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## COUNTY TAX RATE CUT

### BAPTISTS HOLD MEETING HERE

More than 400 Enrolled at County Association's Convention

The annual meeting of the Macon county Baptist association was held at the First Baptist Church of Franklin Wednesday and Thursday with an enrollment of more than 400.

At an election of officers Wednesday the Rev. A. S. Solesbee was named moderator; the Rev. E. R. Eller, vice moderator; R. M. Ledford, clerk; E. V. Ammons, treasurer; and the Rev. W. T. Potts, historian.

Speaking Wednesday night on that part of the association's program devoted to Christian education, Dr. R. L. Moore, president of Mars Hill college warned that "too much of our culture in the past has had in it selfishness, pride, an air of superiority, and has produced moral idiots."

Pointing out that knowledge means power, he declared that there is potential danger in education unless it is directed in the proper channels.

Miss Martha Sullinger, of Fruitland Institute, Hendersonville, also spoke Wednesday night.

Reports were heard during the two-day convention on: Orphanage work, ministerial relief, short reports by delegates from each of the churches in the county, periodicals, hospitals, Christian education, stewardship and enlistment; state, home and foreign missions; temperance, W. M. U. work, B. Y. P. U. activities, Sunday schools, state of the churches, associational promotion committee, and the report of various other committees and the historian.

### NEW OFFICES ARE NOW OPEN

Ashear Putting Finishing Touches on 2nd Floor Of Building

Finishing touches were being made this week on the second floor of the Ashear building and tenants were beginning to move into some of the offices.

The forestry service has taken two rooms in the building for draughtsmen and three rooms have been rented for the United States title attorney's offices.

Several other offices in the building, it is understood, have been engaged and are expected to be occupied in the near future.

There are two entrances to the offices, one from Main street between Sloan Brothers' grocery store and Joseph Ashear's Store, and the other from the rear.

There are 25 office rooms and a spacious hallway on the second floor of the building. All are unusually well lighted. Mr. Ashear plans to install steam heat before winter.

Mr. Ashear completed one section of his building, that housing his store, in 1931 and started work in the spring of 1933 on the construction of an addition on the old Sloan corner, providing space for Sloan Brothers store and the S. & L. five and ten cent store. At the same time he built a second story over the entire structure. On the roof he erected ingenious devices, much like ship ventilators, to keep the second floor offices cool in summertime.

### Meet Saturday

Young Democrats To Elect County President

Macon county Young Democrats are scheduled to meet at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the courthouse to elect a county president to succeed John W. Edwards, who has resigned to become chairman of the Young Democratic organization of the 11th congressional district.

Mr. Edwards was elected to the district post at the recent state convention in Asheville. He succeeds William J. Cocke, Jr., Asheville attorney.

Miss Elizabeth Slagle, first vice president of the county organization, and James Hauser, chairman of the Franklin township club have been mentioned as possible successors of Mr. Edwards as head of the county organization.

### RICKMANS HOLD CLAN REUNION

200 Attend Family Meeting; S. J. Murray Elected President

Approximately 200 relatives and friends attended the Rickman reunion Sunday at the home of Mrs. M. L. Rickman at West's Mill.

Samuel J. Murray, of Franklin, was elected president; Tom Rickman of West's Mill, vice president; and Mrs. Frank I. Murray, of Franklin, secretary. E. O. Rickman, Sloan Rickman and Robert Rickman, compose the program committee.

At the noon hour a bounteous picnic dinner was served on the lawn.

The reunion will be held again next year at the same time and place.

Cowee Wins, 5 to 6, From Bryson City

The Cowee baseball team defeated Bryson City 6 to 5 last Saturday afternoon in one of the most interesting games in the league this season. The game was featured by excellent pitching by Duvall and timely hits by H. Bryson, Allen and C. Duvall, all of the Cowee nine.

Cowee is scheduled to play the Cherokee team at Cherokee Saturday afternoon.

Rev. C. J. Culp, D. D. To Preach Here Sunday

The Rev. C. J. Culp, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of New Brunswick, N. J., is to preach at the 11 o'clock service in the Franklin Presbyterian church Sunday, according to an announcement by the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor. Dr. Culp is spending a few days of his vacation at Trimont Inn.

Medical Society Asked To Meet in Franklin

Dr. Edgar Angel attended a meeting of the officers of the 10th District Medical society in Asheville this week and extended an invitation to the society to meet in Franklin in October. The society, it was stated, is expected to accept. If so, it will be the first time it has met in Franklin.

### Sale of Land for '33 Taxes Ordered by County, Town

Sale of real estate for delinquent 1933 taxes was ordered both by the county commissioners and the Franklin town council Monday.

The commissioners directed the sheriff to begin this week to advertise land for unpaid county taxes for the past fiscal year and to offer it for sale at the courthouse door the first Monday in September.

The town council ordered the

clerk to begin advertising land for delinquent town taxes next week and to sell on the second Monday in September.

The action of each body was in compliance with provisions of the machinery act of the 1933 general assembly which leaves no alternative open to local governing bodies.

After the tax collectors' sales, certificates bearing interest will be issued to the purchasers, giving them lien rights.

### Plan Bazaar

Woman's Auxiliary To Hold Sale Wednesday

A bazaar, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Agnes Episcopal church for the benefit of the church, is to be held from 3 to 6 p. m. Wednesday, August 15, in the office of the Nantahala Power and Light company.

Mrs. T. J. Johnston, Sr., is general chairman of the committee in charge of the bazaar. She will be assisted by other ladies of St. Agnes church.

Many useful and beautiful articles will be offered for sale, including: Luncheon sets, fancy work, aprons, children's rompers and sun suits, crocheted mats etc.; hand-wrought pewter and handwoven pieces from the Appalachian Training school at Penland.

