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LISTERS FOR 1940 TAXES

New Law Requires That Property Be Listed In January

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners held Monday, tax listers were named for the various townships in the county to list all property for 1940 taxes.

Under the tax act passed at the 1939 session of the general assembly, property must be listed in January instead of April as heretofore, and listers are required to enter all property as of January 1, 1940.

The listers are as follows: Franklin—Alex Moore. Millshoal—Paul Ammons. Ellijay—C. B. Bryson. Sugarfork—Ezra Shook. Highlands—Jack Potts. Flats—Earl Dryman. Smithbridge—Alex Cabe and John Howard. Cartoogechaye—B. B. Lenoir, Jr. Nantahala—Lee Baldwin. Burningtown—Jim Ramsey. Cowee—Carr Bryson.

Dr. Padgett Warns About Contagious Diseases

By DR. P. C. PADGETT Assistant District Health Officer.

Each fall and winter we expect an increase in colds, grippe, and various contagious diseases. This fall has proved to be no exception, for already we have had a number of cases of scarlet fever and whooping cough as well as scattered cases of chicken pox in the county. Recently there have been several cases of measles in one section of the county. These cases resulted from contact with cases in a neighboring county.

Certain common sense precautions should be taken by all parents in the fall and winter to safeguard their children from contagious diseases. All unnecessary contacts of their children with known or suspected cases of contagion should be discouraged by parents. They should keep their children from homes where contagious diseases are present and take no chances. The old belief that "sooner or later they must have the disease the sooner the better" is a dangerous one, for the longer the child is protected from contracting the disease the better able will he be to withstand complications. The greatest death rate from childhood diseases is in the very young and the death rate decreases as the ages increase.

In one home near Highlands there have occurred seven cases of typhoid fever in the past few months. All of these cases might easily have been prevented by vaccination. After the first three cases occurred vaccination was offered the other members of the household but they refused. Since then all have taken the disease.

Thus far we have had no diphtheria or smallpox and should never have another case for a case of smallpox, diphtheria or typhoid fever is always proof of neglect. There is an effective vaccination against each that is free to all who will have it.

It is the duty of the head of each family to report the occurrence of any illness suspicious of being contagious to the health department immediately as it is discovered. Only when contagion is properly and rapidly reported is it possible for the health officials to do their part most effectively.

Contagious disease control is a community problem and without the cooperation of all the citizenry no health department can properly solve the problem of preventing the spread of disease.

Macon Circuit To Have Quarterly Conference

Rev. W. L. Hutchins, district superintendent of the Waynesville district, will hold the first quarterly conference of the Macon Circuit Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, December 10, at the Union Methodist church.

All officials are urged to be present as this is a very important conference.



Supports Allies



Franco-British prestige in the Balkans was strengthened when Rumania's King Carol named George Tatarescu to the premiership, succeeding Constantine Argetoianu, whose cabinet resigned after refusing German concessions on oil and foodstuffs. Tatarescu, former Rumanian ambassador to France, is strongly pro-ally.

PEOPLE URGED TO BUY SEALS

Most Of Money Received Is Expended In County

By Mrs. Josephine D. Gaines Macon County Public Health Nurse

This year marks the 34th anniversary of the sale of tuberculosis seals and inaugurates the annual nation-wide educational campaign against tuberculosis. This will be the fourth year Macon county has cooperated in this program.

Tuberculosis is an ancient disease, yet today it remains the chief cause of death among young people, however there has been a vast decrease in its occurrence in the past 10 years. The knowledge of tuberculosis and its application is responsible for the decline of this malady. Only by the spread and use of this knowledge are we going to protect our own lives, the lives of our children and our neighbors.

The sale of the Christmas health seals has been a big factor in helping decrease the death rate in the United States. The sale of the seals is not just a way to make money, it is a way in which everyone can do his bit in the battle against this great foe. Let us again borrow from that great letter which introduced the Health Seal to America: "We know that the seal is not good for postage but that in every other way it is good for the man who buys it and puts it on his letters; for the clerk who cancels the letters with a glad thought for little children with every whack; for the postman who delivers it with a smile as broad and as good as Christmas itself, and last of all for the annals of history, the nation-wide campaign against tuberculosis."

The county receives 75 per cent of the money that is collected from seal sales. The teachers and school children throughout the county assist the chairman in selling these seals each year.

