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SENATE PASSES LOCAL MEASURE

Macon Tax Act Repealed; Register Of Deeds Term Increased

Representative George B. Patton's bill to extend the term of the register of deeds of Macon county to four years was passed by the lower house of the General Assembly Tuesday under a suspension of rules, and was sent to the senate for concurrence. This bill is in line with others being enacted for various counties which will place the office of register of deeds in the same class with sheriffs, clerks and coroners, who already have four-year terms, and will save a great deal of election expense.

The bill to repeal the Macon local law in regard to collection of delinquent taxes was passed by the senate Tuesday and the county will hereafter operate under the general tax law as it did before the 1937 act was passed.

Another bill by Representative Patton which would repeal the measure setting a rate of 15 cents per meal for feeding prisoners in jail, has been favorably reported and is expected to pass without opposition.

No Tuition Raise

The appropriations committee of the house has made it known that in no case will tuition increases for native students be voted, through increases for out-of-state students are contemplated except for the North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham.

The finance committee and the appropriations committee are still grinding away on budget and revenue items, and it is uncertain as to when these measures will reach the floor for consideration and debate. In the meantime the usual flood of local legislation is occupying much time in both houses.

Several Important Matters Presented To County Board

Matters of vital importance to hundreds of people in the county were presented before the county commissioners at the meeting last Monday, but no action was taken.

C. Tom Bryson appeared in behalf of the NYA program, speaking convincingly of the need of the craft shop that could be erected by NYA labor, calling the attention of the commissioners to the fact that with a little backing from them the government would donate to the county power wood-working machinery and the salary of a full time instructor in furniture making and allied crafts. He pointed out that many counties had taken advantage of this offer and the boys are learning trades that will make them independent, beside supplying the schools and other public buildings with needed furniture.

Mrs. J. A. Ordway, county supervisor of the National Youth Administration, stated that at present there are 202 boys and girls working on projects, with many more expecting employment in the near future. The pay roll is now over \$3,000 per month—between \$35,000 and \$40,000 per year. Mrs. Ordway asked for \$200 to continue construction of waiting stations for school children, stating that 54 additional stations were needed to shelter the one thousand children throughout the county, many of whom are forced to wait for buses on the highway, exposed to cold and rain. C. A. Bryson, commissioner, expressed himself in favor of granting these requests.

Mrs. Ordway stated that without the cooperation of the commissioners the present enrollment cannot

Zone Meeting Of Methodist W. M. S. Held Wednesday

The Zone meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Methodist churches in Macon county held a very interesting meeting Wednesday at the Franklin Methodist church. There were more than 50 members from the eight societies of the zone organization present.

Mrs. Fred Slagle, zone chairman, presided over the meeting. The brief welcome address was given by Mrs. W. J. Zachary, president of the Franklin society, followed by a spiritual and helpful devotional, which was conducted by the Rev. I. L. Roberts, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church.

Mrs. F. E. Branson, of Canton, secretary of the Waynesville district, led the round table discussion on the problems of the zone work. She also gave a special message to the group, using for her topic, "Christianising all Areas of Life."

A very enjoyable solo was rendered by Mrs. James L. Averill.

Following lunch, Mrs. George Hampton, of Canton, secretary of the Spiritual Life Group, spoke briefly on the "Methods of Carrying on the Work." Mrs. Heffner, of Cullowhee, chairman of the Children's Work of the Waynesville district, presented plans for training our children in the Sunday schools, so that they will be missionary minded, thus getting acquainted with children of other lands, so that they will feel a world brotherhood, which makes for world peace.

The world outlook was presented by Gordon Moore.

The officers who were elected at this time were: Mrs. Fred Slagle, zone chairman, and Mrs. Joe Setser, zone secretary.

Societies represented were Snow Hill, Iotla, Bethel, Union, Highlands, Cashiers, Mt. Zion and Franklin.

An invitation was extended by the ladies of the Bethel society for the meeting to be held with them in June.

Boy Scout Service At Methodist Church

In connection with Boy Scout Week there will be a special service held on Sunday evening at six o'clock at the Franklin Methodist church. At that time music will be rendered by an augmented choir and the boys will have a part in the service.

