

Many Improvements Are Made At Hospital

Town Cuts Down Bonded Indebtedness

Tax Rate Stays At \$1.50 For The Coming Year

Interest Rate Cut On Outstanding Bonds For Long Period; \$13,000 On Hand.

The tax rate for the Town of Sylva has been set at \$1.50 for the present fiscal year, to meet a budget of \$31,651.19, it was learned from the city officials yesterday.

The tax rate is the same as last year, and more than half of the current budget will go into the debt service fund, the report as compiled by Roy Allison, town clerk, and given out by Mayor Herbert Gibson.

An interesting feature of the report shows a cash balance on hand, as of August first, of \$13,956.31. Officials indicated that about \$10,000 of this would be applied on debt service, and curtail interest.

Since June 30, 1938, the Town of Sylva has paid over \$98,000 on the outstanding indebtedness. The total debt on June 30, 1939 was \$326,096. At that time the tax rate was \$1.70.

The officials started a refunding plan during 1938, and the debt was reduced the following years in this manner:

June 30, 1940.....	\$259,690
June 30, 1942.....	244,202
August 1, 1943.....	233,685

Prior to the refunding plan in 1938, the interest rate had been six percent. The plan cut the interest rate down to the following:

August, 1939 to February, 1942, 2 1/2 per cent.

August, 1942 to February, 1945, 3 per cent.

August, 1945 to February, 1950, 4 per cent.

August 1950 to February, 1969, 5 per cent.

The budget requirements for the year are as follows:

Administrative Dept.....	\$ 3,000.00
Police Department.....	3,765.00
Street Department.....	3,745.00
City Truck.....	775.00
Sewer Department.....	75.00
Fire Department.....	314.90
Water Department.....	2,214.00
Miscellaneous.....	896.59
Notes Payable (New Fire Truck).....	665.00

Total.....	\$15,450.49
Debt Service Fund	
Bond and Interest.....	\$ 7,200.70
Sinking Fund.....	9,000.00

Total.....	\$16,200.70
Grand Total.....	\$31,651.19

The valuation for the town is set at \$1,752,733, and for the current operating expenses, the taxes collected are scheduled to bring in \$12,269.13 of the required \$15,450.49. Other sources of income include \$2,500 from water rent, \$1,000 from business license and \$200 from police court fees.

Eighty cents of the tax rate of \$1.50 will be spent on debt service this year, the report shows.

