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Church Purchases Gustavino Estate For Summer Assembly Grounds

SOUTHEAST AREA PROJECT WILL COST \$1,000,000.00

Corporation Now Being Formed To Take Title To The Property

The Gustavino estate which borders the Lakey Gap road, has been purchased by the Disciples of Christ for the purpose of erecting an area assembly ground, it has been revealed by L. T. New of Asheville, chairman of a committee appointed by the state board in 1946 to investigate the feasibility of the project. Original plans call for erecting a one million dollar Southeastern area summer assembly grounds.

Purchased from the Spanish Castle Estates, Inc. the tract contains 543 acres and will serve the southeast area, Mr. New announced. R. S. Eckles of Black Mountain handled the transaction for Spanish Castle Estates, Inc. and as a representative of the brotherhood, Mr. New was empowered by the state convention of Disciples of Christ, in session in Asheville in November to proceed with negotiations for the property.

Decision to purchase the Black Mountain property developed after the Disciples of Christ had held five meetings during the past 10 years in Western North Carolina. Conferences have been held at Montreat and at Blue Ridge during the past years. After inspecting several sites Black Mountain was decided on because of the four other major assembly grounds located here. Camp Carolina on the North Carolina coast is being developed for the juniors but the need was felt for the adult conference ground to be near the "Assembly Ground Center."

The property owners had sold some of the outer margin of the estate but the main valley was held for sale to some organization as a unit to be used for an assembly ground or other similar project. Roy Taylor, then president of the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce, and William C. Honeycutt of Black Mountain were principal stockholders in the corporation.

R. S. Eckles and Frank Dixon of Black Mountain were instrumental in bringing the delegates, who were attending the state convention in Asheville at the time, to inspect the Gustavino property on November 5, 1947.

The Disciples of Christ denomination, which originated in Pennsylvania, is said to be the largest American-born Christian body in the United States and is the fifth largest of all protestant bodies in the world.

A non-profit corporation, the tentative name of which is to be the Southeastern Christian Assembly, Inc., is now being formed to take title to the land, sponsor the project, and eventually operate the assembly.

Membership in the corporation, it was explained, will be based on per capita church membership in each state and the annual meeting of the corporation is expected to be held in Black Mountain in July.

In addition to Mr. New, incorporators named at the quarterly meeting of the state board in Raleigh Feb. 12 are Judge Hubert C.

Montreat Clips Swannanoa B

The Montreat High school girls downed the Swannanoa B team at Swannanoa last week 31-14. The winners lead 20 to 6 at the half. Hoffman paced the Montreat team with 14 points.

Lineups and scores:
 Montreat (31) (14) Swan. B
 F—Hoffman (14) Johnson
 F—Wenk (1) Stroupe
 F—Parker (10) Davidson
 C—S. Curry Ward
 G—Hill King
 G—Williams Biggs
 Subs: Montreat, Combs (6), Histe, Birdwell, Ladd, Kitchen, Ledbetter, Starling, Swan., Jenkins (2), LaMaster, Jones (12), Allen, Biggs Boss.

Jarvis, of Asheville, chairman of the board of Elders, First Christian church there; F. W. Dixon, of Black Mountain, retired businessman and active in state church affairs; J. Benbow Jones, Winston-Salem real estate man; the Rev. Newton J. Robinson, pastor of the Hillyer Memorial Christian church, Raleigh, and the Rev. R. Paul Parker, Pastor of the Christian church, Hookerton.

Approval of the purchase of the property, consideration for which is said to have amounted to \$15,000, was made at the 103rd annual session of the North Carolina Christian Missionary convention, which was held at the First Christian church in Asheville last November 4-6.

The proposed assembly grounds, divided by two streams, Elliott branch and Lakey's creek, is so situated as to afford an excellent site for large artificial lakes and the possibility for private water supply. There is an abundance of flora on the estate, including rhododendron, laurel, and azalea. The view of the Craggy range from the estates is said to be almost unexcelled.

Among other projects on the estate will be the building of riding trails through miles of forest lands, and the erection of recreational facilities.

