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WILL DEDICATE HARRIS' TOWER

Dedication of the new lookout and memorial tower donated to the State by Col. C. J. Harris of Dillsboro, will be held Friday with Wade H. Phillips, director of the Department of Conservation and Development as the principal speaker and forestry officials in attendance.

The tower which was completed a short time ago, was erected with the greatest difficulty by workmen under the direction of Col. Harris. Water to mix the mortar had to be carried to the top of the peak in buckets and the sand and gravel used was hauled in small quantities from Black Mountain.

Though there have been those who have arisen to rob it of the glory of being "The Highest Peak East of the Rockies" it still remains the highest peak east of the Mississippi river, and though the faraway Northwest may look upon this East that honors Mt. Mitchell as rather effete and misguided those who visit it still regard it as a thing of beauty forever.

When it first attracted the curiosity of white men, it would seem, has been lost in time, but in the record is evidence that during the administration of Governor Swain, Jno. C. Calhoun the famous statesman, frequently came to Asheville on vacations and took more than a little interest in the ruggedness and beauty of the Black mountains.

It remained, however, for Dr. Eliza Mitchell, a professor of mathematics and natural philosophy in the University of North Carolina, a chemist, a mineralogist and a geologist as well, to track across the pathless miles that led up its defiant slopes, and on its pinnacle to measure it—as far as is known for the first time in history.

A controversy arose between Dr. Mitchell and General T. L. Clingman over which one had measured this peak first and it was in a trip to collect the final proof that he had, indeed, been the first man to measure it, that Dr. Mitchell lost his life.

The tragedy of Dr. Mitchell's death occurred on June 27, 1857. He had contended that the highest peak in the mountains, since named after him, had been measured by him on his first trip in 1844. General Clingman measured it in 1855; this date is definitely known. Dr. Mitchell stated that altitude as 6,772 but on one trip; and 6,708 on a second. General Clingman fixed the height at 6,941 feet, but corrected measurements, made at a later date by Professor Turner, fixed its actual altitude at 6,711 feet.

The tower to be dedicated Friday is not the first that has been reared on that lofty mountain. There was an obelisk-like tower of metal erected in honor of Dr. Mitchell after the removal of his body to the summit of the mountain. That monument, made of soft metal, fell prey to the souvenir hunters, and year by year they gouged out pieces with knives and otherwise mutilated it. After some years the twisting winds wrenched it from its moorings and it crashed like a stalwart old tree that had seen its days. Afterwards a stone tower was erected. This was achieved largely by the enthusiasm of two General Julian S. Carr of Durham and Governor Craig of Asheville.

Though the tower was not achieved without some fights and the usual protestations, General Carr and Governor Craig steered the fight subtly and adroitly so that eventually another monument to the name of Mitchell was reared on the peak that he had measured and that bore his name. That tower, too, passed with time also a victim of trophy seekers, and for some years Mt. Mitchell stood gaunt and naked without an observation post.

Last year it was announced that Col. C. J. Harris of Dillsboro would present North Carolina with a tower on Mt. Mitchell.

When it is formally presented Friday it will be a monument to the memory of Dr. Mitchell. Though there will be nothing to emblazon the fact to the world it will also be a monument to the indefatigable work of Col. Harris and his helpers

FIND STOLEN AUTO ON BALSAM

Bryson City Times, June 10—W. T. Hyams, representative of Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company, had his car stolen from in front of the Entella hotel on Wednesday morning and found it on Thursday afternoon on Balsam mountain, where it had been abandoned, after all the gas was used. A passing motorist knew that it was Mr. Hyam's car and notified him and he got it on Friday. Nothing had been injured about the car and some \$150 worth of cigarettes in the back of the car was not touched. No clue to the persons who took it has been found.

AWARDS CONTRACT FOR HIGHLANDS BRIDGE

Franklin, N. C., June 13—A bridge to be built across the Cullasaja river, near Highlands will open to Highlands a big country in the region of Whiteside Mountain, and will make Highlands accessible to the people living in that section. The bridge contract has just been let by the Board of County Commissioners.

It will be of steel. The contract was let to Austin Bridge Company, of Atlanta, for \$3,300.

The bridge will cross the river on the old Franklin-Highlands road. The river will be crossed by the State highway, No. 28, several miles further down the stream.

