

Opportunity

Waynesville Altitude 2,802 Feet—Unsurpassed Natural Resources for the Location of Manufacturing Industries

THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER

Volume XXXVII. Number 45

WAYNESVILLE, HAYWOOD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1925

\$2.00 a Year in Advance, \$2.50 if not so Paid

BIG PRICES ASKED FOR PARK SITE LAND.

Shenandoah Commission Gives Up Taking Options In Field.

(Special to the Waynesville Mountaineer.)

Washington, Nov. 10.—Great disappointment is felt here over the result of a preliminary attempt by the Shenandoah National Park Commission to sound out the owners of land in the Virginia area as to the prices which they would sell,

Col. Glenn Smith, secretary, feels it useless to proceed further, with the option takers he had put in the field, and is making no further effort along that line. It had been the purpose to increase the number of agents, so that options might be taken on practically all the important holdings. The reports of the gents originally dispatched to the ground caused him to alter that program.

Options, or reports, were made by the agents on more than one hundred parcels of land within the bounds of the proposed park, accounting for about 1000,000 acres, or between 20 and 25 per cent of the whole area.

If the prices asked were to hold good for the whole area, the sum of between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 would be required for the purchase whereas the actual value of the land desired, it was estimated at the start, was between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000.

Colonel Smith said his reports showed, for instance, that holders of tracts of 10,000 acres of the "cheapest" land, worth not more than \$2 an acre, want the government to pay \$6 an acre, or three times its value.

The attitude of owners, the commission and the secretary of Interior feel, is a revelation of lack of sympathy with the Virginia park movement. Instead of co-operating generously, or at least fairly, owners are revealed as insisting upon a price from the government that by no possibility could be realized from any private purchaser. Unless the owners can be brought to a different frame of mind, the whole project may be endangered.

The Secretary of the Interior is represented as saying that the department and the commission is under no sort of obligation to locate the park upon the site tentatively chosen, and that if the owners balk plans that have been outlined, the commission easily can find some other areas suitable for park purposes. The whole Appalachian country is at the disposal of the government.

It is within the power of the government to condemn land for the public use, it is further suggested, and if the owners decline to sell at a reasonable figure, condemnation commissioners would take care that they got only actual value for their holdings. But that is a method the government considers distasteful, and rather than resort to it the decision might be to wholly abandon the project and look elsewhere.

Colonel Smith said the commission would probably meet about the time congress convenes. He thought Secretary Work would want a preliminary report showing what progress had been made, to be laid before congress promptly. The full and final report, however, he believed, would be delayed. He spoke of the campaign for funds now in progress in Virginia and in the Great Smokies area, and said these were by no means near the end of their work.

SULGRAVE CLUB MEET.

Mrs. Rufus L. Allen was the delightful hostess to the Sulgrave Club at her home, "The Columns," on Main street Wednesday.

The papers for the afternoon were: Why the friendship of England and America should be very close—Mrs. Rufus Allen.

The reading of extracts of Sulgrave, and the life of Washington—Mrs. Harry Hall.

Round table discussion by the club. At the close of the program Mrs. Allen served the club with a delightful buffet dinner.

Mrs. Allen's guests for the afternoon were: Mrs. James Atkins, Mrs. Arthur Meade, Mrs. C. M. Dicus, Mrs. W. H. Liner.

Congressman and Mrs. Zebulon Weaver of Asheville have become honorary members of the club.

NEW CATHOLIC CHAPEL FOR CITY OF WAYNESVILLE.

Catholic Institution There is Announced by Rev. Louis J. Bour.

Asheville Times.

A Catholic resort chapel will be established soon at Waynesville, according to announcement today by Rev. Louis J. Bour, pastor of St. Lawrence church, who said a residence property has already been purchased in Waynesville for the purpose.

The property is located on Church street at Waynesville and was bought for \$20,000, approximately \$5,000 of which was subscribed by members of the Asheville church. The land is known as the Marvel property, and the residence that now stands on the lot will be renovated and remodeled to serve temporarily as a chapel during the summer months.