Situated on the property is an old "Spanish castle" once the home of the late Raphael and Frances Gustavino. Mr. Gustavino, architect and designer of St. Lawrence Catholic church in Asheville, erected the "castle." He died in 1908 and the widow died January 28, 1946.

Following the death of Mrs. Gustavino, the property was subdivided and a portion of it sold at auction by the Spanish Castle Estates, Inc.

In addition to the "castle," which is said to be about two-thirds destroyed, there are four small buildings, some of which will be used as temporary structures, Mr. New said. One five-room residence on the property will be renovated for use as a caretaker's home. The "castle" will be razed.

The building program is expected to get underway sometime in the next two years, members of the corporation pointed out. It will include the erection of structures of modern architecture, permanent and so designed that, if necessary, they would be usable throughout the year.

NOTICE!!!

This is the last week to make applications for tourist ads in the 1948 Chamber of Commerce booklet

For Information call: Black Mountain NEWS 4101

Warriors Bumped By Valley Springs In Second Round

A Swannanoa five, badly off form shown throughout the season, were upset in the quarterfinals of the 23rd Buncombe county tournament at the city auditorium by a fighting Valley Springs five, 34-27. The victors went on to grab the title by defeating Sand Hill in the finals.

Seeded first by virtue of their excellent record the Swannanoa boys held a 6-5 lead at the end of the first quarter, but unable to get their offense rolling to any great degree, they slipped and saw Valley Springs boys slide ahead 23-18 at the close of the third period. Successive baskets by McMahan, Tipton, and Straehla narrowed the gap to 25-24 as the clock struck the five minute mark. The winners spurted and held a seven point margin as the time ran out.

It was a tough loss for the Warriors who were plainly off form throughout the game.

Lineup and scores:
 Valley Springs (34) (27) Swan.
 F—Pressley (4) (6) Straehla
 F—Johnson (1) (7) McMahan
 C—Isreal (6) (8) Sides
 G—M. Hare (4) (2) McClure
 G—Sisk (8) (4) Tipton
 Subs: Valley Springs, Rhodes 11, Swannanoa, Goslin, Lee.

Longview Mills Plan Program Of Improvements

HICKORY—An extensive program of improvements and changes is being under taken by the Longview Flour and Feed Mills, Inc., of Hickory, it was announced today by the manager, Bob Weatherby.

The program is aimed at future expansion that will make this mill one of the most outstanding flour and mixed feed mills in this section of Western North Carolina, Mr. Weatherby explained.

Four new salesmen, Bill Deless, Carl Lahmer, William Speltz, and Ted Hodges, are now working territories recently assigned them. with Mr. Deless acting as sales manager, in charge of all sales.

Additional plans to further acquaint people of this area with the products manufactured in Hickory by this plant are: a sponsored radio program on radion station WHKY, Hickory, on Saturday nights, advertisements in newspapers throughout the territory served by the plant, and widespread improvements at the mill.

The mill, located on 9th avenue, in the Longview section, is locally owned and has been in operation for 10 years. The plant has a capacity of 200 tons of mixed feeds per day, it was explained.

Hunter Crump, a man of 20 years' experience in the flour and feed business, is superintendent at the plant.

Plans for the development of the property have not yet been completed.

Black Mountain Guards Praised For Their Outstanding Defensive Play

Dr. Burnette Will Practice Here

Dr. Thomas J. M. Burnett of Washington, D. C., has recently begun the practice of medicine in Black Mountain as an associate of Dr. S. S. Cooley.

He received his undergraduate work at Wake Forest college and from there went to the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine where he received his M.D. degree. After completing his internship at the Jersey City Medical Center, Jersey City, N. J., he did residency work at the Oak Ridge hospital, Oak Ridge, Tenn., prior to coming to Black Mountain.

Dr. Burnett will share the office of Dr. Cooley and do general practice.

Mrs. Burnett is the former Iris Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Willis.

