

Wolf Laurel Development Acquired By Florida Corp.

Complete Plans Will Be Announced At Later Date

Acquisition of Wolf Laurel, a four season, 6,000-acre vacation and second home resort in the scenic Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee, has been announced by Dynamic Systems, Inc., of Melbourne, Florida.

Wolf Laurel, which includes Big Bald Mountain 30 miles north of Asheville, will be developed as a comprehensive year-round vacation and leisure second home area, of said Kenneth E. Allen, president of Dynamic Systems.

According to Allen, the development plan will be implemented by Carolina Laurel, Inc., a subsidiary of Dynamic Systems, with emphasis on second home residential areas and recreational facilities. The abundant natural beauty of the Wolf Laurel-Big Bald Mountain area will be preserved.

Recreational facilities already completed at Wolf Laurel include an 18-hole mountain golf course, which is thought to be the highest east of the Rockies, riding stables with facilities for basic horsemanship instruction and trail riding to the top of Big Bald Mountain (5,516 feet).

The Appalachian Trail winds (Continued To Page Four)

TVA HOUSING COMMITTEE MET MARCH 31

The TVA Pilot Project Study Committee met March 31 at the County Extension Office here. The purpose of the group is to identify the housing needs and problems of people living in Madison County.

Leonard Baker, representing the Marshall Housing Authority, led a very informative discussion on the fifty government housing units that are slated for construction this summer in Marshall. Mr. Baker stated that this project should solve many of the problems of locating suitable rental housing. Fred Studer suggested the need for a similar project to be located in the rural areas of the county. The need for an over-all Madison County Housing Authority. (Continued To Last Page)

CP&L PLANS TO REQUEST RATE HIKE

Carolina Power & Light Co. announces it is planning to request a general rate increase of about 10.5 per cent on service to retail customers in North and South Carolina.

President Shearon Harris said in a prepared statement that the request will be made before May 1 to the N. C. Utilities Commission and the S. C. Public Service Commission.

Harris said that although CP&L has never had a general rate increase, "the spiraling cost of nearly everything we must buy to provide electric service, including investment capital, makes a price increase essential."

Harris said the proposed increase "would add less than a nickel per day to the bill of the company's average residential customer." He added, "comparable increases would apply to all retail customers."

Also, Harris said, the company expects to make a later filing with the Federal Power Commission for approval of a hike in the rate charged to wholesale customers.

He said based on CP&L's 1969 operations, the proposed general rate increase would bring in about \$16 million in additional revenue annually.

CANCER DRIVE IN PROGRESS IN THIS COUNTY

Mrs. Retha Ward, county chairman of the Cancer campaign, has announced that the drive is in progress now and that contributions are urgently needed.

She stated that everyone realizes the importance of cancer research and cure and should be anxious to (Continued to Page Four)

200 ATTEND GOP DINNER AT MARS HILL SATURDAY

Atkinson And Yeager Are Principal Speakers At Cafeteria

More than 200 Republicans attended the fund-raising dinner last Saturday night in the Mars Hill College Cafeteria. The event was sponsored by the Madison County Republican Women's Club. (Continued to Last Page)

Neighborhood Youth Corps Programs Successful Here

Programs Are Designed To Give Youths Training, Employment, Assistance

The Madison County Neighborhood Youth Corps Programs continue to operate successfully here. The two programs, called NYC In-School and NYC Out-of-School, are dedicated to the youth of the county and were developed to aid young people to finish high school or, for those who have dropped out of school, to continue their education while receiving work training.

