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## COUNTY'S VALUATION CUT

### About \$1,250,000 Lopped off Books By Reassessment

#### DOWDLES HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Artery in Mrs. Dowdle's Arm Severed by Broken Glass

Mrs. M. L. Dowdle was badly cut and bruised, losing a considerable amount of blood, and Mr. Dowdle sustained a sprained ankle and bruises, when an automobile driven by Mack Ledford, negro, ran into the Dowdle car on the curve in front of the county home about 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

An artery in Mrs. Dowdle's right arm was severed when the windshield shattered and she was reported to have lost about half a gallon of blood. She was taken to Angel Brothers' hospital for treatment. On Monday she was removed to her home and Wednesday she was reported to be recovering.

Mr. Dowdle was confined for two days, but was able to be about Wednesday on crutches. Mr. and Mrs. Dowdle's small daughter, Ida May, who was on the rear seat of the car, was bruised and suffered a cut on her lip.

Several other negroes were in the automobile driven by Ledford. The machine belonged to Dr. W. A. Rogers, and Ledford was said to have taken it out without Dr. Rogers' permission.

Ledford was reported to have "driven wide" in going around the curve, scraping an automobile driven by Roger Sutton and then colliding with Mr. Dowdle's car. The Sutton car was not badly damaged, but the other two were wrecked.

#### No Increase in Tax Rate Deemed Necessary By Bryson

#### FRANKLIN TO SAVE

#### Valuations by Townships For 1932 and 1933 Announced

The tax valuation of Macon county has been cut approximately a million and a quarter dollars by the reassessment authorized by the Ingram bill enacted at the last session of the legislature, according to C. Tom Bryson, register of deeds and county tax supervisor.

Despite the big decrease in valuation, Mr. Bryson said he thought it would be unnecessary to increase the tax rate, because the state has assumed full responsibility of operating the schools for eight months, instead of six. In the special school districts the total levies will be considerably reduced. State operation of schools will mean a saving to taxpayers in the Franklin district of 51 cents; in the Highlands district, 35 cents, and in most of the other special school districts, 20 cents.

#### Revaluation Completed

The revaluation of property, as ordered in the Ingram bill, has been completed; but the list is not in its final form yet because returns have not been received from the Corporation Commission on the valuation of all corporate property. Without these listings, the total valuation for the county as given by Mr. Bryson as \$5,481,081. The valuation last year was \$7,048,079. The difference between these figures shows a decrease in valuation of \$1,566,998; but when the corporate property returns are filed this decrease is expected to be cut to approximately a million and a quarter dollars, according to Mr. Bryson.

A reduction of approximately 21 per cent was effected by the revaluation in Franklin township. In Highlands township it was about 13 per cent, in Smith's Bridge, 29 per cent. Reductions in other townships ranged around 15 to 20 per cent.

#### Township Listings

Following is a tentative list of the valuations (including personal property) for 1932 and 1933 in the various townships:

Franklin township, 1932 valuation, \$2,649,189; 1933 valuation, \$2,102,152.  
Columbia, S. C. He said, however, he hoped to return to Franklin later.

Ellijay township, 1932 valuation, \$351,891; 1933 valuation, \$283,913.  
Sugarfork township, 1932 valuation, \$141,900; 1933 valuation, \$111,302.  
Highlands township, 1931 valuation, \$886,902; 1933 valuation, \$775,682.  
Flats township, 1932 valuation, \$80,872; 1933 valuation, \$69,920.  
Smith's Bridge township, 1932 valuation, \$506,659; 1933 valuation, \$364,988.  
Cartoogechay township, 1932 valuation, \$573,567; 1933 valuation, \$433,179.  
Nantahala township\*, 1932 valuation, \$675,494; 1933 valuation, \$408,385.  
Burningtown township, 1932 valuation, \$197,513; 1933 valuation, \$147,222.  
Coweetown township, 1932 valuation, \$527,780; 1933 valuation, \$404,862.  
\*Nantahala township, 1933 valuation less the value of Southern Railway.)

#### J. A. Ballentine Sells Macon Mica Company

Sale of the Macon Mica Manufacturing company to Philip S. Hoyt was announced this week by J. A. Ballentine, who recently organized the concern, which has a mica-punching shop in the basement of the McCoy building. The shop is now being operated for Mr. Hoyt, who is in the west on a business trip, by Major Higdon.

