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More Homes Needed

FRANKLIN has acquired quite a number of new residents within the past year—more, in fact, than it has been able to accommodate with comfortable dwellings.

A deplorable shortage of living quarters has developed. As one woman put it after scouring the town in search of a modest but comfortable home, the housing situation has become so acute that moving is like playing a game of puss-in-the-corner. When one family moves, several others generally follow suit, succeeding each other from house to house, and then someone is almost sure to get lost in the shuffle, being forced to double-up with somebody or take a house which is inadequate.

As yet we have not heard of any prospective residents being turned away on account of this condition, but unless Franklin acquires some new homes such an unhappy occurrence might easily develop. With the coming of summer we are beginning to wonder how we are going to take care of the usual influx of visitors. It would be a sorry come-to-pass if we had to tell some of them to move on to other towns; but if the tourist business comes up to expectations this year, this very likely will become necessary. The unfortunate thing about it is that some of our vacation visitors are potential permanent residents. A very large part of Florida's population is made up of people who went there to visit and remained to live. Even here in Franklin we have acquired some of our best residents in this manner. We would hate to see this process halted by lack of accommodations.

There seems to be considerable prejudice at this time against investments in residential rental property. Why? The usual answer is that residential property won't earn more than six per cent on the investment. We grant that to be true. But what other investment now-a-days is certain of paying even six per cent? Uncle Sam is offering only three and a quarter per cent.

There is another angle even more important. Of what value is the land we have (Franklin has more vacant lots than houses) if it remains undeveloped? Much of the vacant property in town is now only a liability, something which yields no revenue but upon which taxes must be paid each year. Developed on a reasonable basis, it will become an asset.

Certainly we cannot expect our town to continue its growth unless we encourage that growth.

BREVITIES—BY E. E. F.

Don't expect a lot in a lottery.
Love is never blind to competition.
"War is caused by greed."—Grandhi.
The man over-kind has an ax to grind.
Most stadiums have a college as a side-line.
Heed what you say, and others will heed it.
Hard to borrow money, easy to borrow trouble.
A "coon's age" is about "a month of Sundays."
Character is not made in a crisis, only exhibited.
It's some little woman that makes the great man.
The pep of youth is preferred to the wisdom of age.

CHEROKEE LORE

By Margaret R. Siler

Article IX

The Legend of the Purple Laurel and White Azalea

WHY is it that Standing Indian, late in May or early June, is crowned with a wreath of purple laurel, while its neighbor, Wayah Bald, appears a little later bedecked in white or pink azalea? Not a purple blossom is to be found on Wayah, not a white or pink blossom on Standing Indian. What is the reason for this strange floral difference on mountains so close to each other? Many have wondered.

Perhaps scientists could answer this riddle, but as yet they have not done so and we must rely upon the imagination for an explanation.

After the Great Spirit promised that the mountain tops should remain without timber as a reward

to the efforts of the Cherokee Indians in clearing them for look-out posts and in answer to their faithful prayers. The tribes no doubt gathered on these mountain tops and signaled to each other with fires at night.

Today signals are passed from the tops of these same mountains, from fire guard to fire guard, but by telephone wires instead of by bon fires.

Romance surely played a part in the lives of the Cherokees of long ago. This is clearly indicated in their legends. However, we have no story handed down from them concerning the striking differences of vegetation on Wayah Bald and Standing Indian; so we will call upon our own imagination in a manner much like that of the Indians themselves.

Let us suppose that it was at one of the great gatherings of the tribes for the building of Naquessa Mound that the terrible monster, of which we told in our last article, first appeared and carried off one of the little children playing by the river bank.

The reigning chief of all the tribes within a hundred miles or more, at this time, we will name Santouchee, "the great panther." Santouchee had a lovely daughter, Shalola, "the grey squirrel," who had many lovers among the young Indian braves. Each day much game was laid at the door of her wigwam. Birds, squirrels, young venison, and all the best food of the forest and streams were laid at her feet to obtain favor in her eyes.

When the little child was carried off by the monster that swooped from the skies, Santouchee at once offered his lovely daughter with the snapping black eyes and long raven hair as wife to the brave that would find the hiding place of the monster and aid in destroying it.

Among the many young braves was one who towered above the rest. He was as straight as a pine tree and so quick with bow and arrow that his arrows let fly almost it seemed before he raised his bow to the level of his eye. And always the game came down as his swift arrow point hit its mark. This splendid brave, Santa-calogue, was much in favor with the pretty Shalola but so were others of the handsome young men who gathered around the teepee of this big chief Santouchee. Santa-calogue wanted much to win the maiden. He was ready to undertake any hard or perilous work to find the home of the terrible monster. So he called together all the young braves and said that the forests would have to be removed from the mountain tops before they could see to trace the child-eating monster.

