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Country Club And Golf Course Are Sold

W. T. Eller, Florida, Buys Property From Mr. and Mrs. Long

New Owner To Take Possession In About 15 Days; Plans Expansion When Building Restrictions Are Lifted.

The nationally known 18-hole Waynesville Golf Course and Country Club was sold this week by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long to Walter T. Eller, prominent business man of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The deal was closed here this week, and the records show that it is the largest private transaction ever made in Haywood County. The purchase price was not made public.

Mr. Eller will assume ownership of the property within fifteen or twenty days, it was learned. Surveyors are to start Monday mapping the 118-acre tract, and it is expected that it will take a few days for the final technical details to be completed. The bill of sale was signed this week, and a "considerable sum" of money passed hands.

Mr. Eller told The Mountaineer yesterday that his present plans were to keep the Club House open all winter. He will not be here himself as his other business interests demand his time in Florida. "We plan some minor improvements at once, and later want to treble the size of the Club House, and even possibly the course. That is in the future, and certainly nothing definite at this time," the new owner said.

Mr. Eller said that the property was not bought as a speculative venture. "I saw in it a bright future, and because I like this area, and believe it will grow and develop, I decided to buy the property."

This is Mr. and Mrs. Eller's second time to spend their vacation in this community. Last year Mr. Eller, together with his brother-in-law, A. J. Bedwell, purchased the 9-acre Bright farm. This year Mr. Eller bought another 3-acre tract from the Francis farm which adjoins the golf course.

Mr. Eller is manager of the Port Everglades Terminal Company, at Port Everglades. Besides being in the shipping business, Mr. Eller operates a large cold storage plant, and before the war handled building materials. Besides his private business, he is director of one of Florida's largest banks.

He is a native of Indiana, and went to Florida 20 years ago and entered business. Mr. Eller did not want to talk about himself, but preferred to talk about the mountains, and the future of this section. "I was brought up on a farm, and while I've gone into other lines of business, I still have the farm at heart—that is one reason I like the people here so much."

The new owner of the Country Club pointed out that he felt "this valley" was far ahead of anything else in the way of development and preparation for the great influx of people that were bound to come when travel restrictions are lifted. He said he had realized this was the very hub of this entire scenic section, and when properly developed, would bring in untold thousands of vacationists and homeseekers.

The Waynesville Country Club and Golf Course have brought thousands of visitors to this area and have contributed more than any other tourist enterprise in advertising this community throughout the country. The property consists of 118 acres. There are about 110 acres in the 6,610-yard course. Par for men on the course is 72, and for women is 90. From late spring to late fall, the average is 75 to 100 players daily.

Mr. Long has spent both time and money on the course bringing it to its present perfect condition. Twelve years ago he planted Metropolitan Bent grass and from that time improvements have been made each year on the course. Each night during the dry season each green is watered by sprinklers, so that it will be in perfect form for the players the next day. The course has a network of underground water pipes for irrigation.

The present club house contains 56 guest rooms, three lobbies, two dining rooms, two kitchens, a locker room with showers and lockers, and nine service rooms. The greater part of the building

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Dayton Dance Team Is First In 18th Festival

Dayton Rubber square dance team won the championship at the annual Mountain Dance and Festival in Asheville Saturday night, in a three-day event, was attended by thousands. Dayton team won first place in today's events, and then on Saturday night before a cheering throng of 3,000 put on a dance exhibition that left no question as to the winner. The Dayton team competing against all former champions.

The team's popularity is already high, and through yesterday, invitations have been received to appear before special groups, including two veteran hospitals in Dayton. Dayton team was led by the square dancer, Sam Queen, and as his partner for Friday night's winner, Miss Heneritta, and his partner for Saturday night was his daughter, Miss Queen.

The team is managed by Mrs. Kerley, president of the girl's team. Those participating and winners were: Evelyn Moody and Parris; Wildie Rabb and White; Jerry McKinley and "Bud" Smith; Lillian Philbrick and Tom Campbell; Parris and Joe Campbell; Heneritta Wilson, Sarah and Sam Queen; Sara Campbell and Kyle Campbell.

Soco Gap String Band provided the music for the local dance.

Home Engineer Soco Gap Road In Central A.

Home services were conducted by Moore Funeral Home in Asheville, Ga., for Albert J. May, native of Millidgeville, resident of Waynesville for years, who died on August 1, 1944, of injuries received in an accident in Central America.

Funeral services had previously been held in San Jose, Costa Rica, and were cremated and flown to the Millidgeville plot in the Millidgeville cemetery.