Mr. Ballentine said his physician had advised him to leave the mountains on account of his health. He plans to leave in a few days for Columbia, S. C. He said, however, he hoped to return to Franklin later.

#### Porter To Give Organ Recital in Asheville

James Porter, organist of the Franklin Methodist church, will give an organ recital Sunday night in the West Asheville Methodist church.

#### ANTIQUE SHOW OPENS JULY 26

Unique Doll Collection To Be Feature of Exhibition

The Macon county chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold an antique exhibition at the Masonic Hall Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, July 26 and 27. The exhibition will open each afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Those in charge of the exhibition have requested that anyone having antiques or other objects of interest, such as handwork, which they wish to display, to bring them to the Masonic Hall by 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Exhibitors also are asked to bring with each article to be displayed a short sketch giving the history and significance of the article.

A small admission fee will be charged to help defray expenses.

#### Beauty Show Plans Changed

Legion To Sponsor Contest Instead of Garden Club

Plans are going ahead for the annual Macon county flower show to be held Saturday, August 5, under the sponsorship of the Franklin Garden club, but the beauty contest planned in connection with the floral exhibition has been called off.

Cancellation of the beauty contest was announced by Mrs. J. E. Perry and Mrs. D. D. Rice, who were to direct it for the Garden club, after plans had been announced for a beauty pageant to be conducted by the American Legion on the evening of Wednesday, August 8. The pageant will be under the direction of Mrs. Howard Valentine.

The flower show will be held in the Nantahala Power and Light company's store next to the post office.

All flower lovers throughout the county, regardless of whether they are members of the Garden club, are invited to submit entries.

#### Escaped Prisoner Captured by Sheriff

Robert Carter, 30, in the Macon county jail here awaiting trial on a burglary charge, enjoyed a few hours of freedom Friday.

Using a hack-saw, Carter, who is from Anderson, S. C., cut the bars to a window on the second floor of the county jail and escaped at noon Friday.

Hearing of the escape, Sheriff A. B. Slagle got busy and by early Friday evening had captured and returned Carter to the county jail, the arrest being made 13 miles south of Franklin. Carter offered no resistance.

#### Farmers Exempt from Wheat Tax on Flour for Home Use

Farmers having wheat ground into flour for home consumption are not required to pay the new flour processing tax on wheat, according to an announcement received by The Press from the federal internal revenue office in Raleigh.

It was stated, however, that the farmer, in order to obtain exemption from the tax, must supply the miller with an affidavit to the effect that all of the flour is for home use only. If the farmer sells the flour, no exemption is allowed.

The flour processing tax, amounting to 30 cents on the bushel of wheat or \$1.38 a barrel of flour, went into effect July 8. It applies only to wheat and wheat products, not to corn meal.

Explaining how the tax will be enforced, the announcement from the revenue office stated: "A wholesaler who is also a retailer, carrying on business at the same place must pay the tax on his entire processed wheat stocks as though the retail phase of the business did not exist."

"If a retail merchant has such stocks stored elsewhere than his retail floor, the tax attaches to such stocks."

A flour tax is imposed on all processed wheat products in the hands of millers, wholesalers, bakers, hotels, restaurants, cafe's, and caterers as well as to stocks held by retailers in storage.

"Retailers have until August 7 in which to dispose of all stocks on hand in his store at midnight, July 8, but must keep a record of goods received from July 9 to August 7 and make an inventory August 7 of stocks on hand at the close of business then."

#### Wets Confident of Repeal By End of Year as Result Of 2 Victories in South

Alabama and Arkansas upset the predictions of dry leaders Tuesday and voted for repeal of the 18th amendment. As sixteen other states already had voted for repeal, anti-prohibitionists jubilantly predicted repeal would be accomplished before the end of the year.

Prohibition elections are scheduled this year in 17 other states, including one in North Carolina in November. Tennessee is voting on the question today and Oregon will decide on it tomorrow.

In Alabama returns Wednesday night gave the repealists a lead of 30,000 votes, which the drys admitted they could not overcome. In Arkansas returns from most of the precincts gave a majority of more than 20,000 votes for repeal.

As the voters went to the polls in Tennessee both sides predicted victory.

#### Bible School Well Attended

Stephen Sloop Conducting Daily Classes at Morrison

The daily vacation Bible school being held in the Morrison Presbyterian church, under the direction of Stephen Sloop, of Columbia Seminary, has been making excellent progress. The attendance has been averaging approximately 40 each day.