This, after much hard labor, was accomplished, as told before; but it was only by the aid of the Great Spirit that the monster and its young were slain. However, Santouchee gave Santa-calogue the credit for the idea of removing the forests that the Great Spirit promised should never grow back, so no other terrible thing should ever hide among them.

As the blood of the evil monsters was spilled on Standing Indian, it is now covered with an evergreen in place of the great forests that once stood there. Once in the spring these evergreens burst forth with a lovely flower, the color reddish purple blood, a symbol that the blood of no more child devouring monster should ever have to be spilled again by the hand of the Great Spirit. This promise is now scattered over different mountains, always high up, as near the sky as things can grow, to remind us of the Spirit above, who never breaks a promise.

After the days of prayers of thankfulness to the Great Spirit for delivering the people from this terror by a stroke from heaven, Chief Santouchee called all the tribes together for the wedding of his daughter, Shalola, and the brave, Santa-calogue.

Shalola wanted to leave the high mountain of blood red, where the monster had had its den, for her wedding, so she chose the mountain top in sight across many ridges and valleys, the Wayah or Wolf mountain. So there they gathered, young and old, till the mountain top was covered for the happy wedding. Shalola was dressed in the finest and softest coat of fawn skin, tanned and rubbed to velvet texture by the old squaws. Around the bottom, just touching her knees, was a fringe of rabbit tails. On her arms were gleaming bracelets of wolf fangs. In her raven black hair was a glowing wreath of Indian Pain Brush showing scarlet above her black, bright eyes. In her hand she held a tiny white flower that had thrown its fragrance in her path as she crossed the tossing clear stream of Wayah creek on her way up to her wedding. She stopped and searched for this sweet flower till she found it hidden amidst its close leaves, nodding at its reflection in the clear stream. Its sweet fragrance whispered to her of sweet joys ahead, of the love of a husband, of little babies in her arms.

As soon as Shalola could slip away for a few minutes after the wedding feast, she took a deer thong from her soft moccasins and tied her little white and pink flower to a huckleberry bush and said:

"Come sun and come rain, Warm and wet this little flower till the seed hidden deep its heart, ripen. Then come gentle south winds and scatter the tiny seed over this mountain so that my bridal flower shall cover the mountain top with sweetness and beauty for ever and ever."

And the wishes of the Indian bride send out their fragrance, sweet beyond description, every June to celebrate the great wedding of Shalola, the lovely Indian maiden, and Santa-calogue, the fine Indian brave.

Surely "they lived happily ever after!"

(THE END)

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the superior court of Macon County, North Carolina, made in a civil action entitled L. M. Wishon vs. J. E. Wishon et al, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 30th day of April, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash two certain tracts of land lying and being in Nantahala Township, Macon County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of— and others, and more particularly described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at the SW corner of No. 63 on the bank of Long Branch, and runs north 81 E 5 poles to a white oak; thence S 18 E 60 poles to a stake; then S 9 W 14 poles to a Spanish oak; then N 45 W 160 poles to a locust; then N 45 E 40 poles to the mouth of long branch; then up said branch to the beginning, containing 60 acres, more or less. Being the same land conveyed by W. R. Morgan and wife, to J. E. Wishon by deed dated January 12, 1920, recorded in Book E-4, page 357, records of deeds for Macon County, N. C.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at a hickory, the corner of the Sapps land and down the creek 60 poles to the mouth of long branch; then up said branch 85 poles to a bunch of lynn, corner of the Jarrett land 2660; thence with the line of said land N 40 W 195 poles to a cucumber; then with Isaac Wishon's line S 14 W 88 poles to a B oak; thence S 45 E to the beginning, containing 55 acres, more or less, being the same land conveyed by E. W. Owenby to J. E. Wishon by deed dated October 13, 1917, recorded in deed book B-4, page 404 records of deeds for Macon County, N. C.

This 26th day of March, 1934.

J. H. STOCKTON, Commissioner.

A5-1e-JHS-A26

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Macon County, In Superior Court, Before the Clerk. H. Kay Spencer and wife, Edessa Spencer vs. Margaret L. Klock and husband, J. E. Klock.