An appropriate message will be given by the pastor, the Rev. Ivon L. Roberts.

The general public is invited to attend this service and show their interest in the work being done to train local boys in good citizenship.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and Sam Howard, of Waynesville, were guests of their sister-in-law and aunt, Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, Sunday.

BAPTISTS WILL MEET AT IOTLA

Preacher Revival To Be Held By Association Next Week

A preacher revival will be held by the Macon County Baptist association with the Iotla Baptist church next week, February 13-17, and the following program has been announced:

10:00 a. m.—Devotions: Monday, C. C. Welch; Tuesday, Green Calloway; Wednesday, D. C. McCoy; Thursday, Paul Morgan; Friday, Vester Stockton.

10:15—Bible study each day—Book of Ephesians—C. F. Rogers.

11:15—Intermission and "get acquainted period."

11:30—Discussion and Round Table Period—E. F. Baker.

Monday—"Should Our Churches Practice Discipline and Revise Membership Rolls More Than We Do?"

Tuesday—"Giving Missions Their Proper Emphasis in Our Churches."

Wednesday—"Is Evangelism Sufficient for Our Churches Apart from Enlistment?"

Thursday—"Jesus' Method of Soul Winning."

Friday—"Present Need and Signs of a Spiritual Revival, and How to Obtain It."

12:30 p. m.—Lunch Hour and Fellowship.

1:30—Devotions: Monday, Lester Sorrels; Tuesday, A. J. Smith; Wednesday, J. I. Vinson; Thursday, Grant Wood; Friday, Charles Jennings.

1:45—Stewardship Discussion—Rev. J. C. Pipes.

2:30—Song.

2:30—Problems of the Pastor—A message followed by discussion each afternoon.

Monday—"How Can We Bring Our Members to Commit Themselves Intelligently and Completely to the Church Covenant?"—Rev. N. E. Holden.

Tuesday—"The Place of Good Music in the Worship Service."—Rev. R. F. Mayberry.

Wednesday—"What Are the Requirements Both for the Candidate and the Church in the Call and Ordination of Pastors?"—Rev. T. D. Denny.

Thursday—"Responsibility of a Church in Calling and Supporting the Pastor."—Rev. W. L. Bradley.

Friday—Ethics, or conduct of the Pastor in his study, devotional life, home, every day conduct, business relationships, pulpit, recreation and relation to other pastors.—Rev. J. G. Benfield.

7:00—Praise Service each evening by Iotla Church Choir, followed by sermon each night except Tuesday night, when the Brotherhood of the Franklin Church will give a demonstration service of our Baptist Brotherhood.

7:15—Monday—Rev. J. G. Benfield. Tuesday—Brotherhood.

Wednesday—T. F. Deitz. Thursday—C. F. Rogers. Friday—G. A. Cloer.

Members of all churches as well as Pastors are urged to attend all these services and are welcome to have part in the discussions.

Entertainment free.

Power Company Extends Rural Electric Lines

Work was started Tuesday by the Nantahala Power & Light company upon an extension of its lines into the Cartoogechaye section. It is thought that the work will be completed within two to three weeks.

The line will serve 20 rural customers as soon as completed, and it is expected that others will apply for current where they are close enough to connect without too great expense.

This line will be extended to the foot of the mountain if present plans can be carried out by the power company.

R. L. Howard

Passes At Morganton On Last Sunday

Robert L. Howard, who was taken to the State hospital at Morganton on Tuesday of the past week, died there on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Howard, a well known farmer of the Tryphosa section had been ill for more than three years. He was born and reared in Macon county where he had lived his entire life. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pulaski Howard.

Funeral services were held in Morganton on Monday afternoon.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Cordelia Norton, and three children, one daughter; Miss Grace Howard, and two sons, Edgar and Elbert Howard, all of Tryphosa; four brothers, Nick and Pulaski Howard, of Washington State; Sam and George Howard, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1.

STREET WORK IS UNDER WAY

Project Giving Work To 191 Men; Several Crews At Work

The Franklin street and sidewalk improvement project is getting well under way this week with 191 men at work. Crews have been working on Iotla, West Main, Riverview and Oak streets, and another crew is engaged in building bins and in other work at the stone quarry.

