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## COMMISSIONERS IN MONTHLY MEETING

TAX RATE FOR COUNTY IS LOWER THIS YEAR.

Taxable Property in County Will Amount to About Three Million Dollars.

The most important business before the board of county commissioners at the regular monthly meeting on Monday was the establishing of the tax rate for the coming year. The figures so far compiled by the tax assessors show that the amount of taxable property in the county is this year greatly increased, and after careful consideration the commissioners decided that the tax rate could be reduced and at the same time a slightly increased amount of revenue for the county be raised. The decrease for the county as decided upon by the commissioners amounts to a total of 5% cents on the hundred dollars of valuation. The last session of the state legislature, however, raised the rate for the public schools from 18 to 20 cents, an increase of 2 cents on the hundred. The net decrease in the tax rate for Transylvania is therefore 3% cents on the hundred.

One of the items in the several making up the tax list appears this year for the last time. This is the levy of five cents for the payment of the fire proof bonds for the court house issued about six years ago. The bonds were of a value of \$700 and were five in number. Four of these have already been raised and the last one will be paid off this year.

The following is the rate for the different purposes as decided by the commissioners:

State purposes	.....21	on hundred
Pensions	.....04	" "
Public schools	.....20	" "
Excess school fund	.....05	" "
Pauper tax	.....05	" "
Bridge tax	.....02	" "
Contingent fund	.....14	" "
Railroad tax	.....16	" "
Special tax fire proof bonds	.....03	" "
Special tax county indebtedness	.....05	" "

Total 96% " "

The poll tax will be \$2.15 to be distributed as follows: \$1.65 to public school fund, 12c to pension fund, and 38c to pauper fund.

The road tax for the county was fixed at fifteen cents in all townships except Boyd which is ten. Special stock law tax for Little River township is twenty-five cents.

The following are the special school tax districts in the county with the rate in each:

Boyd No. 2—90 on poll 30 on property.
Boyd No. 3—60 on poll, 20 on property.
Brevard No. 1—90 on poll 30 on property.
Brevard No. 2—75 on poll 25 on property.
Cathey's Creek No. 1—75 on poll 25 on property.
Cathey's Creek No. 2—90 on poll 30 on property.
Dunn's Rock No. 1—90 on poll 30 on property.
Eastatoe No. 2—75 on poll 25 on property.
Eastatoe No. 3—90 on poll 30 on property.
Gloucester—90 on poll 30 on property.
Hogback No. 1—30 on poll 20 on property.
Hogback No. 4—90 on poll 30 on property.
Little River No. 1—90 on poll 30 on property.
Crab Creek—60 on poll 20 on property.

The total valuation of taxable property in Transylvania this year will be about \$3,000,000. The re-

## JURYMEN ARE DRAWN FOR SUPERIOR COURT

TWO WEEKS' TERM BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 28.

Judge Lane Will Preside Over Term for Trial of Civil and Criminal Cases.

Superior Court for the trial of criminal and civil cases in Transylvania county will convene in Brevard for a term of two weeks beginning Monday, August 28. Judge Lane will preside and Solicitor Robert R. Reynolds will represent the state in the criminal cases.

The county commissioners at their regular monthly session on Monday drew the following jurymen for the two weeks of court:

First Week—E. S. McCall, F. O. Thomas, William Maxwell, Joseph McCrary, D. H. England, Fred Fisher, I. C. Tinsley, R. R. Deaver, John H. Hinkle, Avery Neill, W. S. Ashworth, D. M. McCall, L. H. Allison, J. R. England, S. S. Barnett, J. T. Gillespie, J. B. Stone, G. H. Tinsley, Ervin McCall, W. A. McCall, G. M. Anders, M. N. Moore, Fedilla Henderson, Fielding Paxton, J. Anderson Galloway, C. S. Osborne, Perry Moore, J. A. Breedlove, J. L. Reid, G. M. Justice, A. N. Pool, L. D. Gillespie, Alex Grogan, F. N. Nicholson, G. W. Smith, D. H. Fowler, M. C. Whitmire, W. E. Shipman, Alfred Miller, G. F. McCall, J. C. Wike, Filmore McCall.

Second Week—Lee R. Fisher, J. R. Bishop, G. J. Whitmire, T. C. Galloway, S. M. Orr, J. L. Garren, J. M. Neely, G. W. Banther, Jesse M. McCall, B. P. Scruggs, J. M. Blythe, T. L. Garren, J. L. Morris, John C. Deaver, I. B. Ledbetter, M. J. Glazener, C. M. Doyle, J. A. Bryson, W. R. Rhodes, R. A. Jacobs, Joe H. Garren, A. L. Ledbetter.

