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BLOWING ROCK TEMPERATURES

	High	Low
July 1	70	55
July 2	70	58
July 3	68	61
July 4	74	60
July 5	72	58
July 6	70	58
July 7	71	58

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Around Town
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Once again the Fourth of July has come and gone. Now we can look forward to some of the highlights of our summer season in Blowing Rock.

Clans Gather At Grandfather Mountain For Highland Games

The 10th annual Grandfather in Highland Games and piping of the Scottish Clans will be held on the grassy slopes of Grandfather Mountain as the colorful conclave turns the area into a bit of a playground.

The featured attraction of this 10th anniversary program will be the Air Force Bagpipe Band, in its first appearance at Grandfather Mountain. Dozens of pipe bands in costume—some in traditional highland dress—will also play and parade. In addition, there will be costumed dancers of more than 100 different clans and septa from throughout the U.S.A. Last year, participants in the event registered from 15 states, New Zealand, Scotland, Canada, and Alaska.

The program gets underway the evening of July 10 with registration followed by novice piping and

children's dances. After picnic lunch, pipe bands will pass in review and musicians and athletes will enter competitive events. That evening, a Tartan Ball will be held at Lees-McRae College in nearby Banner Elk. The July 11 program opens with a worship service and introduction of guests of honor. Bands and athletes will be featured that afternoon, with a "Highland Shoot" by the North Carolina Archery Association concluding the program.

The Games and Clans Gathering is sponsored by 16 Scottish clans and societies from all over the U.S.A. President of the Games is N. J. MacDonald, vice-president of the St. Andrews Society of New York State and a governor of the Clan Donald Society of the U.S. Vice President is Robert W. Groves, Jr., member and former president of the St. Andrews Society of Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. Angus MacRae Morton of Wilmington and Linville, descendents of Scottish highlanders who came from their native land to North Carolina's Cape Fear Valley years ago, is founder of the Games.

Grandfather Mountain, elevation 5,964 feet, is the tallest peak in the Blue Ridge Range. It overlooks the resort of Linville, the Blue Ridge Parkway and N.C. Highway 105 in northwestern North Carolina, and is within a short drive of Boone and Blowing Rock.



HIGHLAND GAMES — The Miami Bagpipe Band will return to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans July 10 and 11 to repeat their popular performance of last year, when this picture was made. Other bands joining the Florida group at the 1965 Highland Games in the mountains of North Carolina are the United States Air Force Bagpipe Band from Washington and the Carnegie Tech Bagpipe Band from Pittsburgh.

This weekend the Clans gather on Grandfather Mountain for their annual highland games. This is an attraction which always draws large crowds and is an event well worth witnessing.

St. Mary's Tour of Homes is another annual event which draws a lot of attention and this year it is scheduled to be held on Friday, July 30. There will be five homes to visit this year.

We will all be looking forward to the annual Horse Show to be held August 5 through 8.

Grandfather Home Day will be held this year on Sunday, August 8. This is the event where Opera Singers come to our town and donate their talents to raising money for the orphanage.

On August 21 and 22, the annual Grandfather Mountain Camera Clinic and Carolina Press Photographers Queen Pageant will be held.

And don't forget, that our town will have a special election on August 3 at which time voters will decide whether or not Blowing Rock is to have an ABC Store and be allowed to sell beer and wine.

Your Homes Offer Excellent Variety

Have you marked Friday, July 10 on your calendar? If you have not, do it now. It is the date for the Tour of Homes, an event sponsored by the St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal Church.

Homes are on this year's tour. The oldest home is the Righton home on Main Street which was built in 1886. It is owned by Dr. Harry Y. Righton of Blowing Rock, Ga. The newest of the homes is RICK'S-COR-EL, the home of Mrs. Elie Mattar in Maypark, which was built in 1960. Other homes are: CHESTNUT home of Mrs. G. Matthew on Main Street; WINDSWEPT, home of Mrs. Thomas L. Dysard, constructed in 1955; and the McEachern home, POVER-LL, dating back to 1947.

The Peppard home, originally owned by Dr. and Mrs. Harry Peppard, is furnished in an antique style and one heavy wooden

chair is said to be the office chair of President Thomas Jefferson.

Furnishings in the McEachern home include most of the original furniture which was made by Mr. Moody of Blowing Rock, to which they have added some antiques.

Palest Phillipean Mahogany, with occasional dark panels, is used on the walls of the entire first floor of WINDSWEPT, the Dysard home. Here too is a magnificent view overlooking Globe valley gorge.

The Righton home is the first summer cottage built in Blowing Rock. It is Victorian architecture and all inside walls, doors and mantels are of hand sawed Chestnut. The rooms have high ceilings and broad pine flooring and are furnished with some of the original furniture and many antiques.

A mixture of French, Italian, Spanish and contemporary furniture is used in the Mattar home. There are many pieces of fine art which were collected by the late Mr. Elie Mattar. One unusual piece of furniture is a Chickering piano, the last one made by that company at its Boston plant before it moved in the 1880's.

Tickets for the tour may be purchased in advance or on the day of the tour at the church, the starting point.

Official cars and drivers will be at the church to take all persons on the tour. Each of the homes will have a number of hostesses.

Luncheon will be available at the Parish Hall and will be served at the noon hour and until about 2 p.m. Free refreshments will be served at the end of the trip to all taking the tour.

A bazaar in the Parish House will be an added attraction this year. There will be for sale a variety of hand-made garments, homemade jams and jellies, and baked goods.

