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BOARD DRAWS APRIL JURORS

Court To Convene April 15 With Judge Rousseau Presiding

The jury list for the April term of Macon county superior court, scheduled to convene Monday morning, April 15, for a two-weeks mixed term with Judge J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, presiding, was drawn Monday by the county commissioners.

Under terms of a bill enacted by the current legislature under the sponsorship of Representative J. Frank Ray, the grand jury chosen at the April term will serve for one year. Hitherto, grand juries in this county have served only for one term of court. The grand jury is to be selected from the first 36 names on the jury list, which follows:

First Week

G. F. Slagle, route 1, Franklin; J. E. Wyman, Franklin; Earl Blaine, route 1, Franklin; J. B. Burleson, Franklin; A. L. McLean, West's Mill; D. Robert Davis, Franklin; D. W. Wiley, Highlands; H. H. Mashburn, Cullasaja; Sam J. Murray, Franklin; W. H. Cunningham, Franklin; Guy Buchanan, Franklin; A. E. Shook, Shookville; Fritz Henderson, Prentiss; Fred Henry, Ellijay; R. P. Waldroop, Prentiss; Jay Gibson, Franklin; J. E. Hicks, Highlands; Harry Thomas, Franklin; Sam Calloway, Highlands; Floyd Strain, route 2, Franklin; John T. Jennings, route 2, Franklin; N. F. Gibson, Etna; C. A. Meadows, route 3, Franklin; D. C. Hamby, Kyle; B. H. Scott, route 4, Franklin; W. H. Watkins, West's Mill; J. H. Gibson, route 1, Franklin; W. H. Cochran, Flats; R. E. Norton, Highlands; J. E. Calloway, route 3, Franklin; Frank Gibson, West's Mill; W. L. Corbin, Otto; R. E. Pattillo, route 4, Franklin; W. G. Bryant, Franklin; Ed Cruise, Star Route, Prentiss; Tom L. Saunders, Star Route, Franklin.

Second Week

W. C. Ledbetter, route 2, Franklin; A. R. Hannah, Otto; A. A. Adams, Ellijay; J. M. Corbin, Ellijay; Claud Henson, Otto; W. J. Waldroop, route 1, Franklin; U. N. Carpenter, Otto; H. B. Neeley, Highlands; Lyman Ledbetter, route 1, Franklin; J. I. Vinson, route 1, Dillard, Ga.; Dewey Rochester, Franklin; A. L. McConnell, Prentiss; S. E. McCoy, Gneiss; D. N. Fouts, route 3, Franklin; Al Q. Williams, route 1, Franklin; John Higdon, Cullasaja; Joe McGaha, Franklin; Alex Ammons, Ellijay.

Mrs. Mashburn To Attend New York Convention

Mrs. Pearl B. Mashburn, owner of the Franklin Beauty Shop, plans to leave Franklin Saturday morning for New York City to attend the International Beauty Shop Owners convention at the Hotel Pennsylvania March 11, 12, 13 and 14. Miss Vera Brown, of Taylorsville, N. C., will be in charge of the Franklin Beauty Shop in her absence.

M. L. West Dies at Home In Haywood County

Marcus L. West, of Canton, died at his home in the Beaverdam Valley Wednesday, Feb. 27, following a short illness.

Mr. West, who was 80 years old, was a prominent farmer of Haywood county. He was very active in church and community work, and had been superintendent and a member of Liberty Sunday school for 45 years.

Funeral services were conducted at Beaverdam Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock with burial in the church cemetery.

Mr. West is survived by four sons and one daughter, F. A., S. T., Marvin, and W. H. West, and Miss Ethel West, all of Canton.

He was an uncle of R. D. West, of Iotla.

Continuance of Railroad In 1935 Assured by Gray Despite Deficit in 1934

Assurances of continued operation of the Tallulah Falls railroad for at least another year, despite an operating deficit of \$2,000 in 1934, were given by J. F. Gray, receiver of the line, while on a visit to Franklin last Friday. Mr. Gray warned, however, that the railroad must now stand on its own feet, as it cannot expect further assistance from the Southern railway, and that it must receive the wholehearted support of the business men in the territory which it serves if it is to continue in operation permanently.

Some interesting facts concerning what the railroad means to North Georgia and Macon county, coupled with a plea for better support of the line, were contained in a letter received by The Press-Maconian this week from F. M. Reeves, cashier of the First National Bank of Cornelia. His letter follows:

"The Tallulah Falls railroad pays out annually to employees at Cornelia over \$40,000. Its payroll in the territory north of Cornelia is \$20,000 annually. It spends for material in the territory north of Cor-

nelia \$15,000 annually. In addition to the money which the Tallulah Falls railroad spends at Cornelia and in its territory north of Cornelia, it hauls out of that territory, perhaps, a \$100,000 annually of products which the people sell in other sections. A large proportion of these products sold to other sections would not be hauled out of this territory and sold if the Tallulah Falls Railroad was not operating.

