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9000 ACRE DEVELOPMENT IN MACON, SWAIN AND JACKSON

Yalaka Estates Incorporated is one of the big developments in Western North Carolina that you have heard very little if anything about. This big development consists of nine thousand acres of land lying in Macon Swain and Jackson counties, fronting on Highway No. 285 for a distance of about one mile. The incorporators are Messrs. A. H. Weaver of Dillsboro, and Guy Weaver and C. T. Hodges, of Asheville. Mr. Hodges also owns large holdings in Lakeland, Fla.

A forty-foot road leading from the highway to the top of Cowee Bald, a distance of about five miles is being built and will be hard surfaced in the near future, there are also other roads being constructed.

Surveyors are at work locating roads, golf links, and a lake site, and laying out subdivisions in small tracts and lots from one-half acre to five or larger for camp sights.

On top of Cowee Bald, which is said to be one of the finest views anywhere in this section a forty-five foot tower is being erected, and when completed it will be taken over by the Government as an observation tower as one can see large portions of the national forest and the Great Smoky Mountain National Park from this point, it is stated by Mr. Weaver.

Water and lights will be installed in the near future. A lake will be built on the head waters of Alarka Creek in Swain county and an 18-hole golf course will be laid out and the grounds put in fine shape.

The price these gentlemen have placed on the lots of \$300 per acre and up is considered a very reasonable price for such a development. It is stated that they have already sold five hundred lots.

LIST OF CANDIDATES WHO HAVE FILED.

Below we give a list of those who had filed up to last Thursday afternoon to be voted on in the primary of June 5:

For Commissioner of Finance, J. M. Watson and E. L. Wilson; for commissioner of roads, J. A. Allman and T. A. Dillard; for commissioner of welfare, Grady Cooper and Ben Queen; for sheriff, C. C. Mason and Mack Brown; for representative, H. E. Buchanan and J. D. Cowan; for judge of recorder's court, J. J. Hooker.

It is generally understood that a number of other candidates will file within the next few days and in fact several others have publicly announced themselves.

OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

The Scott's Baptist church observed Mother's Day at 10 o'clock with an appropriate service, which was enjoyed by all.

JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER DIES SUDDENLY IN NEW YORK CITY

Alton B. Parker, who rose from the obscurity of a youth spent on a New York state farm to bear the standard of the democratic party against Theodore Roosevelt in the presidential race of 1904, died May 10 while riding in an automobile through Central Park.

The former chief judge of the court of appeals contracted a cold three days ago and had been under a physician's care. He was on his way to his country home in Esopus, N. Y., with his wife and nurse when he was stricken with a heart attack. Death was almost instantaneous.

The cold from which Judge Parker was suffering was not in itself serious, but because of his 74 years it had been thought wise to keep him in his suite in the Ambassador hotel until today.

CONTRACTORS MOVE TO WILLETS

Nance and Overstreet, contractors on Highway No. 10 between Sylva and Balsam have poured the link between the city limits and their camp at Foster siding, just above Beta and have moved their equipment to Willets and began pouring the middle of last week coming back toward Sylva.

These contractors have broken all records for pouring concrete in this section and if the weather is favorable they will complete their part of this link within the next three months or less time.

FLIES OVER NORTH POLE

New York, May 9.—Lieutenant Commander Richard Byrd United States navy aviator, flew over the North Pole today, The New York Times and The St. Louis Dispatch announced.

Commander Byrd, first to accomplish this feat, made the flight in 14 hours and 30 minutes leaving his base at King's Bay, Spitzbergen at 1:50 o'clock this morning (Greenwich time) and returning safely at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon.

The entire population of King's Bay turned to welcome the American's return. Captain Amundsen, Lincoln Ellsworth and the crew of the airship Norge on which they plan a similar flight, greeted Commander Byrd upon his descent.

COURT OPENED MONDAY

The May term of the Superior Court for this county convened Monday morning with Judge John M. Oglesby, presiding. This will be a short term of court as it is only for the trial of civil cases and the docket is light.

Automobile license tags for 1927 will be on sale June 1st. See A. J. Dills, Bryson Building.

