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Taxpayers File Petition With Equalization Board

Ask Increase In Valuation Of Power Company Properties

A group of taxpayers representing different sections of the county, filed the following petition before the Macon County Board of Equalization and Review meeting on Friday, April 7. The members of the Board are also members of the County Board of Commissioners, Gus Leach, chairman, W. W. Edwards and Charlie Blaine.

According to the secretary of the Board, Lake V. Shope, the matter was discussed at length, the members agreeing that they did not know whether they had authority under the law to act on the petition, and no action was taken.

The Board was sitting for the last time this year, but Mr. Shope stated that they decided to take the matter up in their next week's meeting of the Commissioners, at which time they will discuss employing a lawyer to represent the county's interests before the State Board of Assessments in Raleigh.

BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

North Carolina,
Macon County.

PETITION AND REQUEST Citizens and Taxpayers To

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners composing the County Board of Equalization and Review.

To the Board:

Pursuant to the laws of North Carolina in such cases made and provided, we the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Macon County, North Carolina, for and on behalf of ourselves and other citizens and taxpayers of said County, hereby request and urge you to equalize the value of the property of the Nantahala Power and Light Company in the Township of Franklin, Nantahala, and Millsboro, by increasing the assessed value thereof to the end that same shall be on the tax records of Macon County at a fair, equal and equitable value compared with other property, and in support of this request we respectfully showeth your Honorable Board:

1. That the property of said Nantahala Power and Light Company, situated in the above mentioned Townships, consisting of about 2,200 acres of land, two hydro-electric power plants, including the dams, buildings, structures, tunnel, transformers, lines, stock, merchandise, motor vehicles, easements, and all other properties, privileges, rights and appurtenances there-to belonging and/or incident thereto, was last assessed for taxation at a figure, to-wit, the sum of \$2,548,903.00, which figure obviously is unjust and manifestly unequal by comparison with the assessment on other property.

2. That we are informed and believe that the above described property of said Nantahala Power and Light Company assessed at the said sum of \$2,548,903.00, represents an investment of more than ten million dollars, and, therefore, said assessment for taxation represents less than 25% of the said investment and the value of said property, whereas most all other property in Macon County, if not all, is assessed for taxation at a much larger per cent of the amount of the investment and value of the property, in fact, most other property is assessed at a figure representing at least 60% of the investment and value of said property and in many cases much more than 60%.

In view of these comparisons we sincerely feel that a fair tax valuation for the property of said Nantahala Power and Light Company, and a valuation that will equalize said property with other property in Macon County, is at least 60% of the cost or investment of said property, in which case the assessed tax valuation of the property of said Nantahala Power and Light Company in the aforesaid township would

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Classifications

Announced By Our Local Board

The following classifications are announced by the Local Selective Service Board:

1-A: Lewis Ellison Dendy, Paul Chandler Mason, John Harry Thomas.

2-A: James Everett Henson, Andy Albert Owen, France Shiral Roper, Thomas Wayne Lowe.

2-C: Charles Neville Cabe, Lemuel Monroe Stewman, Jake Donald Cabe.

4-F: Hugh Dorsey Lee.

1-A-H: Fred Taylor Bryson.

1-C: James Gordon McCollum, Charles Norman Dowdle, John Odus Mashburn, John Leach Cunningham, Frank Cling Brooks, George Herbert Reid, Skyler Ledford, W. J. Mason, Roy Lee Dills.

The following was classified in 1-A by the Board of Appeal: Earl Joseph Dills.

The following classifications are announced by the Local Selective Service Board:

1-A: Clarence Wilbur Dowdle, Dorman Dale Gibson, Marshall William Carpenter, Logan Berry Ashe, Ray Bates, David Marion Sanders.

2-A: Earl Joseph Dills, Henry Hastings, Clinton Theodore Holland, Milton Rowland, Clarence Eugene Mitchell, Wiley Rogers Stockton, Roston Battey Dean, Sheridan Charles Evans, Felix Floyd Nichols, Woodrow Wilson Clark, Claud Pendergrass.

2-B: Ralph Edgar Shelton, George Taylor, R. L. Houston, Robert Louis Pattillo, Joe Mitchell Henry.

