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\$2.00 a Year in Advance, \$2.50 if not so Paid

Open Summer Unit June 10 at Junaluska

Plans Laid for School At Trustees' Meeting.

The trustees of the Junaluska Summer School, affiliated with Duke University, held their annual meeting in the office of W. C. Allen, superintendent of Public Instruction of Haywood County, Monday. Those present were Holland Holton, of Duke University, Mrs. J. M. Long, J. R. Boyd, Dr. J. H. Way, H. J. Sloan, R. O. Edgerton, J. Dale Stentz.

The trustees were unanimous in their decision to have the first session of the Junaluska Summer School beginning June 10 of this year and continuing for six weeks, and plan to offer a six units' course for teachers holding elementary certificates. In addition to this, there will be two courses in advanced work for advanced teachers or for college students.

Dr. J. H. Way was temporary chairman and W. C. Allen, secretary, by virtue of his office as County Superintendent. An Executive Committee consisting of J. H. Way, H. J. Sloan and J. Dale Stentz was elected. This executive committee will have charge of all the details of the time and place of the school, fixing of registration fees, tuition, and expect to have more detailed announcements soon.

J. Dale Stentz was elected as business manager for the school. There is a great deal of interest being manifested in this section in the school, as well as in many distant cities and states, and the trustees are confident of great success from the beginning.

WOMAN'S CLUB.

Mrs. C. H. McDowell was hostess to the members of the Woman's Club Thursday afternoon, February 11th. After the club collect with which the meeting was opened, the Club Woman's Hymn was sung, followed by several reports of interest.

On account of so many conflicting dates during the week Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick stated that her committee had decided upon Monday, February 15th, instead of Saturday for the Silver Tea to be given at the home of Mrs. C. S. Smathers, the proceeds to be used for the Jefferson Memorial at Monticello. The date was changed to Saturday, February 13th.

In the absence of Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Penny and Mrs. Patrick were asked to serve on the art committee and prepare a program for the next meeting on art.

In discussing the Dahlia Show of 1926, Mrs. F. D. Ferguson proposed to take up the matter with the Woman's Club of Canton with a view to creating interest in the Beaverton and the other twelve townships.

Mrs. George Kenney who is to coach the proposed local play for the club, suggested the ladies decide upon either a "royalty" or "character" play. On motion the matter was left with Mrs. Grover Davis and her committee appointed at a previous meeting.

Mrs. McDowell read a letter regarding the "National Birthday Bell" at Valley Forge.

On motion by Mrs. C. R. Thomas it was voted by to contribute \$5.00 toward this memorial.

An unusually instructive and interesting program was given as follows:

"America's Response to a Foreign Appeal"—Mrs. Chas. R. Thomas.

"America's Army"—Mrs. J. H. Howell.

"America's Navy"—Mrs. Wm. A. Band.

"I Never Knew How Much God Gave to Me," Ball—Sung by Miss Ida Jean Brown, accompanied by Mrs. C. S. Smathers.

The roll was answered with the names of noted battles of the World War.

In addition to the members Mrs. Neal, Mrs. W. L. Hardin, Miss Helen Marshall, Miss Harper, Miss Mosely, Lois Sansbury, Miss Emma Chaffing, and Mr. Shackelford.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. L. Hardin, served a delicious salad course.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Penny, February 25th.

Mr. J. M. Mock and Mr. Claude Allen left Monday for New York where they will buy their spring line of goods for their stores. While away Mr. Mock will visit his daughter, Mrs. Cline, in Chicago.

Presentation of Lake Junaluska

Will Embrace Property Valued at Over \$3,000,000—Duke University to Hold Summer School Sessions.

Presentation of the entire holdings of the Southern Assembly grounds at Lake Junaluska to the 1926 General Conference of the Southern Methodist Church in May is being planned, according to information secured from official sources. The property, valued at \$3,000,000.00, located near Waynesville on the Appalachian Scenic Highway, is known far and wide as one of the most beautiful religious assembly grounds in all the world.

Having as its center of attraction a huge artificial mountain lake, girded with upstanding hills, the conference grounds presents all that could be desired in the way of a summer playground, which comprehensive programs, upon all phases of religious activity and educational development, are designed to meet the spiritual and mental needs of the thousands who represent the possible production?

Now, according to the census of 1920 there were 23,496 people living in the county. If each person used an equal share of this wood every man, woman and child would be entitled to approximately 2,280 board feet of timber per year which he could use as firewood, fence posts or lumber for his home, or he could sell his share.

The value of these forest products based on the conservative value of 5 dollars per thousand feet would be \$267,645.

This figure, then represents the actual value of the wood which can be grown in Haywood county

every year on the lands which are already wooded. And the growing of this wood will require no effort whatever on the part of the owners of the woodlands. This production will be made naturally provided the forests are protected from fire. Fire is, at the present time practically the only agency capable of preventing the growth.

During the year 1925, according to the figures shown on the official reports received at the State Forest Service there were exactly fifty forest fires which burned during this year.

