



GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The regular Girl Scout meeting was held Monday, November 25, at 3:15 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Fred L. Wilson on Vance Avenue. Mrs. Wilson served refreshments of popcorn, cookies, and punch. Madge Wilhide, Ann Sawyer, Peggy Williams, and Yvonne Nancy presented the puppet show "Jack and the Bean Stalk."

Miss Jackson and Miss Irwin, students at Black Mountain college, were present at the meeting. They plan to assist with Girl Scouting in Black Mountain, and will have charge of the outdoor activities.

The Scouts plan a Christmas Play, "Unto Others" and have started rehearsals under the direction of Miss Jane Callison.

Two new members, Doris Higginbotham and Barbara Allred, were added to the "Little Pies" patrol. Janet Ryan is a new member of the "Playhouse Favorites" and Peggy Williams is the new one of the "Wild Flower Life" patrol.

Saturday at 10:00 a. m. all the Girl Scouts are to meet at the home of Mrs. Marvin Wolf. They will hike into the woods to look for wild flowers and study nature.

William E. Lindau is visiting his wife at Blue Ridge.

Mrs. Phillips Flies To Nashville

Mrs. L. E. Phillips, operator of the Monte Vista Hotel will fly to Nashville, Tennessee, today to spend Thanksgiving with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Q. M. Kipp. From there she plans to fly to Lufkin, Texas, to spend Christmas with her other daughter, Mrs. Charles Carpenter.

ATTEND GAME

Paul Harris, Pugh Morgan, Bob Eckles, Carl Kerlee, and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Eckles, attended the Carolina-Duke football game at Chapel Hill last week-end. They spent Friday night in High Point, and returned to Black Mountain Saturday night.

THE BAUCOMS HAVE GUESTS

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Baucom will have their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Bodkin, and sons Frankie and Tommy, of Greenville, N. C., as their guests on Thanksgiving day.

P. T. A. MEETING THURSDAY

The regular meeting of the P. T. A. will be held at the elementary school building at 3:15 p. m., Thursday, December 12.

MONTREAT GUESTS

Miss Audra Frasher and Mary Beth Perry from Anderson college, Anderson, S. C., visited Nina Stauffer and Betty Ann Allen of Montreat last week-end.

SEES CAROLINA-DUKE

Woodrow Morgan, Black Mountain High school line coach, was in Chapel Hill over the week-end to see the Carolina Tar Heels whip Duke for the conference lead.

With The Sick

Miss Hazel Martin has returned recently from St. Joseph's hospital, where she underwent a minor operation. She has recovered but will be unable to attend school until the beginning of the second semester in January.

Mrs. W. J. Kent is ill at her home on Ruby Ave., Kerlee section, Black Mountain. Mrs. Kent has been confined to her bed since last Saturday.

Mrs. W. B. Gragg has been moved from the Mission hospital to the Florence Nightingale nursing home in Asheville. She is progressing nicely.

Betty Ann Martin has been absent from school for three weeks with chronic rheumatic fever. She is recuperating at her home.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Moore, Lloyd and Charles, are recovering from the small pox.

Mrs. W. H. Holman has returned from the Aston Park hospital and is convalescing at her home. Mary Sue Mason is ill with the measles.

MISS SIMMONS IN LYNCHBURG, VA.

Miss Louise Simmons of New Bern Avenue is spending several days in Lynchburg, Va., with friends at Randolph-Macon, where she was registrar for a number of years before coming to Black Mountain.

DOUGHERTYS AWAY

Mr. and Mrs. James Dougherty and daughter Nancy, accompanied by Mr. C. C. Dougherty, left Wednesday for Williamsburg, Kentucky to spend Thanksgiving and a few days with relatives. They will return Sunday.

JACKSONS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jackson have returned to Blue Ridge from Jackson, Tennessee. Mrs. Jackson and her daughters, Martha Lynn and Susan, visited Mrs. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McCutcheon.