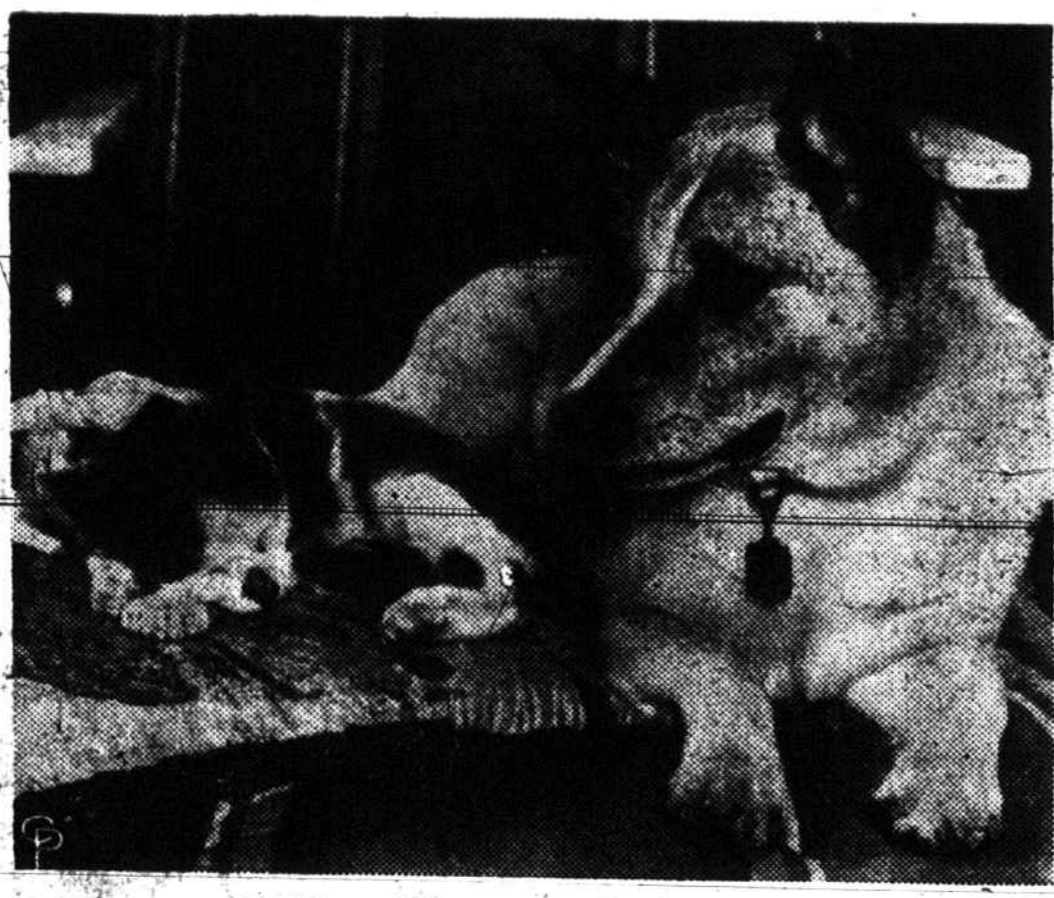
Annual Phillips' Reunion Sunday

The annual Phillips reunion will be held this year at the home of R. D. Phillips, Sunday.

The principal address of the day will be given by Hugh Monteith, of Sylva.

The usual picnic dinner will be spread at the noon hour, and all friends and relatives are invited to attend and bring a basket of lunch.

YOU CAN'T FIGHT A SICK PAL



ALL HOSTILITIES ARE OFF between "Lady," the cat, and her pal of playful battles, "Skippy," an Alaskan husky. Since the cat caught a cold, the dog has taken to guarding her day and night in their New York home, waiting for her recovery. (International)

Scouts Of District Will Meet In Big Camporee Rally Last Week-end In Aug.

The executive committee of the Smoky Mountain District of Boy Scouts made detailed plans for the annual Scout Camporee for Scouts in the district the last week-end of the month.

The plans were mapped out last week, when the executive committee of the council met in Bryson City for their regular monthly meeting. The camporee will be held on the Lumpkin property in Macon county, and possible one other place, it was said.

Sylva Scouts will meet the Cullowhee boys. Bryson City Scouts will be pitted against Franklin. Scouts from Cherokee will have Whittier Scouts as opponents.

There are now three troops from the district at Camp Daniel Boone, near Lake Logan, in Haywood county.

Hugh Monteith is chairman of the Smoky Mountains Council. Last week 16 boys of the council appeared before the district court of honor and received awards and advancements.

The Sylva Lions and Rotary Clubs are sponsors of Scout work here.

Wm. Hawkins, 30, Auto Mechanic, Drowned Saturday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for William Hawkins, 30, well known automobile mechanic, who was drowned while in swimming late Saturday afternoon near Pickens, S. C.

Services were held at Caney Fork Church, with Rev. Ransom Phillips officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery there.

Surviving are his widow, a son and a daughter, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hawkins; one brother and three sisters, Gertrude and Mary, of Sylva and Myrna, of Los Angeles.

Moody Funeral Directors were in charge.

Baptists To Hold 2-Day Meeting At Hamburg Church

114th Annual Session Of Tuckasegee Association Will Begin Thursday Morning.

The 114th annual session of the Tuckasegee Baptist Association will be held on Thursday and Friday of this week with the Hamburg Baptist church.

An interesting program has been arranged for the two-day meeting, starting Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The annual sermon for the associational meet will be preached by Rev. B. S. Ensley at 11:15 Thursday morning.

The full program for the meeting is as follows:

10:00 A. M. — Devotion (War Time).

10:15—Enrollment of Messengers, New Pastors and Visitors.

10:30—Organization — two minutes report from each church represented.

11:15 — Introductory Sermon—B. S. Ensley.

12:15—Lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 P. M.—Praise and Worship.

1:45—Appointment of Committees by the Moderator.

1:50—Report on Religious Literature—J. A. Herring.

2:15—Report on Hospitals—R. F. Jarrett.

2:45—Christian Education—J. E. Brown.

Friday Morning

10:00 A. M.—Devotion.

10:15 — Evangelism — C. C. Welch.

10:45—Foreign Missions—E. W. Jamison.

Home Mission—G. H. Cope.

State Missions—Hugh Monteith.

11:00—Discussion on Missions.

11:45—Election of Officers.

12:00—Address—W. E. Pettit. Lunch.

Friday Afternoon

1:30 P. M.—Praise and Worship.

1:40—Finance—W. H. Smith.

1:45—W. M. U.—Mrs. C. L. Allison.

2:15—Sunday Schools—Clarence Vance.

2:45—B. T. U.—Jennings A. Bryson.

3:00—Credentials—B. M. Hooper.

