

South Toe Valley News

By Edna Simmons

Surprises never end in the mountains of Western North Carolina. The changing seasons results in a reservoir of variation that never dries. When the winter days seem to contain only drabness, and a feeling of never-ending "sameness", we have only to take a walk in the woods or down the hill to the brook, to lose our gloom.

One of our friends reported the other day that he had found a dandelion blooming in his yard and he brought it inside to brighten the breakfast table. He was delighted with this small "joy" in January!

The forsythia branch that I brought in with which to "stake" one of my house plants, to my amazement and joy, began blooming! The three unnoticed buds on it are now "golden bells" of fragile bloom. Ah! It is good to be alive - even in mid-winter.

Sometimes, on our walks, we top a hill or a little rise, and their adventure awaits us, or beauty confronts us, like a mountain brook bubbling over rocks, or a little mountain lake sparkling in the pale winter sunlight.

There are a thousand things to delight us if we are looking for them: a bed of galax with its glossy red leaves, the beauty of rock formations, the stark symmetry of tree branches silhouetted against the blue sky. We can allow our minds to become surfeited with cares and chores and miss many of the little enjoyments of living, or we can, as the poet said, "turn a stone and start a wing!"

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The residence of the Rev. Theo Letterman was destroyed by fire a few days ago.

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Jerry Hoover, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hoover, was home the past weekend from the Navy. Jerry has been on tour on a ship in the Mediterranean. He is based in Norfolk, Virginia.

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Mr. Lew Rector is ill in a hospital in Valdese. He is reported to be improving.

Mr. James McDougald entered the Spruce Pine Hospital last Sunday.

Mrs. Madelyn Gibbs is also a patient in the Spruce Pine Hospital.

We wish a speedy recovery for each.

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Just a minute:

How pure at vesper-time

The far bells chiming!

God, give me hills to climb

And strength for climbing!

-Arthur Guiterman

Adult Classes

If interested in one of the following classes, check and return to Shirley Anne McAllister, Box 596, Burnsville, N.C.

Typing _____
 Hand Knitting _____
 Other _____
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____

Income Tax _____
 Sewing: Basic _____
 Advanced _____
 Bookkeeping _____



Jim McCurry (3rd from l.) Receives Alpini Hat

School Promotes Italo-American Good Will

James Randall McCurry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loy McCurry of Burnsville, N.C. was among the eighteen SETAF soldiers who returned to Vicenza, Italy recently. The group had just completed the six week Italian Army's Alpini Ski School in Corvara, Italy.

Each year the Italian Army extends an invitation to SETAF for a number of American soldiers to attend the Alpini Ski School in the Dolomite mountains. This year, the group primarily from the 62nd Eng. Company, began their instructions on December 2, 1969.

Pfc. McCurry graduated from

East Yancey High School in 1966. He attended Blanton's Business College in Asheville and entered the U.S. Army in December, 1968. After basic training in Fort Bragg, N.C., he went to Germany for one night, September 26, 1969, and from there went to Vicenza, Italy.

The course, though primarily for skiing, is also an exercise in the improvement of Italo-American relations. The Americans and Italians live, work and eat together at all times. It was evident from the high level of comradeship at the end of the course, that the

year was a great success. The Americans became "Alpini" and were accepted by all as fellow soldiers.

Diplomas and trophies were given along with the treasured Alpini hats during the graduation ceremony. For the soldiers completing the six weeks of rigorous training, the hat is symbol of Italian-American comradeship and personal pride.

McCurry notes that "it was a truly unique experience and at all times most difficult, but all members of the 1969 Alpine Ski School are proud and happy to have been a part of this exercise in international good will."

Forest Service Says Permit Needed Now To Cut Birchettes

The U.S. Forest Service announced a change today in the procedure of cutting and buying Birchettes. Starting January 1, 1970 each person over 16 years of age will be required to purchase a \$10 permit before they can cut Birchettes on any National Forest land. District Ranger Johnny McLain says that the \$10 figure was derived from information gathered from people working with Birchco during the past year.

The permits will be issued on a yearly basis from January 1 through December 31 and will limit the permittee to a specific area of the District. Further requirements

and cutting procedures will be discussed with each permittee at time of purchase.

Information may be obtained by contacting the District Ranger, Yancey County Courthouse, P.O. Box 128, Burnsville, N.C. or call 682-2567.

LEGAL NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA
 YANCEY COUNTY
 IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
 JUSTICE - SUPERIOR COURT
 DIVISION

YANCEY COUNTY, Plaintiff
 vs

WADE CARROLL et ux,
 Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a Judgment of the Superior Court in the above-entitled case appointing and authorizing the undersigned Commissioner to sell the lands of the Defendants hereinafter described to satisfy tax liens due Yancey County for the years of 1967, 1968, 1969 in South Toe Township, the undersigned Commissioner will at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 21 day of February, 1970 at the Courthouse door in Burnsville, North Carolina, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder the following described tract or parcel of land in South Toe Township, adjoining the lands of Tom Carroll and others and described as follows:

BEING the lands described in the Complaint in this cause, reference to which is hereby made for a complete description. A description of said land will be read at the time and place of sale.

This January 20, 1970.

Bill Atkins, Commissioner

Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12 ch

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 In this area to train as
LIVESTOCK BUYERS
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 HOGS AND SHEEP
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 Columbus, Ohio 43216

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