WILSONS IN CHARLOTTE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson and daughter, Nancy, are spending the Thanksgiving holiday and week-end in Charlotte as guests of L. M. Craig on Forest Drive and with the Blaine Kelleys on Hertford Avenue.

RETURN FROM TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Simpson have returned from a two-weeks' vacation at Anson, Texas, where they visited their son, and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simpson.

WORK PROGRESSING

Work on Nesbitts Chapel, Methodist church at Broadriver, is progressing nicely, according to latest reports. The foundation is almost finished.

POTTERS EXPECT GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Clarke and son Billie of Fayetteville, N. C., are expected to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Potter.

VISITS HUSBAND AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Earl Adams, of Addison, Alabama, is visiting her husband, Earl Adams, who is a patient at Oteen Annex Hospital.

SPEND THANKSGIVING IN GREENSBORO

Miss Helen Heatherly will spend Thanksgiving in Greensboro with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Heatherly.

LOOK WHO'S HERE

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hall of Swannanoa are parents of a daughter born Sunday in Mission hospital.

BLACK MOUNTAIN ARTS CLUB

Weaving

"Go to the ant, thou sluggard" was King Solomon's advice. But men of energy and foresight have gone to other insects and animals for suggestions and for help in their extremity or need. The paper wasps were the first paper-manufacturers and the mud-dauber was the original pottery-maker.

One of the earliest needs of the savage was cord for his bow, net, or sling, so making cord was one of the first arts of the women—it was usually her work. Some have suggested that the spider weaving its silken threads, or the birds interlacing grass and twigs into nests, inspired early man and gave him a model for weaving.

When an unusually hot season lowered the level of Lake Zurich in Switzerland, in 1853, in the mud were found fragments of black or brown linen, with a variety of designs and techniques, examples of weaving dating from the new stone age, about 4000 years before.

The Director of the king's flax was a most important official in the administration of the Pharaohs. The Egyptian looms were very primitive, but the weavers made a very fine fabric—the best linen of ancient times. Wonderfully preserved Egyptian linens may be seen in the different museums of art Egyptian sections, especially in mummy cases.

Ancient peoples skillfully applied the laws of physics and chemistry. They discovered methods of bleaching linen, tanning leather, the chemical secret of fusing sand into glass, and many other secrets for art purposes.

Thebes, Egypt, was the center of trade in linens as they had a secret for bleaching the material. This trade was with all the Mediterranean countries. This mysterious "secret" was dried and powdered camel's dung—a "potent, magic powder" made by the priests in the Temple of Ammon-Ra. We now call the "salts," "ammonia," for the god Ammon-Ra, as this was the salts in the magic powder with which the linens were treated before being spread out in the sun! In the coventry sections of England and of Ireland, even today, this old out-door method of bleaching is adhered to with pride.

Bark from trees, fibers from plants (especially the milkweed), feathers from birds, gold and silver, silk from insects, wool and hair from animals, were used for weaving. We moderns have added metals from the earth, and synthetic materials—fiber glass, shining cellophane, dull acetate.

For the earliest spinning, a bunch of fibers was held under the left arm. Later, a stick called a distaff, was used for the fibers to be wound on. The word "spinner" was given the woman who spun, she worked on a single thread! For weaving, the separate threads are interlaced and unified. The word wife is related to weaver! the duty of the wife being to unify the separate members of the family into one harmonious whole.

Those who are familiar with the Odyssey, or The Wanderings of Ulysses, can recall how Penelope, wife of Ulysses, waited faithfully for him after the Trojan War. When suitors would press their attentions upon her, she would tell them that they would have to wait for an answer until she might finish the weaving that she had begun on her loom. So faithful and so patient was she that every night she unraveled the work of that day! You recall the happy ending of this famous "loom story"—Ulysses did return.