Under and by virtue of a decree or order entered in the above entitled cause, appointing the undersigned a Commissioner of the Court to sell the land described in the petition filed in this cause, I will, on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1934, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in the Town of Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Tract No. 1: Beginning at a stake on the south bank of Sigmon branch near J. T. Gibson's barn and runs N 39 W nine and one quarter poles to a stake on the north bank of the branch; thence N 79 3/4 W ten poles and seven links to a stake on the south bank of the branch; then N 58 1/4 W eleven poles and five links to a stake on the south bank of the branch; thence N 31 1/2 E fifty one poles to a pine in John Shepherd's line; thence E with his line six poles to a stake, said Shepherd's corner; thence north with said Shepherd's line thirty poles to a stake and pointers; thence E 98 1/4 W poles to a stake near the public road passing a sourwood corner at thirty poles; thence south one hundred six poles to a stake in the side of the field; thence S 55 1/4 W thirty four poles to a stake in the line of Bill Shepherd; thence S 63 3/4 W thirty nine poles to a logwood; thence S 1/2 W fifty four poles to a stake on the top of a ridge; thence N 26 W two poles to a pine; thence N 37 1/2 W seven poles to a spanish oak; thence N 47 W thirteen poles and ten links to a stake; thence N 34 W three and one-half poles to a spanish oak; thence N 49 W four and one half poles to a spanish oak; thence S 74 W thirteen and one half poles to a spanish oak; thence N 62 W four poles and eight links to a pine; thence S 46 1/2 W eight poles five links to a black oak; thence S 57 W four and one half poles to a pine; thence S 81 W seven and one-half poles to a pine; thence N 85 W six poles and fifteen links to a hickory; thence N 71 1/2 W six and three quarters poles to a stake and pointers on top of sheep knob, situated S 26 W from S. W. corner of Liberty School House; thence N 32 E thirty seven poles to a chestnut; thence N 17 E twenty and one half poles to an apple tree; thence N 38 1/2 E seven poles and seven links to a stake; thence N 57 1/2 E 15 poles and five links to a stake; thence N 41 1/2 E twenty two poles to a beech tree; thence N 30 1/2 E sixteen poles and seven links to beginning.

Also free right of ingress and egress and regress to said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, through, over and across road now constructed and in use on said lands. Reserve: Right to use free of charge the road already constructed on said lands.

Tract No. 2: On the waters of Cowee Creek, beginning at a stone on top of Sheep Knob, witnessed by a large black oak, H. B. Allen's corner in P. R. Rickman's line and runs N 77 1/2 W nine and one half poles to a stake and pointers; thence S 71 1/2 W twenty three and one half poles to a hickory, an old corner; thence west with an old line twenty two poles to a chestnut oak; thence N 6 W 47 3/4 poles to a white oak; thence N 1 W ninety two poles to a stake on the bank of the creek; thence N 22 E seventeen and one half poles to a stake in John Shepherd's line; thence south 75 east with said Shepherd's line sixty poles to a stake and pointers, said Shepherd's corner; thence N 2 E twenty four poles to a black oak (now fawn) said Shepherd's corner; thence E 33 1/2 poles to a stake in John Shepherd's line, H. B. Allen's corner; thence leaving said Shepherd's line and with H. B. Allen's line to the beginning.

Tract No. 3: Beginning at a stake on the west bank of Cowee Creek, at an old water rap, ten poles below a rock just below the present old ford where the McClean Mill once stood and runs west ten poles to a stake; then N 18 E seven poles to a stake; then N 3 1/2 W four poles to a stake; then N 10 W eighteen poles to a stake; then N 15 E nine poles to a stake; then N 57 1/2 E twelve poles to a rock; then N 30 E seven poles to a black oak; then N 10 poles to a black oak; then N 27 E seven poles to a double black gum; then E 7 poles to a stake in the old line of James Shepherd, S. R. (deceased) in the mill pond and ten poles west of the creek bank; then S 45 E with said old line twenty one poles to a stake reaching the west bank of the creek at ten poles and allowing one pole for the creek and then running ten poles from the creek to a stake having followed the old line above name twenty one poles, crossing creek at eleven poles; then S 88 W six poles to a small black gum; then south 5 W seven poles to a stake; then south 30 W sixteen poles to a white oak; then south 72 west seven poles to a stake in an old mill tract; then south 38 W 5 poles to a stake; then south 18 E fourteen poles to a white oak and dogwood; then south 3 1/2 E four poles to a small maple; then south 18 W eight poles to a white oak; then west to the beginning.

Tract No. 4: Beginning at a stake, northeast corner of tract No. 3, on the east side of Cowee Creek, ten poles from the lower ford between the place where McClean's Mill once stood and where the said H. C. Shepherd's fence then stood; then south down the creek bearing ten poles from the creek on the east side to a stake ten poles from the creek; thence west crossing the creek and runs ten poles from the creek to a stake on the west side of the creek; thence north up the creek, bearing ten poles from the creek and runs ten poles to a stake; S. W. corner of the said mill tract No. 3; thence east with said line crossing the creek at the lower ford to the beginning, containing one half acre, and being the same lands as were conveyed by P. P. McLean and wife, Emma V. McLean, to Cowee Mountain School, Inc., by deed dated September 20, 1918, and recorded in Book "C4," page 245, of the records of Macon County, North Carolina.