Last year under the direction of the local seal sales chairman, Professor O. F. Summer, Highlands, a total of \$33.51 was left at the disposal of the health department to be used for the care and prevention of tuberculosis in this county. This fund was effectively used in buying sputum cups and containers, disinfectant solution, diagnostic and check up X-ray pictures and in securing medicines prescribed by the attending physicians. One patient was supplied with the necessary bed and personal linens, another was afforded transportation to a sanatorium where she received treatment. These are a few of the demands placed upon the seal funds. These funds are invariably used in homes where need is greatest.

The whole-hearted support of all citizens of Macon county is sought to make this campaign a success. Use your pennies for a great cause! Our goal is set for \$60 this year. Buy Christmas Health Seals to use on your Christmas gifts and letters to show you are doing your part to conquer an enemy.

Prof. O. F. Summer has been reappointed chairman for Macon county, and Mrs. Helen Macon has been named chairman for Franklin.

Highlands bought seals in 1938 to the amount of \$28.56, and Franklin \$21.75.

World Interest Centers On Struggle In Finland

The interest of the world has been centered upon Finland during the past week where the people of that small nation are fighting desperately against the invading Russians.

Russian troops invaded Finland last Friday and bombed Helsinki, the capital, killing many civilians and inflicting great property damage.

The Finns, though hopelessly outnumbered, are fighting heroically, and are reported to be holding the Reds on land and sea and in the air. Many Russian planes have been brought down, and it is claimed that 25,000 casualties have been suffered by the Red army. Severe winter weather is aiding the Finns, who are accustomed to maneuvering in Arctic cold.

It is reported that many young Russian flyers have mutinied and refused to take up their planes, and that older pilots have been called for service against the Finns.

Finnish communists have set up a government in territory occupied by the Russians and this government has been recognized by Moscow, but it is estimated that 95 per cent of the Finnish people are opposed to communism and are determined to fight to the last.

The Scandinavian countries, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, are apprehensive and are speeding defense preparations, though hoping to preserve their neutrality. Large numbers of men in all three countries are volunteering for service in the Finnish army.

The invasion of Finland has aroused a storm of protest from the United States. Great Britain, Italy and the South American republics, and President Roosevelt issued a strong statement condemning the Russian action and calling upon American manufacturers to make no more shipments of aircraft to Russia, thus placing the Soviet government under a "moral embargo." The manufacturers state that they will cooperate fully with the President in the matter.

RUSSIA WARNED NOT TO MOVE INTO BALKANS

Authoritative Italian sources have warned that Italy will intervene if Russia attempts to duplicate her Baltic policy in the Balkans. It is expected that Russia will attempt to make a quick finish in Finland and will join with Germany in a division of Rumania, after which the Reds will push their drive for control of the Balkan countries.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

GOVERNORS MEET IN ASHEVILLE

Governors of four states—Hoey of North Carolina, Cooper of Tennessee, Cone of Florida and Dixon of Alabama meet in Asheville today (Thursday) for a conference as a committee of the southern governors' conference on the adjustment of freight rates in the south.

CLOSE ON PELLEY'S TRAIL

Early apprehension of William Dudley Pelley, leader of the Silver Shirts and publisher in Asheville of Nazi propaganda, who has been in hiding for several months, is forecast by investigators of the Dies committee. Pelley is wanted to appear before the Dies committee in connection with subversive activities and in Asheville on several indictments.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY OUT OF THE RED

President Ernest E. Norris of the Southern Railway announces that this railroad—long in the red—has pulled out and this year has earned approximately \$5,000,000.

DEADLOCK CONTINUES

The strike of the Carolina Light and Power company electrical workers in Asheville which has continued for a week is reported as still deadlocked, as representatives of the utility firm and employees continued negotiations. U. S. Labor Conciliator John L. Connor is assisting in efforts to bring about a solution of the differences.

U. S. HESITATES TO BREAK WITH MOSCOW

The United States will not sever relations with Russia, but will not recognize any Russian conquest accomplished by force, has been

The government controlled Russian press is calling upon Rumania to agree to a mutual aid pact if she wants to avoid being drawn into the war, and the Rumanian government is reported to be willing to examine any definite proposals. Great Britain and France have pledged military aid to Rumania in case of aggression by other powers, but it is doubtful whether this would be effective under present conditions in Europe.

GERMANY HARD HIT BY BLOCKADE

One of Germany's foremost economic experts, Emil Helfferich, writing in Field Marshal Goering's publication, admits that the British and French blockade has strangled German trade. German ships, he said, are interned in more than 100 harbors all over the globe, and enormous quantities of goods manufactured for shipment on orders are overflowing the warehouses of German seaports. No goods can move in or out of Germany by sea, and the expected food and raw materials from Russia are not arriving in sufficient quantities to counteract the effects of the blockade. The noted economist paints a gloomy picture, and there is much speculation as to why his statement was passed by the censors.