TWO OTHER FARMERS ADDED TO HONOR ROLL

Raleigh, N. C., June 14—Whitfield Dwight Graham of Mt. Ulla in Rowan County and Everett Allen Stevens of Goldsboro in Wayne county join the ranks of the four other distinguished farmers of North Carolina by receiving the award of a "Certificate of Meritorious Service" from the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering at the 38th Commencement exercises on June 7.

These two men were selected for this outstanding honor after the State had been searched by extension workers, agricultural teachers and other interested citizens. They were selected from a list of many other prominent farmers, passed upon by the faculty of the school of agriculture and awarded the certificate by the unanimous action of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Graham is considered one of the leading farmers in the piedmont section of the State and Mr. Stevens in the coastal plain section. Both of these men are not only good farmers but they are also community leaders who have served their counties and their communities. Both have won financial independence on the farm, have demonstrated that diversified and balanced farming will pay and have been active in the educational, civic, political and religious life of their communities.

Mr. Graham with a farm of 350 acres has reared 13 children, ten of whom are boys, and has made contributions to his section in dairy cattle production, beef cattle feeding, barley growing and general crop farming. His farm is one of the best tended places in western Carolina and is an example of a well balanced paying enterprise.

Mr. Stevens owns 600 acres in the cotton growing section of the east yet his farm is self supporting from the standpoint of food and feed production. He has done notable work in pastures, insect and disease control, tile drainage, and farm buildings. He has served in many important places in the political life of his county and State.

A bank at Marshville in Union county offers to finance 60 per cent of the purchase price of a good cow for any farmer patron of good character. The notes may be paid in one and two years.

who built the tower with the utmost difficulty because of the task of getting water and material to the summit.

PARK SURVEY IN SMOKIES

Asheville Times. Arno B. Cammerer, of Washington assistant director of national parks, who arrived here Saturday after spending nearly a month in the Great Smoky mountains was planning to return Tuesday to the proposed national park area in the Great Smokies for further work in connection with establishment of the park boundaries.

On the trip Tuesday Mr. Cammerer will be accompanied by State Senator Plato D. Ebbs of Asheville, one of the originators of the park plan and a leading spirit in the work; Mark Squires of Lenoir, chairman of the North Carolina park commission, and Verne Rhoades, of Asheville, forestry engineer for the state park commission.

Mr. Cammerer and his associates have just finished the work of tentatively mapping out the boundaries of the great park which is to embrace 428,000 acres of virgin timberlands in the heart of the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. The two states are to acquire the land and transfer it to the federal government for development and protection.

The party leaving here Tuesday will enter the Great Smoky mountain country near Waynesville. After inspecting certain of the park areas, Mr. Cammerer will go to Knoxville, Tenn., where later this month he expects to meet S. T. Mather, director of the national park service.

RECORDER'S COURT HAS LONG SESSION

With 110 cases on the docket for trial, the recorder's court convened Monday morning, and will probably be in session until Wednesday afternoon, or later.

Fred Galloway, Canada man, charged with public drunkenness, with exploding dynamite, and with injury to the home of Albert Owen, by the explosion, was found guilty on all three charges. He was fined \$25.00 and the costs, and sentenced to a total of 10 months on the roads. It was indicated that his attorneys would file notice of appeal, before court adjourns.

Albert Owen, was charged with being drunk and carrying a concealed weapon. He contested the drunk charge, stating that he was not drunk. On the other charge, he admitted having the pistol, but explained, and proved by deputy sheriff Parker, that he was with Parker on a raid against a still, that was captured and carried the pistol and a Winchester rifle along. He contended that he had a right to carry the pistol; but the court saw it otherwise and fined him \$50.00 and the costs and ordered the pistol destroyed. He admitted having taken a drink or two of the "backings" and beer at the still. The court found him guilty of being intoxicated, and fined him \$25.00 and the costs in that case.

The testimony of Mr. Owen and members of his family, regarding the dynamite explosion, near the Owen home, was that they were aroused from their sleep, by hearing gun shots, that Mr. Owen went to investigate, and that, in the light of a flash-light, they saw Fred Galloway throw something, and immediately there was an explosion near the house, tearing a great hole in the yard and breaking out windows, with the concussion.

Galloway offered no testimony. Ed Lindsay charged with transporting and possession was found guilty and sentenced to four months on the roads.

John Coward and Fred Coward, found guilty of manufacturing, were sentenced to four months each, but the judgment was suspended for 12 months upon good behavior and the payment of \$100 fine.