We call treasures of the past heirlooms, showing the great value placed upon the arts of the loom. Last week we spoke of Peruvian textiles, as the finest examples of

North Carolina State of Varied Resources

North Carolina is a state of varied resources, which affect the everyday life and well-being of most of the people. No single resource is a separate entity in the economic structure of the state, because the development and use of one inevitably affects the others. This is particularly true of the forest resource, which has a significant influence upon agriculture, industry, employment, finance, transportation, public water supplies, and electric power production.

The forest resource should be recognized as an integral part of

ancient textiles, come from Peru, where they produce practically every kind of weave and textile decorations that we produce at this late date. They possessed the knowledge of certain principles that we have not discovered. Their yarns are considered perfect in strength and fitness, and in evenness of size.

In 2,000 years, by threatening to behold any one who disclosed the secret of the origin of silk, the Chinese were able to "control the market," for they alone knew about the silk worm. There are many interesting legends of how the knowledge gradually "leaked out." One is that missionaries concealed silkworm eggs in the hollow of their staffs. It seems to be authentic, though, that Queen Elizabeth was the first person in England to wear silk hose. If the thousands of mulberry trees that James I imported in order to establish the silk culture in England, one was planted by Shakespeare in Stratford, and it is claimed that the great actor, Garrick, was given a chair made from that very tree! In the 15 century in Venice, Florence, and Genoa, the greatest artists created designs for silk, damask, and velvet. Velvet (French, velours) is a woven silk fabric having a short nap of erect loops, either cut or uncut. Designs were formed by leaving uncut areas against the cut ones.

People of long, long ago, upon returning from travels in Asia, told of wool growing upon trees in fleeces more beautiful than those of sheep. This was the cotton plant, called "vegetable lamb." We know of the progress in weaving cotton after the "spinning jenny" was invented. Hargreaves named it for his wife. Poor illiterate weaver that he was, an accident resulted in the discovery. Jenny's wheel overturned one day, and Hargreaves noticed that it kept on spinning. The thought occurred to him, "Why can't a number of spindles be made to stand upright and be spun all at once?" He made a successful machine. For awhile the device was kept as a family secret. Cotton is simple and unassuming compared to the fleecy softness of wool or the lustrous brilliance of silk, yet it has been so much sought after for the brilliant dyes it will hold. Chintz is a Sanskrit word meaning bright or potted. Indian cretonne was originally from Creton, a village of Normandy.

Synthetic dyes have been known for less than a century. The ancients used rich colors obtained from plant, animal, and mineral sources: Cochineal from the dried bodies of red female insects, a garlic-ordered, thick, white liquid form the mixture a seashell off the coast of Lyre, and so on—Lydia was a seller of "purple" in Tyre. Linen treated with the murex dye cost \$600 a pound! Only the rich could afford to wear it, hence the terms, "born to the purple," and "royal purple." This wonderful substance was coaxed drop by drop from the two tiny sacs of the murex. When spread upon a cloth in the sun and air, it turned green, then blue, then purple. When the cloth was washed with soap ("set" with the alkali) it became a fast "cardinal red."

How the German obtained the infant "aniline dyeing methods, so crippling England's and America's textile industry during World War I, and for awhile afterwards, is an interesting story. "Necessity (being) the mother of invention," we now make hundreds of distinct coal tar dyes, "fast colors." Synthetic coloring materials are highly specialized.

Textile harmony exists as truly as color harmony. Silk mellows light and gives softness, luster, luxuriance. Velvet adds warmth and richness, and gives off soft, rich colors.

the whole social and economic structure of the state. Because it contributes so vitally to the welfare of the people and industry of North Carolina, it is well that our citizenry is awaking to the need for a more conservative and far-reaching plan of forest use. At the present rate of cutting the entire forest land area will on the average be cut over once every 40 years. Young second growth is constantly adding to the supply of merchantable timber, but because of some prevailing methods of cutting, and inadequate fire control, the forest is being reduced in quantity, quality, and effective usefulness. To remedy this situation, sustained-yield forest management should be practiced on a large proportion of the forest land.

