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Life At Highland Farms

The month of June, which has displayed too few perfect days, is soon ending, but last Friday, June 18, was a day such as Lowell must have had in mind when he wrote: "And what is so rare as a day in June? Then if ever come perfect days. Then heaven tries earth if it be in tune. And over it softly her warm ear lays."

On that lovely day a group of some 20 Highland Farmers, including Chet and Bunny, drove to Craggy Gardens to see the purple rhododendron and other flowers. The flame azaleas along the road, both the light yellow and the dark orange, were at their peak. We agree with the pioneer naturalist, William Bartram, who, in 1776, declared them to be "the most gay and brilliant flowering shrub yet known."

As we sat at the picnic tables in a grove of buckeye trees feasting on the delicious lunch prepared by our kitchen staff, our eyes feasted on the rhododendron bushes scattered over the hillsides, not crowded together, so that each one was round and completely covered with large clusters of waxy blossoms, looking not unlike clusters of roses. This no doubt led to the derivation of its name from the Greek: rhodon, rose and dendron, tree. The trip home gave further excellent views of the azalea and the mountain laurel and rounded out a truly delightful day. At the center of the Highland Farms Food services lies the kitchen which furnishes some 300 meals each day to the 83 apartment dwellers, the 60 patients in the Health Care Center, and the 64 staff members. When the new apartments have filled up in the fall the total will be roughly between 400 and 500, depending on the revised meal schedule. That's a lot of meals any way you look at it, considering the diversities involved in satisfying that many appetites, tastes, health and administration requirements; not to speak of many extracurricular functions such as dinners, receptions, Rotary meals, banquets, special luncheons, teas, gourmet spreads, outdoor picnics and what have you.

With general guidance provided by "Bunny" Harris, residence

director and Jean Tait, consulting dietician, supplemented by suggestions from the tenants' Food Committee headed by Io Rayner and by the ratio of praises to squawks (very, very high), the heart of the kitchen beats in the person of Jerry Curtis, the Director of Food Services.

He is an ex-Marine (they aren't all that tough) with two years of special training at Asheville - Buncombe Tech, a degree in Hotel-Restaurant Management, and four years of bedrock experience in restaurants and cafeterias. If you want it, Jerry can cook it. With all he has to provide a balanced diet with adequate choices for the tenants and staff, and beyond that he must provide the Health Care Center patients with a wide spectrum of special diets, and of course, the patients are served first.

Don't think Jerry gets along without the best of help. Calm Jo Fender, Assistant Director of Food Services and his deputy, picks up the load when he is off duty. She and three expert cooks, Nellie Cooper, Ruby Buas and Frances McElrath, all local residents, prepare the food, keep it coming, and help to serve it, supported by a busy group of helpers.

No small part of Jerry's job is ordering and maintaining his very broad-ranging supply of quality food. His pantry, refrigerator and a walk-in freezer have to be kept full-up, for both routine and emergency conditions. He senses what people like and choose, by personally serving the main dish to every tenant most of the time. He keeps tab on what may be left on the plates. He always has the haunting problem of how to handle the overruns. The big freezer helps of course. Last but not least is his responsibility for retaining that prized Grade A rating of the State Sanitary Inspection team.

Like all good chefs, he beams at his "customers", laughs flatteringly at their quips, caters to their tastes, and is solicitous about their satisfaction, so that we might say in the words of the old song, "Hardly is heard a discouraging word, And the sky is not cloudy all day."

A wind of 231 miles per hour was recorded in 1934 at Mount Washington, New Hampshire.

Kiwanis Roundup

It could be told that at the Kiwanis meeting of June 17 we learned that Pete Bolkan is expected back soon and that Deke Ellis, because of another birthday, is having back trouble and that Sam Leonard had as his guest his son-in-law, Rev. J. Norton Dendy of Columbia, South Carolina, but we won't.

Kiwanian Reginald Royston's program for the day concerning a 19 day trip around the Caribbean and through the Panama Canal deserves proper reporting. His talk and color slides starting on top of the International Trade Building in New Orleans showed a view of his ship the Morazan of the U.S. Fruit Co. of 9300 tons and 400 feet long and the muddy Mississippi River. This ship had eight passenger cabins and a dining room for 28 persons who were served good food. Life aboard was easy living. At fire drill the Roystons were happy to learn that the life boats could care for 66 persons. Mr. Royston packed in a lot of history and excellent description of the several locks as well as the Canal Zone and in particular the Old Panama City famed for its sacking by pirates.

Mention could be made that Sept. 30 will be Kiwanis Ladies' night and that Oct. 8 has been cleared for our famous annual Pancake Jamboree.

Nothing will be written about all that because of the overwhelming importance of a special event taking place in our Swannanoa Valley - namely the Swannanoa Valley Medical Center Fair to be held on Friday and Saturday June 25 and 26 at the Parking Lot of the First Baptist Church on Montreat Road in Black Mountain. Many interested persons have been busy planning and preparing the fair booths. Individuals and business concerns are creating interesting displays.

There will be lots to see and to buy with Refreshments to keep you going. It is a grand time to buy Christmas gifts and to help you feed and entertain guests. There will be many articles hand-crafted in our area. So if you are traveling this year take along presents from the fair for friends and relatives. Summer residents and guests are cordially invited to enter into the spirit of the fair.

A last word to all Kiwanians and all willing to help disassemble the booths late Saturday afternoon and evening. We need many willing hands.

Dougherty And McSwain No. 1 In Mixed Doubles

By Jimmie McSwain In a challenge match at the Black Mountain courts, Norman Dougherty and Jimmie McSwain teamed to beat Steve Austin and Teresa Tatham in a close fight for the No. 1 spot in Mixed Doubles on the Tennis Ladder. Dougherty and McSwain were down 4-1 at the beginning of the match and came from behind to win in straight sets of 7-5, 7-6. Paul Dougherty scored another two-set victory over Billy Studenc, Jr. in Junior Boys Singles this week. Scores were 6-0, 6-3.

In Men's Singles, John Spray coasted past Joe Dillingham, 6-2, 6-2. Steve Austin trounced Bill Studenc, 6-1, 6-1. Mike Brackett advanced to No. 4 when he trimmed Don King, 6-3, 6-2. Jerry Curtis squared off with Bill Studenc in a three-set, hard-fought victory, 6-4, 1-6, 6-6. Steve Austin advanced with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Don King. Norman Dougherty successfully defended his No. 2 spot with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Randy Champion.

In Men's Doubles, Steve Austin and Keith Osteen easily won two matches, defeating John Sundria and John Spray, 6-0, 6-1, and blanking Dean Wilkerson and Jerry Caldwell, 6-0, 6-0.

Tennis Tournament: Plans are under way to schedule a tennis tournament for Buncombe County immediately following the Fourth of July. More details next week.

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