

Loyalty Day Proclaimed

Governor James E. Holsinger, Jr., has proclaimed Wednesday, May 1, 1974 as Loyalty Day in North Carolina.

The Governor declared that "only positive patriotic actions by all will suffice to preserve our precious heritage." He called on the citizens of the State "to continually foster a spirit of patriotism among all ages, races and creeds."

Loyalty Day is intended to be a rebuttal to Russia's May Day parades, in which tanks, artillery and other Soviet weapons are hauled out to impress the rest of the world.

But showing love of country is more convincing than flexing military muscles.

Governor Holsinger concluded, "...we urgently need a tremendous display of good, old-fashioned red, white and blue Americanism to make it clear to our foreign and domestic enemies that we are undivided and will endure through the ages..."

Loyalty Day will be observed nationally. The Veterans of Foreign Wars introduced the Loyalty Day theme several years ago.



Girl Guide Leader Honored With Coffee

Mrs. Garland Wampler entertained Peggy Johnson, Girl Guide Leader from Westminster, England, and local Girl Scout leaders at a Coffee Monday morning, April 22. Miss Johnson is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carr and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carr. She is

Headmistress at St. Vincents Primary School at Westminster. Leaders attending were: Mrs. Don McGalliard, Mrs. Bruce Laws, Mrs. Bill Stallings, Mrs. Jim Anglin, and Mrs. Ed Hunter. Special guests included Mrs. Lillian Jelly, Mrs. Bill Carr and Mrs. Tom Carr.

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I am always pleased to receive Folk-Ways response from new areas. Recently the Shelby, North Carolina area, was represented for the first time by a letter from Mrs. Reggie Weaver. She enclosed the words to two songs previously mentioned in the column, along with a memory of an old-time "two-part" house. The latter takes up the entire column this week.

"Do you remember as a child ever going to visit in a two-part house? I can. It was called a kitchen and big house. The kitchen was several feet from the big house. And the kitchen had a big fireplace as well as a stove, for it was the cookroom, dining room as well as the staying room summer and winter.

"One I remember best, friends lived there. It was made of logs chinked with mud. A big fireplace at one end and a door at the back to go to the big house. Also a door one each side going into the yard. The windows were wooden shutters. No glass. No matter how cold or windy, part of the shutters were left open, two big shutters toward the back, one on each side, and two small ones near the chimney.

"The cookstove stood in the left hand corner. Built in or corner cupboard and shelves held the dishes. Pots and pans were hung on the wall behind the stove. The kettles and coffee pot sat on the stove all the time unless in winter someone wanted hot water or coffee between times. Then they were set on the fire or live coals were dragged out on the big hearth to heat the kettle or coffee pot. Hard times you say, but you never heard it from them.

"They knew how to make pies from dry fruit sweetened with molasses and cakes and cookies made with molasses. They were good.

"The kitchen always had a good smell. You could look around on nails drove into the logs where hung all kinds of herbs and spices. Also onions were on the wall so they would not freeze, for the fire never went out. Dried fruits, peaches, apples, blackberries, and pumpkins were also dried, along with red peppers, green beans (called leather britches).

"It was a delight to go for a visit and stay for a meal. A great long table stood in the middle of the floor with long benches, one on each side. It was always great to see how many of us children could sit on a bench.

"The food was always good and plenty for all. For breakfast it might be butter and molasses and cream gravy. For dinner it would be something boiled, even if it were just greens. I have eaten poke sallet, cressy greens, wild mustards, and wild lettuce, and of course there was always buttermilk and cornbread. No one thought of eating vegetables without cornbread. No biscuits were cooked for dinner.

"The big house was two great big rooms you went to on

a covered walkway, like walking a foot log only the walkway was wider than a log.

"The first room had two beds, several chairs, and some tables. One corner was curtained off and behind these curtains were a big stack of quilts and the Sunday clothes. On every table were kerosene lamps. Some were for everyday use and some if they had company.

"The other room had four beds, one in each corner, and then plenty of room for a dresser, tables, and chairs. Everyday clothes and coats were hung on nails or folded and put on a table. A few pictures were hung in the company room. No windows, just two big shutters in each room.