And right of way through the Shepherd farm to the Dalton Creek and turning room for wagons at the aforesaid mill site by virtue of same having been conveyed to P. P. McLean by H. C. Shepherd by deed recorded in Book "Q," page 162, in the Register of Deeds Office of Macon County, N. C., BUT EXCEPTING from the same all that tract, piece or parcel of land fully described in a deed from the Cowee Mountain School, Inc., to Harley B. Wasmack and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., in Book—, Page—.

Tract No. 5: All that tract, piece or parcel of land together with the easements, rights of way and all other rights of way, and all rights and privileges described and conveyed in several deeds, among which are the deeds from John Shepherd and wife to Cowee Mountain School, Inc., dated the 15th day of April, 1918, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County in Book of Deeds "AA," page 492, and in a deed from W. E. SHEPHERD AND WIFE TO THE Cowee Mountain School, Inc., bearing the same date and recorded in book "AA," page 493, and in a deed from James I. Shepherd and wife to Cowee Mountain School, Inc., bearing same date and recorded in "AA," page 495.

This deed conveys and is to convey all the lands, tenements and hereditaments included in and forming a portion of the boundary known as the Cowee Mountain School, Inc., near Leatherman Post Office, Macon County, North Carolina, which said boundary consists of 250 acres, more or less, being all the lands and premises as was conveyed to Jas. J. Britt, Trustee,

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for T. C. McCoy and May K. Bonesteel, by the Cowee Mountain School, Inc., said deed and conveyance being duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., in Book—, Page—.

Being the same lands as were conveyed by J. T. Gibson and wife to Hellon B. Allen and wife Wina B. Allen by deed dated February 24, 1911, and recorded the 16th day of March, 1911, in Book "J3," page 206, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, North Carolina, also being the same lands as were conveyed by J. T. Gibson and wife to Hellon B. Allen and wife Wina B. Allen, by deed dated August 21, 1912, and recorded August 23, 1912, in Book "N3" page 22, of the Register of Deeds Office of Macon County, North Carolina; and being the same lands as were conveyed by Hellon B. Allen and wife, Wina B. Allen, to the Appalachian Benevolent School and Sanatorium Association, Inc., by deed dated March 21, 1913, and recorded in Book "P3," page 165, in the Register of Deeds Office for Macon County, North Carolina; and being the same lands as were conveyed by deed dated August 29, 1922, from James J. Britt, Trustee for T. C. McCoy and May K. Bonesteel, and T. C. McCoy and C. E. Bonesteel and wife, May K. Bonesteel, to C. P. Edwards, recorded September 29, 1922, in Deed Book "J4," at page 1, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Macon County, North Carolina.

EXCEPTING FROM THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE WEE-TOT-HOUSE, TOGETHER WITH A PIECE OF LAND TWENTY RODS SQUARE, AND, ALSO, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE COTTAGE KNOWN AS RAIN-ON-THE-ROOF, TOGETHER WITH A PIECE OF LAND TWENTY RODS SQUARE, DESCRIBED IN A DEED FROM KATE L. CLEMENT TO VIRGINIA E. SPENCER, RECORDED IN BOOK J-4, OF DEEDS, PAGE 206, RECORDS OF MACON COUNTY, N. C.

This 2 day of April, 1934.

GEORGE B. PATTON, Commissioner.

A12-4tp-M3

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred by deed of trust executed by A. R. Higdon (Single), dated the 15th day of May, 1928, and recorded in Book 32, Page 8 et seq. in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, Jefferson E. Owens, Substituted Trustee, will at twelve o'clock Noon on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd 1934

at the Court House Door of Macon County in Franklin, North Carolina, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, the following land, to-wit:

A certain lot or parcel of land in the town of Franklin, County of Macon, North Carolina, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake on Harrison Avenue, 575 feet from the corner of Harrison Avenue and Church Street, running thence North 66 degrees 30 minutes East 200 feet to a stake; thence North 26 degrees West 197 feet to a stake; thence North 86 degrees 30 minutes West 60 feet to a stake; thence South 11 degrees West 248 feet to a stone at Harrison Avenue; thence South 52 degrees East 30 feet to the BEGINNING.

This sale is made on account of default in payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust.

A five per cent (5%) cash deposit will be required of the highest bidder at the sale.

This 27th day of March, 1934.

JEFFERSON E. OWENS, Substituted Trustee.

(Loan No. 1623)

A5-4e-J&J-A26

Notice of Bids

I will receive bids from private individuals to operate school busses over the school bus routes in Macon County for the school term 1934-1935, up to and including Saturday, May 5th, 1934. The right is reserved to reject any bid and to award the contract to the bidder best equipped to carry out the contract. All bids to be accompanied with a justified bond in the sum of \$200. For blank bonds and contracts call on or write—

M. D. BILLINGS, County Supt. of Schools.

M29-3te-A12

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of T. P. Moses, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of March, 1935, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 28th day of March, 1934.

H. C. MOSES, Administratrix.

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