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More Houses Needed

THERE is more building in progress now in Franklin, Highlands and other sections of Macon county than there has been at any time for a great many years—more even than during the boom days.

New business houses, homes and barns are going up everywhere, old structures are being remodeled and repainted, and much more improvement work is planned for the summer.

All this is very gratifying in that it indicates the passing of the lean years and the beginning of more prosperous times, but one of the greatest needs of Franklin remains unsatisfied—small cottages of modern construction and with modern conveniences.

Fifty or more four and five-room houses, conveniently located and well built, could be kept filled every summer, and many of them the year round, with high class tenants, and the rentals would bring a good return on the money invested.

There are plenty of good lots close in and there is plenty of cheap money to finance the building, and these cottages should prove a gilt-edge investment.

Politics According to Mrs. McKee

MRS. E. L. MCKEE of Sylva, state senator and civic leader, gave wise and practical advice to women concerning politics in a recent address at Asheville Normal and Teachers college.

"A candidate reflects the citizenship that puts him in office" and "requirements for a successful political life also are definite requisites for good citizenship" Mrs. McKee observed.

Rigid honesty and integrity of character; capacity for getting along with people; knowledge of parliamentary law; knowledge of problems and conditions in one's community; these were listed as basic requirements of a woman in politics.

"There's nothing incomprehensible or mysterious about politics, any woman of average intelligence and willingness to prepare herself can meet the requirements," Mrs. McKee told her audience of young women.

This particular statement in the address reminds us of George Bernard Shaw's unique definition, made many years ago, when the rank and file looked upon politics as an intriguing game above their comprehension. "Politics is babies" the Irish seer flung out in his defense of equal suffrage. Women in politics are helping create a new attitude that lends more and more to Mrs. McKee's and Mr. Shaw's conception. For babies have a way of growing up, and this inevitable human process calls for the kind of politics that loves to concern itself with the welfare of little children who will soon grow up to be citizens.

Women like Mrs. McKee can help tremendously to bring about the "new culture" of which she speaks in her address as spreading in North Carolina—not a culture to supersede the old, but to extend it, by producing a citizenship prepared in knowledge and character.

We are proud to claim Mrs. McKee as neighbor, and wish for her an even wider sphere of influence for her wholesome political doctrine and accomplishment.

626 ENROLLED AT CULLOWHEE

Registration at Highest Peak in History Of College

CULLOWHEE, May 5.—Registration for the special six weeks session at Western Carolina Teachers college has closed with the total enrollment of the college reaching the highest peak in its history: 626 students. Of this number, 403 were already enrolled for the regular spring quarter and the remaining 223 constitute the enrollment for the special six weeks.

Boarding conditions are crowded at Cullowhee at the present. Of the 223 enrolled for the six weeks term the college was able to accommodate only 24 in the dormitories as they were already about filled to their capacity. The remainder were taken care of as follows: about 35 are staying at The Pines and seven at Parker's Farm at Speedwell and the college bus is carrying these students back and forth each day. Many are staying in local homes near the college. At least 25 or 30 are staying in Sylva, and several are driving from Franklin, Waynesville, and Bryson City.

Facilities Taxed

Classroom facilities also are crowded. Every classroom from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. is filled every hour in the day. One class meets in the Baptist church.

President H. T. Hunter has expressed himself relative to this congestion as follows:

"Large numbers in college, overcrowded classrooms, dormitories, and boarding places filled to capacity, have never appealed to me as something to boast about. On the contrary, it may well give us pause as to what the numbers represent, not the effectiveness of advertising methods. What I am concerned about is, whether, despite the overcrowding, we shall give such service to each student who has come to Cullowhee that will make him feel that it has been worth while to come here."

In regard to the recreation and entertainment side of the six weeks session Dean W. E. Bird said the college plans to give one or two high class lyceum attractions and a trip or two to scenic spots. "The recreational side will be by no means be lost sight of and the college is eager to make the time pleasant as well as profitable to the students," he added.

