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TOWN TAX RATE CUT 10 CENTS

1935 Levy in Franklin Set At 75 Cents By Board

Meeting in regular monthly session Monday night, the Franklin board of aldermen set the 1935 tax rate for town property at 75 cents per hundred dollars valuation, a reduction of 10 cents from last year's rate. The rate was 75 cents in 1930, '31 and '32; 80 cents in 1933 and 85 cents in 1934.

The board also adopted a budget for the fiscal year which started July 1. Total expenses were estimated at \$40,780, but \$24,750 of this, representing payments due on electric power bonds, is to be paid by the Nantahala Power and Light company, present owners of the Franklin hydro-electric system.

Expenses Listed

Other expenses anticipated in the budget are:

Interest on general obligations—bonds—\$3,240; police department, \$1,540; general expenses, \$2,350; fire department, \$600; water and sewer department, \$3,800; street cleaning and maintenance, \$2,700; street lighting, \$1,400.

Estimated receipts were:

Revenue from electric power plant, to be paid by Nantahala Power and Light company and applied on bonds, \$24,750; water rents, \$5,000; privilege taxes, \$500; tax notes, sale certificates and accounts, \$3,000; by tax levy, \$7,530.

Valuation

Total valuation of town property, real and personal, for 1935 is listed at \$1,042,949.

The board also ordered the advertisement and sale of real estate for unpaid 1934 taxes, as directed by law, on the second Monday in September.

Patton Band

Plays In Asheville Song And Dance Fete

One of the features of Asheville's Mountain Song and Dance Festival was Jim Patton's string band, which played on the opening night, Thursday, before 3,000 spectators.

The band is composed of Jim Patton, mandolin, Rufe Wells, fiddle, Rogers Wells, guitar, John D. Wells, banjo, and Mrs. Harry Higgins, guitar. All are from Franklin.

In addition to playing in the band, Mrs. Higgins was one of the three dance judges for Saturday night, the last day of the festival.

The band played for "Aunt" Samantha Baumgarner, 60, one of the dancers and singers of the occasion, who attracted much attention.

Selections played by Patton's band were "Going Down the Road Feeling Bad," "W. and L. Swing," "Coming Round the Mountain," "Hand Me Down My Walking Cane," "Free Little Birdies," and "Wednesday Night Waltz."

'Bob' Blaine Now With Chevrolet Company

Clint Burrell, manager of the Franklin Chevrolet company announced this week the appointment of R. L. ("Bob") Blaine, well known Franklin automobile mechanic, as the company's service manager.

For the past nine years Mr. Blaine has been employed by the local Ford dealers. He enjoys a reputation as an expert automobile "trouble shooter."

The Franklin Chevrolet company, which for several years occupied a building on East Main street, is now located in a modern garage building on Palmer street near its intersection with Main. The company recently installed new precision tools and machinery for servicing all makes of automobiles.

Correction

We Beg Pardon for a Regrettable Error

The Press-Maconian heartily regrets an error which crept into its account last week of the robbery by two bandits of the Highlands branch of the Jackson County Bank. We mistakenly referred to Jim Henry, who with the cashier of the bank was ordered by the bandits lie face downward on the floor, as a "negro chauffeur." Mr. Henry is not a negro.

We are sincerely sorry that this mistake occurred and hope that Mr. Henry will accept our explanation and apology. The mistake was entirely unintentional. It was just one of those slips that sometimes happen.

We wish to state also that our Highlands correspondent was in no way responsible for the mistake.

We hope that Mr. Henry has suffered no injury or humiliation and trust that our amends are acceptable to him.

—The Editor.

TWO TIE FOR SWEEPSTAKES

Miss Willis and Mrs. Higdon Divide Flower Show Honors

Mrs. Frank Higdon and Miss Mary Willis tied for the sweepstakes prize at the annual flower show given by the Franklin Garden club August 3.

The club wishes to give honorable mention to Mrs. Tilson, Shookville, for her blanket of dahlia flowers, and to Mrs. R. D. Sisk for the furniture and rugs in her shadow box, which contained an old-fashioned doll.

Prize for the most attractive doll was given to Miss Willis, who dressed "the bride." Mrs. Sisk was awarded second place.