The annual Tour of Homes is the major fund-raising project of the Women of the Church and proceeds are used to further the work of the church. A huge success since its beginning in 1959, this year's tour is expected to attract even more visitors from the immediate area and from throughout central and western North Carolina.



HIGHLAND DANCING — Competition is always keen in the Highland Dance contest held in conjunction with the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of the Scottish Clans, set for July 10-11 near Linville, N.C. Other contests include track and field events, bagpiping, and traditional Scottish contests of tossing the caber and tossing the sheaf.

Dr. W. Mark Depp Speaks To Rotarians At Weekly Meet

The Rotary Club enjoyed a most interesting and thought provoking talk by Dr. W. Mark Depp, a Past President of the Rotary Club in Winston-Salem, and for many years pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church in the same City. Currently he is the minister at the Blowing Rock Methodist Church. It was the regular weekly meeting held at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant. Everyone was pleased with the roast chicken dinner.

The President called on Louis H. Smith, of the Boone Rotary Club, to introduce the speaker. He pointed out that Dr. Depp's accomplishments were too well known for him to use valuable time repeating them.

Dr. Depp first pointed out that the disturbed conditions, not only in the United States but in all the world, were so important that they should be the thoughtful consideration of all. He said it was quite evident that Free Enterprise and Socialism must adjust to some compromise. In fact many adjust-

ments have already been made. Economics must adjust as all countries are dependent for certain strategic materials even in war time. Of course, during war, these materials are shipped through neutral countries.

The Governments and the political situation keep changing and various world organizations have been created—among others, the World Court which is still functioning, The League of Nations which is disintegrated, and finally the United Nations which is struggling to accomplish a peaceful world. It has been estimated that if a nuclear war should start that 70 million people would be killed in the first twenty-four hours. Perhaps it wouldn't result in the extermination of the human race, but it certainly would be a terrible catastrophe and a useless and wasteful devastation.

Both of these phases are discussed in a book by Arnold Toynbee.

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Parish Hall Will Open Here On Sunday, July 18

The Parish Hall of Duke University will fill the pulpit at Blowing Rock Methodist Church on Sunday, July 18, while Dr. W. Mark Depp, summer pastor, is away a few days.

There is no stranger to the Blowing Rock as he was last year as pastor of the church during the month of August.

Dr. Depp is an internationally known pastor and teacher. He is a native of Larvik, Norway, and is a graduate of Oslo University. He received his theological training at the Norwegian Methodist Seminary, Uppsala, Sweden; Selly Oak Theological Seminary, Birmingham, England; and Duke Divinity School and Theological School of Religion in Durham, N.C.

Dr. Depp will be accompanied by his wife and their son, Jan. They will arrive in Blowing Rock on Sunday, July 18, and will be guests at the Park Hotel.

Congressman Presents Flag To Blowing Rock

Rain dampened the spirit but the program held at the Town Park Sunday afternoon, which lasted only about twenty minutes, showed the spirit of independence prevailed.

Words of welcome were spoken by J. E. Holshouser, Jr., Watauga County's Representative in the State Legislature; and Robert Hardin, Mayor of Blowing Rock.

Congressman James T. Broyhill gave a short address and presented the town with an American Flag which had flown over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. This flag will be flown here at the Town Office and Chamber of Commerce building. The flag was accepted by Mayor Hardin.

Although a lengthy program had been arranged, most of it had to be eliminated because of rain. A group of the Farm House singers gave a rendition of "America The Beautiful."

About one hundred and fifty persons turned out for the event.

Tammy Greene, Brinkie Brinkerhoff, Lisa Greene, Ricky Smith and Penny Gillian. The 5-6 year-old winners were Tony Carie and Hillary Lewis. Jerry Carie, Becky Wright, Caprita Sirgany, Tonya Poplin, April Crump, and Mark Robertson led the 6 and 7 year-olds. Helen Lewis, Steven and Michael Sigmon, and Laura Winston paced the 8-year-olds. The 9-year-olds were led by Gary Winston, Billy Carie, Leslie Lewis, and Tom Wright. Michael Carie led those 12 years of age.

In a Free-Style for children 8 years and under, Debbie Gaventa and Ann Marshall placed first; Vicki Coffey was second. In the 9-10 age group, Bill Burson was first; George Suddreth and Dale Beshears were second; and Jane Greene and Joe David Coffey, (Continued on Page 8)



Mayor Hardin is shown accepting the American Flag presented to the town by Congressman James T. Broyhill during Independence Day exercises held in the Municipal Park Sunday. (Photo by Flowers)

RELAY RACES

Blowing Rock's Fourth of July activities started Saturday. During the afternoon at Town Park, several relay races provided fun and entertainment for the participants, aged 2 to 12 years, and spectators. Miss Nancy Platt was in charge of the events.

Winners of age group 2-4 were

STREET DANCE

Saturday evening at 7:30 a street dance was held on Main Street. Following an hour of street dancing the crowd moved to the American Legion Hall where dancing continued until midnight.

Dowell Fox and his musicians supplied the music. An estimated four hundred persons participated.

SWIMMING CONTESTS

Another part of the holiday celebration was the series of swimming contests held Sunday afternoon at the municipal pool. Judges were Nancy Platt, Genie Pettit, Dave Thomas, and Peter Reinecke. Walter Garner and Lowell Moomsen served as starters. Pete Fogarassy, director of the pool, was manager of the events. A partial list of the winners follows.