May was formerly employed on the construction of the Soco Gap road. At the time of the accident he was employed by Ralph E. Mills Construction Company on a project in Central America. His cousin, Albert Steffens, of Summerville, Fla., escorted him to this country.

Surviving are the widow, the former Clara Mae Almand, of Asheville, Ga.; one daughter, Mrs. H. L. McCaskill, of Andersonville, Ga.; and Mrs. E. Evans, Jr., of Sylvania, Ga. Brothers, Wesley E. May, of Savannah, Ga.; and H. May, of Fort Bragg, N. C.; and James H. May, of Monticello, N. C.

Stop Leaks Reservoir

Work is now being received by town officials for repairing the reservoir here, according to G. C. Brown, town manager. The reservoir on the hill on the east side of town has developed several leaks, and these must be repaired before freezing weather, Brown said. The bids will be opened at five o'clock on Tuesday, October 10th.

The town board set up a special fund for this some time ago, and engineers estimate the cost of the work somewhere between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Mr. Davis, formerly of this town, who is making his home in Raleigh, spent several days here during the past week.

Street Paving Program To Be Completed Soon

Work Is Moving Along On Schedule On Two Miles Of Waynesville Streets.

The street paving program here is going forward on schedule, and the contractors believe that the two miles will be completed within the next thirty days.

All foundation work, treating and preparation has been completed and ready for the pouring of asphalt.

The surfacing is being done by the town, in a follow-up program inaugurated by the WPA several years ago. The WPA widened, graded and put down crushed stone on two miles of the town's streets.

Young Democrats To Meet On 14th In Asheville

A state-wide meeting of the Young Democrats of North Carolina will be held at the Langren Hotel Saturday, Oct. 14, it was announced by Miss Henrietta Price, president.

The meeting will be in the form of a banquet or "Victory Dinner" in the Governor Vance room and Clyde R. Hoey, former governor, and R. Gregg Cherry, Democratic nominee for governor, are scheduled to speak.

Don S. Elias will serve as toastmaster and will preside at the meeting, which is expected to be attended by Democratic candidates for state offices as well as representative Democrats from all parts of the state. Mr. Elias is chairman of the program committee for the event.

E. C. Green has been named chairman of the reception committee. Miss Price said.

Service men are especially invited to attend. Miss Price said that one of the objectives of the Young Democrats in the state is to assist in getting applications from service men for ballots and in aiding county election boards in handling the ballots as volunteers where such service is requested.

Speakers for the speakers bureau set up in connection with the campaign are also being furnished. Miss Price said.

Headquarters will be opened by the Young Democrats in the Langren Hotel within a few days and will serve as a clearing house for the activities of the organization in the state.

Drivers' Licenses Available At The Courthouse On 30th

Drivers' licenses may be obtained at the sheriff's office in the courthouse on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 9 to 1 o'clock it was learned from O. R. Roberts, patrolman of the state highway. A representative from the state department will be here during the designated hours, according to Mr. Roberts.

Seriously Wounded

Pfc. Robert L. Green of Waynesville, has been cited by his regiment of the 34th "Red Bull" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Standards for the Badge are high. The decoration, which was recently authorized by the War Department, is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blues, enclosed in a silver wreath.

Dr. S. P. Gay To Take Part On Program At District Dental Meet

Dr. S. P. Gay will attend the District meeting of the Dental Society on Monday which is being held in Morganton. Dr. Gay will take part on the program and will be in charge of a clinic at the meeting.

IN NEW YORK CITY
Mrs. Julian Rathe and daughter, Evelyn Doris, have gone to New York for a few weeks' visit with her parents.

Bought By Florida Man



This is the Country Club, which was bought this week by Walter T. Eller, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long.

Sgt. Loyd T. Riddle Reported Wounded In France, Aug. 25

Sergeant Loyd T. Riddle, son of Mrs. Louise Riddle of Cove Creek, was wounded in action in France on August the 25th, according to a message from the war department to his mother.

Sgt. Riddle, a native of Jackson county but had been living in Haywood county since he was seven years old. He was inducted at Camp Croft and from there was sent to Camp Wolters, Tex. for his basic training. Later he received training at Camp Beal, Calif. and Camp Bowie, Tex., before being sent overseas, where he has been serving for the past three months.

Sgt. Riddle has a brother in the service, William Eldridge Riddle, seaman first class, who was also inducted at Camp Croft and took his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and from there was sent to Norfolk Va., before being assigned to sea duty. He is now stationed in Australia.

