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TAX LEVY MADE FOR McDOWELL COUNTY

The Rate to Be Seventy-Seven Cents on the \$100 Worth of Property—Township Valuations.

The Board of County Commissioners were in regular session on Monday. A long list of routine matters were acted upon and the levy for taxes for the coming year was made. Notwithstanding the fact that the reduction in the assessed valuation of property for the county amounted to something like three million dollars, the commissioners were able to hold the levy down to a conservative point. The levy for all purposes in the county, including schools and roads, amounts to only 77c. This is much lower than a number of other counties, and seven cents on the \$100.00 lower than Buncombe, which made a levy of 84c. The commissioners, while in favor of going forward with the present constructive program, realize on account of the present depression in business there is a demand on the part of the public for the tightening up of the taxing power. With this in mind the order for the levy was made as follows:

1. General poll tax of two dollars; that is, one dollar and fifty cents for public school fund, and fifty cents for support of poor.
2. For General County purposes: Property tax rate of twelve cents.
3. For general road purposes: Property tax rate of three cents.
4. For bridge purposes: Property tax rate of five cents.
5. For general road bond purposes, that is, to pay interest on County road bonds and to create sinking fund to pay the same at maturity: Property tax rate of twelve cents.
6. For funding floating indebtedness and paying interest on bonds: Property tax rate of eight cents.
7. For general school purposes: Property tax rate of thirty cents for teachers salaries and seven cents for building and incidental fund.

Road Bonds and Maintenance.
Marion township—For road bonds, that is, to pay interest on road bonds and create sinking funds, a property tax rate of four cents and poll tax of twelve cents. For road maintenance, property tax rate of 11c and poll tax of 33c.

Old Fort township—For road bonds: Property tax 4c, poll tax 12c. For road maintenance: Property tax 5c, poll tax 15c.

Nebo township—For road bonds: Property tax 4c, poll tax 12c. For road maintenance: Property tax 2c, poll tax 6c.

Dysartsville township—For road bonds: Property tax 11 cents, poll tax 33c. For road maintenance: Property tax 20c, poll tax 60c.

Crooked Creek township—For road bonds: Property tax 11c, poll tax 33c. For road maintenance: Property tax 20c, poll tax 60c.

Broad River township—For road bonds: Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c. For road maintenance: Property tax 20c, poll tax 60c.

Montfords Cove township—For road bonds: Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c. For road maintenance: Property tax 20c, poll tax 60c.

North Cove township—For road bonds: Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c. For road maintenance: Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c.

Higgins township—For road bonds: Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c. For road maintenance: Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c.

Brackett township—For road bonds: Property tax 15c, poll tax 45c. For road maintenance: Property tax 15c, poll tax 45c.

Glenwood township—For road bonds: Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c. For road maintenance: Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c.

Special Schools.
Crooked Creek No. 1.—Property tax 20c, poll tax 60c.

Higgins No. 2.—Property tax 20c, poll tax 60c.

Glenwood No. 1.—Property tax

30c, poll tax 90c.
Nebo No. 1.—Property tax 30c, poll tax 90c.

Nebo No. 2.—Property tax 20c, poll tax 60c.

Nebo No. 3.—Property tax 30c, poll tax 90c.

Old Fort No. 1.—Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c.

Old Fort No. 2.—Property tax 12c, poll tax 36c.

Old Fort No. 3.—Property tax 45c, poll tax \$1.35.

Old Fort Nos. 5 and 5 1/2.—Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c.

Old Fort No. 7.—Property tax 20c, poll tax 60c.

North Cove No. 4.—Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c.

North Cove No. 5.—Property tax 15c, poll tax 45c.

North Cove Nos. 6 and 6 1/2.—Property tax 7c, poll tax 21c.

North Cove No. 7.—Property tax 10c, poll tax 30c.

Montfords Cove.—Property tax 15c, poll tax 45c.

Bracketts Nos. 1 and 2.—Property tax 8c, poll tax 24c.

Marion No. 2.—Property tax 8c, poll tax 24c.

Marion No. 3.—Property tax 30c, poll tax 90c.

Marion No. 4.—Property tax 15c, poll tax 45c.

Marion No. 5.—Property tax 25c, poll tax 75c.

Marion Nos. 8, 8 1/2 and 10.—Property tax 15c, poll tax 45c.

Marion No. 9.—Property tax 5c, poll tax 15c.

Dysartsville No. 1.—Property tax 20c, poll tax 60c.

Dysartsville (Pinnacle)—Property tax 20c, poll tax 60c.

MARION HAS DISASTROUS FIRE FRIDAY MORNING

One of the worst fires to happen in Marion for a number of years was discovered last Friday morning about 2 o'clock in the Wrenn building. The fire it seems caught in the hall of the second floor over the Marion Tin and Plumbing Shop. The blaze had made considerable headway when discovered and before it was extinguished the whole second floor over both the Kirby Wholesale Drug Company and the Marion Tin Shop were burned out. The Kirby Drug Company suffered considerable loss and the loss of the Tin Shop was no small item.

