

—Timber harvested from national forests during the past fiscal year was valued at 70 million dollars.

—Washington's Farewell Address was first presented to the American public in the columns of the Philadelphia Daily Adviser.

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The Fidelis class of Beverly Hills Baptist church met Tuesday night at the church. Hostesses for the fellowship hour were Mrs. Fred Watson and Mrs. M. C. Keating. The older men's class will meet for a business meeting and supper on Friday at 7:30 in the S&W cafeteria in Asheville. All members and their wives are urged to be present.

Mrs. McRee Davis of 293 Governors View road, who recently underwent surgery, is now at home and is improving nicely.

Miss Sandra Watson of lower Craig circle is at home now after several days in St. Joseph's hospital. She is improving and hopes to be back in school soon.

Mrs. Clyde Stoupe of the Grassy Branch section visited the Fred Watson family Sunday evening and attended church with them at Beverly Hills church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garris and children, Janice and Le Baron, of Macedonia road, Mrs. Agnes Watson and daughter Sandra, and Donald Stoupe visited Mrs. Garris and Mrs. Watson's mother, Mrs. Julia Kent, who isn't feeling so well and the Martha Aiken family of Swannanoa Heights on Sunday afternoon.

What's new on Craig circle? A brand new Ford. Owner: Mrs. Myrtle Keating. This writer needed a new refrigerator so what else is new on Craig circle? A brand new refrigerator. One owner is as proud of her possession as the other.

Well, I guess the canning season, other than apples, is about over but this writer has done so poor job of providing anything for winter. Some of the neighbors have done better than I so maybe they will divide.

We had the most gorgeous bouquet of flowers in our church (Beverly Hills) on Sunday. They were given by the Ford dealer in Asheville and delivered to us by Ernest Tilson, an employee of this concern. We certainly admired and appreciated them.

The little primary boys' class of Beverly Hills church wanted the teacher to help in a project in which they could give their pennies. So it was decided to start a polio fund. We started it and it has spread to the primary girls' class already and the children are so proud that they are going to help some one who isn't so fortunate as they.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson of Violet Hills apts. visited Mrs. Fred Watson and Sandra at their home on lower Craig circle on Tuesday. It was about lunch time and the sandwiches were already on the table, so Roy and Nell joined in and all enjoyed the meal.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood and son Read of New Salem road had dinner with the Watson family on Thursday night.

Miss Sallie Lynch of Tunnel road has been ill with a cold but

has stayed on the job every day of school. She is a member of the faculty of Johnson school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long of Tunnel road have been quite busy for several days remodeling the building housing the Oteen Grocery store. Many hours of hard work have been put into the job, and the results are marvelous. They are now redecorating their living quarters over the store.

The Rev. Ollie G. Matthews was a visitor at the Fred Watson home on Tuesday. He came by to see Sandra who was ill. Also visiting her were two members of the faculty of Biltmore High school where Sandra is a senior.

The annual Kent and Gwaltney reunion will be held on Oct. 9 at the home of Mrs. R. E. Sheppard at Alexander. Plans are being made for short talks and singing in the afternoon. Lunch will be served on the lawn at 12:30 and all relatives and friends of the families are asked to attend and bring along those well filled lunch baskets.

SHOPE CREEK

By Mrs. Thelma Buckner
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There were 18 of us who went to Spindale on Sunday, Sept. 25, to visit with relatives in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goode. We spread our food with theirs and ate buffet style. Other relatives came up from Forest City. There were 38 in all. Pictures were taken of the three sisters who don't get together very often, namely, Mrs. Anna Gregg of Shope Creek, Mrs. Mae Godfrey of Forest City, and Mrs. Myrtle Goode of Spindale. It was our pleasure to visit the First Baptist church of Spindale, a three story building with a membership of 600. We were taken through each department. It was very beautiful but the auditorium was most breathtaking of all. A church to be proud of.

We are very thankful for the nice showers of rain we had last week. The first we've had since the middle of August.

A daughter was born Sept. 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hensley. Mrs. Hensley is the former Miss Marie Burrell.

Work was resumed on our road the first of last week and I am proud to report that we have a nice, smooth road, although only part of it will be paved this year.

Work also is still in progress on the remodeling of the Jay Stone residence.

Mrs. Anna Gregg, Mrs. J. W. Buckner and Thelma Buckner were Monday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Creasman. They all accompanied Wilbur "Bo" Creasman to the bus station Tuesday as he left for the Navy.

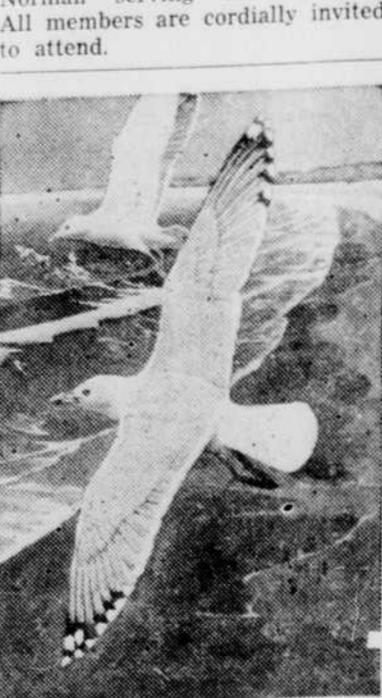
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hyatt of Cumberland circle, Asheville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregg on Sunday. Mrs. Hyatt and Mrs. Gregg are sisters. Another sister, Mrs. Rosa Gaddy and children of Stockville visited the Troy Greggs recently.