"It is easy to determine what the loss would be to the people and the territory along this railroad if it should be discontinued.

"During the past year a great many business men in the territory of this road have patronized trucks, which haul freight into the territory of the road. This practice is a blow at the railroad. A blow at this railroad is a blow at the value and price of every foot of farm land, and every piece of real estate, from and including Cornelia, to and including Franklin. People along the line of the Tallulah Falls railroad should insist that it be supported. Without wholehearted support, the railroad can not survive."

TOWN ELECTION CALLED MAY 7

Bi-Partisan Talk Subsides; Registration Books Open April 6

Officials for Franklin's biennial town election were appointed by the board of aldermen Monday night. Sam J. Murray was named registrar and A. L. Leach and George A. Mashburn were given the jobs of judges. The election is to be held May 7.

Talk of a bi-partisan election which was rampant for a while seems to have died down and it is thought likely that the election this year again will be on non-partisan lines. There is still talk, however, of a "ticket" being put in the field by some of the leaders in the recent campaign against the issuance of water and sewer improvement bonds.

Registration books for the election will be open for the registration of voters in the town office at 9 a. m. April 6 and will remain open until sunset on April 27, which will be challenge day. Candidates must file written notices with George Dean, town clerk, on or before April 6.

Board Seeks To Prevent Spitting on Sidewalks

Dr. H. T. Horsley, town health officer, and Police Chief R. F. Henry were instructed by the board of aldermen Monday night to take what action they could to prevent spitting on sidewalks. Later Dr. Horsley called attention to a state law and a town ordinance prohibiting spitting on sidewalks and providing a penalty for violation of a \$5 fine.

Dr. Horsley said he had received various complaints about spitting in public, especially in the vicinity of the courthouse.

Cullasaja Juniors To Meet Other Councils

Groups of Juniors from Cullasaja council, J. O. U. A. M., will meet Saturday night with the Cowee and Millshoals councils at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this week by Sam J. Murray, of Franklin. Matters of importance to Macon county members of the order are to be discussed at the joint meetings.

Purchase of Land For Forest Approved

Purchase of 3,373 acres of land to be added to the Nantahala National Forest has been approved by the National Forest reservation commission, according to word received from Washington. The price for the property was reported as \$12,772.75, an average of \$3.79 an acre.

ZEB L. NORTON DIES SUDDENLY

His Body Found on Road; Believed To Have Had Heart Attack

Funeral services for Zeb Lawrence Norton, 46-year-old disabled World War veteran whose body was found at 11:30 o'clock Sunday night on the Tesenta road near Otto, were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Asbury Methodist church with the Rev. A. A. Angel officiating.

At an inquest Monday morning a coroner's jury decided Norton died of natural causes. It is thought he suffered a heart attack. He had been in ill health for several years and from time to time had undergone treatment at a government hospital at Johnson City, Tenn. He had planned to return there for treatment this week, it was said.

Norton's body was found by Bill Shope, of Otto, and it is thought he had been dead only a short time for the body was still warm when discovered. Shope notified authorities and the inquest was called.

Norton was born January 16, 1889, a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Norton. He joined the Methodist church March 19, 1911, under the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Brinkley. In 1918 Norton enlisted in the United States army and went overseas, where he saw active service for about a year.

Surviving Mr. Norton are his parents and four brothers, Ed, Frank and Jesse Norton, of Otto, and Earl Norton, of Washington, D. C.

TAX SQUABBLE IS ADJUSTED

Aldermen Agree To Accept \$1,800 for Claims Against County

Franklin's board of aldermen voted Monday night to accept \$1,800 in settlement of claims against the county for balances due on road taxes levied prior to 1931, when the state took over all county roads and local road taxes were discontinued.

Under the law the county was supposed to turn over to the town its pro rata share of all road taxes collected, but certain balances were left unpaid. For several years town authorities have sought a settlement with the county, but until now have been unable to reach an agreement as to how much should be paid.

The board of aldermen claimed that something over \$4,000 was due the town, and first asked a settlement of \$2,400, later proposing to accept \$2,000. The county commissioners set up counter claims for uncollected taxes and commissions and adamantly refused to pay more than \$1,800. The board of aldermen considered taking court action to settle the dispute, but finally agreed litigation would be costly and decided to accept \$1,800 in full payment.

will also give a brief review of his trip abroad last summer in the interests of the Lord's Acre group. Everyone is cordially invited to attend."