The following summary of factual data emphasizes the importance of the forest resource. Forests occupy over 18 million acres, 59 per cent of the total area of the state.

One half of this forest land is in farms and in 1937 this farm forest yielded 20 different forest products with a value of \$24,000,000, accounting for about 7 per cent of the value of all farm production and equaling four-fifths of the value of the corn crop.

Forests help to protect the watersheds of over 100 hydroelectric developments and many municipal water-supply systems.

Nearly 3,000 industrial plants depend directly upon the forest for raw material.

The wood-products industries rank next to textiles as a source of employment in manufacturing. In 1938 woods and mill employment in the primary forest-products industries amounted to 59,000 man-years, and the strictly commercial forest-industrial work was enough to have kept 33,000 employees occupied full time.

In 1938 the lumber cut was 1.4 billion board feet, placing North Carolina fourth among the states in lumber production. Average annual production for the past 35 years has been 1.2 billion feet.

Four pulp and paper companies operate in North Carolina. In 1938, 406,000 cords of pulpwood were used. Total plant capacity in 1941 was 1,055 tons of pulp in 24 hours.

About 5-3-4 million cords of fuel wood was used from our forests in 1938.

The Division of Forestry and Parks offers to forest land owners in North Carolina technical forestry assistance, through its Management Foresters, District Foresters, and Assistant District Foresters. These Foresters are qualified to give land owners and industry assistance in keeping their lands productive. Good cutting practices will produce high quality timber in abundance, and the land will always have crops of trees coming on. Such practices are often referred to as sustained-yield management, and must be carried on to remedy the over-all forest situation as it now exists.

Advice and help have been given on 674,000 acres of forest land in the State since the inauguration of this work by the Division of Forestry and Parks. The above land acreage represents 302 co-operators, some of whom have been visited several times since completing the initial work. The tracts range from fifty acres up to several thousand acres in extent.

The present authorized strength of the Division of Forestry and Parks is only 21 technical foresters, who handle both the forest fire control and the forest management advice program on the

17 million acres of non-Federal forest land in the State.

Consequently, the requests for forest management advice and assistance far exceed the division's current resources.

Forest Tree Nurseries
Two forest tree nurseries are operated by the Division. One is near Hendersonville, N. C., the other near Clayton, N. C., in Johnston County. The combined total maximum output of these nurseries is estimated to be approximately 15 million trees. Loblolly pine, longleaf pine, white pine, yellow poplar, black locust, red cedar, and black walnut are the principal species raised. With the funds thus far available, the peak production of the nurseries has never been reached. Four million trees is the maximum produced to date in one year. The demand has greatly exceeded the supply, the seedlings being sold by the State at very nominal cost.

With approximately one million acres of forest land needing planting and interplanting it would take 67 years to do this planting job, running our nurseries at top capacity of 15 million trees annually, and allowing for about 1,000 seedlings per acre. Needless to say if North Carolina is to hold only its present industries idle land which is only suitable to grow trees must be put into production, and capacity of our nurseries increased.

In addition to trees raised by this Division, the Tennessee Valley Authority has distributed 13,832,000 forest tree seedlings in 15 mountain counties. A stronger effort should be made by the State to complete the reforestation plan and to meet the demand for planting stock on our forest area.

B. W. C. TO HAVE COVERED DISH SUPPER

The Business Women's Circle of the Baptist Church will have a covered dish supper at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, December 3, at the home of Mrs. J. L. Potter.

Mrs. W. B. Kyles, Mrs. George Stone, and Mrs. A. C. Lovelace will each give a chapter of the study book course, which they expect to finish at this meeting. All members are urged to attend.

TO VISIT PARENTS

Miss Doris Whitesides will spend Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Whitesides, of Canton, N. C.

HOLD BANQUET

Students and faculty of Montreat college will hold a Thanksgiving banquet at Assembly Inn Thursday at 6 p. m.



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