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44% OF MACON TAX DOLLAR GOES FOR DEBT

Budget Shows Operating Costs For Year Set At \$69,710

Approximately 44 per cent of the Macon County taxpayer's dollars in the 1946-47 tax year will go for debt service, and 56 per cent for operating expenses, examination of the county budget for the year reveals.

The county is levying 45 cents to raise \$44,383 for county-wide debt service, and 5 cents to raise \$4,931 for school debt service. The Franklin township debt service—a levy of 30 cents to raise \$7,881—is in addition to the county-wide figures.

The appropriations for operating expenses total \$69,710.

The largest single departmental expenditure is for welfare-social security. The total expenditure for this is \$19,830, of which the county's part is \$13,685. Of the larger total of \$19,830, \$8,775 goes for old-age assistance.

Outside that department, the largest single item of expense is \$2,500, appropriated for tax listing and audit.

The general fund appropriations—for general government, county accountant, courthouse, register of deeds, sheriff, farm demonstration, home demonstration, library, fire prevention, and veteran's service office—total \$20,851.

The special funds' appropriations are:

Pauper, \$2,440; courts, \$2,490; jail, \$1,100; health, \$2,350; welfare-social security, \$13,685 (county's part); and schools, \$26,794. Of the total for schools, \$12,000 is for current expenses, and \$14,794 for capital outlay.

The detailed budget appears on page 4 of this issue of The Press.

Cherrystone clams are said to derive their name from Cheriton, Va.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK
The younger members of Franklin's upper ten enjoyed a party at Mrs. Crawford's Friday night.

Mr. George S. Patton told us Saturday of seeing on Upper Nantahala a few days ago, some boards split out of timber ten feet long and ten inches wide. The tree from which they were made was a fine one.

Cartoogechaye creek is said to have been higher last week than at any time within the last forty years.

25 YEARS AGO
Little Coweta—Messers Lone Thomas, Ben Carpenter and Cornell Anderson took their wagons and went berry picking Friday. There were about 20 in all picking in one field. Now you can guess how the berries were gathered—slow or fast.

Franklin—One of our citizens, being asked by a drummer as to the real population of Franklin, meekly replied without blinking an eye: "Oh, I don't know exactly; you'll have to count them at train time, when they are all in a bunch."

After all there is a bond of sympathy between doctors and editors. The one doesn't care to take his own medicine, while the other seldom follows his own advice.

10 YEARS AGO
Badger A. Justice, 49, an employee of the W. M. Ritter Lumber company at Rainbow Springs, was instantly killed about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when struck by a tree he was felling. The tree fell across the upper part of his body, breaking his neck and crushing his shoulders.

George B. Patton, mayor of Franklin, was elected president of the Young Democratic club of Macon county at a reorganization meeting in the courthouse Saturday afternoon. He succeeds Miss Elizabeth Slagle, who has served as president of the club for the past two years.

Will Spend \$12,400 On 16 Recreational Units In Forest

Congress has just allotted \$12,400 for the restoration and protection of recreation units in the Nantahala National forest, C. G. (Clint) Johnson, recreational planner for the Appalachian area, announced this week upon his return here from a conference at regional forest headquarters in Atlanta.

Most of the 16 Nantahala recreation units are situated in Macon County.

In a normal year, Mr. Johnson said, approximately 250,000 persons visit these recreation areas, and congress has allotted funds to put units in this and other national forests in good condition, following the neglect unavoidable during the war years.

The work to be done will include the building of more concrete outdoor tables; construction of new, smaller fireplaces, designed to burn less wood, at each of the units; renovation and staining of all buildings, with all toilets cleaned up; and creation of woodlots at each unit, with wood ready cut for visitors.

Approximately \$3,000 was spent in June, Mr. Johnson pointed out, at Arrowwood and Cliffside, and additional work will be done at those points, including the construction of

more tables.

Provision also is made in the allotment for caretakers for the units and lifeguards at the swimming pools, and it is proposed to employ men for these purposes this season, if they can be found. Lifeguards will be employed for holidays and week-ends only, and detailed information can be obtained from the Nantahala headquarters here. Each caretaker will assume responsibility for two or more adjacent units, and for this work it is proposed to employ members of the forest's part-time fire force.

For similar work on the Pisgah forest, congress has allotted \$19,000.

Pointing out that the public is invited and urged to use these recreation units, Mr. Johnson voiced the hope that all visitors will leave a recreation spot clean and neat—"the way they would want it to be when they came back to it".

The 16 units in the Nantahala forests are those at Arrowwood, Wayah Crest, Wayah Bald, Cliffside, Vanhook, Dry Falls, Ammons Campground, Deep Gap, Burntongue Gap, Wesser Creek, Snow Bird, White Pine, Joyce Kilmer Memorial forest, George Dell, Shooting Creek Vista, and Persimmon Creek.