1-C: James Wesley Todd, William Henry Snyder, Frank Washington Crisp, Henry Wallace Moss, Dover Dee Welch.

2-C: William Arthur Mosteller, Jess Edgar Shope.

4-F: Callie Calvin Cantrell, Wade Hamilton Stockton.

BELOVED LADY LAID TO REST

Mrs. W. T. Moore Passes On Saturday After Long Illness

Last rites for Sallie Cunningham Moore, 50, wife of W. T. Moore, were held at the Franklin Methodist church on Easter afternoon, where hundreds of sorrowing friends gathered to pay their last tribute to one of Macon's most beloved women. She died early Saturday morning after a long illness. The pastor, Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt was assisted in the service by Revs. J. F. Marchman, A. R. Morgan and Dr. J. T. Gillespie. Burial was in Franklin cemetery.

Pallbearers were T. W. Angel, T. D. Bryson, Henry W. Cabe, James Hauser, Lyman Higdon, Guy L. Houk, Herbert McGlamery, and Richard S. O'Mohundro. Members of the Eastern Star, which organization she had served in a number of chapter offices, attended in a body and had charge of the profusion of beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. Moore grew up in Franklin, beloved by all who knew her for her devotion to her family, friends and to every good cause in her community. She was active in her church, being a member of the Bible class and choir. She was married to William T. Moore on December 30, 1914.

For 25 years she had been connected with her father's firm of E. K. Cunningham and Co., taking over the management of the business after his death in 1931. This she directed with marked success, assisted by her husband, up to a short time before her death.

Surviving are her husband, her mother, three brothers, J. K. of Beckley, W. Va., Charles E. of Compton, Calif., and Roy F. of Franklin; a sister, Mrs. Carl Tysinger of Franklin; a half brother, W. C. Cunningham and a half-sister, Mrs. Ida Presta, of Lawndale, Calif.

Men In Service Awarded Air Medal



Lieut. William C. Nall, son of A. R. Nall of Highlands, has recently received the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement while in aerial combat" over Burma. He is pilot of a P-40 fighter plane, based in India. Lieut. Nall received his education at Christ School, Arden and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Mrs. Nall, the former Miss Carolyn Potts of Highlands, is assistant home-demonstration agent for Macon county with headquarters in Franklin.



Sgt. Samuel J. Turpin, son of Mrs. Belle Turpin, is stationed at Mars Field, N. C.

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Macon Potatoes Sold To S C C

The County Agents' Office has been successful in getting Surplus Commodity Corporation to buy Irish Potatoes from the farmers of Macon County, according to an announcement made this week by Sam Mendenhall, Agent. Potatoes grading No. 1 are bringing \$1.75 net per hundred. Wiley Brown is handling these potatoes through his store at the depot. He is grading, bagging and tagging the potatoes, and the Surplus Commodity Corporation designates the shipping points.

Any farmer who has potatoes for sale should bring them to help the farmers who have surplus potatoes.

Republican Committee To Name Candidates

The Republican executive committee will meet Thursday evening to name candidates for county offices for the 1944 term.

Last Rites For Accident Victim

Funeral services for Pearl Hodgins, 19, of Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hodgins, who was drowned in Lake Checah last Friday, were held Monday afternoon at Gillespie chapel, with Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor and Rev. Sanders officiating.

Surviving are the parents, two sisters, Frances, and Myrtle of Florida, and two brothers, Richard and Homer. Bryant's Funeral Home was in charge.

Miss Hodgins and Mrs. Naomi Bruner, both waitresses at Fontana Dam cafeteria, were drowned when the borrowed car in which they were riding overturned in the lake about five miles below the dam last Friday afternoon. TVA crews lifted the car out of the lake with a crane and the bodies were inside. The coroner's jury of Swain county found the two came to their death in an auto accident.