Annual Hereford Sale Here Attracts Large Attendance

62 Purebred Hereford Cattle Sold At 3rd Annual Sale Held by Haywood Group

Between 250 and 300 people attended the third annual registered Hereford sale which was held at the Waynesville township high school grounds Wednesday afternoon. The event was sponsored by the Haywood County Hereford Breeders' Association, of which C. N. Allen is president.

There were 66 head of registered Herefords consigned to the sale and 62 were sold. The total sales reached \$15,600, with an average of \$251 paid for each animal. The top bull sold for \$650 and the top heifer brought \$460. The average paid for bulls was \$370 while the average for the heifers was \$238.90.

Forty-one of the cattle were sold to Haywood Hereford Breeders; 13 were purchased by Florida breeders and will be shipped there, and the remainder were bought by breeders in this state.

Guy L. Pettit, of Bloomfield, Iowa, was auctioneer of the sale, which attracted stockmen from all over North Carolina and neighboring states. Many of those attending the State Hereford Breeders annual meeting for the day before remained over for the sale Wednesday.

Consignments in the sale consisted of 66 animals with 60 females and six bulls. The Haywood consignees were: G. J. Abel and son, Way Abel, C. T. Francis and M. O. Galloway. Jack Turner, owner of the Silver Crest Farm, Fort Worth, Texas, was the guest consignee and he brought 44 females and five bulls from his place in Texas.

Officers of the Haywood association sponsoring the event in addition to Mr. Allen and Roy Haynes, vice-president; C. T. Francis, secretary-treasurer; with the following directors in addition to the three officers, Henry Francis, J. M. Pless, J. L. Westmoreland, and M. O. Galloway.

Howard Clapp, county farm agent, and Wayne Franklin, assistant county agent, assisted the county group in staging the sale.

South Carolina Pastor Here For Baptist Meet

Rev. L. G. Elliott, of Simpsonville, S. C., conducted prayer meeting at the First Baptist church last night. Rev. Mr. Elliott is pastor of the First Baptist church of Simpsonville.

Haywood Teachers Hear Dr. Killian At Annual Meet

Dr. C. D. Killian, of the faculty of Western Carolina Teachers College, addressed the Haywood County Unit of the North Carolina Educational Association at their meeting held in the high school auditorium on last Thursday, with Frank L. Rogers, president, presiding. The speaker who gave an illustrated lecture on "Audio Visual Education" was introduced by M. H. Bowles, county superintendent of education.

The meeting opened with assembly singing lead by Chas. Isley, followed by a devotional period in which Rev. Miles McLean was in charge.

Mr. Bowles outlined the bulletin for the teachers and discussed the work for the coming year, touching on various school problems.

Mr. Rogers made suggestions to the group for the progress of the four meetings, which the organization voted to hold between now and the first of the year.

Others on the day's program included: Fred L. Safford, of Fines Creek school; W. P. Whitesides, of Bethel; Lawrence Leatherwood, of Hazelwood; Claude Rogers, of Central Elementary; J. T. Chappel and Homer Henry.

450-Acre Farm To Be Auctioned Monday, Oct. 9th

Much interest is being shown in the auction sale of the 450-acre Jonathan Creek farm here on Monday, Oct. 9th. The farm is 7 miles from Waynesville, and is known as the Asbury Howell farm, but now owned by Jonathan Woody and Glenn James.

The farm has been divided into twenty tracts, from 3 to 50 acres each. Maps of the farm will be available from the owners on and after Tuesday, Oct. 3rd.

The farm is one of the best known farms in the county and a large crowd is expected to attend. The women of the Shady Grove Methodist church will serve lunch. The sale will be conducted by Penny Brothers, of Charlotte.

Besides the land, 8 head of young mules will be sold.

Ninth Army Chief



THE U. S. 9TH ARMY, which has taken its place in the operations command in France alongside the U. S. 1st, 3rd, and 7th Armies, is under the command of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, 56, Weatherford, Tex. It was not disclosed in what sector the new American army is operating. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (International)

Long's Chapel To Feature Special Service Sunday

Plans are underway for the observance of World Wide Communion Sunday in the Long's Chapel, Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, next Sunday at 11 o'clock service, according to an announcement made this week by the pastor, Rev. Miles McLean.

The service comes as a climax to Church Loyalty Visitation Week. A special feature will be the reading of the names of the service men and women from the community. When each name is read a member of the family or close friend will come to the communion table to represent that absent person and will be given a card to mail the boy in commemoration of the service.