"As the family grew—which was usually the case—trundle beds were made that would go under the regular bed, and the rooms were large enough for the trundle bed to be pulled out for children to sleep on. If there wasn't enough bed room when company came, there were always enough quilts to spread on the floor for pallets.

"People visited then more than they do now. I can remember going to Grandpa's. It would take all day in a wagon, but it was fun to get up early and start with our dinner in the wagon. We would get there in time for supper, and lots of times other aunts and uncles, and cousins were there (Grandpa had eleven children)."

A note to those who have sent material not yet appearing in Folk-Ways: ordinarily I try to use such in the order in which it comes to me so please don't give up.

Please send all folk material to: Rogers Whitener, Box 376, University Station, Boone, N.C. 28608.

Horticultural

Crops Contest

The annual WNC Horticultural Crops Contest has been announced by Don Austin of Asheville, chairman of the sponsoring Horticultural Crops Commission of the Western North Carolina Development Association in cooperation with the Extension Service and Vocational Agriculture teachers.

Deadline for entering the contest is July 1 and a pre-registration card must be post marked no later than July 1 to be eligible for judging.

A new contest has been added this year for perennials and greenhouse crops spanning more than one year. Same contest rules will apply for both contests. The annual contest is for annuals which includes fruits, vegetables and ornamentals.

Participation in the contests is open to boys and girls in the 18 western counties, 19 years and under, with a project under supervision of an Extension Agent or Vo-Ag teacher.

Purpose of these contests is to recognize boys and girls with outstanding horticultural projects and to encourage interest in this field. Cash awards will be presented to the winners of both contests in early December.

Donors of the prizes in the annual contest are Gerber Products Co., Asheville; Pigeon Valley Tomato Farm, Canton; Francis & Wright and Southern Agricultural Insecticides, Hendersonville; Barber Orchards, Waynesville and 3-D Farm, Fletcher.

Prize donor in the perennials contest is Orchard Gardens, Fletcher.

Records and reports must be submitted to the WNC Development Association, 420 City Building, Asheville by Nov. 1. Judging will be based on records and reports submitted and on-site inspection.

Eligible counties are Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Yancey and the Cherokee Reservation.

Entry forms may be obtained from the County Extension offices in each of the counties or from Vocational Agriculture teachers.

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Community Events

The French Broad Electric Membership Corporation serving Buncombe, Madison, Yancey and Mitchell Counties in North Carolina and Unicoi County, Tennessee, will hold their Annual Membership Business Meeting in Marshall, North Carolina on April 27, 1974, commencing at 1:00 p.m. at the Marshall High School Gym.

A report of the Cooperative's business transactions for the past year will be rendered and presented to the members present for their information.

The keynote speaker will be Robert N. Cleveland, Statewide Manager of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation of Raleigh. In addition to Mr. Cleveland's address concerning rural problems of today, there will be entertainment and door prizes presented to those members who attend. An ad appears elsewhere in this issue concerning the meeting.

The Newdale Volunteer Fire Department will be having a supper at the Newdale Community Building on Saturday, April 27. Your choice of ham or turkey, \$1.50 per plate. Serving begins at 5 p.m. and everyone is urged to come. The supper is being held to raise money for the fire department.

Burnsville PTA Honors Teacher

RESOLUTION

Be it remembered that at the regular meeting of the Burnsville Parent-Teachers Association held on April 16, 1974, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS Miss Ruth Hensley, who died March 23, 1974, was one of the most outstanding teachers of Yancey County, having taught for several years; and WHEREAS Miss Hensley was one of the most popular and well liked teachers of the county, as well as an individual in whom all of her acquaintances had great confidence; and WHEREAS further, Miss Hensley was always willing to lend her support to the Parent-Teachers Association and give of her time to the upbuilding of the schools in Yancey County

NOW THEREFORE upon motion made, seconded and unanimously adopted, be it resolved,

1. That the members of the Burnsville Parent-Teachers Association express their sorrow at the passing of Miss Hensley.
2. That copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Dorothy Hensley, mother of Miss Ruth Hensley, copy sent to the Yancey Journal, and a copy recorded in the minutes of the Burnsville Parent-Teachers Association.

BURNVILLE PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (The book, "Complete Fairy Tales and Stories" by Hans Christian Anderson, is being purchased and placed in the Burnsville Elementary School Library in memory of Miss Hensley.)