3:15—Charity — Mrs. Charlie Messer.

3:30—Miscellaneous.

4:00—Obituaries—John L. Hyatt Memorial Address—T. F. Deitz Adjournment.

STILWELL'S DAUGHTER WEDS



ARMY CHAPLAIN DANIEL LEVITT reads the marriage vows to Capt. William E. Cox and Winifred Stilwell, daughter of Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell (Vinegar Joe), commander of the American forces in China. The ceremony was performed in Carmel, Calif. (International)

Ariail Is Making Plans For Third War Bond Campaign Here Soon

County-wide preparations are being made for the third war bond drive which will be staged nationwide on September 8th, according to R. L. Ariail, county war bond chairman of sales.

Mr. Ariail said that he planned to visit every township in the county, as far as possible, and set up a working organization to carry on a successful campaign in September.

Mrs. Harry Ferguson is chairman of the woman's division of the war bond drive in this county. She and her associates will work with Mr. Ariail in getting the campaign underway.

Mrs. R. U. Sutton is district chairman of woman's work for the sale of bonds, and T. N. Massie is chairman of sales in Sylva and the immediate territory.

"We have always met our quota, and this September drive will put us to a real test," Mr. Ariail stated.

Seaman Asbury Carden Finishes Machinists Course; Now On Duty

Asbury Carden, seaman second class, of the U. S. Navy, has returned to Norfolk after spending a 5-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carden.

Seaman Carden has just completed a special course in Machinist school and upon his return to his base he will report for active duty.

Sylva Man Took Part In Invasion Of Sicily

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Ginn that their son, Pvt. Weldon Ginn, took part in the recent invasion of Sicily. Pvt. Ginn, a local boy, was inducted into the army in February, 1943. He received his training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and was immediately sent overseas.

Tourist Business Good For Rural Areas Of County

Rural places catering to tourists are filled to capacity, according to John R. Jones, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce here.

"The tourist places in the county are reporting excellent business," Mr. Jones said.

"This year the people seemed to have taken a special desire to go to rural places for their vacations. The number of foreign cars passing through has also been amazing," he said.

Sylva Civic Clubs To Meet Next Week

The Rotary Club meets Tuesday night, August 17, at seven o'clock, at the Methodist Church, and the Lions Club will meet Wednesday, August 18th at 7:30, at the same place.

Diet Kitchen Is Being Doubled; Fixtures Added

Series Of Improvements Have Been Made During Past Eighteen Months.

A number of changes now underway on the physical plant of the C. J. Harris Community Hospital will climax a series of renovations and improvements that have been carried on almost continuously for the past 18 months.

Without fanfare, but by steadily moving ahead, the plant is being completely modernized for "the people we serve," said Mrs. Pat Carter, superintendent, as she pointed out the work now in progress at the 25-bed institution.

Workmen are now making a modern diet kitchen on the first floor. The stationery and medicine rooms are being combined with the present first floor kitchen to give double space. The latest equipment, such as sinks, refrigeration, etc., will be featured in the diet kitchen. It will provide efficiency and give time for the staff of nurses, that cater to the well-filled hospital. Specially built rooms have been provided for the medicine stocks.

At times the hospital is usually filled to overflowing.

A number of changes are also being made in the emergency operating room on the first floor. All changes are made with efficiency for the staff and comfort of patients in mind.

The entire interior of the hospital was recently repainted.

During the past 18 months, a modern X-Ray room was installed and fully equipped. This room is on the second floor near the main operating room.

A number of rooms have been refurnished, and the delivery room has recently received a new and modern designed delivery table, in addition to a number of other pieces of equipment for the convenience of patients.

"The program is not complete," Mrs. Carter said. "The hospital will keep step with this growing and progressive county," she continued.

Patients come from all sections of Jackson county and nearby counties.

The hospital now has seven regular nurses on their staff.

S. W. Enloe is chairman of the board of trustees.

Judgments Being Prepared Against Property Owning County 1940 Taxes

Saturday is the last day that most of the 600 Jackson county taxpayers who owe 1940 property taxes will have to make settlement before the county enters suit and takes judgment against the property.

The delinquent tax payers were notified by registered mail by T. W. Ashe, finance commissioner, some weeks ago of the action and scheduled procedure of the county.

The plans call for filing judgment on September first.

The letter suggested that the taxpayers come by and make settlement before August 15th and avoid the extra costs which will be added by the action to be started after the 15th.

Mr. Ashe reported that a number of taxpayers have already made settlement, and according to past experiences, about 50 per cent would clear their property of the tax liens before judgment was executed.

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