

### Mountain Blossoms Will Soon Be At Peak In Southern Appalachians

ASHEVILLE—The sorcery of spring again is at work in Southern Appalachians, casting the spell of fragrance and color upon mountains and coasts.

Already the first wild flowers have come and gone in the warmer lowlands, giving way to successors more vivid and far more numerous.

Red maple, yellow spicebush, blood root, and similar early bloomers made their debuts weeks ago.

As always, it is virtually impossible to pinpoint blooming dates in advance for the "normal" season is a ratty. Nature is an ad lib performer; it abhors the metronome.

#### BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Motorists on the Blue Ridge Parkway will at the present time, according to Superintendent Sam Weems, view a welcome dash of red maple among the leafless forest, and spice bush is out in all its yellow splendor.

By late April the shadow will be at peak of bloom. Shadblow is a common growth on the Parkway through the Craggy Mountains, and a good display is seen on the moun-

tain sides of Happy Valley. The Parking overlooks just north of Asheville are fine places to stop and view nature's spring floral display.

There are several ground flowers worthy of note. Early saxifrage and giant chickweed bloom in sociable groups within the forest. Saxifrage means "rock breaker" and this diminutive white flower grows upright from the mossy outcrops that are so familiar in the southern mountains.

The giant chickweed is a giant only in comparison with other chickweeds. Its flower is scarcely dime size, having five petals, but each cleft so deeply down the middle that it takes a sharp look to be sure there aren't ten! Bloodroot, or puccoon, blooms in scattered colonies beneath the forest. It has two mitten-shaped leaves, curled over the unopened bud. Bloodroot yields a red juice that has been used by the Indians and mountain folk for years and years as a dye.

In early May the Parkway visitor will find dogwood abundant. Two other attractive trees to see will be the Fraser magnolia and the firecherry. The magnolia is a major bloom from Crabtree Meadows recreation area north to Doughton Park. Its creamy white flowers literally stud the mountainsides. Firecherry covers the lower slopes of Mount Mitchell and is evident all the way to Grandfather Mountain.

Along the crest of the Blue Ridge mountains between Blowing Rock and Linville, near Grandfather mountain, the rhododendron blooms so luxuriously (June 1-15 this year) that the sky seems to glow with its deep pink.

During early May the redtwig dogwood will appear along the stretches through the WNC forests. An odd spring bloom is the hobblebush viburnum, found on the Parkway only at higher elevations, such as 4,500 to 5,000 feet. A rewarding session with ground flowers during May may be enjoyed at Crabtree Meadows recreation area on the Parkway near Little Switzerland. All through the picnic grounds of crested dwarf iris and poor robins plantain. There are early blue violets, the columbine, giant merrybell's, Ca-

nada violet, woodbetony, and many trilliums. There are probably more varieties of trilliums to be seen in the Asheville area than any other spot in America. Entire slopes are covered with them around the Craggies during May.

White rhododendron blooms in late June and early July. Azalea blooms from late May through most of June.

**GREAT SMOKIES**  
Arthur Stupka, Great Smoky Mountains National Park Naturalist, predicts blooming peak for rose-pink rhododendron to be June 10-15. Park plants now in bloom, or those which soon will be in bloom, include the red maple, service, blue beech, redbud, white poplar, peach, sassafras, winged elm, pear, and the American elm. Also now blooming, or ready to bloom, are the hazelnut, wintercedar, pussy-toes, columbine, wintergreen, mouse-ear-chickweed, trailing arbutus, poor robin's plantain, dogtooth violet, wild geranium, buets, crested iris, cowslip, trillium, field pansy, and the pansy.

Azalea, laurel, and rhododendron form virtually impenetrable wilds on the Smoky mountain peaks, vast areas which are treeless for reasons unknown. One of the most prodigious displays of flame azalea is to be seen a few days past mid-June on Gregory's bald, west of Clingman's dome in the Smokies. Only a little less spectacular is a similar sea of blossoms on Andrews bald, southeast of Clingman's dome.

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at Craggy Gardens and Mt. Pisgah about the second week in June, with a late June peak period on Mount Mitchell and Roan Mountain.

**PISGAH-CROATAN**  
In the Pisgah-Croatan National Forest area, the myriad of small flowers such as trillium, jack-in-pulpit, blood root, etc., starts blooming late in April and last until mid-June or later. Choice views may be found on the South Toe River, the Big Ivy section and along Davidson River.

Mountain laurel starts blooming in late April north of Morganton and Lenoir at low elevations, reaching its peak over most of the forest about the 20th of May and continuing into June at higher elevations. Pink beds are usually at their best during late May or early June. Dogwood and redbud bloom in early to mid-May.

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### Pond Furnished Water Supply

A two-acre pond just completed on the farm of W. Elliott, Negro farmer of Route 1, Dunn, will be used for watering livestock as well as providing an attractive recreation spot for the family.

According to H. A. Johnson, Negro farm agent in Cumberland County for the State College Extension Service, the pond is ideally suited for both these purposes, since it is located near the house and also joins the pasture land.

The soil on Elliott's farm is well suited to pasture production. Most of it has a clay bottom with a sufficient amount of topsoil. However, lime is one of the big needs, and in some of the fields there are stumps that need to be removed before the area is seeded to pasture grasses.

