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Geyser Becomes Attractive Again

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Speaking at Sunday's emonies marking the of Andrews storation eyser, U.S. Rep. Roy A. eylor paid tribute to the of Old Fort and Dowell County for their serverance in resurrecting he historic landmark.

Noting that the first estoration, in 1911, was dicated to Col. A.B. Anrews for his in building the alroad line up and over the nountains, Taylor said, Today we pay tribute to the erseverance and efforts of citizens of Old Fort and deDowell County, who have nerously contributed their ney and their labor.

In particular, we salute wo men — Old Fort Mayor Jack Lytle and Mayor Prom Jack Piercy - who, rough their untiring efforts, ave succeeded in once again naking Andrews Geyser a ymbol of the determination. itality and beauty of Western North Carolina.

Taylor described the laying Ftrack over the Blue Ridge Mountains as "one of the most spectacular achievements of ir railroad system." It was at Round Knob, which was to become the site of the founigin, that the builders faced and overcame their most difficult problem, he said.

heir goal, they built a curvature in the line which, as the track winds up the mountain, ables a passenger to see

Andrews Geyser from five different places on five different sides of the track.

'Many times, I have ridden a train by the geyser, and people would rush to the window to see the geyser. Then someone on the other side of the train would say, 'There's another one." Then they would see a third or fourth one - they thought."

The congressman noted that six tunnels had to be carved out of the rock within a 21/2 mile section. "The completion of the rail link between Old Fort and Ridgecrest was a great engineering achievement - 2 especially when we relize that the only available tools consisted of pick and shovel, black powder, draft animal and

Describing the geyser as "a community asset of lasting Taylor said its restoration was "a real community project of which I know you are most proud.'

"There is a need to preserve open spaces, to preserve beautiful quiet spots such as this where people can slow down, away from crowded cities, and be revived, inspired and impelled by the grandeur of nature," he said.

Next to the preservation of liberty and security, our government's great responsibility is the stewardship of our national resour-

Among the other speakers at Sunday's event was Harold H. Hall, executive vice president of Southern Railway. Hall reviewed the joint history of the railroad and the geyser, describing the building of the railroad line from Old Fort to Asheville and its impact on the area.

The railroad executive also discussed the construction of the old Round Knob Hotel and its geyser, which was built in

Built as a tourist attraction for travelers on the railroad, the geyser served as an attraction again Sunday. Although passenger trains no longer travel the route except for the Skyland Special on summer and fall weekends, a special eight-car excursion train made the trip Sunday in honor of the opening of the

Those attending the ceremonies stopped and waved and the passengers on the train crowded to the windows as once again the railroad, the geyser made history together.

Soon after twelve o'clock the program started off with blue grass music, chorus singing and two teams of the Old Fort Cloggers. A change of wind aimed the geyser spray toward the West Mc gull Junior High Band as they played but the impromptu "shower" did not dampen the quality of their music.

Montreat Township Board Discusses Problems

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Montreat met in regular session on May 13. The following actions were taken:

The Mayor was asked to request the State Highway Department, in accord with the Town's contract with the State of North Carolina, to put in one day's work, not to exceed \$700 in cost, on patching of streets, particularly Grevbeard Trail.

A report that the re-paving of Assembly Drive would cost \$20,000 was received.

The Planning and Zoning Commission was directed to see that the maps used by that group be made available to the Executive Director of the Mountain Retreat Association.

After explanation by the engineer for the Metropolitan Sewerage District of a proposed change in the method of determining the share of each municipality in the cost of a survey under the 201 Facilities Plan, basing the share on work necessary rather than on population, the Board tabled until May 20 action on this proposal.