Ribbons in the different classes were won by the following:

Best display of dahlias: 1st, Miss Willis; 2nd, Fred Johnston Houk.

Best display of snapdragons: Mrs. Jim Perry, Fred Johnston Houk.

Best display of gladioli: Mrs. G. L. Houk, Miss Willis.

Finest marigolds: Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., Mrs. Frank Higdon.

Finest collection of zinnias: Mrs. Zeb Cansler, Mrs. Higdon.

Finest collection of dwarf zinnias: Miss Willis, Mrs. Angel.

Most artistic arrangement of mixed flowers: Miss Willis, George Erwin Patton.

Most attractive miniature: Mrs. D. D. Rice (first and second prizes).

Miscellaneous: Mrs. Angel, Mrs. Cansler.

Twin vases: Miss Willis, Mrs. Cansler.

Most artistic two-tone arrangement: Miss Willis (first and second prizes).

Lillies: Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Sisk.

Best collection of wild flowers: George Erwin Patton, Mrs. Cansler.

The following won dolls, which were raffled off:

Quintuplets, Mrs. Helen Macon; Boudoir doll, Frances Ashe; Nurse, Joan Innis; Shirley Temple, Jess Conley; Celophane dolls, Mrs. John Willis Fox; Garden girl, Polly Bivins; Bride, Mrs. S. F. Wooten; Debutante, June Dady; and the old-fashioned doll, Miss Katherine Cater.

Bryson Reunion To Be Held August 18

The annual Bryson family reunion will be held Sunday, August 18, at the home of Mrs. J. L. Bryson at West's Mill.

Joseph R. Bryson, prominent Greenville, S. C., lawyer, will be the principal speaker.

FOREST DRAWS MANY VISITORS

Tourist Traffic Growing Rapidly as Result of Improvements

Visitors to the beauty spots of the Nantahala National Forest have increased 50 per cent this year over any previous period in the history of the forest, according to figures announced this week by J. H. Stone, Forest Supervisor.

Hundreds of miles of new roads and trails constructed by the CCC camps have made accessible many enticing scenic spots.

Van Hook Glade camp ground and Dry Falls on the Cullasaja river, near Franklin, prepared by the forest service for the public have received exceptional notice by visitors from every state.

Pools Attract Many

Trout rearing pools at Arrowood Glade, near Wayah Bald, have attracted visitors interested in these "finny beauties" from Canada to California.

Warwoman Dell located on the historic Blue Ridge railroad right of way has been filled to capacity since it was opened to the public in May of this year, necessitating the extension of this picnic area.

Hikers' clubs from Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee have taken enthusiastically to the trails leading to such interesting mountain peaks as Rabun Bald, Standing Indian and Wayah Bald.

Business Increases

This influx of visitors to the Nantahala Forest has resulted in a decided increase in business to the communities in and adjacent to the forest. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have rolled into the merchants' tills from this tourist trade, according to reports received from business men in the vicinity.

The Nantahala National Forest derives no return in dollars and cents for its outlay in the development of the scenic and recreational attractions. This work will continue, however, to make the forest lands available for the best use to the greatest number of people in the long run.

SPEAKERS FOR TOUR SECURED

Shaffner and Graeber To Speak on Rotary Farm Tour

R. W. Shaffner, assistant district farm agent and supervisor of demonstration farms, and R. W. Graeber, extension forester, will be among the speakers on the fifth annual Macon county farm tour, August 14, sponsored by the Franklin Rotary club, according to F. S. Sloan, county agent and member of the Rotary committee on arrangements for the event.

The tour will start from the Franklin courthouse at 9 a. m., and will visit farms and various projects, including TVA demonstration farms.

Preparations are being made to feed 500 at the Iotla school, where the dinner, given by the Iotla Baptist and Methodist churches in connection with the tour, will be served. A charge of 25 cents per plate will be made, the proceeds to be divided between the two churches.

The tours were inaugurated several years ago to promote a better understanding and closer cooperation between business men and farmers. Interested visitors from Macon and other counties are invited, applications having already been received from several Georgia counties.

More Members Needed in Press Circulation Drive

CHILD FATALLY HURT BY AUTO

Waynesville Man Arrested In Death of Billy Mincey

Funeral services for Billy Mincey, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mincey, Ellijay, were held Monday at the Ellijay Baptist church.

