

Ecusta Purchases Club Sapphire For Recreation Center

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health and general well-being of all Ecustans. To be certain of having a plan of recreation suited to most employees and their families, the Echo is conducting a contest for the best plan of development and operation of Club Sapphire Recreational Center.

There will be three prizes awarded to the winners of the contest. First prize, \$100 War Bond; second prize, \$50 War Bond; third prize, \$25 War Bond. A large box has been placed in the Gate House, and all entries must be in this box not later than midnight, Monday, May 14th, 1945. Winners will be announced in the May Echo, which will be published May 26.

Here Are The Rules

The rules are simple — Only Company employees can compete — judges will be appointed by President Harry H. Straus and their decisions will be final. All entries must be signed by entrant showing name and department in which he or she works. Ideas may be presented in any form the contestant chooses but flowery language and literary style will carry no weight. Clear, simple, original ideas will most likely win the awards.

Note: a suggestion to the contestants: Do not include in your plan suggestions such as repairs to present buildings or grounds since these are obvious things already planned. Make your suggestions ORIGINAL. Suggestions of improvements and activities to benefit many employees will naturally be considered more valuable than those affecting only a few. Limit your suggestions to a total of 600 words, in any form you please but be sure to include the following general points: (1) Your suggested plan. (2) Your reasons for believing that your plan will appeal to Ecustans and their families.

Policy Of Health And Happiness

In addition to its policy of maintaining the best possible working conditions, the Company has provided a varied program of recreation and entertainment for all employees for the past several years. While the recreational activities during this period of time have been successful, they have not been extensive enough to provide recreation for all Ecustans.

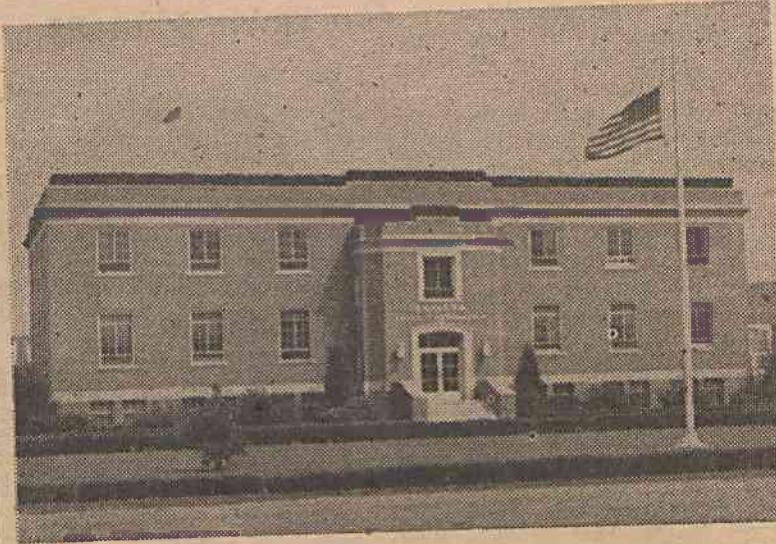
The purchase of Club Sapphire and its subsequent development is being done for the purpose of providing recreation for every employee. With each employee contributing his ideas in regard to the development and operation of this beautiful place, the hope of recreation for every one should become a reality.

Location Of Camp

Club Sapphire is ideally located on the site of beautiful Lake Sapphire, at the foot of Elk Lodge Mountain, about halfway between Ecusta and Brevard. The main Brevard-Asheville highway runs by the main entrance, making it easily accessible. The club property consists of approximately 300 acres, bordering on the great Pisgah National Forest, permanently protected as to pure water supply, gorgeous mountain scenery, virgin forests and the charm of real mountain trails.

Lake Sapphire Has Pure Water
Sapphire Lake covers nine acres, and its depth ranges from a few inches in the shallow part to more than fifteen feet opposite the

Ecusta Mourns Death Of Pres. Roosevelt



In keeping with the rest of the nation, Ecustans were stunned and shocked at the sudden death of President Roosevelt, and, as shown by the above picture, the large United States Flag in front of the main office was lowered to half-mast.

diving tower. The mountain stream which feeds the lake extends back into Pisgah National Forest, and its watershed is devoid of human habitation, thus insuring the purity of the water. A beautiful lake, in so perfect a setting, suggests many activities and much real fun for people who love water and all the many sports that go with it, such as fishing, swimming canoeing, etc.

Many Other Facilities

In addition to wonderful Sapphire Lake, Club Sapphire has many other installations. From lack of care in recent years, many are in bad condition, but with a few exceptions they can be reconditioned, and should prove a valuable asset to carrying out any program decided upon.