A study was directed of the desirability of enforcing the requirement of privilege licenses provided for in the Code of General Ordinances. The Mayor was asked to direct Montreat - Anderson

ege to discontinue the use of a dump on Oklahoma Terrace and to cover the present pile of debris. A special meeting for discussion of a proposed budget for 1976-1977 was set for May 20 at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Visitors were welcomed and recognized. Monroe Ashley, Executive Director Mountain Retreat Association, introduced the new Administrative Director, John Lewis. Ashley also informed the group that since the suggested repairs to the dam would require at least 120

remain unfilled this summer. The Association is considering what might be done both to improve the appearance of the empty lake and to make it

The meeting was adjourned until the special meeting announced for May 20. The next regular meeting will be held on June 10 at 7:30 i

Commencement Exercises Slated For Owen High School

commencement Exercises of the Charles D. Owen High School will be held in the B.W. Spilman Auditorium at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held Sunday May 23, at 8:00 p.m. The Baccalaureate Address will be given by Frank Shelby Thielman and David Charles Wilson. They will be introduced by Robert K. Norton.

The Owen Senior Ensemble will present the Anthem "The New 23rd Psalm" by Ralph Carmichael. The Prelude, Processional and Recessional will be presented by Miss Anita Karen McCracken, Pianist and Miss Janice

Lednum Price, Organist. Graduation Exercises will be held Wednesday May 26 at 8:00 p.m. The Invocation will be given by Frank Thielman. Miss Chrisann Ohler will give

the Valedictory Address. The Graduation Address will be given by Lewis Anthony Wright. They will be introduced by Rebecca Leigh Bridges.

Miss Brenda Diane Harwood will recognize the Honor Students. The Scholarship Winners will be recognized by Tony Wright. The Beta Club members will be recognized by Miss Donna Pate. A tribute to Parents and friends will be given by Ivan Byron Bailey.

Charles A. Lytle, principal and Olen Sisk, Asst. principal will present diplomas to the graduates.

An Anthem "The Way We Were" by Hamilsch will be presented by the Owen Senior Ensemble.

The Preslude, Processional and Recessional will be presented by Miss Anita McCracken, pianist and Miss Janice Price, organist.

since 1918. The younger

Digges has won re-election

three times, only once with

opposition. A potential issue in

the campaign is the complaint

chemistry, physics and general science 13 years at

Reynolds High School before

taking the job at South French

He said he believes more

vocational courses in the

schools is the key to getting

more industry in the county.

If elected to the school board

the nonpartisan November

election, he said, he will also

try to secure participation by

students, citizens and businesses in developing a

broader school curriculum.

health care and child care

areas, he asserted.

There are many needs in the

Buncombe County Com-

missioner Roy M. Trantham

officially entered the race for

the chairmanship of the Board

of County Commissioners

Wednesday by paying his

filing fee at the Board of

Trantham, a Democrat,

faces an Aug. 17 primary

against incumbent chairman

R. Curtis Ratcliff, a

Republican, and Clerk of

Court J. Ray Elingburg.

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AFTER COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES at Warren Wilson, students and faculty members relax with family and friends as they receive

Warren Wilson Graduates 53

Fifty-three seniors received bachelor of arts degrees in commencement exercises Friday at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa.

President Reuben A. Holden addressed the graduating class and Rev. Frederick G Ohler, chaplain of the college, presented the invocation and

Taylor Lists Revenues Sources

U.S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor today published in the Congressional Record the sources and amounts of income he and Mrs. Taylor received during calendar year 1975, in addition to his salary as a Member of Congress, and the amounts of federal and state income tax they paid for

The 11th District Congressman detailed the additional income as \$2,459.56 from a family-owned dairy farm in Leicester Township of Buncombe County, N.C.; \$2,485.47 from dividends from a variety of stocks and bonds held by him and his wife; \$392.21 from interest on purchase money real estate notes, savings deposits. Swannanoa, N.C. Baptist Church bonds, etc.; and \$2,302.26 from North Carolina State and Local Employees' Retirement System (based on N.C. State and local service performed before going to

Congress). The Congressman's report showed that he and Mrs. Taylor paid \$10,538.22 in federal income tax and \$1,944.77 in state income tax for calendar year 1975.