INVITATION TO CULLOWHEE COMMENCEMENT

The public is cordially invited to the commencement at Cullowhee State Normal School. We believe the program will be unique this year. The general outline of the program will appear elsewhere in this paper. In the Western Carolina Pageant we are endeavoring to portray something of the history and spirit of this section of the state. The pageant will be given in the open, if the weather permits. It is the only program for which there will be any charge. Preceding the pageant, there will be an address on Indian life in America by Chief White Eagle, a widely known Indian lecturer.

Cordially,
H. T. HUNTER.

UNION MEETING LAST SUNDAY IN MAY

The Jackson County Union meeting will be held with the Baptist church at Green's Creek the last Sunday in this month, May 30th. A very interesting program has been arranged and a good attendance is expected.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM AT CULLOWHEE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

Sunday, May 16th, 11 A. M. Commencement Sermon, Rev. J. N. Roland, Editor, Christian Advocate, Richmond Va.

Wednesday, May 19th, 7:45 P. M. Pageant of Western North Carolina (including Normal Graduation exercises)

Wednesday, May 19th, 3 P. M. Lecture, Chief White Eagle, Toledo O.

Thursday, May 20th, 1 P. M. Alumni Banquet.

Thursday, May 20th, 8 P. M. High School Graduation Exercises.

Friday, May 21st, 10:30 A. M. Literary Address, Senator Thomas L. Johnson, Lumberton, N. C.: Awarding of diplomas and medals.

LOVEDALE CHURCH DEDICATED

The members of the Lovedale Baptist church of the Love's Chapel section dedicated their church last Sunday morning.

Rev. T. F. Deitz, pastor of the Scott's and Sylva Baptist churches preached the dedication sermon to a large crowd, and special music was beautifully rendered.

In the afternoon Rev. Robt. Randolph, pastor of the Cullowhee Baptist church, delivered an address, his subject being "The History of Baptist."

An abundant dinner was served on the grounds to a large crowd.

Dr. Sullivan of Hayesville and daughter, Miss Inez, spent Monday night here with Mrs. C. A. Bales. Miss Inez left Tuesday for Asheville where she will visit her sister, Mrs. v. Swain for a week or so.

SYLVA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE CLOSSES

The Sylva Collegiate Institute commencement was a great success from start to finish and concluded Wednesday evening with the commencement play.

Sunday morning Dr. V. I. Masters of Louisville preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Baptist church to a crowded house.

Monday morning at 10:30 was the recitation and declamation contest. The medal for the best recitation was to Miss Ruby Solesbee and the winner of the declamation contest was Mr. Robert Sisk of Bryson City. At 8 Monday night the class day exercises were presented. Tuesday morning at 10 was the debate, the decision going to the negative, it being represented by Mr. Boyd Sherrill and Miss Mary Sue Gribble, but Mr. Everett White was declared the best debater, winning the medal. Tuesday evening the annual address and the awarding of diplomas. The address was delivered by Dr. E. F. Bray, of Lynchburg, Va. Then Wednesday the climax came with the presentation of the play, which was the final exercise. "The Wren" was the title of the play, and it was well presented to a large audience.

This institution of learning has enjoyed a very successful year and the graduating class numbered twenty-five with three post-graduates.

Prof. J. C. Hough has resigned and Prof. W. C. Reed has been elected as the head of the school for the coming year, which is predicted by many to be one of the biggest yet in the history of the school. The entire faculty has not yet been selected, but will be in the near future.

PRIZES FOR WORK IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY

Two prizes, one by Mr. Holmes Bryson, of Asheville, the other by Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva, are being offered for original essays on some phase of Western North Carolina history by students of the Cullowhee State Normal School. The two subjects chosen this year for essays were as follows: For the Holmes Bryson award, Recent Educational Progress in Western North Carolina; for the Mrs. E. L. McKee award, Health and Scenery in Western North Carolina. Four papers have been submitted on the former subject and eighteen on the latter. Winners will be announced in this paper next week. The awards will be presented on Friday morning, May 21, at Cullowhee. Look out for the announcement next week.

BAPTIZING AT EAST SYLVA

East Sylva Baptist church where a revival has been in progress for the past several days, being conducted by Rev. ——— and administered the ordinance of Baptism Sunday afternoon to a large number