Mrs. Mary Van Wagener, who had rooms on the second floor in the building, had her household goods destroyed. In an effort to escape from the burning building, Mrs. Van Wagener and Miss Alma Hemphill sustained sprained ankles and were considerably bruised in jumping from the second story window. They tied bed clothes to the window and dropped from the second story. Mr. J. M. Crow, baker, who also lived on the second floor of the building, escaped without injury.

Immediately after the alarm was sounded, the Marion Fire Department was on the scene in a few seconds. The fire company worked under serious handicaps, in that they did not have ladders of sufficient length to scale the outside walls of the building. Since the fire was burning in the second story, about the only way to reach the fire was to climb to the top of the walls and turn the water on the burning building. After about an hour of heroic work the flames were well under control. The fighters fought like veterans and owing to their efforts the damage to property is greatly less than it would have been.

The damage to the building is estimated at \$15,000, with \$10,000 insurance. The Kirby Drug Company's loss is estimated at \$12,000 and this is partially covered by insurance. About \$1,500 was sustained by the Marion Tin & Plumbing Company with \$1,000 insurance.

The building is owned by T. F. Wrenn of High Point and E. J. House of Marion and it is understood they expect to repair and put the building back in good condition as soon as possible.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell—Items About Home People.

LAUREL HILL

Nebo, Rt. 1, Sept. 5.—B. R. Foster has gone to Cliffside where he has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. John Poteat of Morganton spent Saturday night with relatives in this community.

Miss Hessie Waters has returned to Marion after spending a few days here with homefolks.

Jesse Price and Paul Ricketts attended the McDowell County Singing convention at Bethlehem on Sunday of last week.

L. H. Whitener made a business trip to Hendersonville last week.

Roy Morgan and sister, Miss Floy, of Marion, spent Saturday night here with their aunt, Mrs. G. H. Ellington.

Miss Biddie Price of Marion spent the week-end here with homefolks. Overton Price spent last week in Cliffside.

J. M. Walker visited in Rutherfordton and Spindale recently.

A. P. Poteat of Nealsville was a visitor here one day last week.

Lawson Taylor of Kansas City, Mo., is spending a few days here with homefolks.

J. D. Walker made a business trip to Marion last Saturday.

Ossie Price of Cliffside is at home for a few days.

J. B. Walker was in Glen Alpine on business last Saturday.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed a singing on last Sunday night given by Miss Myrtle Foster.

Misses Ethel and Agnes Foster and Messrs. Zeb and Guy Cochran of Cliffside are spending a few days visiting friends in this community.

HANKINS

Marion, Rt. 3, Sept. 6.—A large crowd enjoyed the supper at the school house Saturday night. The program opened with a short talk by Mr. B. L. Lunsford of Marion. He told the people of their needs for a better equipped school, where five days in the week their children must live and grow. He also impressed upon them their duty of standing by their teachers while they are working so faithfully for the betterment of the school.

The entertainment consisted of cake-walks, the sale of pies or "girls," numbers, cake and lemonade, ice cream and fortune telling, the total proceeds from which amounted to \$53. Some good music was also enjoyed, especially that made by Mr. Lunsford. The people here cannot speak too highly of Mr. Lunsford and hope to have him with us again.

Miss Mae Allison spent the week-end with relatives in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edwards, of Carlyle, spent Sunday and Monday with their daughter, Mrs. G. C. Erwin.

Our school will suspend next Friday for two weeks, during which time we hope to have the building covered and repainted.

An ice cream feast at the home of G. C. Erwin Sunday evening was enjoyed by quite a number of "friends who live near."

NEBO.

Nebo, Sept. 5.—Dr. and Mrs. Hoke Hemphill of Chapel Hill visited relatives here last week.

Misses Maggie and Hattie Taylor left Saturday for Marion where they will begin teaching school at the Marion Mill.

Mrs. John Sigmon and daughter, Georgia, returned home last week from Ohio, where they have been spending several days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Giles and baby of Raeford are visiting Mrs. Giles' mother, Mrs. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Sigmon of Bridgewater spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. John Sigmon.

Miss Georgia Sigmon will leave Tuesday for Elon College, where she

will enter school.
Watson Wilson left Saturday for Garden City, where he will begin his school.

Misses Maggie and Vivian Parks, who are teaching school at Harmony Grove, spent the week-end here.

Miss Bertie Lawing of Harmony Grove visited the Misses Parks here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Summers and family have moved back here for the fall and winter term of school.

A crowd from here motored to Blowing Rock Sunday on a picnic.

Miss Essie Hemphill will leave one day this week for Rutherford county where she will teach school.

Miss Elsie Stacy spent the week-end at Greenlee.

MONTFORDS COVE

Union Mills, Rt. 1, Sept. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Grant Harris visited their brother, E. H. Harris, at the Rutherford hospital Sunday and report his condition better.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ledbetter motored to Shelby last Friday.

