

LAUREL PARK

Laurel Park Company has recently been incorporated with an authorized capital of \$125,000.

The object of the corporation is to maintain and make more attractive what has been heralded far and wide as "the most beautiful natural park in America."

This park contains about three hundred acres, sixty of which have been and will continue to be reserved for park purposes only.

While traveling over the long stretches of roads in this fair domain, or wandering along the lanes and winding paths out through the interlaced and over-head thickets of laurel, one is ever in sound or sight of tumbling waters falling musically over rocks and boulders.

Of the many thousands of people who have visited Laurel Park during the time it has been operated none have left it without realizing that they had looked upon a most beautiful and inspiring mountain scene.

And there is "Crystal Spring" we were about to forget, the spring that comes bubbling from the living rock—certainly one of the most remarkable and beautiful springs in all this country.

Joseph Holbert of this county was fatally shot Thursday morning of this week by a convict in Spartanburg county, S. C.

Mr. Holbert left here a few days ago to take superintendent's position under F. F. Patton who is road engineer for Spartanburg county.

The news was telegraphed here and Mrs. Holbert went to Spartanburg Thursday afternoon.

In Wake of the "Flu" "Sleeping sickness" throughout the country, now believed by physicians to be an ancient disease.

VICTORY LOAN

The Victory Liberty Loan campaign will open Monday, April 21 and close three weeks later—Saturday, May 15.

Secretary Glass in announcing the dates, said that short-term notes maturing in not over five years would be issued instead of longer term bonds.

Mr. Glass said the interest rate on the notes and the amounts to be exempted from taxation would not be determined until a week or two before the campaign as they would be based upon financial conditions at that time.

"I am led to adopt the plan of issuing short term notes rather than long term bonds largely because of the fact I believe the short term issues will maintain a price at about par after the campaign is concluded far more readily than would a longer term issue.

"I have not yet reached a conclusion as to the rate of interest and exemptions from taxation which those notes will bear because this decision must be based on existing conditions immediately prior to the opening of the campaign.

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Decorated for Bravery Sixty-six American army medical officers and men have been decorated by the British government for bravery and distinguished service in the war.

The officers awarded the military cross included Lieutenant Milton B. Coffman, Richmond, Va.; Edward L. Patterson, Barnwell, S. C. and Fred Oscar Stone, Maynardville, Tenn.

Enlisted men receiving the distinguished conduct medals included James K. Faison, 118th Infantry.

Men receiving the military medal included William H. Coble, ambulance company 118; William J. Evans, Dillon, S. C.; Edward D. Jones, ambulance company 118; William Franklin Jones, Abbeville, S. C.; Herman W. Keener, ambulance company 118; Charles B. Logan, headquarters 105th sanitary train; Donald McKay, 102 sanitary train; Asher Manheim, 102 sanitary train; Clyde E. Parasino, field hospital No. 118; Robert C. Rogers, ambulance company 118; Cecil Trammell, ambulance company 118.

Most of the units mentioned were part of the 30th division.

COURT

The March term of the Superior court for the trial of criminal cases, adjourned Saturday.

Before adjournment Saturday morning the following defendants were fined or imprisoned as stated: Joe Summey, having liquor on hand for sale, 20 months on roads.

Malcolm Hyder, assault and carrying concealed weapons, taxed with costs and required to give bond to show good behavior.

Samuel J. Justice died at his home on the Asheville road at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, March 16, in the sixty-seventh year of his age.

Mr. Justice had been sick for two or three months. A few weeks ago he went to a hospital in Spartanburg, hoping to benefit by the advice of specialists; but they were not able to hold out any encouragement, and he returned to his home Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Justice was one of the best known of the older citizens of Hendersonville, having lived here for 28 years. He was a surveyor and civil engineer and a recognized authority on boundary lines in this and adjoining counties.

Statistics compiled by the War Department show that during the war there were 389 suicides in the United States army. Of these 193 occurred in the United States and 146 overseas.

CUT IN FREIGHT RATES To increase building activities in the country, the United States railroad administration is planning to cut freight rates on material for roads and for general building construction.

Plans Union of Women More than 12,000,000 women in the United States over 21 years of age are eligible to vote for the next President in 23 States where women may vote.