The move was inaugurated here during the recent visit of Bishop Hafey, of Raleigh, who has appointed Rev. Bernard McDevitt as pastor of the Waynesville church. Rev. Father McDevitt will stay at Waynesville during three months in the summer. The rest of the time he will act as assistant to Rev. J. A. Manley at Hendersonville.

Services, however, will be opened at the Waynesville church as soon as it is ready for occupation and Rev. Father McDevitt will visit it at regular intervals for services according to the arrangement.

The property purchased at Waynesville is one of the most desirable in the city, and occupies a plot whose dimensions are 350 by 250 feet. It is the present intentions of the church, says Rev. Father Bour, to erect a church structure on the property at a later time when the size of the congregation there warrants such a move.

WANTED: More Tolerance.

Because the only Roman Catholic on the Virginia Democratic ticket ran many thousand votes behind his fellow candidates, the political sharps are declaring that no man of that faith may ever hope to be President of this country. That is the most pathetic commentary on Americans' attitude on religion that can be imagined. It was the contention of the founders of this republic, and they put it in the Constitution, that an American citizen's religion was his own affair, that the State had nothing to do with it, and that it could bar him from no participation in the Government of his country.

But the Constitutional provision has no weight against religious tolerance. If intolerance is in the hearts of the people, it will have its say. And there is no denying the fact that in some localities in the South there is a decided political prejudice against the Roman Catholic. That is fostered by ignorance, does not affect the situation. It is there, and it should be rooted out. It is no exaggeration to say that the Roman Catholic Church has been the mark and the victim of the grossest misrepresentation.

So far as the facts go, so far as the tenets of their religion are concerned, there is not the slightest reason for this political antagonism to the Catholics. We need to have more tolerance in the South and in the country at large. When an organization of any sort can go boldly into the open and denounce worthy and able citizens solely because of the way they worship their God and their Savior, things have come to a sorry pass.

It is contrary to the ideas and traditions of the South. It is atrociously un-American. It causes nothing but misunderstanding and bitterness. If persisted in, it is going to deprive the nation and the States of the service of men who could give them distinguished service. There is no more wanton offense against patriotism than denying people the right to serve their country according to their best abilities.—Editorial in The Asheville Citizen.

MISS SEMMES PLAYS IN NEW HAVEN.

Miss Margaret Semmes, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Semmes, who is attending a dramatic school in Boston, was in New Haven this week playing with the Richard Mansfield producers.

Miss Semmes is a young lady of unusual talent and ability and has often appeared before audiences in Waynesville in numerous plays.

Miss Kate Rickards spent several days in Canton last week with her parents.

SUCH IS THE FAITH OF MEN

By A. B. CHAPIN



WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS.

The Woman's Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. E. S. Harrold at her home last Thursday afternoon, November 12. Mrs. McDowell presiding. The meeting opened with the club song, followed by the club prayer. Mrs. C. W. Miller, Jr., chairman of Civics, reported that there would be \$500 available from the school board for the beautifying of the township high school grounds. The club will co-operate with the school board in this work. Miss Jessie Boyd, chairman of Education, said "Children's Book Week" was observed in the high and elementary schools. "Children's Book Week" was first organized about nine years ago by the Library Department of the Boy Scouts of America, and is now universally observed in co-operation with the American Library Association and the Women's Club of the country.

On motion the club voted \$10.00 for the book fund of the Waynesville Library.

Mrs. Liner, former chairman of Health, reported the sale of Red Cross Seals last year \$189.34. It is hoped that the committee this year will again give a good report of this work.

Mrs. W. T. Hannah, was appointed chairman of Legislative Study, the club to have three programs during the year for this work.

A motion was made and carried that the club give \$15.00 towards the Sallie Sontal Cotton Loan Fund. Mrs. Charles U. Miller was again chosen chairman of Dahlia Show for 1926.

The president reported that the Board of Aldermen had most generously released the three clubs from a water assessment of \$82.50 against the club lot. The secretary was requested to write a note of appreciation to the board. The president also reported the First District meeting No. 1 a most enjoyable and helpful occasion.

