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DEBT SERVICE TAKES HALF OF TOWN'S BUDGET

Only One-Third Of Total To Be Raised By Property Tax

The Town of Franklin during the coming year will spend almost equal amounts on operating expenses and debt service, the 1946-47 budget adopted by the board of aldermen at its last meeting reveals.

The detailed budget was made public by town officials this week.

The budget for the fiscal year that started July 1 provides for expenditures totaling \$24,722.50 for debt service, and \$25,475 for operating expenses.

The latter figure is divided as follows:

Estimated general fund expenditures, \$6,180; police department, \$5,300; fire department, \$1,575; water department, \$6,650; and street department, \$6,370.

Of the amount to be raised to meet these expenditures, only \$16,196.59 — or approximately one-third of the \$50,197.50—will come from taxes.

Other estimated receipts include \$19,240 from Nantahala Power and Light Company bonds and interest; \$9,500 from water rents; \$2,500 from uncollected 1945 taxes; and small amounts from privilege taxes and fees, mayor's costs and fees, and cash on hand and in banks as of July 1.

The tax levy of \$1.15 on the —Continued On Page Four

School, Burrell Winners Of Monday Softball Clashes

The Franklin school and Burrell Motor company were the winners in Monday night's softball games. The school defeated Highlands Briar, and the Burrell team won over the Nantahala Power & Light company aggregation.

In last Thursday evening's games, the Power company defeated Highlands Briar, and the Burrell company won over the school.

Mrs. T. W. Porter, Sr., who has been ill for the past 10 days, is improving.

Do You Remember...? (Looking backward through the files of The Press)

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK There were about 25 candidates before County Examiner Pendergrass Monday and yesterday being examined for license to teach in the public schools.

A party consisting of Lyle Jones, Lewis Elias, Jean Bryson, Jimmie Lyle and Mrs. J. M. Lyle, Misses Laura Jones, Leona Bryson, Mary and Bessie Gaston went to Sapphire Thursday to attend the closing exercises of Miss Laura Bryson's school Friday.

25 YEARS AGO ELLIJAY: We learn, too late, that the report of Mr. Lee Dills' marriage started from a joke, and that he has not yet paid that matrimonial debt which he says all must pay.

SCROLL: Two automobiles from Franklin were in our section last week. One came up Ledford Branch after Miss Rosetta Jones to go to her work at Franklin, and the other was a visitor to call on Mr. Ed Crisp.

10 YEARS AGO Postmaster T. W. Porter has announced that the Franklin post office would close at 2 p. m. each Saturday afternoon in the future, instead of 1 p. m. as previously announced.

Miss Elizabeth Slagle, president of the Young Democrats of Macon county, has called a meeting of the group for 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the courthouse.

In a ceremony of simplicity and charm, Miss Annie Dee Leatherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Carl Leatherman, and Mr. Walton Ramsey Smith were united in marriage on Friday, July 3, at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, at West's Mill.

Highlands Tax Rate Is Again Fixed At \$1.50

The board of aldermen of the Town of Highlands has set the Highlands tax rate for the 1946-47 fiscal year at \$1.50 on the hundred dollars' valuation, the same rate that has been in effect for the past two years.

The board adopted a budget for the coming year totaling \$45,500.

Death Takes Mrs. Rogers At Home Here

Mrs. Roxie Guffey Rogers, 65, died at the home of her son, Charles M. Rogers, in West Franklin, last Friday night at 11:10 o'clock, following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Union Methodist church. The Rev. V. N. Allen, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Charles E. Parker, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church, and the Rev. J. F. Marchman, of Dillard, Ga., former Baptist pastor here. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers, a life-long resident of Macon county, was a member of the Prentiss Baptist church. She was the widow of Robert Rogers, who died several years ago.

The pallbearers were C. Gordon Moore, E. W. Long, Henderson Calloway, Jack Gribble, Ransome Ledford, Carey Cabe and Ed Wallace.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Fannie Rogers, of Franklin, and Mrs. Hardin Gribble, of Prentiss; two sons, Charles M. Rogers, of Franklin, and John Rogers, of Brevard; 12 grandchildren; a half-sister, Mrs. Myrtle White, of Bryson City, and a half-brother, Lee Guffey, of Franklin.

The funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Bryant Funeral home.

Ferebee

Heads New Organization For W. N. C. Region

Percy B. Ferebee, Andrews business man and member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, was elected chairman of the newly organized Western North Carolina Communities, at a dinner meeting in Bryson City Wednesday night.

