutes while he's playing, because he got his head caught between the playpen bars. He let me know it with a yell. For which I was thankful. He can let you know when he's in trouble but he is very quiet and contented otherwise.

"He's just thriving and takes his vitamin oil fine now, at first he blew it back to me! He gets his full bottle of milk and I've cut the water to 5 cups. His little engine is running fine. And I've had, so much fun just looking at him when he's asleep.

"So don't hurry home on account of 'Tim', in fact you'd better be glad you aren't around him all this time because he is just irresistible! And you are going to get so attached to him if you keep him long."

At \$5,000 per Gorilla not many of us can indulge in such a pet.

Conrad L. Worth, Radio Guest Of Whitener

According to a telegram received today by The Yancey Record, from Herbert M. Lineberger, Administrative Assistant, Conrad L. Worth, director of the National Park Service, will be a special guest this week on Congressman Whitener's radio broadcast over stations throughout the 11th congressional district. Mr. Worth will discuss with the 11th District Congressman the National Park Service Program in connection with the Blue Ridge Parkway of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hylemon of Cane River left Monday night for a weeks vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bailey visited Mr. and Mrs. James Muse in Mocksville last week-end. Mrs. Muse is working in the Davie County Consolidated High School in Mocksville.

John L. Goins, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Goins of Kingsport is spending the week with his grandmother, Mrs. W. I. Parnell and Mr. Parnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Parnell of Dallas, N. C. spent the week-end with relatives and friends here.

Miss Carolyn Masters of Boone visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Masters, here for a few days last week.

Roy and James Ray of Ray's Food Center attended the Food Handlers Convention in Charlotte this week.