NYC is a nation-wide Department of Labor program which functions as one of the anti-poverty programs. Young people employed by NYC must meet low-income guidelines as stipulated by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

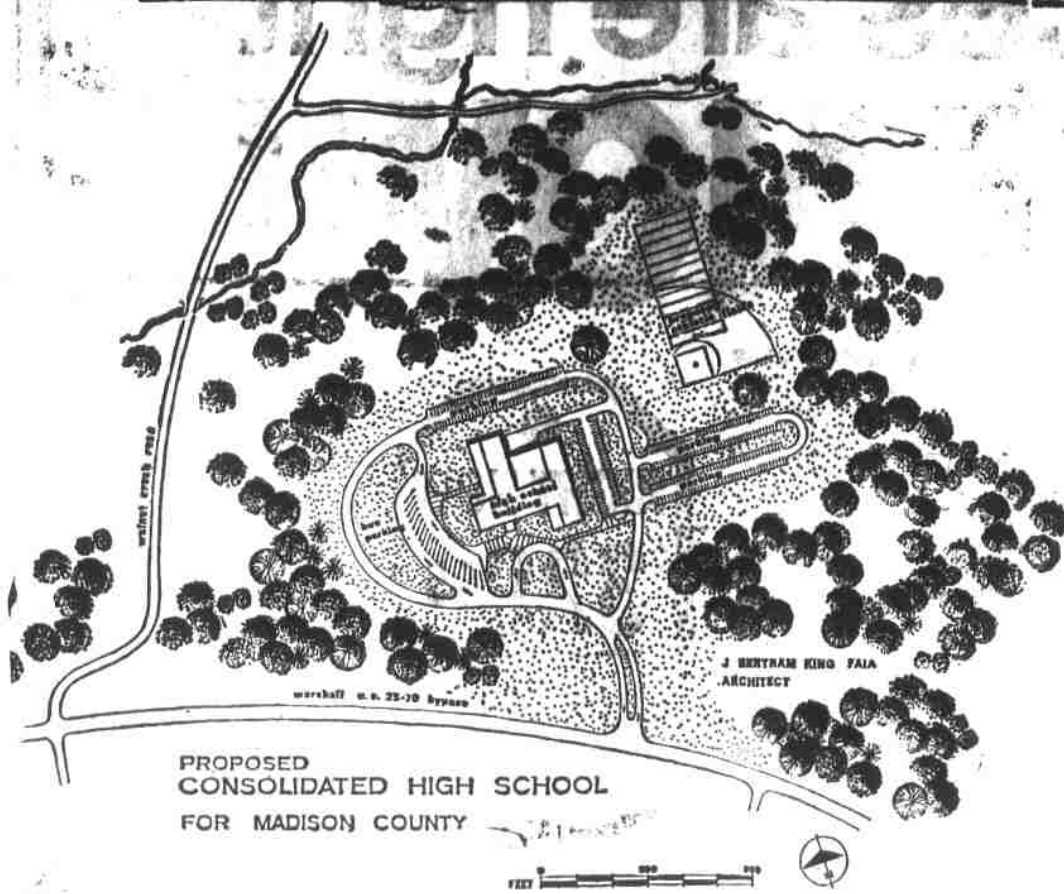
The In-School Program employs boys and girls who are enrolled in the county high schools. They work in the schools, are supervised by school personnel, and are paid \$1.45 per hour by the Department of Labor. They work 8 hours per week in positions such as teachers' aides, librarians, etc. (Continued to Last Page)

ATTENTION VOTERS

Mrs. Virginia Anderson, chairman of the Madison County board of elections, reminds voters who have moved from one precinct to another since the last election should go to the registrar of the precinct from which he or she moved or go to the registrar of the precinct where he or she now resides and fill out a transfer form. She further explained that if voter has been moved from former precinct for 30 days or more the voter must fill out transfer forms. If voter has been moved for less than 30 days, he or she may vote in former precinct.

This is imperative in order to vote in the Primary Election and Special Bond Election on May 2, 1970, she stated.

Mrs. Anderson also reminded voters that this Saturday was the last day to register or to fill out transfer forms.



FACTS ON MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS AND THE PROPOSED BOND FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL

(By Madison County Board of Education)

1. SHOULD MADISON COUNTY CONTINUE THE OPERATION OF THE 5 HIGH SCHOOLS AS THEY ARE?

The Survey Of Madison County Schools, conducted by Division of School Planning, Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh states on p. 17: "Economically, it is hard to justify the operation of high schools at Spring Creek, Laurel, and Hot Springs, each of which has an enrollment of less than 130 students. Also, Marshall and Mars Hill are too small, both having an enrollment of less than 400 students."