Word has been received of the emergency operation of Calvin Goode of Boise, Idaho, and Spindale. He is the nephew of Mrs. Anna Gregg of Shope Creek.

The first daily in the United States appeared in Philadelphia in 1784.

MRS. BURTON OSTEEN TO ENTERTAIN GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Monday night, Oct. 3, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Burton Osteen with Mrs. Charles Norman serving as co-hostess. All members are cordially invited to attend.



HERRING GULL
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Over a wide territory this is the common "sea gull" to many persons. The Herring Gull breeds from southern central Alaska to southern Baffin Bay and south to northern British Columbia, northern New York and Massachusetts. It winters from southern Alaska to the Gulf of Mexico and south to Lower California, Mexico, Cuba and Yucatan. Frequently it performs a useful function as a scavenger and as such may be found in great flocks about municipal garbage dumps. Sometimes great numbers may be observed feeding on golf links or following plows and cultivators over cultivated lands. Wherever it is to be seen it usually must be recognized for its general beauty and for its excellence as a flier.

The Herring Gull is just over 2 feet long with a wingspread of just under 5 feet. Its tail is about 7 1/2 inches long and its bill about 2 1/2 inches long. The female is slightly smaller than the male. The back is gray and the wings are black tipped with a narrow margin of white to the rear. The head, tail and underparts are white and the legs flesh-colored. The bird is conspicuously larger than the Ring-billed Gull but the tail of the immature Herring Gull has a broad dark band at the end while that of the Ring-billed has a narrow black band near the end. The legs of the Herring Gull are pink to flesh-colored while those of the Ring-billed are yellowish. Immature Herring Gulls are for the most part a uniform brown but by the second winter they develop the broad black tail tip and by the next year the white tail.

Herring Gulls usually nest on the ground but on occasion may nest in trees. Little nesting material is used. The 3-5 eggs are highly variable and may be light blue, green, drab, brown or cinnamon and may be spotted or blotched. They are nearly 3 inches long and to 2 1/2 inches through. Incubation is for from 24-28 days with both parents taking part. The young birds are able to walk about soon after they are hatched and there is but one brood a year.

The food of Herring Gulls varies greatly. It may come from almost any source whether this be on the surface of the sea or on a farm in some highland. It may be garbage, insects, young birds, mice or plant material. Where the nests are close to duck nests the food may be the eggs or young of ducks. Because of this the birds are not naturally popular with sportsmen. However they perform such a valuable function in destroying farm pests that their value to farmers must be taken into consideration in giving them a proper evaluation. The fact that they frequently work in great flocks rather than as individuals makes them of particular importance where insects may be present in sufficient abundance to be considered as plagues. Herring Gulls may eat shellfish. They may fly into the air with a clam and drop it on rocks below breaking the shell and permitting the bird to eat the soft inner parts.

One cannot overlook the beauty of the birds assessing their true worth. A flight of gulls behind a ferry boat, a group following a tractor on farm lands or a migrating group flying high in the air is always worth watching. The National Wildlife Federation asks that these birds be better understood by all.—E. Laurence Palmer.

—At the end of the American Revolution there were 43 newspapers in the colonies.

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BEE TREE NEWS

By Mrs. C. M. Howie

The much needed rain came last week in the Bee Tree section. It has been dry for the last two weeks.

Mrs. Orval Lunsford of Bee Tree road was honored with a stork shower Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Mamie Bowen of Bee Tree road. Those attending were Mrs. Gertrude Howie, Mrs. Jim Adams, Mrs. Helen Brank, Mrs. Syble Lunsford and two small daughters, Mrs. Freddie Sawyers, Miss Carolyn Adams, Miss Frances Banks, Mrs. Frances Morgan, Miss Margaret Waddell, Mrs. Thelma Burnette, Mrs. Thelma Candler, Mrs. Bulah Howie, Mrs. Flonnie Howie, Mrs. Marion Ownbey, Miss Wynona Howie, Mrs. Lucy Brooks, the honoree, Mrs. Effie Lunsford, and the hostess. Games were played and prizes awarded. Mrs. Lunsford received many nice and useful gifts. Refreshments were served. Those who sent gifts but unable to come were Mrs. Dorothy Morgan, Mrs. Myrtle Hall, Mrs. Mary Grace Howie, Mrs. Mable Bryant, Mrs. Alma Brooks, Mrs. Mary Mintz, and Mrs. Ida Morgan. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Mrs. Ada McAlrath of Pisgah highway passed away suddenly at the home of a brother-in-law in Colorado last Tuesday evening. Mrs. C. M. Howie, McKinley Burnette and granddaughter Carolyn Elmore Burnette, Mrs. Bradford Burnette, Kelly Shope, J. B. Sawyers, and Mrs. Minnie Gibson, all of Swannanoa section attended. There were also quite a number of relatives of Canton and Grassy Branch at the services.

Mrs. Ed Hitt of Long Branch has been very sick for the past week with pneumonia. Her mother, Mrs. McNealy, her brother and his wife, all of Georgia, are with her at present.

Mrs. Carl Thomas and little daughter visited with Mrs. J. S. Kilby, Mrs. Ida Morgan, and Mrs. C. M. Howie and mother last Friday.

The Loyn Howies were dinner

day. Carl Thomas happened to an accident last week while working on the mountain at Stand Flats. He and his brother, Ray, Monroe Howie, and his father, had loaded the truck with cord wood. It slid over into a brush pile and turned over. Mr. Thomas escaped uninjured.

Visiting Murray Howie Sunday afternoon were Buddy Howie, John Adams, and Ray Banks.

Monroe Howie and his wife, Jeanette, visited Mrs. Ed Hitt Sunday.

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