Don Thraikell, drew four months for transporting and possession. Ed Lindsay and Odell Lindsay,

NEW THEATRE FOR SYLVA

On Saturday, June 25, the Sylvan Theatre will have its grand opening. It is located next to the Ford garage and is being built by Mr. J. S. Higdon for Mr. Theo. O. Stevenson of Waynesville and Asheville.

Mr. Stevenson has had quite a wide experience in the theatre business, having owned a movie house in Asheville prior to opening the Capitol in Waynesville last January.

It will be remembered this theatre was ruined by fire and water May 2, but has been rebuilt on the old Victory location much larger and better and will be opened next Saturday. The Sylvan Theatre will have a seating capacity of 300 seats on the main floor and a balcony for colored with 200 seats.

The lobby proper will be large well lighted with a well arranged marker. The entrance for the colored balcony will be separate just east of the entrance proper and tickets will be sold at top of the wide stairs leading up. The elevation of the floor will enhance the enjoyment of the pictures while the spacious stage will make it convenient for vaudeville and road shows in winter.

The pictures shown will be the very latest product from the best exchanges. A five piece orchestra will furnish music.

The management of the theatre will be under the direct supervision of Mr. Stevenson who will still reside in Waynesville but the residential manager will be Mr. E. B. Drake formerly of Pittsburgh, Penn., who with his wife will make their home in Sylva.

ROAD THROUGH GREAT SMOKIES

Asheville Times. Plans are going forward for building an improved highway across the Great Smoky Mountains that would link Sevierville, Tenn., and Bryson City, thus forming another connection for the highway systems of the two states, it was learned here Tuesday.

Bids on Tennessee's part of the trans-mountain link will be asked July 8, it was learned. J. G. Stikeleather, commissioner of the ninth district of the North Carolina state highway department, said this state proposes to cooperate in every way possible in constructing the new road.

This state's cooperation in the move was also assured by Commissioner Stikeleather in Asheville recently when a delegation of good roads enthusiasts from Sevierville came here to see him with reference to the project. To carry out the plan, North Carolina would improve a northwesterly direction across Swain county from Bryson City to the Tennessee border.

affray, plea of guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of the costs.

Weaver Swayngin entered plea of guilty to an assault and to carrying concealed weapons. On the first charge prayer for judgment was continued and in the second case was fined \$50.00 and the costs. He and Hal Stevens were required to give bonds in the sum of \$300 each to keep peace toward each other.

John Palmer and Terry Ollis, assault, guilty, \$10.00 and the costs.

Tom Stanley found guilty of transporting and possession, and prayer for judgment was continued.

Charley Worley plead guilty to the same charge and prayer for judgment was continued until the 4th Monday in August.

Crawford Dalton, drunk, \$25.00 and the costs.

Champ Dyre, retailing, judgment suspended upon payment of the costs and a good behavior bond.

Tom Queen drew three months for transporting and \$25.00 on a charge of being drunk.

Horace Mehaffey was convicted of being drunk and fined \$25.00. The same judgment was entered as to

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MARTIN ELECTED CHIEF OF POLICE

Mr. William "Bill" Martin, of Bryson City, was elected chief of police of the town of Sylva, by the aldermen of the town, Monday evening, to succeed Chief Allen Sutton, who has served in that capacity for the past two years, having held the position longer than any previous officer.

Mr. Sutton stated that his affairs at home require his attention, as he has a quantity of acid wood, poles, and other timber that should be marketed at this time.

Mr. Martin comes to Sylva well recommended by citizens of Bryson City and Swain County. He assumed the duties of his office, yesterday, Tuesday morning.

MINE YIELDS BODY OF SLAIN COP'S WIFE

Marion, Ill., June 14—Bearing out the confession of Art Newman, former lieutenant of Charles Birger, southern Illinois, gang chieftain, the bullet pierced body of Mrs. Ethel Price wife of Lory Price, slain highway patrolman, was found late Monday in the abandoned coal mine shaft near here in which Newman declared Birger followers had thrown it.

Newman charged that Birger killed Price because he talked too much about the gang's activities and that his henchmen killed Mrs. Price the night of January 17.

Mrs. Price's body was identified and claimed by her father, Dale Jackson, and by two relatives of Price.

The body was brought to an undertaking establishment here. The face was recognizable, although the nose was bruised possibly broken.

There were seven bullet wounds in the back.

