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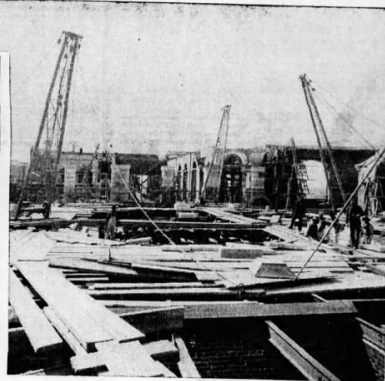
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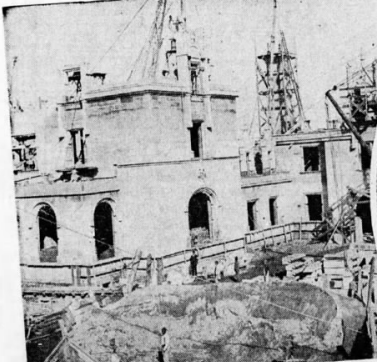
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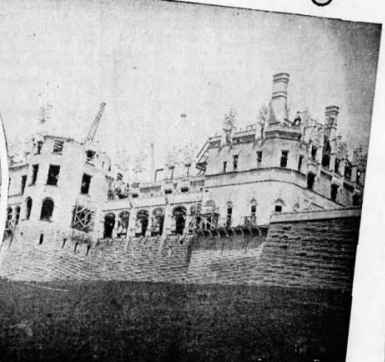
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**BEADLE HONORED FOR HIS WORK AT BILTMORE ESTATE**—Ceremonies on Biltmore estate tomorrow afternoon will honor C. D. Beadle, superintendent of the estate, as he observes his fiftieth anniversary with the estate. (1) Mr. Beadle is shown in the greenhouse at his "farm" near Oteen inspecting some of the more than 100,000 azalea cuttings he has growing there, many of which will be planted on the azalea garden being

developed by him on the estate. (2) George W. Vanderbilt, who developed Biltmore estate, posed for this picture shortly before his death in Washington in March, 1914. (3) Mr. Beadle here inspects one of the azalea plants already placed in the garden. (4) This is a view of one small section of the garden, which eventually will contain 30,000 azalea plants. Evergreens will give the garden a more or less formal appearance. (5) Mrs. Peter Goellet Gerry, wife of the senator from Rhode

Island and formerly Mrs. George Vanderbilt, will unveil the marker commemorating Mr. Beadle's services. (6) This is a scene during the early days of construction of Biltmore house, which required five years to build. (7) Here construction of the mansion has proceeded considerably. Approximately 1,000 persons were working on the chateau at this time. (8) This tablet, placed under the shade of the tree planted to mark the birth of Cornelia Vanderbilt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George

Vanderbilt, calls attention to Mr. Beadle's long and faithful services. (9) Another scene during the construction days of the mansion. A great deal of progress had been made when this was taken, although the building was not near completion. The azalea garden being planted by Mr. Beadle was his donation to the estate and is in a small valley near the mansion. It will include approximately 30 species and 100 varieties of azaleas, and will be developed during the next two or three years.

### GARDEN TO BE NAMED IN HIS HONOR MONDAY

Mrs. Peter Goellet Gerry Will Unveil Marker At Ceremonies

By JAMES A. BEST

"On a half-century of work spent in helping make the estate of the late George W. Vanderbilt one of America's great showplaces, Chas. D. Beadle will receive fitting recognition at ceremonies Monday.

An azalea garden on Biltmore estate, designed and planted by Mr. Beadle, will be named in his honor, and Mrs. Peter Goellet Gerry, the former Mrs. Vanderbilt, will unveil a bronze tablet in the garden bearing the following inscription:

"This azalea garden, designed and planted by Chas. D. Beadle, is named in his 50 years of faithful and loyal service as superintendent of the Biltmore Estate, to which he has so manfully devoted his great talents. April 1, 1940. Judge James G. Adams will be master of ceremonies at the ceremony, and Mr. Beadle will say a few words."

**Plants To Be Field**  
Following unveiling of the marker, approximately 400 persons—employees of Biltmore estate and their wives and sweethearts—will be entertained at a picnic at 4 p. m. on the estate. There will be no outside entertainers.

Planting of the azalea garden began in a little valley near the mansion last Thursday. The work will not be completed for a year or so and it will be several years before the azaleas reach the height of their beauty.

Mr. Beadle said the garden will contain about 30 species of azaleas and there will be about 100 varieties. The garden eventually will contain about 30,000 plants.

For the past seven years Mr. Beadle has been ordering azalea plants and propagating them at the greenhouse on his "farm" at Oteen. Some are unknown to botanical science. They have been collected from many states. He now has more than 100,000 plants.

When placed on the estate they will form a very remarkable collection of plants, Mr. Beadle said. American azaleas will be a number of the azaleas, but there will be some exotic plants, Rhododendrons, for example.

Included in the garden will be some rhododendrons, Mr. Beadle said, there is very little difference between the two plants and the rhododendrons is a member of the same genus.

Not only will there be many species and varieties of azaleas, he said, but many will be planted in the garden according to local conditions.

Mr. Beadle said that his reason for donating the azaleas to the estate is that he realizes it is a more stable organization than any private garden would be and therefore on the estate they would do the most good.

It was as a young man of 23 that Mr. Beadle came to what was then known as Asheville Junction to assist in landscaping Biltmore estate. He remained to complete the work of the landscape architect and to become superintendent of the estate.

Mr. Beadle was born in St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 1, 1866, the son of a lawyer and the grandson of a physician. His early schooling left the choice of the law or medicine open to him but his love of nature was so great that he turned his talents in that direction before he had gone very far with his formal education.

**No Road To Follow**  
Mr. Beadle recalled yesterday that when he arrived in Asheville and asked the location of the Vanderbilt estate, he was told to go three miles due south and he would find it. There was no road. Soon he learned wagon tracks leading through the forest and the rolling of timber. He came upon Mr. Vanderbilt and George Law Olmstead, the landscape architect in charge of the site where the mansion was being built.

He recalled that hundreds of skilled workers were required in the construction of the mansion, and that it was necessary to risk a railroad spur track to the site of the house to transport the heavy materials.

Referring to the azalea grounds many years later, which he had planned, Mr. Beadle said he had the shade of the tree planted to commemorate the birth of Cornelia Vanderbilt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt.

Mr. Beadle said that his one idea has been to carry out the plan in the mind of Mr. Olmstead and that he has attempted to make no innovations in the landscaping. Certain plants had to be removed when they outlived their usefulness, but in general the original plan has been followed.

**Filled With Art Treasures**  
It was not until five years after Mr. Beadle arrived in Asheville that Biltmore house was completed for Mr. Vanderbilt. It is filled with art treasures and antiques, the latter collected by personally from all corners of the earth, and is considered one of the most beautiful country estates in the nation.

The house contains several paintings of Sturges and Whistler, a china cabinet and the great Napoleon on the island of St. Helena, some of the finest tapestries, furniture from the borders of

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