In making his report, Congressman Taylor told his colleagues that he had adopted a policy of going beyond the requirements of the law in making financial disclosure, having previously published in the Congressional Record the sources and amounts of additional income through 1974 for each year he has been in Congress and the amounts of federal and state income tax he and his wife paid for calendar years 1969 through 1974.

Dr. Holden told the graduating class that small. church-related colleges like Warren Wilson give students a strong sense of values and morals as well as a basic education.

Pointing to Watergate and other national and international events in recent years, Dr. Holden said the nation needs a better sense of values today. The small church-related

colleges played a major role in the nation's history during the first 150 years of this country, according to Dr. Holden, who said this influence can be seen in the leaders of that period.

Dr. Holden said that, although the seniors have received their degrees, their education is only just beginning and must continue to be an on-going process for the rest of their lives.

Degrees were presented by Dr. Holden and Dr. Samuel Scoville, dean of the college. Dr. and Mrs. Holden

received members of the graduating class and their families at their home immediately following the ceremony.

The graduating class included seven students from the Asheville area:

Judith Hinshaw Dod, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Howard Hinshaw of 61 Conscience major. Mrs. Dod and her husband, Rev. David Dod, live on campus.

Beth Gettys is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Gettys of 28 N. Pershing Rd., and a music-education major. She is a 1971 graduate of A.C. Reynolds High School.

Greg Harris, a biologyeducation major and a 1972 graduate of A.C. Reynolds High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Harris of 661 Fairview Rd.

Kathy Jean Lamb of Avondale Rd., Black Mountain, is a music major and a 1969 graduate of Barboursville High School in Barboursville, W. Va. Kathy is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel F Smith of Tampa, Fla.

Peter Lorenz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin P. Lorenz of Rt. 5 Asheville, is an Englishtheatre major and a 1971 graduate of A.C. Reynolds High Schgool.

Carole Ann Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman O. Morgan of 24 Stockwood Dr., is also an English-theatre major and a 1971 graduate of A.C. Reynolds High School.

Sherie Lee Ray, an elementary education major and 1972 graduate of Asheville Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Ray of 17 Hampden Rd.

View Of Geyser From Excursion Train

Grocery Store Robbed

Propst Grocery Craigmont Road in Black Mountain was robbed Wednesday morning, May 12, by an armed man, Black Mountain police reported.

Patrolman Myron Fineberg Said the robb r entered at 7:20 .m. as the owner, David

Propst, was preparing to close the store for a few minutes. Propst had just taken the money from the cash register, the patrolman said, when the intruder struck him on the side_of the head with his sawed-off shotgun, forced him into the basement, bound him, took his car keys, cut the

telephone line and left. In addition to the cash, the robber took Propst's late model station wagon, Fineberg said. Propst car was later recovered at Oteen.

Propst was treated for ear lacerations at Memorial Mission Hospital.

Four More Hats Tossed Into **Political Ring** Briggs' are those of Thomas appointed register of deeds in F. Eller, challenging in-cumbent Democrat William 1963 to fill the unexpired term of his father, George A. Digges, who held the post

Asheville businessman Narvel J. "Jim" Crawford announced Wednesday, May 12, he will seek Democratic nomination for a seat in the Western North Carolina delegation to the state House of Represen-

Also, Wednesday, Superior Court Judge Bruce B. Briggs of Mars Hill announced his intention to seek the nomination as Republican candidate for the 11th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, from which veteran Democrat Roy A. Taylor is retiring.

In announcing his candidacy for the state seat, Crawford, who is chairman of Democratic Precinct 3, said, "My political philosophy is simple and straightforward. My position on any issue will be determined by what is best for our area.'