Charles Ray, of Waynesville, was named vice-chairman, and C. M. Douglas, of Brevard, secretary-treasurer.

The 16 communities in this region—from Buncombe, Henderson, and Transylvania west—were represented by approximately 50 persons, the delegates of chambers of commerce or civic clubs.

The group discussed in detail for some three hours how the organization can be most effective in uniting the region in a common effort.

H. Lee Guffey and Weimar Jones attended from Franklin.

2-Week Revival To Open On Sunday At Oak Grove

A two-week series of revival services will begin Sunday at the Oak Grove Baptist church, it has been announced by the Rev. G. E. Scruggs, pastor. The services will start each evening at 8 o'clock, and the preaching will be by the Rev. A. P. Sprinkles, of West Asheville. The choir will be composed of singers from the local community.

James Stewart Named Night Policeman Here

James Stewart, of this county, has been appointed by the board of aldermen as Franklin night policeman. He succeeds H. C. Thompson, resigned. Mr. Stewart, some months ago, served in the same capacity.

HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Marion Sanders, of Franklin, Route 2, suffered a fracture of the skull and a jaw fracture in an automobile accident last Friday. He was taken to Angel clinic for treatment, and is now able to be out. Mr. Sanders was returning from Miami, Fla., at the time of the wreck, which occurred near Cornelia, Ga.

DISTRICT HEAD OF ROTARY HERE FOR CLUB MEET

Holt McPherson Speaks On International Relations

The Franklin Rotary club had as its guest at Wednesday night's meeting the Rotary district governor, Holt McPherson, of Shelby.

Mr. McPherson, the chief speaker at the dinner meeting, held at the Franklin Terrace, discussed international relationships and Rotary's youth service.

At 5:30 Wednesday afternoon Mr. McPherson presided at a club assembly, made up of the chairmen of the club's various committees, and discussed with them their activities and plans for the coming year.

Accompanying the district governor to Franklin were W. A. McNeill, of Sylva, who formerly was stationed in Franklin as an employee of the State Highway commission, and H. Blackley, of Shelby.

O. K. Angel Hospital For VA Treatment

The Angel hospital here is one of 47 North Carolina hospitals that have been approved by the Veterans administration for treatment of veterans' service-connected disabilities, according to an announcement made by E. B. Crawford, of Chapel Hill, of the Hospital Saving association.

Other hospitals approved in Southwestern North Carolina are the C. J. Harris Community hospital in Sylva and the Haywood County hospital in Waynesville.

The 47 approved are the first North Carolina hospitals to qualify, Mr. Crawford said, to participate in the veterans "home treatment program", which is being administered on a non-profit basis for the Veterans administration by the Saving association. Other hospitals, however, are expected to be approved.

North Carolina, the announcement pointed out, is second only to Michigan in adopting the plan which permits veterans to go to their own doctors for treatment of service-connected illness, and to enter hospitals in their own communities when facilities of the Veterans Administration are unavailable.

W. N. C. Is World Center For Salamanders, Director Of Highlands Museum Says

"A museum should not be merely a static collection of lifeless objects, but rather a dynamic part of people's education in their living environment," Clifford H. Pope, director, declared in his talk at the Highlands Museum last Sunday.

"The Highlands region, and all Western North Carolina, with its unsurpassed flora and fauna, provides unique opportunities in study and exploration for amateur naturalist and professional scientist alike, and the Highlands Museum is meant to be a center for all those interested in knowing the animals, reptiles, plants, trees, mushrooms, and minerals of the region. It can encourage individual studies of special problems, as well as become an outstanding local museum in the country", Mr. Pope said.

As an example of an individual project, Mr. Pope had on display more than a dozen varieties of living salamanders which he has collected in Western North Carolina in the past two weeks. Western North Carolina is the world center for these little animals, Mr. Pope said. More varieties are found here than anywhere else in the world. Among those on display were the red-legged salamander, found on Wayah Bald and nowhere else in the world; also the red-cheeked salamander, found only on Mt. LeConte, in the Smokies.

In addition to the talk by Mr. Pope, the guests at the

Plan Meeting Of Wildlife Group Friday

Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the Wildlife Federation of North Carolina, will take part in a meeting of the local federation, to be held at the courthouse tomorrow (Friday) night at 8:30 o'clock, it was announced this week by W. C. Burrell, head of the local unit.