The school is divided into three departments: The primary and junior departments under the leadership of Misses Elizabeth McGuire and Margaret Slagle, the intermediate with Mrs. R. L. Crook and Rosalind Bulgin, and the young people with Mr. Crook. Songs, Bible stories, memory work, Bible drills and supervised play periods have featured the daily sessions.

The Rev. B. S. Hodges, Jr., arrived Monday afternoon to continue a series of preaching services begun Wednesday evening of last week. The Rev. S. R. Crockett preached the opening sermon in this series of services, followed Thursday evening by the Rev. E. R. Eller, pastor of the First Baptist church of Franklin, Friday evening by the Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Methodist church of Franklin, and on Sunday evening the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the church, preached the sermon.

Mr. Hodges will preach each evening at 8 o'clock through Sunday, July 23. The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

#### Dr. Sams Dies

Was Visitor in Franklin Summer of 1931

Stanford Sams, Litt. D., 73, editorial writer on the Columbia (S. C.) State, who made a number of friends in Franklin while visiting here in the summer of 1931, died Friday afternoon in a Hendersonville hospital as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. Funeral services were held in a mortuary chapel in Hendersonville Saturday morning and burial was in Elmwood cemetery, Columbia, that afternoon.

Dr. Sams was one of the most widely and richly experienced journalists the south has produced. He was editor of the Atlanta Journal, 1888-90; reporter on New York newspapers, The Times and The Herald; serving The Times also as Washington correspondent and for a time as war correspondent in Cuba; and editor of Collier's Weekly; then associate editor of Gumption's magazine, devoted to economic and industrial lines, 1903-04; editor of the Japan Times, Tokyo, Japan, a daily newspaper published in English, four years prior to

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#### Condition of S. L. Franks Reported 'Unchanged'

The condition of Sam L. Franks, prominent Franklin business man who suffered a stroke of paralysis on June 29, was reported today as "unchanged." Mr. Franks is still in Angel Brothers' hospital and Dr. Furman Angel said he could not see any improvement in the patient's condition.

#### ROTARIANS END MEETING HERE

174 Delegates Registered For 2-Day District Assembly

After selecting Hickory as their next meeting place, more than 150 Rotarians representing clubs in the 58th district, which embraces South Carolina and the western half of North Carolina, ended their two-day summer assembly here Tuesday afternoon.

Many of the visitors were unacquainted with this section of the southern Appalachians and, when they were taken on a motor trip to Wayah Bald Monday afternoon, they were amazed at the grandeur of the view.

When the convention opened Monday morning the skies were overcast and things looked dismal, but later in the day the sun came forth and the mountains were clearly visible in fresh glory. It made a fine impression on the visitors and a number of them expressed a desire of returning to Franklin for a longer stay.

174 Registered

J. Earle Lancaster, president of the Franklin Rotary club, reported the registration for the assembly was 174, representing 39 out of 48 clubs in the district. Twenty-six club presidents and 14 club secretaries were present.

Among those here for the conference, a semi-annual meeting of the officers of the various clubs in the district, were Robert Phillips, of Asheville, district president; David Clark, of Charlotte, editor of the Textile Bulletin; Roy Thomas, of Rock Hill, S. C., and the Rev. William Way, of Charleston, S. C., past district governors.

The Scott Griffin Hotel was headquarters for the convention, but the meetings were held in the Macon Theatre. Luncheons Monday and Tuesday and a banquet Monday night were held at Camp Nikwasi.

Henry E. Wilson, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at the

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#### W. S. Davis Observes 69th Birthday

W. S. Davis, one of the leading citizens of Highlands, observed his 69th birthday anniversary at his home here Saturday. Quite a number of friends and relatives came during the afternoon to congratulate him and present him with useful and attractive gifts.

Mr. Davis has been a resident of Highlands for 20 years, coming here from Georgia.

Mr. Davis has been selected twice by his townsmen to serve as mayor and has long been prominent in civic and church affairs. He has been a steward in the Methodist church since the age of 16.

Mr. Davis operates a store here. He has been in the mercantile business for 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Davis also operate and own the Pierson House a hostelry at the foot of Satulah Mountain.

#### MacLEAN GETS HIGH POST

Angus D. MacLean, of Washington, N. C., was last week appointed by President Roosevelt as assistant solicitor general of the United States.