Pertinent Facts of Madison County High Schools

School	Enrollment	Built	No. of Teachers
Marshall	345	1925	12 State allotted, 4 vocational
Mars Hill	342	1925	12 State allotted, 3 vocational
Laurel	110	1927	5 State allotted, 1 vocational
Hot Springs	104	1928	5 State allotted, 1 vocational
Spring Creek	80	1925	4 State allotted, 1 vocational
TOTAL	981		38

State Teacher Allotment for high schools is a ratio of 4 teachers per each 80 students, 1 additional teacher for each additional 30 students, and 1 additional teacher per each 15 teachers. Present enrollment does not permit employment of sufficient numbers of specialized teachers to provide the best education. Present enrollment requires teachers to teach subjects outside the field in which they are certified.

The consulting engineer from the Division of School Planning (Survey, pp. 42-44) in his evaluation of the five high schools concluded that the cost of correcting the defects and inadequacies of the buildings could not be economically justified.

2. WHY BUILD ONE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL?

(a) To continue operation of the present educational organizational pattern, an expenditure of approximately \$3,000,000.00 would be necessary to bring the school plants up to standard requirements for continued use.

School	Requirement	Expense
Marshall	20 classrooms and auditorium	\$750,000.00
Mars Hill	12 classrooms and gym	\$530,000.00
Laurel	12 classrooms and gym	\$530,000.00
Hot Springs	12 classrooms, replace auditorium	\$330,000.00
Spring Creek	12 classrooms and gym	\$305,000.00

The State would provide \$354,000.00 of the three million, but the balance would have to be County money since Federal funds are unavailable for repairs and modernization.

(b) If one high school is built, it would cost about \$2,000,000. The cost of equipping, maintaining, and operating one school would be much less. In financing this new school, Madison County is Priority No. 1 in the state to Appalachian funds for educational purposes. The County has applied for \$700,000.00 for Appalachian Regional Development Commission. If additional legislation is not provided, Appalachian Funds will not be available beyond 1971. The state will furnish \$354,000, and the County must raise \$950,000. Perkins' money (Vocational Act of 1963) would also become available for use for equipment, instructional materials, etc.

(c) The number of State allotted teachers will be increased to a minimum of 52 and possibly more.

3. WHAT WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE IN A COMPREHENSIVE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL THAT HE IS NOT PRESENTLY RECEIVING?

(a) Expanded and improved curriculum. More than 100 courses could be offered, giving emphasis to vocational training in the areas of home economics, beautician, automotive mechanics, machinist, agriculture, bricklaying, welding, and others.

(b) Specialized instruction. Teachers could be assigned to teach the subjects in which they are certified.

(c) Special education classes. Enrollment would permit employment of additional teachers to work with exceptional students and special needs of others.

(d) Special services. A full-time school nurse, certified librarians,

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Ranger Warns Against Fires In National Forest

WOODS BURNER APPREHENDED LAST SUNDAY

The rattle of gravel on the fenders seemed to echo the sounds of "Stop!" There's a man setting the woods on fire.

These sounds were heard as a Forest Service crew rounded a bend in the Rich Mountain Road Sunday morning. Sure enough there was a man setting fire to the woods. In an attempt to run Wayne Franklin stumbled and fell. By then Steve Burns, Wilhard Swaney and Bruce Campbell — the Forest Service crew, apprehended Franklin. The small fire was quickly extinguished before any damage occurred.

Wayne Franklin, of Route 4, Marshall was placed under arrest and taken to the Hot Springs jail by District Ranger James Lunsford and Assistant Ranger Ray Jackson. Later, Franklin was transferred to the Marshall jail where he stayed until Monday morning. Assisted by Special Agent Roy Moore of the U. S. Forest Service, Asheville, the District Ranger arraigned Franklin before U. S. Commissioner Lawrence Stoker.

