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Legion Post Purchases Property For Memorial Building

A committee acting for the Earl Horton Post of the American Legion, and B. B. Penland, B. R. Penland and Luther Ayers, joint owners, are completing a transaction this morning whereby the post is acquiring a part of the former Stanley McCormick school property as a memorial building and grounds.

The property consists of approximately an acre of land and two buildings, the former manual training building and the dining hall building.

This transaction completes many months of endeavor by the Legion Post to secure a memorial building.

A fund raising campaign was begun over a year ago for this purpose, and the response of citizens of the county to this made the purchase possible.

First Considered

The recently purchased property was one of the first prospects considered, but at that time was not available as it was already under lease to a private individual.

The building committee worked continuously. A number of prospects were considered, with the advantages and disadvantages of each carefully considered.

Several public spirited citizens offered sites for

the location of the building. Each was studied, but the inadequate size of one of the lots, inconvenience of location and amount of preliminary work necessary of several of the others made it inadvisable to close any deals.

The problem of getting building materials and the high cost of all items were also carefully considered.

Several weeks ago the Stanley McCormick property again became available and the committee contacted the owners at once. The final transactions were concluded this morning, and the Legion now has its long desired memorial building.

Adequate

The property should be adequate for any use that the Legion might desire. The manual training building is of adequate size for a gymnasium and recreational hall. The other building has a kitchen and large dining room on the first floor, and six rooms on the ground floor. The grounds surrounding the buildings will provide parking space and athletic courts.

There are some repairs that will have to be made, and the Legion post now plans to make this as soon as possible so that the buildings will be ready for use at the earliest possible time.

NOTICE

The Health Department Office will be closed on Armistice Day, November 11th and Thanksgiving Day, November 27th.

On Hospital Committee

Dr. W. L. Bennett and Miss Eloise Bennett attended a luncheon last week in Asheville of the group interested in the hospital plans for this section of the state. There were 100 present, representing the 15 western counties.

Miss Eloise Bennett was named as one of a committee of five to draw up plans for the organization of the district council, composed of the western counties.

NOTICE

All officers who have received appointments in the Regular Army must accept, take the oath of office or reject that commission on or before November 30, Headquarters, Third Army announced here today.

Sgt. Henry R. Shelton is home on 15 day leave from Camp Gordon, near Augusta, Ga. He is visiting his wife and mother at Bee Log, and plans to take his family back with him to Harlan, Ga., where they will reside.

Sgt. Shelton was overseas for 38 months, in the European Theatre, and was in 8 major campaigns.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Friday night at the home of Mrs. L. G. Deyton.

LAST RITES FOR THOMAS P. DELLINGER

Thomas P. Dellinger, 82, passed away at his home near Burnsville Friday afternoon following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Dr. O. E. Croy, formerly of Burnsville, Burnsville Friday afternoon, the Rev. W. J. Baker and the Rev. Paul Taylor officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the widow; 3 daughters, Mrs. R. Buchanan of Newdale, Mrs. Walter Gibbs and Mrs. P. B. Hensley of Burnsville; 5 sons, Ralph and John of Burnsville, Claude of Newdale, Henry and Ebb of Asheville; 24 grand children; 3 sisters, Mrs. W. J. Baker, Mrs. E. Myers and Mrs. Bob Ray.

Mr. Dellinger was a life long resident of the Concord community and a member of the Concord Methodist church for many years.

NOTICE TO AAA FARMERS

The 1947 superphosphate is now being received through the Yancey County A. C. A. and if there is any farmer participating on this program that has not received their material or would like to receive additional superphosphate please call by the office and make this request as soon as possible.

MT. MITCHELL STORM

One of the heaviest and most devastating ice storms to visit 6,684-foot Mount Mitchell over a six-year period was experienced last week end.

Brought about as the result of freezing rains, snow and sleet, the storm played havoc with communications lines between the observation tower on the famous peak and Buck Creek, snapped off the tops of towering spruce and pines, and left trails ice coated.

Whipped about by high winds from the east, torrents of freezing rain glazed the sides of trees and other objects with ice coatings six inches deep in places.

Mrs. Coy Ballew, weather observer, reported that in some sections roads and trails "looked like recent scenes of the Florida hurricane damage." Tops of spruce and pine trees were scattered over a mile area surrounding the peak. She said that during the height of the storm she and her husband, also a weather observer on the peak, experienced difficulty in climbing the 60-foot elevation from their cabin home to the tower to check climatic conditions. The weather station is situated about 400 feet from their home.