CP&L To Sponsor Contest For 4-H Club Members

Any bona-fide 4-H club member in several Western North Carolina counties, including buncombe is eligible to enter the 4-H Better Methods Electric contest of 1948 which is sponsored locally by the Carolina Power and Light company. The purpose of this contest is to improve ways and methods of doing things on the farm and in the farm home electrically.

In each of the counties one boy and one girl will win a two-day, all-expense paid trip, paid by the Carolina Power and Light company, to the 4-H Club electric congress to be held in Raleigh in October of this year. The Westinghouse Educational foundation will award a gold-plated sterling silver medal of honor to the winning boy and girl in each county. Bobby Young and Anna Lee Ponder won in Buncombe county last year.

County winners may compete for the territorial awards which will consist of two first prizes of a \$100 scholarship and two second prizes of an engraved gold watch. Territorial winners may compete for an expense trip to Chicago to the national meeting to be held in December.

To compete, a boy or girl must select a farm or home chore that is taking up a lot of time and using up much human energy, make a study of this chore, and then figure out and put into practice, a new and better method by using electricity that will save time and labor.

E. L. Dillingham, assistant county agent, is 4-H club leader in Buncombe county.

P-TA MEETING MARCH 18

The Black Mountain Parent-Teachers' meeting will be held Thursday, March 18, at 3:15 p. m. in the Grammar School auditorium. All parents and friends are urged to be present.

HOME FROM FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Stepp returned last week from Eau Gallie, Florida, where they had spent the past three months.

Called Best Backcourt Trio In Tournament

With Black Mountain's three veteran guards—Pat McDougle, Arietta Burnette, and Lucy Fortune—closing out four years of county competition with a brilliant performance that drew the praises of coaches, players, and fans, the Nightmares were eliminated in semifinals at the city auditorium Friday night, 22-21, by the Sand Hill six. Sand Hill in turn was bumped by the Leicester team, 41-34.

Although the locals took the floor as underdogs they battled the Sand Hill girls down to the wire before bowing out in an overtime. Joyce Gouge, senior forward, hit two fielders in a row to bring the Nightmares up even as the final whistle sounded. In the overtime Betty Moore scored from the floor, the R. Jackson tossed in a free throw to give Sand Hill a three point lead. Battling fiercely as the time ran out Lorraine Stafford hit with a two pointer from underneath but the final whistle blew before the Nightmares gained possession of the ball.

To advance to the semifinal round the Nightmares nudged out highly rated Valley Springs team, 28-26, in the quarterfinals Thursday night before a packed house. Starting slowly the local girls overcame a 20-14 halftime deficit to tie it up in the third period and go on to win a two point victory. Star of the drive, rd, substitute forward, who connected with six points in the final few minutes of play.

The Senior guards played especially well in this contest as they were called upon to guard Miller, flashy Valey Springs forward, who had baffled the opposition all season long with her outstanding forecourt play. Using a pivot shot that sent her under the basket from either the left or right side, Miller was especially hard to guard without fouling.

But McDougle, Burnette, and Fortune—who were called the best set of guards operating in the county this season—solved the problem so well that they held Miller to four points during the final half.

Lineups and scores:
 Blk. Mtn (28) (26) V. Springs
 F—Gilliam (20) Miller
 F—Morrow (4) (6) Parker
 F—Gouge (9) Hare
 G—Burnette A. Bishop
 G—Fortune Harmond
 G—McDougle Baldwin
 Subs: B. M., Stafford (12), Slagle (9), V.S., Lynch, Corn, Welton. Sand Hill (22) (21) Blk. Mtn.
 F—R. Jackson (14) (11) Gouge
 F—Moore (4) Slagle
 F—Dowdle (2) (8) Stafford
 G—Wallen Burnette
 G—Pace Fortune
 G—McElrath McDougle
 Subs: Sand Hill, J. Jackson (2), Thrash, B. M., Morrow, Gilliam (2).

HOME FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holman and Mrs. Carter Uzzell have returned from a trip to Miami and Eau Gallie, Fla.

DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenith Gunner and daughter Nancy of Asheville were diner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Brinkley last Friday.