Franklin pleaded guilty to starting a fire without authorization on National Forest land. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail. The jail sentence was suspended for 6 months provided Franklin remain or attempt to remain gainfully employed; does not go onto National Forest land for 6 months; and pay a fine of \$50.00 and jail fees.

EH Awards Night

The Extension Homemakers' Clubs in Madison County will hold their Annual Awards Night Program at the courthouse in Marshall tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

A special celebration of the 50th Anniversary of EH clubs in North Carolina will be held. A brief history of club work will be given.

Former club members and Home Economics Agents are especially invited to attend this celebration. The clubs have worked hard for their points and awards this year, so come to the program to see them receive their honors.

The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Public Should Be Careful; Describes Big Hurricane Fire Sunday

By JIM LUNSFORD District Ranger

Hot Springs, N. C., April 12— Smoke and flames belched out of the forest in a roaring inferno as a fire fighting crew split and ran for their lives. The crew was taking suppression action on a fire set to the forest by some unconcerned citizen.

On a warm and calm Sunday morning a smoke was reported on Big Hurricane about 5 miles northeast of Hot Springs. Neal Barnett, the Forest Service Lookout on Rich Mountain, had spotted the smoke only moments earlier and had passed the location on to the crew on standby at Hot Springs.

Within moments the crew was on their way. The fire was burning near the road so suppression action was presumed easy. A line was constructed and the action seemed to be successful but that was before the fire, as forest fires can, erupted and began to spread — generating its own wind and preheating the forest in front of the flames. The flames jumped the lines as the crew fled from the on-rushing fire.

Ray Jackson, Assistant Ranger, fell back with his crew and began a new attack. This time the line held and all seemed well until the lookout spotted more smoke on top of the mountain above the fire. The fire in all its fury had sent burning embers into the air that set another fire almost a quarter mile away.

An air tanker was called in to drop fire retardant on the spot fire. More men were called to help suppress the new fire. The air tanker with 1200 gallons of retardant and the additional men stopped the spot fire. As the day grew old and dampness from evening crept in, the tired and weary fire fighters began to feel they had won another battle against wild fire. Mopup action began with the coming of night, and what started on a peaceful Sunday morning ended once again in calm.

What person or persons could hold such hate as to set a forest fire and endanger the lives of these fire fighters? Some may have been friends or relatives but most of all they are human beings, whose lives are held sacred in all eyes.

INDIVIDUAL ACTION

No one can map out your life for you because no one has been where you are going.

All-Out Campaign To Fight German Measles April 29-30

REECE FAMILY RECEIVES TWO MORE AWARDS

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Reece of the Walnut Creek section have been presented two more awards, The Military Merit Medal and Gallantry Cross with Palm, posthumously to their son, Sgt. Walter James Reece, who was killed in Vietnam in May 1968, with the following meritorious citation: "A serviceman of courage and rare self-sacrifice, he displayed at all times the most tactful co-operation while aiding the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam to repel the Red Wave under mining South Vietnam and Southeast Asia. With a ready and commendable response, he fought on to the end in every mission and set a brilliant example for his fellow soldiers. He died in the performance of duty. Behind him he leaves the abiding grief of his former comrades-in-arms, Vietnamese as well as Americans."

Immunization Teams To Be At County Schools For Two Days

Dr. W. O. Duck, president of the Madison County Medical Society, and Dr. Barbara A. Wood, Madison County Health Director, announced this week plans are being finalized for the campaign to "Rub out Rubella" (German measles) in Madison County. The following schedule for administration of the immunization has been set up:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29:
Marshall School — 8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
Mars Hill School — 8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
Walnut School — 1:00 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.
Beech Glen School — 1:00 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30:
Laurel School — 8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
Hot Springs School — 8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.
Elbe Chapel School — 1:00 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.
Spring Creek School — 1:00 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.

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