These fires did a damage to timber and young growth estimated at \$87,993 or almost one-third of the value of the timber which would normally be grown during the same period.

And this figure does not include any estimate of the loss in the leaf which is the food of the

timber crop, nor does it include the damage to the soil, to the stream flow and water supply which was unquestionably seriously affected by forest fires. In addition to the damage to the growing forest and the unestimated damage to the soil and destroyed leaf litter and stream flow,

the fifty fires burned 58,051 dollars worth of forest products already cut and ready for market, and 46,729 dollars worth of improvements, houses, barns, fences, railroad trestles, logging camps and machinery.

Seven of these fires were, it was

definitely learned, set out deliberately

and criminally, by ignorant or criminally inclined incendiaries. Six of them were carelessly allowed to escape from burning brush piles.

Two were caused by campers and hunters carelessly leaving their camp fires unextinguished. The others were

caused by smokers, 3; lumbering 11.

Three resulted from miscellaneous causes while the cause of 19 fires was unknown. All 19 of these fires were either set on purpose, or resulted from the carelessness of hunters, campers, trampers or smokers.

How much longer are the people of

Haywood county going to allow this

annual loss to continue? How much

longer before the people realize that

the most important crop is wood?

When will the people realize that the

forest of Haywood county are protec-

tions their streams, preventing the

drying of their springs, protecting

their game, providing them wood for

fuel, for houses, for fences, and a

a thousand other uses and that the pro-

tection of the forest is a vital matter

to every citizen in the county.

Adequate protection demands two

things—a public sentiment opposed

to woods burning and adequate ap-

propriation of funds sufficient to fight

the fires and construct the lookout

towers and telephone lines necessary

to spot a fire that occurs and report

it to the warden.

Buncombe county, with only a

slightly larger forest area than Hay-

wood appropriates \$1,000 a year for

forest fire protection. Haywood ap-

propriates \$400. Yet, in Buncombe a

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Forest Situation of Haywood County

Over three-fourths of the total land area of Haywood county is forested. Of a total area of 349,440 acres, 267,644 acres is in forests. Properly cared for this area is capable of growing 53,528,800 board feet of timber per year.

These figures are conservative. They are based on the annual growth of only 200 board feet of timber per acre per year. Yet, according to the estimates of experts who have made exhaustive studies of forest growth, hardwood forests when properly handled can easily produce as high as 500 board feet per acre per year, expressed in dollars \$669,110 worth of wood in one year in Haywood county.

The club unanimously voted to give a guarantee of \$100 towards the Junaluska Summer school, Inc., the summer school of Duke University, to be established at Lake Junaluska.

It was also voted to give \$10 to

Miss Anne Hobson, for her kinder-

garten work. After the business of

the afternoon was finished, the fol-

lowing program was given:

Piano Solo—Eclogue, Lizst—Miss Frances Denton.

Solo—Charming Chloe—Mrs. L. M. Richeson.

After which the president, Mrs. Rufus Siler, in a few gracious words, introduced Mrs. McKee. Mrs. Siler spoke of the honor the western part of the State enjoyed in producing a State president, as gracious sympathetic and competent as Mrs. McKee.

The club room was filled with mem-

bers and guests, who arose to greet Mrs. McKee as she began her address.

Mrs. McKee's talk was short and very

much to the point.

Stressing particularly two points:

The American Home and the Respon-

sibility of Citizenship and the Vote.

She began by telling us to carry

high the standard of our club, as the

Federation can be no nearer the good

than the individual clubs. The good

of women's clubs being the growth of

the community in health, morals, re-

creation and beauty. She spoke es-

pecially of the new department being

established in women's clubs, called

the American Home Department, hav-

ing for its aim the establishing of

wholesome, happy, affectionate fam-

ily life, as a bulwark against the ten-

dencies of the times, homes where

religion comes first.

"All true club work embraces the

child, home, community and State."

Through organized womanhood,

much can be accomplished, this state

having 53,000 women voters. Mrs.

McKee stressed our responsibility as

a voter, and what can be accomplished

if we take a serious conscientious view

of this.

Mrs. McKee closed her talk with a

call to all club woman to be faithful,

loyal and true.

After which the afternoon's pro-

gram closed with a violin solo by

Miss Margaret Stringfield.

Vocal Solo—"Moon, Moon"—Mrs.

L. E. Green.

The hostesses for the afternoon

Mrs. J. H. Way, Mrs. Lenoir

Gwyn, Mrs. N. M. Medford and Mrs.

Cody Plott, served a delicious salad

course.

Mrs. E. L. McKee-- Community Club

Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva, State President of Federated Clubs, was present at the meeting of the Community Club on Monday, Feb. 15th, and made a talk that will live long in the minds of the women, fortunate enough to hear her.

As this was a regular meeting of the club, the meeting opened with the Federation song, followed by the prayer for club women.

After which the reports of officers

and departmental chairmen were given.

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