Warning March 15 Is Deadline on Income Tax Returns

Friday, March 15, is the deadline for filing both state and federal income tax returns, tax collecting officials have warned.

T. J. Mauney, of Murphy, deputy state collector, was here Monday to assist taxpayers in making their returns. He advised that all persons required to make returns who have not yet done so, to delay the matter no longer. Return blanks can be obtained from the state department of revenue or from deputy collectors.

Mr. Mauney explained that all single persons with net incomes in excess of \$1,000 a year, and all married persons with net incomes in excess of \$2,000 a year are required to file returns.

Federal regulations are slightly different. Single persons with net incomes in excess of \$1,000 and married persons with net incomes in excess of \$2,500 are required to file returns. Individuals, single or married, with gross incomes of \$5,000 or more, also are supposed to file returns.

A deputy federal tax collector is scheduled to be at the Scott Griffin hotel in Franklin on March 9, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 1 to 4 p. m. to assist taxpayers in filing their returns.

2 More Churches To Hear Of Lord's Acre Plan

The Rev. Dumont Clark, of Asheville, director of the Lord's Acre department of the Farmers Federation, Inc., is scheduled to return to Macon county next Sunday to explain the Lord's Acre plan to two more churches. He is to speak at the Mount Zion Methodist church in the Cartoogechaye section at 11 o'clock in the morning and at the Morrison Presbyterian church on the Georgia road at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Last Sunday Rev. Mr. Clark was enthusiastically received at four churches on the Franklin Methodist circuit.

In announcing that the Lord's Acre leader will return to Macon county for two addresses Sunday, the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Presbyterian minister, said, "The entire communities are invited to both of these meetings. Mr. Clark uses the stereopticon to present a number of very fine pictures of the work being done in this department. He

BOARD DELAYS FORECLOSURES

Action Deferred on Ac- count of Bills Pending In Legislature

In view of tax relief measures for Macon county now under consideration in the state legislature, the county board of commissioners Monday postponed foreclosure action for the collection of delinquent 1932 taxes. Two weeks ago the board served notice that foreclosure suits on land upon which 1932 taxes had not been paid would be instituted early in March.

At the time, this warning was made legislation had been introduced in the general assembly to extend the time for filing foreclosure suits on taxes delinquent for years prior to 1932, but nothing had been done about the 1932 tax list, which was converted into tax sale certificates in November, 1933. On Thursday, of last week, however, J. Frank Ray, Macon county's representative in the legislature, introduced a bill extending until October 1, 1935, the time for filing foreclosure suits on 1932 tax sale certificates, and until October 1, 1936, the time for instituting foreclosure suits on 1933 tax certificates.

Passed by House

Both of these tax relief bills have been passed by the lower house and sent to the senate, where they were referred to the committee on finance. Their enactment is expected, and in view of this the county commissioners decided at their regular monthly meeting Monday to take no action looking toward ordering foreclosure suits.

A third tax relief bill, designed to limit the levying of ad valorem taxes in Macon county for the next two years to \$1 on the \$100 valuation, was introduced in the legislature Monday by Mr. Ray. After reciting financial woes of Macon county as a result of the depression, the measure directs the Macon county commissioners "to make such levies for debt service and all other necessary county expenses . . . for the years 1935 and 1936 as in their opinion and discretion that the taxpayers . . . are able to pay and retain their homes, not to exceed \$1 on the \$100 assessed value of all real and personal property for said years."

Other Provisions

It also authorizes the commissioners "to make such settlement and adjustment of the bonded indebtedness . . . with the bondholders of said county, as in their opinion the taxpayers may be able to pay and, if necessary, to issue new bonds of the county in exchange and in settlement of the old bonds, and upon such terms as to payment and rate of interest as may be agreed upon by said bondholders and said board. It being the purpose of this section to enable the board of county commissioners to refund the present indebtedness . . . upon such terms . . . so that the county of Macon may be able to pay the same without default as to such adjusted indebtedness."

It further provides that "after the years of 1935 and 1936, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners . . . to find as a fact annually before making the annual tax levy, for said county whether said economic emergency still exists, and if it shall appear . . . that sources of revenue of said county have returned to the prices or value of the same at the time of the incurring of said bonded indebtedness or substantially so, then and in that event, said board . . . shall levy such taxes as may be necessary to pay off and discharge said indebtedness."

However, the measure provides that if the financial depression still exists, the board "shall levy only such taxes for debt service as in their opinion the taxpayers . . . are able to pay and retain their homes."