In making the announcement, Mr. Burrell emphasized that all hunters and fishermen, and all others interested in the development of the wildlife resources of this region, are invited to the meeting.

Mr. Stevens is expected to outline the program of the state organization and discuss with the local group the problems and opportunities of the Franklin unit.

The federation, Mr. Burrell explained, is interested not only in the conservation of wildlife and development of this state as a hunters' and fishing center, but has a number of specific objectives. It seeks a better distribution of fish from the state hatcheries, for example, and hopes to see the division of game and inland fisheries set up as a separate state agency. The division now is a part of the Department of Conservation and Development. It also seeks to eliminate politics from control of the division, he added.

Town Bond Papers O.K.'d By Attorneys

The legal papers in connection with the \$120,000 Franklin bond election have been approved by the bond attorneys in New York, and are now in the hands of the Local Government commission in Raleigh for approval, town officials said this week.

Following approval by the commission, that body will proceed to make arrangements for the sale of the bonds.

The three bond issues were approved by the town's voters by an average of approximately 27 to one in the special election.

It is proposed to issue bonds totaling \$70,000 for extension of water mains and installation of new fire hydrants; \$30,000 for resurfacing streets; and \$20,000 for extending sewer lines.

Northeastern and Atlantic states farmers report plantings of the largest corn acreage in many years this spring.

Museum were entertained by young Whitney Pope, who gave a demonstration with an Indian Python, which he has brought to Highlands as a pet this summer.

Displays at the Museum included books by scientists associated with the Highlands Museum and Biological Laboratory, among them: "The Ferns of North Carolina", by Dr. H. L. Blomquist; "The Boletus Mushrooms of North Carolina", by Dr. W. C. Coker; "The Septobasidioms", by Dr. John N. Couch; "Trees of the Southeastern States", by Drs. Coker and Totten; and "Snakes Alive", by Mr. Pope.

At the meeting Sunday, the Museum Activities committee for this summer was announced: B. E. Fernow, chairman, Miss Marguerite Ravenel, Clark Foreman, Dr. Jessie Z. Moreland, Mrs. O. E. Young, Mrs. Elliot Caziarc, O. F. Summer, Harry Holt, Mrs. George Saussey, Miss Rebecca Bridgers, Raymond A. Kline, Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, and Dr. J. Manson Valentine.

The program for the summer will include the annual flower show, the first week in August, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Caziarc; showings of wildlife movies, in co-operation with the Highlands Wildlife federation; and various lectures. Mr. Pope will be at the Museum daily to consult with members and visitors on all aspects of nature study.

The Weather

Table with 4 columns: Day, High, Low, Prec. Thursday: 81, 65, .03; Friday: 76, 65, .21; Saturday: 86, 66, .25; Sunday: 86, 65, .03; Monday: 85, 62, .03; Tuesday: 88, 66, .03; Wednesday: 89, 64, .03

Mrs. Potts, Of Cullasaja, Dies, Aged 85

Mrs. Alice Potts, 85, died at her home near the Cullasaja post office Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock, following an illness of several years.

Mrs. Potts, the daughter of John and Cynthia Stewart, was born in November, 1861, in Jackson county. She was a member of the Sugarfork Baptist church. She married John Potts, and they had celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

Funeral services were held at the John Stewart cemetery Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. William L. Sorrells, pastor of the Sugarfork Baptist church, officiating.

The pallbearers were Hayes Stewart, Leonard Potts, Harley Stewart, T. W. Reid, Nichols Potts, Charlie Reid and Cahrlie Moore, all nephews.

Surviving are her husband; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Ashe, of the state of Washington, Mrs. Parker Moore, of Franklin, Route 1, and Mrs. Waite Reid, of Cashiers; and one brother, Jack Stewart, of Cashiers.

Potts Funeral home were in charge of the arrangements.

Miss Clampitt Hurt When Pinned Under Overturned Truck

Miss Arbustus Clampitt, is a patient at Angel hospital, suffering from injuries received in an automobile wreck Sunday.

Miss Clampitt was standing in the bed of a pick-up truck, driven by Sheridan Ledford, of the Burningtown community, when the truck overturned, and she was pinned beneath it. Physicians said she suffered multiple fractures of the pelvis, and is in a serious but not dangerous condition.

The accident occurred in the Moody Lane, near the Moody farm. Miss Clampitt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clampitt, of Franklin, Route 3.