KAISER TO BE BRANDED AS ARCH CRIMINAL OF THE WORLD It will be the fate of former Emperor William to be branded for all time as an arch criminal by the solemn declaration of all the nations assembled at the peace conference.

MRS. SILLAR ROSS Mrs. Sillar Ross died Tuesday at her home on Route 1, in the seventy-fourth year of her age and was buried at Moore's Grove Wednesday.

She was a long widow and with her death was not unexpected. It came as a shock to a host of relatives and friends.

SCHOOL

The attendance, of course, has been much below normal all during the past months since September, and certainly there are numbers of children who will for one cause or another not return to school this term.

The honor roll was discontinued because it seemed wise under the conditions to do so. It will make its appearance again when the present month closes.

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GOLF LINKS

Hendersonville is to have real, sure enough golf links. The proposition of the Stony Mountain Company, (to take stock to the extent of \$7,500 in land and \$3,000 in cash, provided others would subscribe \$10,000) has been taken up.

The land includes more than 100 acres, bordering on the Hendersonville and Asheville highway, and is admirably adapted to the purpose for which it will be used.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING THAT \$60 BONUS

To make clear the exact procedure to be followed by men already out of the service in obtaining the \$60 bonus provided in the new revenue act, the War Department, the Navy Department and the Marine Corps, each for its own branch of the service, has issued the following instructions:

A.—Statement of their service since April 6, 1917, with date of last discharge and their present address. The statement need not be in affidavit form, the soldier's simple written statement is sufficient.

B.—Discharge certificate or military order of discharge, and both, if both were issued.

Both A and B must accompany the written claim for the bonus, which must be addressed to the Zone Finance Office, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C.

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MASS MEETING

A mass meeting in the interest of the centenary movement will be held in the Methodist church in this city Sunday, March 23, at 3 p. m.

An enthusiastic meeting, and one of stimulus and inspiration, is anticipated. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and hear the good things that will be said.

Rev. M. F. Moore, pastor of the Hendersonville Methodist church, says, in this connection: "Now is the critical time in the world's history. We have not been slackers in the war just passed; we rallied to every call; in the tense moments of our struggle under the spell of patriotic eloquence we stood in aisles and packed galleries for hours at the time; with bowed heads we vowed before God that Old Glory should not go down in defeat; thrilled by military bands and the light of determination in every eye we laid our treasure of life and property on freedom's altar.

Miss Susie McCullough died suddenly in St. Petersburg, Fla., Tuesday morning, March 11. She went to breakfast, apparently in her usual health, and fainted at the table. A physician was called, but death came within about half an hour.

A LAW WITH TEETH The following recently enacted legislation looks like business: An act to amend chapter one hundred and fifty-seven of the public laws of one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, relative to the distilling or manufacturing alcohols.

Section 1. That section one of chapter one hundred and fifty-seven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out all of said section beginning at the words "Any person" in line nine of the same and substituting the following: "Any person or persons violating the provisions of this act shall, for the first conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, or confession of guilt, punished in the discretion of the court; for the second or any subsequent conviction said person or persons shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction, or confession in open court, shall be imprisoned in the State prison for not less than one year and not exceeding five years, in the discretion of the court.

Section 2. This act shall take effect from and after its ratification. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this 24th day of January, 1919.

SOLDIERS, MISREADING LAW, DELAYING BONUS PAYMENT Payment to discharged soldiers of the \$60 bonuses authorized by the last Congress is being delayed by failure of the soldiers to comply with the requirements of the law.

CUPID BUSY OVERSEAS Cupid has been busy in every country overseas where the American soldiers were quartered. He has established an Anglo-Saxon alliance that the Senate cannot veto and only a divorce court can dissolve.

6,000 Marriages in France Within the last year 6,000 Americans in France have married French women, according to a Paris newspaper. The brides for the most part, the newspaper said, were country girls or employes of town establishments.

Miss Evah Blythe expects to return in a few days to Boston to resume her work at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Rev. J. C. Newton, a Baptist missionary from China, was in town last week.

Mrs. Williams and family have returned from Florida and are occupying their summer home on Corner