Macon Men Go To Fort Bragg For Induction

The following men were sent to Fort Bragg on April 4, for induction into the Army:

Harold Eugene Swafford, William Howard Wood, Robert Henry Bates, Dean Franklin Mashburn, Norton Virgil Come, John Lester Cabe, Claud Atward Henry, Furman Trotter Brendle, Judson Edwin Vinson, Robert Furman Haskett, Sidney Eugene Elliott, Waymon Chastain, John Harris Henson, William Shirley Childers, Adrian Marshall Peek.

The following were sent to Fort Bragg on April 7 for induction into the Army:

Cornaro Draton Baird, William Lester Reed, Perry Mashburn, George Pratt McClure, George Bulen McCall, Henry David Tallent, Henry Baker Cabe, Frank Monroe Roper, Joseph Walter Reese, Bulen Neal Peek, Elmer Siler Tallent, Lester Alvin Patton, Willie Mitchell Moses, Roy J. Collier, Elmer Luther Hannah, Columbus Milton Frazier, Leslie Vaughn Smith, James Dorman Russell, Paul Wm. Brown, Ira Ledford, Albert Eugene Barnes, Daniel McCaleb Bishop, Ralph Vinson, Gay Garland Yonce, Fred Royal Jones, Rufus Collier, Homer McKinley Hedden, Harold Thomas Jennings, John Furman McConnell, Everett James Mashburn.

James Noel Cochran and Clyde J. Southard were transferred to this board for induction and left with this call.

Macon Men Join Navy And Marines

The following men were inducted into the Navy and Marine Corps on April 4 at Spartanburg, S. C.:

Robert Glenn Ray, Sr., Ernest Jesse Moffitt, Ralph Solesbee, David Austin Mashburn, Harry Lee Cunningham, Norman Perry Holland, Paul Madison Peek, Cleatus Sylvester Hedden, Martin Jack Peek, Wm. Henry Snyder, Wm. Henry Mashburn, Ford Marshall Mann, Wiley Roger Ashe, Paul Seay, James Henry Crawford, Frank Washington Crisp, Oscar Bateman, John Alfred Hall, Henry Wallace Moss, Roy Thomas Messer, Dover Dee Welch, John Lewis Moore, Max Lee Roper, Jake David Welch, James D. Dills.

Albert Prince Stevens and Hoke Cleabern Meadows were transferred to this board for induction into the Navy and were sent with this call.

18-Year-Olds Are Registered For Service

The following boys reached their 18th birthday during the month of March and registered for Selective Service:

Clell Taft Bryant, David Lewis Mashburn, Remon Tanner Fouts, Clyde Moss, Lewis Ellison Dendy, Clarence Wilbur Dowdle, Claud John Crisp, Garland Wilton Evans, J. A. Hurst, LeRoy Junior Mason, J. L. Crisp, Robert Jackson Angel, Wayne Lee Trommell, James David Ponce, Willie Wykle, Jesse Salem Vinson, Ebbie Lee Bingham, Ralph Horace Duvall, Clarence Harley Webb.

**DON'T FORGET
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DINNER, APR. 14, Legion Hall.**

Missionaries

To Hold Missions School At Baptist Church

Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Stamps, returned missionaries from China, will conduct a school of missions at the Franklin Baptist church during the week of April 17. There will be special meetings for the beginners, primaries, and juniors at the church each afternoon.

The evening services will begin at 8 o'clock Monday through Friday, at which time Dr. Stamps will meet with the adults and Mrs. Stamps with the young people and intermediates of a study of their work among the Chinese people. Dr. Stamps will also bring an inspirational message each evening.

Dr. Stamps will preach at the morning and evening services Sunday.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Board Of Elections Names Registrars And Judges

Navy Recruiting At Postoffice April 19

A Navy Recruiting Station will be established in the Postoffice at Franklin on April 19, it was announced here today by Chief C. J. Rhinehart of the Asheville Navy Recruiting Station. Applications will be accepted from young men seventeen years of age, and those more than thirty-eight, and from women for the WAVES between the ages of twenty to thirty-six.

C. J. RHINEHARDT,
CSM., U. S. Navy.

Superior Court

Will Open Spring Term On Next Monday

The Spring term of Macon County Superior Court is scheduled to open on next Monday morning, April 17, with Judge Felix E. Alley of Waynesville presiding.