Plan Benefit Dance Saturday Night For Highlands Museum

The trustees of the Highlands Museum will sponsor a benefit square dance in the Museum building Saturday night, July 13, starting at 8 o'clock, the proceeds to go toward the purchase of a microscope for the Museum.

Plans for the dance were formulated at a trustees' meeting held at the Museum Tuesday morning.

Auxiliary Will Hold Joint Meet With Legion

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary are invited to meet with the American Legion next Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Legion hall on West Main street. Any one eligible to join the Auxiliary and who plans to do so is invited to attend this meeting.

Highlands Boy Scouts Are Sponsoring Shows

The Highlands Boy Scouts, headed by the Rev. Jack B. Davidson, scoutmaster, are sponsoring the Williams Southern shows at the ball park here this week, and will use their percentage of the proceeds to finance transportation trips to Scout courts of honor.

Immunization Clinic Planned In Highlands

An immunization clinic will be held at the Satula club room in Highlands Monday, July 15, at 1 o'clock, it has been announced by Mrs. Alma K. McCracken, supervising nurse. All types of vaccinations are offered, and Highlands people are urged to take advantage of this clinic.

Removing corn suckers, a common practice, is unnecessary, plant scientists advise.

CROWD ENJOYS EVENTS HELD JULY FOURTH

List Of Prize Winners In Contests Is Announced

Everybody, participants and spectators, seemed to have a good time at last Thursday's old-fashioned celebration of July Fourth, and officials of the sponsoring organizations—the local posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars—estimated that the various events drew between 1,000 and 2,000 persons.

The day was full, starting with comic and serious contests in the morning, and ending with a street square dance in the evening.

The parade scheduled as the opening event was canceled, and the day's program got under way with the contests, held on the western part of Main Street's business district.

Prize Winners

Among the prize winners were: Jimmy Whittington, climbing the greased pole. The prize, a watch, was contributed by the Franklin Hardware Company.

Bicycle Races:— Boy under 15 years of age, first prize, Frank Henry, III; second prize, John Alsop, II. Slow races, George Phillips, first, and Joe Freeman, second. Prizes contributed by M. Blumenthal and Dixie store.

Foot races:— Boy under 12, Joe Warden, first prize winner, and Dan Angel, second. Prizes contributed by S. & L. 5 & 10c and Western Auto Associate stores.

Girls under 16, Misses Bradley and Lelia Jo Gailey, first and second winners, respectively, of prizes given by Crisp's studio and Jo's Beauty Shop.

Wins Men's Race Men and boys, 12 to 30, E. W. Huffman, first prize winners. The Refreshment Shop and Baldwin and Liner market contributed the prizes for this event.

Children under six, Willard Brown, first prize winner, and Eric Hearn, second. Bryant Furniture company and Nantahala Power and Light company gave the prizes.

Woman present with the largest number of children under 12, Mrs. Beulon Peek, of Cowee, whose five youngsters entitled her to the prize given by the Macon County Furniture company.

Hopping contest, for boys under 15, Jack Custer, winner. Baldwin and Liner market donated the prize.

Fat Ladies' Race Fat Ladies' race, Mrs. Madge Crouch, of Shreveport, La., winner of the prize given by Dowdie Wholesale company.

Fat Man's race (200 pounds and over), Leo Hurst, of West's Mill, winner of the prize donated by Sanders' store.

Race for women and girls under 150 pounds, Miss Caroline Crawford. Prize given by Stewart Electrical Appliance store.

Wheelbarrow race: Joe Warden, first prize, and Jack Custer, second prize donated by Slack Franklin Parts company, Duncan Motor company, and Macon theatre.

Catches Greased Pig At the double-header baseball game in the afternoon, Bobby Cochrane caught and held the greased pig, and thus became its owner.

In the first game, the Franklin Negro team defeated a Negro team from Murphy. In the second, the local Negro team won over a Franklin white team.

A musical program was another afternoon feature, and the courthouse was packed for that event. "Rusty" Waldrop, fiddler, his sisters, Misses Catherine and Ethel Waldrop, guitar players and vocalists, their cousin, Lloyd Waldrop, all of the Cartoogechay community, and David Sanders, guitar player and singer, were the chief performers in a hillbilly show that pleased the crowd.

A fiddlers' contest had been planned, but since no contest was held, the prize money was divided between the performers.

Yet another attraction on the day's program was an air show at the airport here.

No admission charge was made for any of the events.