Billy died of injuries after being struck by a car reported driven by Cosby Frady, Waynesville. The accident occurred in East Franklin near the intersection of highways 285 and 28. Witnesses said the little girl jumped from a truck in which she was riding with her parents, and ran in front of the car. She was carried about 100 feet on the bumper of the automobile.

Frady, charged with manslaughter and driving while intoxicated, was released on \$2,500 bond pending preliminary hearing August 15.

Billy is survived by her parents a sister, Freda Lee, and two brothers, Charles and Howard.

PETITION ASKS EXTRA TEACHER

Highlands People Send Urgent Request To Raleigh

A petition addressed to LeRoy Martin, chairman of the State School Commission, requesting that an extra teacher be allotted the elementary department of the Highlands school has been signed by more than three hundred citizens of the Highlands school district and was this week mailed to Raleigh.

The request was based upon the fact that the average attendance last year was 220, for which six teachers were allotted instead of the seven entitled for an average attendance of that number. At the present time only six elementary teachers have been assigned to work in the elementary department of the Highlands school. Six teachers are allotted to a school whose average attendance has reached 180 pupils.

Since the attendance of 220 for the 1934-1935 term shows an increase of forty pupils, and also since there will in all probability be more pupils enrolled in the school for the coming year, the request is regarded as justifiable and reasonable. The first grade room usually has the largest number of pupils enrolled, and indications are that for the coming term the first grade teacher will have about sixty pupils under her supervision unless the extra teacher is allotted as requested.

A number of personal letters from prominent citizens have also been mailed Mr. Martin in regard to the matter, as have telegrams from civic organizations.

Dr. Herbert To Preach During Son's Absence

Dr. C. C. Herbert, Sumpter, S. C., will conduct the 11 o'clock service of the Franklin Methodist church Sunday, August 11, during the absence of his son, the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the church. Rev. Mr. Herbert is at present in Junaluska.

Start Delayed, but Must Get Under Way This Week

STILL TIME TO ENTER

Only Spare Time Work Is Necessary on Part Of Entrants

Official start of the Press Salesmanship Club circulation campaign has been delayed for a few days beyond the original tentatively set date owing to the fact that there seems to be a lack of complete understanding as to just what the proposition means on the part of several who have been considering entering but have not yet made up their minds.

Some of those who have expressed interest in joining the campaign seem to have the idea that it is a full time proposition requiring their concerted efforts from morning till night for the entire period of six weeks. Nothing could be further from the true facts. Members of such campaigns usually plan their other duties so that they can have either the afternoons or evenings free to secure subscriptions.

System Counts

The campaign will last for six weeks and any person who is interested can systematize their work so that they may see all prospects within this time without devoting a great number of hours each day to the work. A systematic two hours work with the plan laid out in advance usually means better results than an all day effort at promiscuous knocking on doors.

While several members have already joined both in Franklin and from various parts of Macon county there is still room for four or five additional ones; perhaps some of those already "on the fence" will jump in; if not, new ones are invited to file their application at once. Several of the best sections outside of Franklin are still without an enrolled representative.

Last Call

But fast action is necessary now to get in right at the beginning. No one has yet been allowed to start work, but it must start this week, so prompt action will be necessary. Send in your name or phone the office; better still call and let the campaign manager explain the whole proposition. It's just a plain business proposition offering to pay handsomely for your spare time efforts during the next six weeks. And that check—from \$500 down, will come in handy for lots of things at the end of the campaign. But action RIGHT NOW is necessary as this is the last call before the start of the campaign.

J. M. Rimmer Seriously Ill from Spider Bite

R. M. Rimmer, Franklin druggist, was notified in a telegram last Friday morning that his father, J. M. Rimmer, of Mebane, N. C., was seriously ill as the result of a spider bite.

Mr. Rimmer, his wife and his mother, who had been spending the summer here, left immediately for Mebane.

No word had been received here today concerning the elder Mr. Rimmer's condition.

Mrs. Walter Downing, of Atlanta, and her daughter, Nancy, and grand-daughter, Nell Barnett, spent the week-end here, the guests of Mrs. F. L. Siler.