The visiting instructors, who are assisting the regular faculty throughout the special term, are: Misses Adeline Bowie, Lois Latham, and Martha Mayfield, and J. M. Plemmons and C. C. Hanson.

Miss Adeline Bowie, instructor in economics and history, holds her A. B. from the University of Tennessee and has done graduate work at the University of Chicago and at Teachers' college, Columbia university. She is at present assistant in the personnel office, girls' high school, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Lois Latham, instructor in English and dramatics, received her A. B. from West Virginia Wesleyan college, Buckhannon, W. Va., and her B. L. I. from Emerson college of Oratory, Boston, Mass. She has studied with the Carolina Playmakers and has served as state chairman of poetry for the North Carolina federation of women's clubs.

Miss Martha Mayfield, who has taken over the work of fourth grade critic teacher at the training school is a four-year graduate of Western Carolina Teachers' college and has been teaching in the Murphy schools.

Mr. Plemmons, instructor in geography, completed the two-year course at Cullowhee and has his B. S. and M. A. degrees from Peabody college. For several years he has been teaching at Stockville.

Mr. Hanson, a graduate of Dakota Wesleyan college and principal of Bethel high school is teaching classes in social sciences, ethics, and contemporary European history. He has taught at Cullowhee previously in six weeks terms.

Miss Virginia Gustafson, of the music department of the college, has extensive work throughout this six weeks. Miss Gustafson's piano pupil, Anne Bird, of Cullowhee, won first place in the piano solo contest at the recent state-wide music meeting at Greensboro.

Resettlement Officials In Session In Asheville

SCHOOL CLOSES AT HIGHLANDS

Exercises Begin Sunday; Fifteen Students In Graduating Class

Highlands high school will close with the following program:

On Sunday morning, May 9th, at 11 a. m., the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at the auditorium by the Rev. W. F. Beadle, of Highlands Methodist church.

Monday, May 10, at 8 p. m., the annual debate and declamation contest will be heard at the auditorium:

Debate—Query. Resolved, That Congress should have the power by a two-thirds majority vote to override decisions of the Supreme Court declaring acts passed by Congress unconstitutional. Affirmative, James Hines, R. L. Potts; negative, Steve Potts, Bruce Edwards.

Declamations—"A Way of Life," L. C. Nix; "When the Sun Went Down," Carlton Cleaveland.

Readings—"An Inspiration," Alma Penland; "Another Spring," Peggy Thompson.

The senior play will be given at the auditorium Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. The play, entitled "The Eyes of Love," has a cast of 10 characters as follows: Louise Holland, Sarah Thompson, Estelle Edwards, Bruce Edwards, Tessie McDowell, Frances Wiley, Samuel Westbrook, Carey Reese, George Penland, and Henry Zoellner. Between the acts there will be a song by Guy Paul with music by Billy Nall. Seniors taking part in the getting up of the play are Robert McKinney, stage manager; Sylva Jenkins, costumes; assistant director, Marion Day Garris. Mrs. Kate M. Rhinehart, high school teacher, is director of the play. Admission will be charged to this play in order to defray commencement expenses.

Fifteen to Graduate

The final exercises will take place Wednesday evening, May 12, when 15 seniors graduate. The speakers of the evening will be Marion Day Garris, who will give the History of Highlands, Guy Warren Paul, who will speak on the Assets of Highlands, and Sara Bridges Thompson, whose speech will be about the Future of Highlands. President E. J. Coltrane, of Brevard college will deliver the address to the seniors. It will be noted that the 1937 graduating class has somewhat changed the order of the usual commencement exercises, and are concentrating on their town, rather than upon themselves. This idea is new and unusual, and should prove interesting.

Following is a list of the graduating seniors:

Bruce Edwards, Estelle Edwards, Marion Day Garris, salutatorian; Louise Holland, Sylva Jenkins, Tessie McDowell, Robert McKinney, Billy Nall, Guy Paul, Jr., George Penland, Cary Reese, Sara Thompson, valedictorian; Sammy Westbrook, Frances Wiley, and Henry Zoellner.