## EIGHT NEW PENSIONERS

The pension board of Transylvania county, composed of Dr. Whitfield Brooks, Cos Paxton, C. L. Osborne and G. F. Justice, met Monday at the court house to consider applications for new pensions and increases in pensions already granted. After careful consideration the board decided to recommend pensions to eight. This brings the total number of pensioners in Transylvania county up to seventy-four. Of this number an even fifty are veterans of the great civil war and twenty-four are needy widows of veterans. The pension checks this year will be a little larger than usual, the last legislature having slightly increased the appropriation. The checks come from the state treasurer to the clerk of the superior court for distribution about the middle of December making very welcome Christmas presents.

The following are the eight new additions to the roll for this county: Whitfield Brooks, H. P. Morgan, R. J. Kilpatrick, G. C. Galloway, John Fulbright, J. W. Morris, J. W. Alexander and E. M. Allison.

ports from the state auditor giving the values of the railroads, corporations and so forth have not yet been received. Last year this item was something in excess of \$315,000 and will probably be increased this year. The increase in the taxable property in the county exclusive of these above items amounts in round numbers to \$700,000. The increase in each township is shown by the following figures furnished by Tax Assessor Bell. No township in the county showed a decrease.

Brevard township	.....\$144,461
Boyd township	.....82,626
Cathey's Creek township	.....136,077
Dunn's Rock township	.....35,423
Eastatoe township	.....47,830
Gloucester township	.....93,910
Hogback township	.....97,671
Little River township	.....64,112

## RECEPTION MONDAY FOR MRS. JACKSON

WIDOW OF CONFEDERATE LEADER GUEST HERE.

Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and Daughters of Confederacy Unite to Honor Her.

Transylvania camp No. 953, United Confederate Veterans, will on next Monday afternoon tender a reception to Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson, the widow of the great Confederate general, who is spending several weeks in Brevard a guest at the Hunt cottages. The reception will be given between the hours of three and five Monday afternoon at the house of Mrs. M. A. E. Woodbridge on Main street, the Daughters of the Confederacy assisting the veterans.

Of the sixty odd veterans living in this county there are yet surviving a number who served in the famous "Stonewall" brigade personally commanded by General Jackson and still others who later served in the corps under his command in the battles around Richmond. In the annals of the world today this leader of the Confederacy, who received a mortal wound on the field of Chancellorsville at the end of a day upon which he had directed the movement flanking and routing the great army of Hooker, is ranked among the greatest of the military geniuses of all the ages, and the people of Brevard and Transylvania will take a peculiar pleasure in paying honor to his wife.

It will be of particular interest to our people to know that Mrs. Jackson is a native North Carolinian. She was born in Charlotte, the daughter of Dr. R. H. Morrison, one of the most prominent Presbyterian ministers of the state, the founder and first president of Davidson college. For many years now Mrs. Jackson has made her home in Charlotte. With her in Brevard is her grand-daughter and the little daughter of the latter.

The following official order is issued by the local camp of Confederate Veterans, and the attention of the public is called particularly to it.

"Headquarters, Transylvania Camp United Confederate Veterans No. 953.—Brevard, N. C., August 8, 1911.

"Our Camp having tendered a reception to Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson, and she having honored us by graciously accepting, we do ourselves honor in cordially inviting all Confederate Veterans, all sons of veterans and all Daughters of the Confederacy, with their respective immediate families, to unite with us in honoring this charming type of the women of the confederacy, at the home of Mrs. M. A. E. Woodbridge, Main street, on the afternoon of next Monday, the 14th, between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock.

"We will also be glad to receive and present to her, any of our adult Confederate summer visitors, comprehended within the three orders of our Cause, as mentioned, and who if strangers are asked to present their cards on entrance so that they may be properly presented.

J. M. HAMLIN, Commandant.  
JOS. M. KERN, Adjutant."

**The Black Death.** Periodically for many centuries Europe and the east have been visited by plague. There have been plagues of typhus fever, of cholera, of smallpox, of yellow fever. It is estimated that 25,000,000 people have died at one time or another from these scourges. In 1570 200,000 persons died in Moscow, and in 1572 50,000 died in Lyons. The plague carried off 300,000 in Naples in 1656. In 1666 68,596 died in London out of a population of 460,000, two-thirds of whom had fled the city to escape. This is actually 68,596 out of 153,300—nearly one in two.

## CLEAN UP POLICY DETERMINED UPON

TOWN MUST BE CLEANED UP AND KEPT SO

Board of Aldermen in Regular Session Reduces Tax Rate in the Town.

The board of aldermen of Brevard in regular monthly session Monday night determined upon a clean-up policy for the town, adopted a set of special privilege taxes for the ensuing year, fixed the tax rate of the town at a considerable reduction over the rate of last year, and transacted considerable routine business.

All the members of the board were present, Mayor Pro Tem W. M. Henry presiding in the absence of Mayor W. E. Breese, Jr., who has been in Charleston this week.