COUNTY-WIDE FARM BUREAU MEETING PLANNED

A meeting will be held by the recently organized Farm Bureau at Burnsville high school on Wednesday, November 12 at 7 p. m.

It is imperative, officials state, that farmers throughout North Carolina perfect their organization and be ready, through cooperation and definitely stated goals, to work for the best interest of the farmers in these uncertain times.

The county-wide meeting next Wednesday is open to all farmers of the county, and they are urged to attend. This is a continuation of the membership drive which has been meeting with very good results.

O. W. Deyton is president of the county Bureau, Clyde Ayers is vice president and Jesse Howell, secretary-treasurer.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY IS MAJOR ATTRACTION

Comparative travel statistics for National Park service developments, showing that the Blue Ridge parkway and the great Smoky Mountains National park were again major tourist attractions in the travel year ended Sept. 30, were released yesterday by Blair Ross, superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains park.

The Smoky Mountains park led all national parks in attendance during the travel year, the statistics show, while the Blue Ridge parkway ranked third among all National Park

Named County Accountant

Luther M. Robinson of Celso was named county accountant at the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners.

Mr. Robinson began his duties in this office on November 1. He succeeds J. A. Goodin who resigned.

Named Tax Supervisor

Carl T. Young has been named supervisor for the collection of 1947 county taxes by the board of county commissioners.

Tax lists in the various townships will be named later. Listing will begin on January 1.

MRS. WALTER PIKE IS SPEAKER FOR CLUBS

Mrs. Walter Pike of Hendersonville was guest speaker at the annual "Achievement Day" observed Friday by the Home Demonstration clubs of Yancey county.

Mrs. Pike was a delegate last month to the conference of Associated Country Women of the World, held in Amsterdam, Holland. The meeting was attended by 600 delegates from 25 countries. There were 85 delegates from the United States, 5 of these from North Carolina.

Mrs. Pike told of the trip as a whole, rather than the program of the conference alone, and presented a clear and sympathetic picture of conditions in Europe.

The group went first to England, and there the shortage of food and the lack of adequate housing are beyond the comprehension of people here, she said. The diet is very restricted, very monotonous and far below the margin of nutritional safety. Much of the bombed out areas have not even been cleared, she stated, so that living conditions are, in many instances, hazardous as well

as miserable. However, Mrs. Pike said, homes of the English country side were very neat and clean and that every inch of available space was utilized for gardens.

After a brief stay in England the delegates went on to Holland. Mrs. Pike gave highest praise to the spirit of the Dutch people although here again the lack of bare necessities of life is appalling. Food, house furnishings, farm equipment, live stock had been confiscated by the Germans, and the bombings had destroyed hundreds of thousands of homes.

Despite all this, the Dutch people are meeting this crisis with great courage and their sense of humor is apparent at all times. Women of Holland had made dolls in native costumes to help finance the conference, and were wonderful and thoughtful hostesses in every way.

A group of the club women visited the area of Holland which was flooded to keep the Germans from Antwerp. This entire section through which they

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JAMES C. HENSLEY ACCIDENTLY SHOT

James Clayborne Hensley, 17, was killed instantly about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon near the home at Cane River when a pistol he was carrying in his pocket fell out and was discharged. The bullet struck him in the chest.

Sheriff Suel Anglin investigated, and county coroner, W. M. English stated that an inquest was not necessary.

Mr. Hensley was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Carmon Hensley of Cane River and was in the Junior class at Bald Creek high school.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Bald Creek Methodist church.

Surviving, in addition to the parents, is the grandmother, Mrs. S. M. Hensley of Bald Creek.

service in popularity. The statistics follow, with the developments listed in the order of their popularity in 1947:

Lake Mead recreational area, Lincoln memorial, Blue Ridge parkway, Great Smoky mountains National park, Mt. Ranier National park, Yellowstone National park, Rocky Mountains National park, Shenandoah National park, Washington monument.

All Motor Vehicles Will Be Inspected

All motor vehicles in the state must pass inspection under the new law, and the following explains the inspection process:

As your car or truck enters the safety lane, which is approximately 160 feet long, an inspector will be at the entrance to check your operator's or chauffeur's license and vehicle registration card. It is necessary to show these credentials before an inspection can be made. You will then pay your \$1.00 inspection fee and the inspector will fill out an "inspection card," which will be checked throughout the lane for all types of mechanical defects. This inspection card becomes your personal property, and will be used later to aid garages and repair shops in correcting defects on your car.