Class colors are pink and white, the class flower the rose, and the motto, "Not Finished—Just Begun."

MARRIAGE FOLLOWS SENTENCE

KITTINING, PA.—Russell Edward Crawford, 23, married Blanche Mabel Crawford a few minutes after he was sentenced to from one to two years in the workhouse for breaking and entering. The five-day wait for a marriage license as required by law was waived on order of the judge.

Pilson—"Does Pillsley's wife play on her mandolin as much as she did before she was married?"

Gartside—"No she spends most of her time now picking on her husband."

Crabshaw—"My wife always wants to know where I'm going when I go out."

Pryce—"Mine doesn't. She always goes along and sees for herself."

Resettlement administration officials of the state opened a three-day conference on the needs of Western North Carolina farmers Tuesday at the George Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville.

The problems of District No. 1, which embraces Bundombe, Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Graham, Swain, Jackson, Haywood, Henderson, Transylvania, Polk, Rutherford, McDowell, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey and Madison counties, featured the discussions.

Approximately 30 officials are attending the meeting.

Officials scheduled to speak at the sessions are: Vance E. Swift, of Raleigh, state director of the Resettlement administration; J. Paul Shaw, Raleigh, state farm management supervisor; H. N. Steed, Troy, district supervisor; W. R. Sechler, Asheville, supervisor of District No. 1; and Miss Daisy Campbell, Asheville, home demonstration supervisor for this district.

The Resettlement administration, operating under the department of agriculture, extends loans to low-income farm families who are unable to borrow money from regular banking institutions for food, feed, clothing, farm implements, supplies and livestock. It also carries on an educational program for the benefit of farmers. Loans, made for from one to five years with five per cent interest charged are secured by liens on crops, mortgages, personal property and the like.

Farm supervisors and home demonstration supervisors work with state and district Resettlement administration supervisors in determining the amounts of loans to worthy families.

SINGAPORE LACKS STEEL

The world shortage of iron and steel is being acutely felt in Singapore, where prices have risen by about 50 per cent in the last three months. It is regarded as certain that important works at the Naval Base and Air Base will be slowed up by the shortage of material.

Naomi—"Does your husband ever take any hard exercise?"

Dorothy—"Well, last week he was out seven nights running."

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE North Carolina, Macon County.

In The Superior Court
C. N. West

vs.
Ida Southards

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Macon County in the above entitled action, I will, on Monday, the 7th day of June, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon at the courthouse door of said County, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said Ida Southards, the defendant, has in the following described real estate, to wit:

Adjoining the lands of W. D. Welch and A. Hall lands and others, bounded as follows: Beginning at a small P. O. W. D. Welch's corner of his home lands, near his garden, a corner of Lot No. 5 and runs S 17 deg. 45 minutes W 36½ poles to a rock on top of a ridge a corner of Lot No. 5; then still with the line of Lot No. 5 S 14 deg. 15 minutes W 22 poles to a stake near ford of Still House branch witnessed by a locust; then with old line running from the mouth of Still House branch N 73 E passing a corner of Lot No. 5 at 14½ poles 65½ poles to a stake and pointers replacing a B. O.; then N 1 deg. 30 min. E 4 poles to a stake and pointers replacing a S. O.; then N 88 deg. 30 minutes W 21 poles to a stake and pointers replacing a P. O.; then N 51 deg. E 7½ poles to a stake and pointers near Still House branch; then N 35 W 46½ poles to a P. O., W. D. Welch's corner, also a corner of A. Hall land; then with W. D. Welch's line of his home land S 16 deg. 15 minutes W 6¾ to a B. O.; then S 49 deg. 30 minutes W 3½ poles to the beginning. Containing 10.1 acres more or less.

This the 3rd day of May, 1937.
A. B. SLAGLE, Sheriff.
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