Misses Play Williams and Ethel Ledbetter spent Saturday night with Miss Vera Ledbetter.

Mrs. E. M. Stott is right sick.

J. P. Williams has been right sick.

The ball game between the Cove boys and the cotton mill team resulted in a score of 18 to 8 in favor of the former.

Verno Harris and family and Mrs. W. G. Harris and Mrs. Cora Nichols visited friends at Glenwood Sunday.

Miss Marie Stott, a student at Round Hill school, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

A party of young folks consisting of Misses Vera Ledbetter, Mary Sue Hemphill, Clara Harris and Mr. and Mrs. George Harris enjoyed a camping trip to Chimney Rock last week.

W. A. Misenheimer and some friends of Asheville visited the former's old home place at the White House, Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Harris, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris visited their son at Old Fort Saturday and Sunday.

Rodney Hemphill of Nebo visited his parents here Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. James Brown spent Sunday at Sugar Hill.

Mrs. F. V. Harris, Ray Hemphill and Arthur Nichols motored to the Cove Sunday.

BROAD RIVER

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Sept. 5.—R. C. Nanney spent yesterday in Marion on business.

Misses Lockye and Hattie Nanney are spending their vacation with homefolks.

The protracted meeting which began at Stone Mountain Tuesday closed Sunday. The pastor, Rev. F. E. Simmons was assisted by Rev. M. B. Snipes of Nebo. We hope much good was accomplished.

Miss Meldona Stroud spent Friday night with Estelle Morris at the home of Mrs. R. C. Nanney.

W. J. Bryan Ledbetter was a pleasant visitor at R. C. Nanney's Sunday afternoon.

The Stone Mountain school is progressing nicely.

Estelle Morris spent Thursday night at the home of I. V. Stroud.

Little Robert Nanney, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nanney, has been on the sick list for several days, but is improving.

Work on the highway down Broad River is progressing nicely.

HARMONY GROVE

Nebo, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Ben Simmons and little son have returned home after spending some time with Mrs. Garland Williams on Buck Creek.

Miss Alice Mangum has returned to her home at Dysartsville after spending a few days here.

A singing was given at the home of Dan Anderson last Friday night. The affair was enjoyed by all present.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Between 600 and 700 men have been returned to work at the big mills of the Champion Fibre company at Canton. Several hundred of the workers were laid off about two weeks ago, when the plants were closed down temporarily. It was stated that the mills were closed due to the lack of fall orders.

The program has been completed for the Western North Carolina and Buncombe county state co-operative district agricultural fair for colored people, to be held in Asheville October 10 to 15. The fair will be in conjunction with the juvenile home movement, inaugurated several weeks ago. The affair will be held in Oates park.

Improved industrial conditions in North Carolina are reported in the monthly survey of the employment service for the department of labor for August. Ninety-nine textile mills reported 19,938 on the pay rolls August 15, an increase of 112 as compared with July 15. Textile operators, while not optimistic, expect to be able to continue on full time. Thirty-six lumber products mills report employment of 2,272 on the pay rolls August 15, a decrease in the number employed of 83, as compared with the previous month. Lumber men generally are pessimistic as to the outlook.

PLAN TO EXTEND HIGHWAY TO HENDERSON COUNTY

Hugh F. Little, chairman of the highway commission for McDowell county, is making an arrangement for meeting with the commissioners of Henderson county to co-operate in extending the Crooked Creek-Broad River highway through Henderson county to Hendersonville. Only seven miles of highway will have to be built in McDowell county to connect with Henderson county and it is probable that Henderson county will meet this road with a highway from Hendersonville.

The commissioners of McDowell are planning to connect the Dysartsville highway with the road to be built between Morganton and Rutherfordton. Arrangements are being made to have a conference at once with the Burke and Rutherford county officials. This will give the Dysartsville people a highway both to Rutherfordton and Morganton.

A contract will be let on Saturday, Sept. 10, to build a section of road on the Marion-Oak Grove Church highway which will eliminate the very bad railroad crossing between Hankins station and the Catawba river bridge on the C. C. & O. railway, and run the road around under the railway bridge. The railway company will pay for about one-half of the cost of construction.

Engineer Martin and all of the county highway commissioners inspected the roads in the northern part of the county on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. They went especially to inspect the Broad River project now being completed by Alexander & Patton.

CONCRETE LINK OF ROAD IS OPENED

Rutherfordton, Sept. 2.—The concrete link of the Asheville-Charlotte-Wilmington highway, known as project No. 77, recently completed by the Wilson construction company, of Rutherfordton, was opened to the public Tuesday afternoon. It is located from the eastern city limits at the Seaboard Air Line railway station extending through town to the corporate limits in the northern part of town, comprising 242 miles.

About one mile of this paving is 16 feet wide, and the remainder varying from 24 to 33 feet.

The Salvation Army was founded in London in 1865.

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