Only about six new criminal cases are on the docket in the office of the Clerk of Court, the remaining cases being continued from the last term.

Council Meeting Of County H-D Clubs

rs. Robert Fulton, president of the Federation of Macon County Home Demonstration Clubs, announces that the regular council meeting will be held in the Agricultural building, Saturday, April 15, at 2 p. m.

Miss Lillie N. Hunter, Extension Specialists in clothing of State College, Raleigh, N. C., will conduct a demonstration entitled "My Clothing Needs." Miss Anna C. Rowe, Western District home agent, Asheville, will be present.

MR. AND MRS. AVERELL HERE FOR SHORT TIME

Mr. and Mrs. James Averell of Decatur, Ga., will be in Franklin for several weeks, staying at Kelly Inn.

Mr. Averell, who was assistant supervisor of the Nantahala Forest Service here before his promotion to the Atlanta Regional office, will be engaged in some special work for the Forest Service in this section.

Homer Cochran

Chief Of Police Very Ill; A. C. Pannell Supplies

Homer Cochran, chief of police, is reported seriously ill at his home, and the Town Board has appointed A. C. Pannell to take his place during his absence.

At the last meeting the Board appointed Jack Cabe as night policeman. He will be on duty from 6 p. m. until Mr. Pannell comes on duty in the morning.

Merchants Plan Closing On Wednesday Afternoons

A number of merchants and other citizens have been interviewed this week in regard to the proposed Wednesday afternoon closing during the remainder of the Spring and the Summer months. The committee of merchants, headed by Paul Swafford of Swafford's Market, has canvassed the grocery and feed merchants and hope to secure the cooperation of other merchants for the announcement next week.

Mr. Swafford stated that most merchants were satisfied with the results of last year's closing and were looking forward to the same arrangement this year. "I had some help on my farm then, but this year all have either gone to defense jobs or into the service." He said that a salesman in town on Monday remarked that all the towns west of Asheville as well as in this vicinity in north Georgia had already adopted the Wednesday closing schedule.

Cooperation Needed
Other merchants interviewed

In accordance with the law, the Macon County Board of Elections met in regular session on Saturday, April 8, and the following registrars and judges were appointed for the different Townships as follows, according to an announcement by J. J. Mann, chairman. The names appearing on the list are the registrars of the said precinct, the other two being the judges.

Millsboro—J. M. Raby, Frank Cabe and Henry Corbin.

Ellijay—Charlie Bryson, L. T. Moses and Wayne Higdon.

Sugarfork—Ezra Shook, Luther Holland and Frank Peek.

Highlands—Ray Potts, Fred Edwards and James Hicks.

Flats—Ray Dryman, Raymond Penland and Marshall Burnette.

Smith's Bridge—Jess Norton, C. R. Cabe and Claude Patterson.

Cartoogechaye—Dan Swearman, J. C. Dalrymple and Cecil Crawford.

Nantahala No. 1—Lee Baldwin, J. M. Ray, and Dallas Rowland.

Nantahala No. 2—J. R. Shields, James S. Grant and Wymer Cochran.

Burningtown—Ed Byrd, Bill Parrish and Raymond Younce.

Cowee—Bob Rickman, Joel Dalton and T. G. Dean.

Franklin—Jess Shope, James Palmer and George Reece.

Registrants

Under 26 To Report To Local Draft Board

All registrants under 26 years of age who have not been examined by the armed forces within the past 90 days will be ordered to report for preinduction physical examination, announced General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service. The General stated that local boards have just been furnished directives to the effect and that members of his staff are at present conducting a series of regional conferences to discuss this policy as it affects occupational and agricultural deferments. He pointed out that the directive was for the purpose of accelerating the processes of induction of younger men to meet the urgent needs of the armed services and to provide the Director of Selective Service and employers with information regarding those who are not acceptable for military service.

The State Director advises that a registrant, if found acceptable to the armed forces, might still be granted an occupational deferment, provided a Form 42-A Special, approved by the State Director having jurisdiction over the principal place of employment, is received by the local board prior to the registrant's actual induction. In view of directives from National Headquarters of Selective Service, Metts anticipates that few

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