There are tennis courts, horse-shoe pits, a track, baseball diamond, rifle range, and there formerly was a nine-hole golf course. These, when reconditioned, could provide good, healthy outdoor exercise for many Ecustans. The large mountain acreage can afford trails for hiking and even horse-back riding. Many buildings are available such as the gymnasium which affords space for indoor sports and is large enough for basketball. The Lodge (formerly used as a play, or game room), dining hall, kitchen, office, and cabins sufficient to accommodate 200 people, suggest the possibility of Ecustans and their families spending their vacations at a fine resort near at home.

With VE-Day near at hand, and the thought that in the near future building materials and other equipment will again be available, one's thoughts and imagination can move a long way in dreaming up a plan to make our new Club Sapphire Recreational Center the finest thing of its kind.

Fellow Ecustans — here's our challenge—CLUB SAPPHIRE IS OURS. Let's PLAN it the way we want it. Let's BUILD it the way we want it. Let's OPERATE it the way we want it. LET'S MAKE OUR CLUB SAPPHIRE THE BEST RECREATIONAL CENTER THERE IS, BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY WE WANT IT, and the way Mr. Straus wants it to be.

Honor medals and war saving bonds are being offered to winners in the National Dairy Foods Demonstrations, open to all 4-H dairy girls.

Cafeteria-Canteen Chatter

By SULA COX

The entire Canteen-Cafeteria gang extends deepest sympathy to Joe and Mrs. Duckworth in the passing of Mrs. Duckworth's brother, Clinton Greene.

The gang welcomed a visit from our old friend, Eural McCrary, of the navy. "Little Bit" was our glass man before entering the navy. He was a good one, too, as Mr. Kitchen, now, is a good one. Hurry back, "Little Bit". A visit from any of our service men is welcome.

Among our gang who are "gone but not forgotten" are Fred Mintz, Hal and Lec Roy. The last two have entered the armed forces and are now at Ft. Bragg. We would like for every one of them to return to us.

Mr. Shipman seems to be in the dahlia business. He certainly grew some fine ones last year.

Walter Perkins is in the rabbit business. We would all like to see his Angora rabbits which are raised for their wool. We wonder, though, whether we want to be around at shearing time or not.

Opal recently spent Sunday in Asheville, going over to visit her sister.

Billie, young son of Mr. McCall, is recovering from an illness of a few weeks. So is Edith, daughter of Mrs. Olivia English.

Sylvia spent Easter week-end with Bessie. While here, she managed to see several of the gang. We were glad to see her. She is taking Bell Telephone training at Hendersonville.

Well, things are on the up and up. Jody actually went to church last Sunday. Hadn't we better hunt her a button?

Jo is very happy as her boy friend has arrived safely in the States, and is now in Lincoln, Neb. Pity these other gals cannot have their boy friends come home, too.

Ethel S. has shown us money from Italy, France and Germany and several other swell souvenirs from THE Sergeant across, but the one we envy is a bottle of perfume from Paris.

Ethel D. has a husband across and from the number of letters she receives, things must be going O. K. We are glad, Ethel.

Opal is not so lucky. She has not had much mail lately. We hope you get an avalanche soon, ole pal.

Divola is always singing, "I'm Gonna See My Baby." Wonder if she thinks SHE can get priority to fly to Italy? She and Lillian spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. Joe Parton, of Canton.

A GOOD IDEA!

He: Can you see all right?

She: Yes.

He: Is there a draft on you?

She: No.

He: Is your seat comfortable?

She: Yes, very.

He: Let's trade seats!

NOTICE TO ALL DEPT. REPORTERS

Deadline For May Issue Is Tues., May 15

Please get copy in early, if possible.

Buy War Bond

The Seventh War Loan drive will officially open on May 14 and will continue until June 30. The E bond quota has been greatly increased and in order to reach it, every one will have to buy all of the bonds he or she can possibly afford. Ecustans have always done their part in buying bonds and in supporting the war effort. Let's not fail during this important drive.

To Hold Bowling Tourney For Men On May 7 And 9

A men's post-season bowling tournament will be played on the alleys in Brevard Monday and Wednesday nights, May 7 and 9, it has been announced.

All bowlers who played on any of the teams in the regular season are eligible to participate in this tourney and all entries must be in the office of the Recreation department by Tuesday noon, May 1.

The tournament consists of both singles and doubles and the participants will bowl against their season averages. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

NAMES PLANE FOR BABY

"Speedy" Jones, crew chief on a B-24 based in Italy, has just named his plane for his daughter — "Kathryn Jane". He says he is going to see Charlie Russell soon, and will take some Brevard papers to him.

COMPLETES TRAINING

We learn that Pvt. Al Montville, in the Marine corps, is at Camp Pendleton, Calif., having recently completed his training at Camp Lejeune.

HIS IDEA

CO: "Who brought you here in this disgraceful condition?"
PVT: "Two MP's, sir."
CO: "Drunk, I suppose."
PVT: "Yes, sir,—both of them."

Buy War Bonds
TODAY

For Future Needs