ALLIES GAINING IN FIGHT ON SUBMARINES

Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, told the British house of commons Wednesday that destruction of submarines was proceeding at a rate faster than they could be replaced. He stated that two to four enemy undersea craft were being sunk each week, and that defense measures against Nazi mines were proving effective. Several vessels have been sunk by submarines, mines and raiders during the week, but losses seem to be decreasing as defense measures become more effective.

NO ACTIVITY REPORTED ON WESTERN FRONT

Reports from the western front are meager and the ominous quiet continues. Even artillery action and raiding parties seem to have been discontinued. British and French commanders state that they have no intention of sacrificing men in offensive action, and that they prefer to starve the Germans out rather than shoot them. The first move seems to depend upon the Germans, and they are not expected to attack in force except as a last resort.

HORTON CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Lieut. Gov. Wilkins Perryman Horton of Pittsboro has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina. This is the first formal announcement in the gubernatorial race of 1940.

HIGHWAY NO. 70 RE-LOCATED

Petitions of citizens of Black Mountain that Highway No. 70 retain its present route between Swannanoa and Black Mountain were refused by a committee of the state highway commission yesterday. The engineers, it was said, would follow the route that would provide the cheapest and best road.

SLAYER AGAIN AT LARGE

Winnie Ruth Judd, trunk slayer in the state hospital at Phoenix, Ariz., has again escaped, and so far, has eluded capture.

DEWEY OPENS CAMPAIGN

Thomas E. Dewey of New York last night opened his campaign for the GOP nomination for president in a speech broadcast from Minneapolis, with an attack on New Deal policies.

HOBOES EXPEL REDS

The Rambling Hobo Fellowship of America, meeting in Yankton, S. D., has sent documents announcing severance of "diplomatic relations" with hoboers of Russia, Germany, Italy and Japan to the em-

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Locals Win

From Sylva High School Thanksgiving Day

With Frank Higdon monopolizing offensive honors, Franklin high chalked up a 20 to 0 triumph Thanksgiving day over Sylva high school.

Higdon scored two of the three Franklin touchdowns and added 80 yards to place the ball on the one-yard line, from where Higdon scored the third. The first two markers climaxed sustained marches of 50 and 40 yards.

Good Sylva punting kept Franklin at bay in the first half and a fine passing attack threatened to pay off. But both were overbalanced by Higdon's fine performance in the last two periods.

MACON COURT MET MONDAY

Judge Pless Presiding; Criminal Cases Being Tried

The December term of Macon county superior court convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, presiding and Solicitor John Queen on hand to look after the interests of the state.

After the jurors were sworn and the grand jury drawn, Judge Pless delivered an able and comprehensive charge to the grand jurors, and the court took up the criminal docket which contains many minor cases, mostly driving drunk and possession of liquor.

The grand jury as drawn for this term is as follows:

Gus Leach, foreman; J. C. Gibson, Fred A. Edwards, Thad Patton, C. W. Willis, C. C. Sutton, Oscar Carpenter, W. P. Rickman, Ed R. Mason, Claude Calloway, George Gibson, J. H. Sellers, Lawrence Bryson, J. L. Gibson, L. C. Rice, Omer Elmore, Prichard Russell and Roy B. Vanhook.

Criminal Docket

The following cases had been disposed of up to Wednesday night. Dewey Waters, of Nantahala, charged with abandonment. Two-year sentence which was suspended contingent upon payment to clerk of court of \$20 per month for use of Waters' wife and children.

Willard McClure, driving drunk. Suspended sentence on payment of \$50 and costs.

Albert Potts, driving drunk, plea of guilty. Sentence deferred until later in week.

Aaron Hedden, driving drunk. Sentence suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Claude Cowart, driving drunk, plea of guilty. Six months' sentence suspended on payment of \$75 and costs. License revoked for one year. Put on good behavior for six months.

Charles White, of Bryson City, and Charlie Chambers, of Sylva, found guilty of assault with deadly weapons as the result of a fight at a tourist camp operated by White on Cowee mountain on July 10, 1938. Marshall Keever, of Sylva, charged with being an accessory, was found not guilty. Chambers was fined \$25 and half of costs. Sentence of White deferred until later in week.