The present livestock consists of several hogs and cows. Elliott plans to seed several acres of pasture each fall until he has enough to carry a larger number of animals.

A breeding and housing plan for swine is being worked out. The pond will be stocked with fish this fall and fertilized according to recommendations of the North Carolina Experiment Station. Elliott feels that in about two years the pond will help greatly in supplementing his meat supply.

### Folder Published On Bow Saw Care

The State College Extension Service announces publication of a new folder on "Care and Use of the Bow Saw."

The folder was prepared by extension forestry specialists, who points out that a bow saw, filed and used the right way, will cut wood faster in small timber than a two-man cross-cut saw. This is why bow saws are being used more and more to cut pulpwood.

To cut wood fast and easy, any saw must be set and filed the right way. With practice, almost anyone, by being careful, can learn how to sharpen a bow saw if he has the right tools.

The folder is illustrated with a series of simple, easy-to-follow drawings.

### MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



WAYNE B. SHUTT

### Wayne Shutt At Superior Stone

By DOT HAM

Because of a hot civil war in Colombia, South America in early 1951 we find Wayne B. Shutt, who is now serving on the supervisory staff at Superior Stone Company's Kings Mountain division, adding his part to the community life as a Kings Mountain citizen.

Before joining Superior Stone company in November, 1951 Mr. Shutt had worked in heavy construction in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, California and other parts of the United States, parts of South America, and in the Panama Canal Zone.

He went to South America in 1937 where he worked with Barco Engineers on a pipe line job near the Venezuelan border that went 495 miles into jungle mountains.

During and following World War II, he ran quarries for the United States government, but was loaned to the government of Panama to build two sections of roads which later became a part of the Pan American highway system. While loaned to the Panama government he helped to build two airfields in interior Panama.

In 1949 Mr. Shutt built his own

rock plant in Medellin, Colombia, S. A., which is the industrial city in Colombia. Prior to coming back to the States he sold this plant to a Colombia firm.

Mr. Shutt was born in Sugar Creek, Ohio and attended Ohio State University where he studied construction engineering.

While working in the Panama Canal Zone he met and married his wife, the former Miss Ruth L. Walker, of New York, in 1940. Mrs. Shutt is a registered nurse and while working in South America she was associated with Gorgas Hospital in Ancon, Panama.

Mr. Shutt has two children by a former marriage Mrs. Mary Katherine Warther of Dover, Ohio and Suzanne who is a freshman at Ohio State University majoring in science and Paula, age 8, and Jimmy, age 7, are students at Park Grace school.

The Shutt's attend the Unitarian church in Charlotte.

The family hobbies are playing golf and bridge. Mr. Shutt also enjoys hunting and fishing. Mr. and Mrs. Shutt stated they like Kings Mountain fine and were finding the people very cordial and hospitable. Mrs. Shutt said she was especially enjoying the spring flowers that they were the first she had seen since 1936.

The carryover of corn next August 1 may drop below the 2.3 million bales of last August 1, the lowest of the last 26 years. U. S. mill consumption is expected to total about 9.5 million bales and exports about 6 million bales. The supply for the season is estimated at 17.4 million.

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Carl Bell, 2b	4	0	2	1
Dean Payne, rf	4	0	0	3
Bob Huskey, lf	3	0	1	0
Ken Spencer, c	2	0	0	5
Marvin Ledbetter, p	1	0	0	0
Dean Huskey, 3b	1	0	0	0
x-Jiles Bell, 2b	1	0	0	0
Jack Harmon, cf	2	0	0	1
x-James Cook, cf	1	1	1	0
Irvin McSwain, ss	3	1	1	0
Dean Champion, 1b	3	0	0	0
TOTALS	29	5	8	19

GAME OF APRIL 15	AB	RH	PO	A
LATTIMORE	3	0	0	2
R. Cabiness, 2b	3	0	0	2
L. Cabiness, ss	3	0	1	6
Lovetace, 1b	3	0	1	0
Elliott, c	3	2	2	0
Harris, cf	3	1	1	0
Bell, lf	3	1	1	0
Brown, 3b	2	1	0	0
Cooper, rf	3	0	0	0
Humphries, p	2	0	0	1
TOTALS	26	4	6	17

GAME OF APRIL 15	AB	RH	PO	A
MOORESBORO	3	0	0	2
Blackwell, c	3	0	1	0
Cromer, cf	3	0	1	0
Hard, lf	3	0	0	0
Davidson, p	3	0	0	0
Putnam, ss	3	1	0	2
Henley, 3b	2	1	0	0
Harris, rf	3	0	1	0
Jenkins, 1b	3	0	2	0
J. McKinney, 2b	3	0	0	2
TOTALS	26	2	4	12

GAME OF APRIL 15	AB	RH	PO	A
BETH WARE	4	2	2	0
C. Bell, 2b	4	0	1	0
D. Payne, rf	4	0	1	0
Bob Huskey, lf	3	0	1	0
K. Spencer, c	4	0	0	11
G. Bell, p	4	0	0	2
D. Huskey, 3b	3	1	0	1
J. Cook, cf	3	1	0	0
I. McSwain, ss	3	1	1	0
Q. Champion, 1b	3	1	2	0
TOTALS	30	8	21	15

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