The question of cleaning up Brevard and keeping it clean occupied considerable time. There was no division of opinion as to the necessity of action being taken, the members of the board being unanimously agreed that for the good of the town as a whole trash and refuse of all sorts should not be allowed to accumulate and remain around the business houses and residences of the town thereby creating not only a nuisance but also a constant menace to the public health. The only phase of the question that caused discussion was the manner in which the town authorities should go about getting the town cleaned up and keeping it that way.

The final action of the board was the decision to notify all property owners or occupants of property which is in an unsanitary condition to immediately provide themselves with garbage barrels or boxes into which shall be gathered all trash and refuse of all kinds now littering the premises, these barrels or boxes to be placed in the street in front of the different houses by Friday morning of this week. At that time a wagon employed by the town will go the rounds and haul away the accumulated trash.

Thereafter it will be required that all garbage and trash be dumped into receptacles and placed in the street for collection by the wagon each Wednesday and Saturday morning. The wagon will not be able to cover the entire residential section of the town on each of these days and so the board requests that all private houses having trash to be hauled will notify the officers on the days preceding the days for the wagon to make its rounds and such notification will have prompt attention.

It was found that the taxable property within the incorporation limits will this year be approximately \$500,000, an increase of about \$65,000. In view of this the board decided to fix the tax rate for this year at eighty cents on the hundred and the poll tax at \$1.75. This is a reduction of ten cents on the hundred and twenty-five cents on the poll. This news will doubtless prove most welcome to the citizens of the town.

Automobiles in Brevard will hereafter be required to reduce their speeds to a point conducive to the safety of the pedestrians. The board passed an ordinance decreeing that no machine within the town shall exceed ten miles an hour, the penalty for the violation being fixed at not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

Another ordinance was passed forbidding any raffish schemes, the penalty for violation being fixed at \$10.

The questions of placing lights on French Broad avenue and the transference of a dray license were referred respectively to the light committee and the finance committee with power to act in each case. The schedule of special privilege

## PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR THE TEACHERS

CONCERT WILL BE FEATURE FRIDAY EVENING.

County Teachers Association has Interesting Program for Meeting in September.

The county teachers' association will meet on Friday September 1 and be in session two days. An extended program has been prepared covering several phases of school work. On Friday evening there will be a musical concert and an address by Welch Galloway.

The following program will be carried out:

- 10:30—Opening exercise, J. R. Owen.
- 10:45—How to study, Chapters 3 and 4, J. P. Bennett.
- 11:30—Phonics, Mrs. G. G. Reece.
- 12:00—Community work in rural schools, Miss Julia Owen.
- 12:45—Noon recess.
- 2:00—Relation of the library to schoolroom work, M. D. Hardin.
- 2:30—Drawing, Miss Hattie Aiken.
- 3:00—Teachers part in securing compulsory education, Miles Reece.
- 8:00—Musical concert.
- 8:30—Education for living, Welch Galloway.

## SATURDAY

- 10:00—Opening exercise, C. S. Kirkpatrick.
- 10:15—Correlation in primary grades, Miss Maud Jacobs.
- 11:00—Tests of hearing and vision, T. C. Henderson.
- 11:45—Meeting of County Betterment Association.
- 12:30—Noon recess.
- 2:45—How to tell stories to children, Miss Cora Wilson.
- 2:15—Mistakes in teaching, A. B. Riley.
- 2:45—General.

taxes in the town for this year was made practically the same as last year with a few exceptions.

The tax of one per cent on the gross business of express, telegraph and telephone companies is not allowed this year under the general state machinery act, so a privilege tax of \$10 per year was fixed upon these businesses.

The same tax on electric light and electric power companies was changed to a privilege tax on each of \$25.

On real estate agencies the privilege tax was fixed at \$5 for the head of the firm and \$2 upon each additional member of the firm, or in case of an individual dealer \$5.

A tax of \$5 on street merchants was added to the schedule, and the old privilege taxes fixed upon building contractors and fertilizer dealers were repealed.

With the exceptions mentioned the list in force last year stands for this year.

The water committee reported an abundance of water and the system in good condition. The light committee reported trouble with several of the street arcs, some of these having failed to burn several nights. This will be investigated. The finance committee reported a balance of cash on hand of about one hundred dollars.

The board completed its work and adjourned about one o'clock.

## The Adder's Poison.

One of the most wonderful things in nature is the arrangement of the teeth in the mouth of the common adder or viper. The creature does not use its poison fangs when it bites the animal on which it feeds, and so by a very curious arrangement these fangs are laid back flat in the roof of the mouth out of the way of the ordinary teeth which are used for feeding. By this means the adder can use whichever set of teeth it pleases; one set will poison its enemy and the other is more suitable for eating its food.

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