Stone will be secured at the B. W. Justice quarry on Rabbit creek, which is close to town. It was at first thought the stone would be hauled from the Wade Moody quarry, but it is understood that government projects will be taking stone from there, and it was therefore decided to use the Justice place.

A crusher has been bought and put in place, and the town board has authorized the purchase of a jack hammer, air compressor and concrete mixer. One truck has been purchased from the Burrell Motor company and another will be secured to be used at the quarry.

It is planned to push the work forward as rapidly as possible, and to rebuild and repair as many streets and sidewalks as possible before the beginning of the summer season.

When the preliminary labor is finished and the spreading of crushed stone begins, it is possible that some of the men now employed will be laid off, as it will not require such a large number for that work.

Meeting To Be Held At Colored School

A rally meeting will be held at Chapel School on Sunday afternoon, February 12, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of pepping up progress on the recreational building.

The property on which the building is to be erected will be formally presented at this meeting by a representative of the Episcopal church which is the donor of the land for this purpose.

Friends of the colored people in the community are cordially invited to attend this meeting to help forward this worthy and much needed work. It is learned that about \$200 has already been raised by the P.-T. A. group sponsoring the project.

The building will be erected with NYA labor, logs which are already cut, have been donated by the forest service. Plans have been drawn at state NYA headquarters in Raleigh, and construction will be under the supervision of Mrs. J. A. Ordway, NYA supervisor.

SCOTT GRIFFIN BUILDING SOLD

Hotel Property Bought By Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Of Spruce Pine

One of the largest real estate deals which has occurred in Franklin in recent years was the sale this week of the Scott Griffin hotel property by the Bank of Franklin to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. (Doc) Bryson, of Spruce Pine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryson have been operating the Spruce Pine hotel for the past six years and will remain there, it is understood, for the present, as Mrs. C. S. Brown has a lease on the Scott Griffin for another year.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bryson are natives of Macon county and are widely known in this section. Mr. Bryson is a son of the late James Bryson, of West's Mill, a pioneer settler of the county. Mrs. Bryson is the former Miss Laura Wilds, and was born and reared in the Burningtown section. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Posey Wilds and a sister of Mrs. Frank Jarrett, of the Jarrett Springs hotel at Dillsboro, and has had long and successful experience in the hotel business.

The Scott Griffin hotel was built in 1926 and has more than 30 rooms with three business places downstairs which have been occupied ever since the building was completed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brown came from Augusta, Ga., and leased the Scott Griffin in 1928. It was then owned by a stock company, but was taken over by the Bank of Franklin in 1933. Since the death of Mr. Brown, Mrs. Brown has continued to operate the hotel, and for several months has conducted the People's Market which is located downstairs in the same building.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryson expect to come back to Franklin to make their home, and will probably take charge of the hotel at the expiration of the present lease.

Two Great Shows At Macon Theatre Next Week

Two great pictures will be shown at the Macon Theatre next week—"St. Louis Blues" on Monday and Tuesday, and "Stand Up and Fight" on Wednesday and Thursday.

"St. Louis Blues"

A Mississippi River showboat of the present day forms the romantic setting for Paramount's new drama with music, "St. Louis Blues," a story based on one of the world's best-loved songs. With Dorothy Lamour, Lloyd Nolan, Tito Guizar, Mary "Punkins" Parker and Maxine Sullivan playing the top roles, "St. Louis Blues" recounts the tale of a gorgeous entertainer who rebels against her manager's insistence that she always pose as a South Seas native and finds sanctuary—and love—on a picturesque showboat.

"Stand Up and Fight"

The Western comes into its own in a brand new locale in "Stand Up and Fight," with Wallace Beery and Robert Taylor teamed for the first time as protagonists of a new type of outdoor action drama which bids fair to set a precedent in film cycles.

The picture, presents to filmgoers western Maryland in the 1850's, with the bitter struggle between the railroad and stage coach lines forming the theme of a stirring story which combines all the elements of the best of the always-popular Westerns with an authentic historical background.

Ras Penland, who has been confined to his room for the past month, suffering from a broken shoulder and other injuries sustained in a car wreck, was able to be on the streets Tuesday.