There will also be a table of cakes, pies and other eatables.

### MACON'S RURAL SCHOOLS OPEN

Schools in Franklin and Highlands To Open September 3

The rural schools of Macon county opened Monday with what is believed to be a considerably larger enrollment than last year. M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools said he had not received exact figures on the number of pupils enrolled, but expressed the opinion that the figure would be larger than last year unless small localized epidemics of whooping cough should spread.

The Franklin and Highlands schools are scheduled to open September 3. Two more teachers have been allocated by the state department of education for the Franklin schools, one in the high school and one in the primary grades. This will mean a considerable lessening of the instructional burden on other teachers in the school. Mr. Billings said most of the teachers would have from four to five teaching periods a day and one or two study periods to supervise.

Funeral Held for Child Killed by Lightning

Funeral services for Roy Winstead, killed by lightning last Saturday afternoon at Toccoa, Ga., were held at the Coweta Baptist church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon with the Rev. John Brendle officiating. The Winstead child's parents have been dead five years and he and a brother, Furman, and a sister Verna, have been living in the orphans' home at Toccoa.

### SILERS HOLD 83RD REUNION

179 Present at Gathering Of Family at Camp Nickwasi

BY MRS. F. L. SILER

With 179 persons present, the 83rd reunion of the Siler family was held Thursday, August 2, at Camp Nickwasi with Miss Laura Jones as hostess.

The first formal meeting of the family was held New Year's Day, 1853, at the home of Jacob Siler, this county and each year since then the clan has held a reunion. Many years ago the date of the reunion was changed from January to October and that year two gatherings were held. Later the time for the family gatherings was moved up to the first Thursday in August. This was done on account of so many of the younger members of the family being away at college in October.

Reporting on the state of the family at this year's Siler reunion, the Outlook committee said there had been five marriages in the family since the last meeting, but that new members also had been added to the spinster contingency. The bachelor's group, the committee reported, had dwindled year by year until Fred Sloan was left as the only local member. Five births were reported and many graduates from high schools and colleges.

Oldest and Youngest

The oldest member present was Mrs. Hattie Moore, age 90, who was present at the first Siler meeting. The youngest present was Richard S. Jones, Jr., age 10 weeks.

It was decided to hold next year's reunion at the home of Mrs. Leona Bryson Porter at the old Bryson homestead, "Behind the Pines," in Franklin.

Out-of-Town Visitors

Out-of-town members of the Siler family who attended the reunion included:

Mr. and Mrs. Jule Siler of Lavonia, Ga.; Dr. and Mrs. Freeman, of Lavonia, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Palm Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Edith Corbin Scaggs, Portland, Ore.; Miss Eleanor Sloan, who recently returned from Porto Rico; Miss Freda Siler, New York City; Mrs. Hall Swain, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Ed Robinson and sisters, of Marietta, Ga.; Mrs. Jim Cook, Athens, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Gray, Murphyr; Mr. and Mrs. David Willis and family, New Bern, N. C.; Mrs. Fred Drvman, Lake Junaluska; Mr. and Mrs. James Gray and family, Raleigh, Relatives from Asheville present included: Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Elias, Mr. and Mrs. Don Elias, I. Weimar Jones, Owen Gudger Misses Bertha and Laura Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Weaver and family, the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Weaver.

### LEVY FOR 1934 SET AT DOLLAR

Town Rate of 80 Cents Levied, Increase Of 5 Cents

A tax rate of \$1 on the \$100 valuation has been set for the current fiscal year by the Macon county commissioners, it was learned this week. This is a reduction of five cents under the 1933 rate and of 21 cents under the 1932 rate.

The countywide levy is divided as follows:

General fund	..... \$ .15
Debt service (road bonds)	.... .60
Pauper fund	..... .05
Jail and court fund	..... .05
Countywide school debt service	.15

TOTAL ..... \$ 1.00  
Township Levies

Besides this a levy of 25 cents on the \$100 has been imposed in Franklin township for district road bonds, and of 10 cents for the same purpose in Highlands township. These are the only townships in the county which now require district levies. Last year a 40 cent special rate was imposed in Nantahala township, but this was sufficient to retire the last bonds due the first of last January.

Exact figures on the county's present valuation were not available this week; but it was stated that it will be little changed from last year's valuation of \$5,625,741.

Adoption of a detailed county budget for 1934 awaits a report by R. C. Birmingham, of Charlotte, county auditor.

Welfare Levy Rejected

At Monday's meeting of the commissioners a proposal submitted by Miss Rachel Davis, county superintendent of welfare, to levy two or three cents additional countywide tax to supplement the county pauper fund and federal relief work, was rejected. The commissioners pointed out that the tax rate already had been established at a special meeting held two weeks earlier and that the tax books for 1934 had been compiled on this basis.

Franklin Tax Rate Set at 85 Cents

Franklin's town council has established a tax rate of 85 cents for the fiscal year 1934. This represents an increase of five cents over last year and of 10 cents over the year before.

It was estimated that the new rate will raise \$9,220. The town's estimated budget provides:

For police department, \$1,520; for salaries of officials, \$1,700; for office rent, telephone, printing, postage, advertising, insurance etc., \$900; for fire department salaries and supplies, \$500; water department salaries, power, supplies etc., \$4,000; street department, salaries supplies etc., \$2,900; street lighting, \$1,300.

Bond requirements were set forth as follows:

Interest on electric and power bonds, \$16,770; bonds due and payable, \$5,500; interest on water, street and public improvement bonds, \$3,250.

Estimated revenues were listed as follows:

Nantahala Light and Power company purchaser of power plant, \$22,270; water rents, \$4,400; privilege taxes and licenses, \$450; interest, notes and accounts, \$2,000; general tax levy \$9,220—making a total of \$38,340 and balancing budget requirements.