## Many New Books Ordered For Franklin's Library

The popularity of the Franklin library is increasing rapidly with the addition of new books, according to Mrs. J. A. Ordway, who has volunteered her services in keeping the library open each Saturday afternoon.

"The library has seventy books out this week," Mrs. Ordway told The Press. "This is the maximum to date."

Hitherto the library has been lacking in modern children's books, but several beautiful volumes of new fiction for children were recently presented to it by Miss Mary C. Bissell. These include: A beautifully illustrated copy of John Fox's "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come"; Eric P. Kelly's "The Trumpeter of Krakow," which was awarded the John Newberry medal as the most distinguished contribution of 1928 to American literature for children; and A. A. Milne's "Winnie-the-Pooh" for younger children.

A selection of 20 recent books of fiction, travel and plays have been ordered for the library. These were expected to arrive this week, but there has been a delay in the order and they probably will not arrive until next week. The new books ordered are as follows:

Great American Short Stories (O. Henry memorial prizes, 1919-32); House of Exile, Wain; Harbor Master, McFee; American Beauty; Ferber; Bright Skin, Peterkin; Captain Archer's Daughter, Deland; Maid in Waiting, Galsworthy; Flowering Wilderness, Galsworthy; Golden Years, Gibbs; Obscure Destinies, Catlier; Unfinished Symphony, Sylvia Thompson; Sons, Pearl Buck; The Good Earth, Pearl Buck; Ann Vickers, Lewis; Bus Plays of 1931-32; Tachifely's Ride, by himself; Man and the Mask Chaliapin; Education of a Princess Marie, Grand Duchess of Russia; Ellen Terry's Memoirs; Wild Horses and Gold, Elizabeth Page.

#### CASHIER SHOTS BANDITS

Fearing a holdup of the bank, Cashier Isaac McCarty concealed himself in his Parsons, Kan., bank, last Friday and when two robbers appeared with pistols he shot them down. They had already scooped up the money.

#### 24 ITALIAN PLANES ARRIVE

Termed as man's greatest single flying feat, 24 huge Italian seaplanes under command of General Italo Balbo, landed on Lake Michigan at Chicago, Saturday, completing a 6,100 mile flight from Ortoello, which Italian city was left on June 30.

#### POST HOPS TO BERLIN

Wiley Post, already co-holder of the record for girdling the globe, arrived in Berlin on Sunday morning only 25 hours and 45 minutes out of New York. It was a record flight in time. Post, who intends to circle the globe, next flew to Moscow and then to Novosibirsk in Siberia.

#### GOVERNOR NAMES BANK BOARD

Governor Ehringhaus on Monday renamed A. H. Bahson, Winston-Salem, on the state's banking commission of three members, but picked C. E. Taylor, Wilmington, and K. C. Menzies, Hickory, to succeed A. W. McLean, Lumberton, and Word H. Wood, Charlotte.

#### STATE COLLECTORS SCHOOL

More than 125 men, faced with the task of collecting the state's revenue, on Monday at Chapel Hill started a course of study in their duties, with Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell and tax division heads doing the instruction. Among those enrolled are 62 deputy collectors whose names were recently announced.

#### 22 PRISONERS PAROLED

Governor Ehringhaus on Monday granted paroles to 22 state prisoners, pardoned four who had previously been given paroles, and commuted two sentences.

#### 225 SEEK LAW LICENSE

As a record breaker in number, 225 candidates for license to practice law in North Carolina will take the Supreme court examination in Raleigh on August 21.

#### PRESIDENT'S SON DIVORCED

At Reno, Nevada, Monday, a divorce was granted Elliott Roosevelt, second son of the president, and the former Elizabeth Donner, Philadelphia society girl whom he married in 1932. Both charged cruelty.

#### HUGE TAX SUIT DISMISSED

David A. Olson's suit to collect \$220,000,000 from Andrew Mellon, former secretary of the treasury, and several other former treasury officials, was dismissed on Monday in the District of Columbia Supreme court. Olson charged Mellon and his associates with aiding foreign steamship companies to evade \$110,000,000 in income taxes.

#### TEXTILE CODE IN EFFECT

On Monday morning the cotton mills of North Carolina, along with those of the nation, put into effect the industrial recovery code fixing minimum pay at \$12 per week and maximum working time at 40 hours per week. North Carolina mills are practically all operating on a five-day week schedule, some of them with double shifts.