The paper for the afternoon was "Art in the Home," by Mrs. C. U. Miller. Mrs. Horace Keener rendered a solo after which the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Theo McCracken and Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick at the home of the former, Nov. 27, at 3 o'clock.

About thirty members enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Harrold and her daughter, Miss Lois, who served a delicious salad course during the social hour.

U. D. C. MEET.

Mrs. Leon M. Killian will be hostess to the Daughters of the Haywood Chapter of U. D. C. Friday, Dec. 4, at 3:00 P. M. at her home on Killian street. A full attendance is desired.

THE COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS.

The Community Club held its regular meeting Monday afternoon, Nov. 16th, in the club rooms.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Rufus Siler, and America the Beautiful was sung, followed by the club prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which the officers gave their reports.

Motion was made and carried that the club give rising votes of thanks to the club and the secretary was instructed to write votes of thanks to Mrs. H. G.

West for the beautiful flowers used at the District meeting, also to Mrs. R. N. Barber for a box of choice apples and to the board of stewards of the township high school grounds.

The club will co-operate with the school board in this work. Miss Jessie Boyd, chairman of Education, said "Children's Book Week" was observed in the high and elementary schools. "Children's Book Week" was first organized about nine years ago by the Library Department of the Boy Scouts of America, and is now universally observed in co-operation with the American Library Association and the Women's Club of the country.

On motion the club voted \$10.00 for the book fund of the Waynesville Library.

Mrs. E. J. Robeson had the paper for the afternoon, "American Women in Art," which was most interesting.

Mrs. Robeson mentioned Cecilia Beaus and Mary Cassatt as the two most famous women artists, both being portrait painters. Mary Cassatt making a specialty of painting children.

Mrs. L. E. Green sang "His Lullaby" by Carrie Jacobs Bond, which was greatly enjoyed.

The hostesses of the afternoon, Mrs. Paul Walker, Mrs. David Schuhof and Mrs. Ernst Hyatt, served sandwiches, cake and coffee.

The meeting adjourned to meet again on Nov. 30th, at which time the club will entertain all the school teachers at a tea.

The program will be presented by the Education Department, Mrs. Noble Garret, chairman. Mrs. Fred Martin will sing. The hostesses will be Mrs. R. O. Covington, Mrs. R. L. Lee and Mrs. J. H. Way, Jr.

The president reported that the Board of Aldermen had most generously released the three clubs from a water assessment of \$82.50 against the club lot. The secretary was requested to write a note of appreciation to the board. The president also reported the First District meeting No. 1 a most enjoyable and helpful occasion.

The paper for the afternoon was "Art in the Home," by Mrs. C. U. Miller. Mrs. Horace Keener rendered a solo after which the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Theo McCracken and Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick at the home of the former, Nov. 27, at 3 o'clock.

About thirty members enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Harrold and her daughter, Miss Lois, who served a delicious salad course during the social hour.

Mrs. Leon M. Killian will be hostess to the Daughters of the Haywood Chapter of U. D. C. Friday, Dec. 4, at 3:00 P. M. at her home on Killian street. A full attendance is desired.

BALSAM NEWS.

Mr. M. C. Green and family of Waynesville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bryson Armistice Day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Waynesville were weekend guests of their parents.

Mrs. George Coward and children Isabel, Fred and Katy Lee, spent

last weekend with relatives in Cullowhee.

Mr. Eugene Ensley and family of Hazelwood visited Mrs. H. P. Ensley Sunday afternoon.

Balsam is experiencing a variety of weather. Saturday was like a spring day, Sunday the rain, it did

snow, and my, how the wind did blow. Richard Barber.

LITTLE MISS ROSS ENTERTAINS

Little Miss Jacqueline Ross, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Felix Alley, entertained a number of her young friends with a party Saturday honoring her fifth birthday.

During the afternoon the young guests enjoyed a number of games and contests. John West Jr. was winner of one of the contests and as a prize received a box of candy.