Ed Russell, J. D. Russell, Bill Munger and Wayne Lowe, liquor case. Ed Russell plead guilty to owning still, and J. D. Russell, Wayne Lowe and Bill Munger went to trial. Russell and Lowe were found guilty of possession of liquor and Bill Munger was found not guilty. Sentence deferred until later.

Bill Munger and Wayne Low, charged with breaking, entering and larceny in Highlands. Found guilty. Sentence deferred.

It is thought that the criminal docket will be finished before the end of the week.

Father And Son Banquet Saturday Night

Saturday, December 9, the F. F. boys of Franklin are giving a banquet for their fathers. The boys have been sticking their feet under papa's table but this is one time papa is sticking his feet under the boys' table.

The supper is to be served by Mrs. O'Neil and her Home Economic girls. There is to be music by the Sleepy Valley Boys. Speeches are to be made by the agriculture boys and some of the outstanding citizens of Macon county.

Berlin Welch, Reporter.

BURNS FATAL TO MRS. WEBB

Highlands Woman Killed, Two Others Hurt In Fire Thursday

Mrs. Lou Webb, 50, of Highlands, died in Angel hospital at 5 o'clock last Thursday morning of burns suffered two hours before where fire destroyed the home of her brother, Lawrence Hicks, with whom she resided.

Mr. Hicks and his daughter, Sue, 14, also suffered burns. Two small sons of Mr. Hicks escaped without injury.

The flames, believed to have been caused by a defective fire or by hot ashes, were discovered by Ronald Baty, 20, a neighbor, at 3 o'clock. He rushed to the house to give the alarm to the five occupants who were asleep.

Mr. Hicks, awakened a few moments before the kitchen walls fell in, told his two sons, who were with him in a downstairs room, to go outside; then he rushed upstairs to awaken his sister, Mrs. Webb, and his daughter, Sue, who were sleeping in the same room.

Jumped From Window

He and his daughter attempted to go down the stairs, but were forced back by flames. Telling his sister to jump also, he, and his daughter jumped from a window 20 feet to the ground.

Mrs. Webb suffered burns as she attempted to go down the stairs and being driven back by flames, was delayed in reaching the window. She finally managed to reach it and, fainting, fell across the windowsill. Mr. Baty, placing a ladder under the window, managed, with the help of other neighbors, to lower Mrs. Webb to the ground. Her body was burned all over with the exception of a small portion of her waist where she fell across the windowsill.

Mrs. Webb, Sue Hicks, and Mr. Hicks were placed in automobiles and rushed to Angel hospital at Franklin where Mrs. Webb died at 5 o'clock.

Although she is suffering from serious burns, Dr. Angel said that Sue Hicks is expected to recover if complications do not develop.

Mr. Hicks' burns, while painful, are not serious. He suffered burns on the arms, hands, and legs, a sprained left ankle and a cut on the right foot. The sprain and cut were received when he jumped from the second story window.

Highlands volunteer firemen responded to the alarm, but were hampered in fighting the flames because their hose was not long enough to reach from the nearest hydrant to the house. The house was on Laurel street north of Main street.

Wife Is In Hospital

Mrs. Hicks, wife of Lawrence Hicks, is a patient in a Winston-Salem hospital. The family had planned to go for her later in the day. Mr. Hicks is an employe of the state highway and public works commission.

Mrs. Webb was employed in the lunch room of the Highlands school. Her husband is dead. Funeral services for Mrs. Webb were held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Macedonia Baptist church at Satolah, Ga., eight miles from Highlands. Burial was in Rogers cemetery.

She is survived by five sons, Floyd and Louie, of Highlands, and Harold, Clyde, and Harmon, of South Carolina; one daughter, Mrs. Harry Baty, of Highlands; two brothers, Lawrence and James Hicks, of Highlands, and two sisters, Mrs. Barney Wilson and Mrs. Preston Nealy.

Macon county employes of the state highway department have raised a fund of about \$150 for Mr. Hicks to make up in part for the loss he sustained when his home burned.

Lions Plan Christmas Activities At Meeting

Monday evening the Franklin Lions Club saw the first signs of Christmas come from behind a good steak dinner at Cagle's Cafe. The business part of the meeting concerned plans for Christmas activity and the opportunity for helping the TVA Bookmobile while in Macon county.

Joel Tompkins presided in the absence of President Angel.

The business was followed by several Christmas carols sung by two guests, Mrs. Frank Bloxham and Ben Woodruff, manager of the Western Carolina Telephone company.