BALSAM

Mrs. D. T. Knight received a telegram announcing the death of her brother-in-law, Dr. J. H. Knight June 10, at his home in East Point Georgia. Dr. Knight was well known throughout this section, having lived many years in Sylva.

Miss Faye Bryson, who has been teaching near Smithfield, returned home last week.

Mrs. Cynthia Beck celebrated her 60th birthday the 4th, with a sumptuous dinner. Her daughter, Mrs. Fanny McClure and children of Adie were among those who were present.

Mrs. John Coward is recovering nicely from a very serious operation performed last week in the Angel hospital in Franklin.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain we are having daily, work is progressing on our road, and concrete will be poured very soon.

Representatives of the Carolina Power and Light Co. are here installing electric lights for all who wish to have them.

REVIVAL SERVICES CLOSE

Preaching from the text "The Master Is Come and Callet For Thee," Rev. John Church brought to a close last night, the series of meetings he has been assisting the pastor in conducting at the Methodist church.

Those who have been attending the meetings expressed the feeling that the meeting has been most helpful, and that a great spiritual feast has been in progress.

Pastor W. M. Robbins stated that he felt that the meeting has greatly strengthened the church in Sylva.

A. E. Allen a successful poultryman of Cary in Wake County, raised 1,186 broilers to the age of five weeks with the loss of only 14 chicks.

The Avery county wool pool was seriously hurt because some growers sold their wool to the peddlers before the pool was ready.

RUN CAR OVER DEPUTY SHERIFF

Deputy Sheriff Claude Green was painfully injured, and Kim Long and Lang Jones are under arrest, charged with assault, following the striking of Mr. Green, by a Studebaker roadster, in which the two young men were riding, on the Franklin road, Monday morning.

It is stated that Mr. Green had information that the two were intoxicated and driving an automobile in a reckless manner on the road, and went out to investigate. Seeing them coming, he is said to have stepped in the road in front of them, and attempted to stop them, when the car headed for him, knocking him down in the road, and injuring him. The two were arrested and brought to jail.

Mr. Green, while painfully injured, is able to be up and around, with the use of a pair of crutches.

COMMERCE BODY TO HOLD JUBILEE

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a jubilee meeting, tomorrow, Thursday evening, at the Chamber of Commerce hall, celebrating the close of the intensive drive for additional members. A speaker for the occasion has not yet been announced, but it is stated that there will be a splendid speaker on the program.

At the close of the membership drive, while the exact number of new members secured has not been announced, it was stated by officials of the chamber that the number will be a hundred or more and officials are pleased with the outlook for the chamber.

Plates for 150 members are being prepared for the dinner meeting tomorrow evening, and it is expected that this will be the largest attended meeting, as well as one of the most enthusiastic yet held.

FARM COLONY BOARD APPOINTED

Raleigh, N. C. June 14.—The proposed North Carolina farm colony farm for women, which drew a \$60,000 building appropriation from the last legislature, was given a board of directors by Governor McLean.

The board composed of Dr. James Parrott of Kinston; Mrs. W. T. Shore, of Charlotte; T. J. Murphy, of Greensboro; Mrs. R. E. Little, of Wadesboro; and R. F. Beasley, of Monroe, will have the responsibility of selecting a site for the colony and directing its establishment.

The building fund will not become available until after July 1 as the appropriation falls in the new fiscal year. The board, however, is expected to meet soon and make its plans for finding a site, which will be located on some of the lands already owned by the state. The board's selection is subject to approval by the governor and council of state.

Governor McLean also announced today the re-appointment of all members of the state board of elections. They are Col. John D. Langston, of Goldsboro; W. E. Brees, of Brevard; T. Brodie Ward, of Wilson; R. W. Herring, of Fayetteville, and J. T. Prevette, of North Wilkesboro.

BALES HEADS MASONIC LODGE

Mr. Clarence A. Bales was elected master of Unaka Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and J. Ramsey Buchanan was elected Senior Warden, and N. Don Davis, junior warden, at the regular annual election of officers, Monday evening. Other officers elected were C. W. Allen, secretary and M. D. Cowan, treasurer.

GOES TO RIDGECREST

Miss Lora Dills is spending ten days in Ridgcrest, at the Y. W. C. A. conference, having been sent there by the Athletic Association of Meredith College, to represent the institution at the conference. Miss Dills is a senior at Meredith, and president of the athletic association.