"I will work for increased economy and efficiency in government, more and better jobs, tighter controls on spending and taxation, increased support for education, stronger law enforcement and speedier administration of justice, improvement in our penal system and increased consumer protection." he

Crawford, a Buncombe County native, has served as a member of the state Democratic Executive Committee and as 11th District representative on a 15-member committee currently drafting the party's platform for consideration at the state convention in June. The 46-year-old parking lot

owner earned a political science degree and was in Phi Beta Kappa society at Duke University. After military service with the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps in Europe, he entered the publishing field, working as an Random House and Odyssey Press publishing houses.

Other hats tossed into the political ring Wednesday besides Crawfords' and

E. Digges as Buncombe County register of deeds, and J.W. Morgan, a South French Broad Junior High School science teacher, who became the second candidate for the at-large seat on the expanded Buncombe County Board of

Diggs filed for re-election Tuesday, saying he would campaign on his record in office, which includes microfilming county records. He has been register of deeds since 1963.

Briggs, 38, a former Asheville attorney, state senator and assistant U.S. attorney, resigned his 24th Judicial District judgeship effective Wednesday. He was appointed to the bench in February, 1975, by Gov. James E. Holshouser Jr.

"One of the main reasons I'm seeking this office is my firm belief that we need to put the government of Washington back in the hands of the people," he said in a news conference at the Sheraton Motor Inn.

"For too long, the laws and regulations coming out of the federal government in Washington have grown and grown until they interfere too muchin the lives and affairs of average citizens and small business people," said Briggs, 38, who was a district court judge prior to the superior court appointment.

Eller, 34, is a legal assistant with the firm of McGuire, Wood, Erwin and Crowe. He cited his frequent dealings with the register of deeds office as a major factor in his qualification for the position he is seeking.

requirements for a bachelor's degree at Western Carolina University, where he is studying business, business law and real estate.

He was president of the Buncombe County Young Democrats in 1973 and 1974. The incumbent, Digges, was

Your Chamber of Commerce has planned a day of activities for everyone in the Valley on Monday, May 31, at Owen High School football field.

Games, contests, band concert, tug-of-war events, prizes and more.

the outcome of the truckers' strike - at this writing. The day's events will conclude with a salute to all of our

Chamber Plans Outing For Valley

Extent of the planned fireworks display will depend on

Chet Prentice, chairman of the events, promises an unforgettable experience for everyone of all ages, "and

Benje's **Bulletin Board**

We have good news and bad about our boy this week. So let's get the bad out of the way first. After such a wonderful weekend, as we reported last week, Benje had a pretty tough week. He was not able to be out of bed until Friday, May 14, again. He was just too weak. However some more skin grafts were done.

Benje is still on the A-1 critical list and apparently will be for some time to come. His burns are very serious and will require treatment over many months.

There will be numerous trips to surgery for grafts, etc. for a

It is extremely difficult to explain to a little six year old, no matter how brave, that he must do something although it is going to hurt; but this is what his momma has to do - again and again. Benje is still cooperating but for how long? It is going to require supreme patience to guide and encourage him through these

His worst burns are on his little hands, arms, one ear and a spot on his chest. The doctors say he must be encouraged to use his hands and arms, a painful process, but necessary. His momma has been encouraging to use his hands for a two fold purpose - the exercise and to get solid food into him. He has been conveying potato chips, placed in his hands to his mouth and eating them. A

He still is showing tremendous spirit and courage. The visit from his father did wonders for him and Dorsie. Skin grafts are progressing but our brave little guy isn't out of the woods, yet.

Have you written or sent a card to Benje or Dorsie. Please do, it's important. Here's the address . 1036 Anderson Hill Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

Also blood is still being used. The hours for the Red Cross Blood Bank are: Monday and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Wednesday afternoon 1 to 5 p.m.

Now for some good news. He had no temperature Saturday when we talked to the folks and had not had any for a while. His blood pressure has stabilized and he stood the graft surgery well. He enjoyed seeing his dad and rough-housing (on a minor scale) with him. He also got a shampoo, administered by dad, in a professional manner. He's eating better, asking for peanut butter