Later in the afternoon the young guests were invited into the dining room and were served ice cream, cake and candy.

The color motif of pink and white was very beautifully carried out in the decorations and refreshments. The table was lovely with the birthday cake and pink and white candles.

At each plate were pink and white mints, and crepe paper caps further carrying out the color motif.

Those enjoying little Miss Ross' party were: Mary and Catherine Palmer, Hasseltine Swift, Blanche Corzine, Catherine Coin, Catherine Martin, Emily Siler, Juanita Walker, Carolyn Ward, Mary Adams Ward, Virginia Kellett and Charles Turbyfill, George Edgerton, Bill Swift, John West, Jr., Bobby Coin, John Everett Penny, Emmett and Mac Green and Billy Prevost.

MR. BARTON INJURED.

Mr. M. D. Barton was painful injured while repairing the residence on Hazel street of Mr. Francis of Florida. The scaffold on which he and another man were standing gave way, and as a result fell to the ground and Mr. Barton's back was injured. He was carried to the Mission Hospital in Asheville where he remained for a week, but was brought back to his home the early part of the week.

FOOTBALL FANS.

Among the Waynesville people attending the Wake Forest-Furman game in Asheville Friday were: Misses Eleanor Garrison, Alice Quinlan, Anna Gordon McDowell, Mary Quinlan, Ruth Tew, Tibbie Hardin, Isabelle Davis, Nancy Crockett, Lucy Tate, Mrs. C. E. Quinlan, Mrs. R. L. Prevost, Mrs. Will Hyatt, Earl Tew, R. L. Prevost, C. E. Quinlan, Will Hyatt, W. C. Garrison, Whitner and Aaron

Taylor, Fred and Katy Lee, spent

last weekend with relatives in Cullowhee.

Mr. Eugene Ensley and family of Hazelwood visited Mrs. H. P. Ensley Sunday afternoon.

Balsam is experiencing a variety of weather. Saturday was like a spring day, Sunday the rain, it did

snow, and my, how the wind did blow. Richard Barber.

The Waynesville Mountaineer would make a suitable Christmas present.

Give a subscription to The Waynesville Mountaineer for Christmas.

PHYSICAL AND EDUCATIONAL SURVEY OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF HAYWOOD COUNTY.

About ten days ago Superintendent Wm. C. Allen sent in to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction an itemized statement of the expenditures made and to be made by the Board of Education in running the schools of Haywood county for the year 1925-26. His statement of expenditures is known as the November budget and differs from the May budget only in being made in the midst of the school activities that the May budget undertook to provide funds for.

Inasmuch as the schools of the county had been running for three months before the November budget was sent in, it is evident that the estimates made in that budget are more nearly exact than in the May budget, for one-half of the expenditures for the six months school term have already been made and a pretty fair estimate of the cost of the other half follows as a natural sequence. A comparison of the two budgets should, therefore, be of considerable interest at this time.

If we bear in mind the fact that the May budget contains the estimated cost of the six months term and is submitted to the Board of Commissioners in June as a guide to that body in making the tax levy for schools, we shall see at once how important it is for the Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools to be fully acquainted with the school situation in the county and to be thoroughly cognizant of the needs of the various school communities. The May budget is not, therefore, a guess at the amount the schools will need, but is the sum of a reasonable apportionment made to the various districts after a careful survey has been made.

At the first meeting of the Board of Education in May, the matter of making the budget for the next school year was begun. From the final reports of the principals and teachers of the schools of the county it was determined just how many teachers would be allowed for the various schools. Of course, it could not be ascertained at that time exactly what the salary allowance would be, for many of the schools had not employed their teachers. The salary estimate was, therefore, largely based upon what it was the preceding year. The other items, such as fuel, supplies, repairs, improvements, new buildings and equipment, could be fairly estimated, and the amount allotted for all purposes at that time was not far wrong.

In order to see how near the May budget came to being exact, the following comparison of figures in the two budgets may be noted: For the salaries of teachers,