You then proceed with the inspection card to the wheel alignment and steering tester. It is very important that these vital mechanisms of your car be kept in good condition at all times. You will be asked to drive the front wheels of your vehicle across the wheel alignment tester, and the reading will be recorded on your inspection card. Then the front end of the vehicle will be jacked up to check the wheel bearing and steering mechanisms. After that, the car is dropped from the jack and the

rear wheel alignment is recorded.

At this second post the inspector will also check the tie rod, drag links, mountings, joints, tires, horn, windshield wiper, rear view mirror, windshield and other glass, license plates, muffler, and brake drag to see that they all come up to the minimum requirements.

When this check is completed, you will proceed to post number three where the lighting equipment will be checked. The inspector will test your parking and driving lights, lens and reflectors, headlights, stop light, tail light, and signal light. Special equipment will be provided for testing lights.

After the lights have been thoroughly checked and the inspection card has been punched accordingly, you will proceed to the brake tester, where your hand and foot brakes will be checked, and the grading will be recorded on the inspection card.

Now your vehicle is ready for its final grading. So you drive to the end of the safety lane, where an inspector will examine your inspection card and tabulate the results. If your vehicle measures up to the minimum requirements, a bright blue approval seal in the shape of the State of North Carolina will be stuck in the corner of the windshield.

MAGICIAN WILL BE AT YANCEY NOV. 14

The great Kara-Kum, the world's greatest living magician who brings his mystery show to the Yancey Theatre for performances November 14, evening and night will present the greatest array of mystery magic and illusion ever presented in America.

Such effects as making any woman from the audience float in mid-air; pushing 14 knives through the hand of any member of the audience; the live lion African Terror will be produced from thin air; also the flying carpet of the world from the Arabian Nights; exotic Cobra girl, dangerous Cobra will change to a beautiful girl; ghosts, skeleton will be among the audience and leave the stage to sit with you, and a 1001 breath-taking mystery

thrills are in store for the thousands who eagerly await the first opportunity to witness the world's greatest mystery show that has baffled millions all over the world.

To add color and charm to this world famous show are Oriental girls—Beautiful and Exotic—breath-taking beauty of a paradise come true.

The Boy Scouts have made chests, and these have been filled with young people's books, pencils and paper by young Americans in schools, Sunday Schools, scout groups and other organizations, delivered pre-

BURNSVILLE— "So They Say"

The weather: Honestly we are embarrassed. Long ago we began to note the "signs of fall" and predict frost, snow, cold wave, etc. And here on November 6th, flowers still bloom in the yards, grass grows so rapidly that we saw Will J. Baker mowing his lawn yesterday, the Hobart Wilsons still eating corn-on-the-cob from their garden, and J. E. Evans is harvesting a second June apple crop from his trees! That killing frost hasn't come along yet, and not one more time will we predict when that will occur or when the first snow will fly. "Wait and see" will be our watchword. (Different story on Mt. Mitchell where they've had first ice-and-sleet storm).

About town: News of the week—the Legion Memorial building. Plans for this have gone on for so-long that it seemed the post was getting nowhere. Then, the former Stanley McCormick property became available again and the purchase has already been made! This is grand news and there's much rejoicing!

New arrival: Roy and Martha Higgins Hensley's son on Saturday. It sounds like a Hallowe'en yarn. Cute Kay Beavers and her mother had planned. (Continued on back page)

LIBRARY NOTES

Book Week belongs to every one, and this year is being celebrated from November 16 to 22. The civic groups, schools and libraries all over the United States will celebrate the importance of books in the lives of men, women and children. The books that children of today read will help to broaden and enrich the minds and lives of the citizens of tomorrow.

What books are available for your child? Check his reading and find what his interests are.

Book Week began in 1919 and the influence of this work has been far reaching. One of the results of this campaign was the formation of the Children's Book Council with headquarters in New York. Today an increasing number of countries abroad are aware of their needs and have inaugurated their own Children's Book Councils.

American boys and girls have already sent 25,000 children's books to young people in devastated areas of the world during the past three years.

The Boy Scouts have made chests, and these have been filled with young people's books, pencils and paper by young Americans in schools, Sunday Schools, scout groups and other organizations, delivered pre-