1,000 Expected At Federation Picnic Saturday

Preparations are being made for an attendance of more than 1,000 persons at the annual Macon County Farmers Federation picnic at the Franklin High school Saturday, Harry Thomas, local manager, said this week.

James G. K. McClure, president, will be master of ceremonies and chief speaker.

The program, which will include music by the Federation string band and local groups, athletic events, stunts, and talks, will get under way at 10 a. m. and continue through the day.

A picnic lunch will be held at noon, and a lunch counter will be operated for the convenience of those who wish to buy lunch.

WILDLIFE CLUB ORGANIZED HERE

Blaine Heads New Group; 28 Persons Join At Initial Meeting

The Macon County Wildlife club was organized with W. J. Blaine as president, at a meeting held at the courthouse last Friday night.

J. J. Mann was chosen vice-president, and T. W. Angel, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

Each of the 28 persons present at the meeting became a member. Officials pointed out that, in adopting the name, the aim was to make the club community-wide, rather than merely a town organization, and they emphasized that farmers are urged and invited to join. Dues for farmers are fixed at \$1 a year; for others, the annual dues are \$2.

A desire to cooperate with the Highlands club also was stressed. The organization there, it was pointed out, though it is only about two months old, now has approximately 75 members.

Ross O. Stevens, executive vice-president of the N. C. Wildlife Federation, Inc., the chief speaker, outlined the four major points in the federation's program:

1. Sponsorship of a bill before the next general assembly to put wildlife restoration in the hands of a nine-man commission of trained, full-time men, with staggered terms, independent of the Department of Conservation and Development, which now has responsibility for game and fish protection and restoration. Each of the nine commissioners would represent a district.

2. An educational program, to be carried on through such organizations as the Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs, police departments,

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Will Install New Minister Sunday Night

The Rev. B. Hoyt Evans will be formally installed as the new pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church at services at the church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

The installation sermon will be preached by the Rev. H. B. Dendy, pastor of the Weaverville Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Evans grew up. He was ordained to the ministry at a service in that church Sunday, July 7.

The formal installation will be by a commission appointed by the Asheville Presbytery.

Mr. Evans, succeeds Dr. C. R. McCubbins, who resigned several months ago because of ill health.

For the present, Mr. Evans will live at Riverside inn.

Highlands Theater To Present Play Monday And Tuesday

The initial play of the 1946 season of the Highlands Community theater will be presented at the Highlands Museum Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. It will be repeated the following evening at the same hour.

The production is "Kiss and Tell", which had a long run on Broadway and more recently was put on the screen with Shirley Temple in the leading role.

Joel G. Adams, who was recently burned in the fire that destroyed Mrs. Ben McCollum's home several weeks ago, is recovering, and hopes to return to his work as bookkeeper at the Zickgraf Hardwood company the last of this week. Mr. Adams, who had been in Asheville since his discharge from the hospital, returned to Franklin Tuesday.

MACON SCHOOLS SCHEDULED TO OPEN AUGUST 29

Enrollment Of More Than 4,000 Expected In 25 Schools

August 29 is the date set for the opening of Macon County's public schools for the 1946-47 year.

Guy L. Houk, county superintendent, announced this week that the 25 schools in the county will open on that date, unless something unforeseen should occur to cause a delay.

The date just six weeks from today—falls on a Thursday, and Mr. Houk explained that Thursday and Friday of that week will be devoted to organization of classes, classification of students, and issuing of text books, so that regular classroom work can get under way the following Monday.

With the opening of the schools, approximately 4,000 students will resume their studies.

The enrollment last year totaled 3,916—3,456 in the elementary grades, and 470 in the high schools. The latter figure, however, is expected to be considerably greater this year, since this will be the first school session in four years with four classes in high school.

Four years ago an additional grade was placed on top of the elementary school, providing eight instead of seven elementary grades, and this will be the first year that the schools will have students in the twelfth grade.

Dr. F. Angel Fined In Old 2 Wives Case

In a case that originated six years ago, Dr. Furman Angel, Franklin physician, plead guilty in Haywood superior court Wednesday to charges of fornication and adultery and was given a two-year suspended sentence and fined \$1,000.

Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding, also ordered him immediately to institute court action to have an attempted marriage to Burr Messer, of Haywood county, annulled.

Judge Alley ordered an entry of prayer for judgment continued on charges of bigamy, prostitution, and maintaining a house of prostitution.

The indictments were returned to the July, 1940, term of Haywood superior court, after Dr. Angel and Miss Messer allegedly were married in South Carolina, while Dr. Angel had a wife living here. They were later not prosed, according to a dispatch from Waynesville, because both Dr. Angel and Miss Messer were out of the state. When the former returned to North Carolina, they were renewed. Miss Messer is said to be living in Kentucky.

Judge Alley suspended the two-year sentence on condition that Dr. Angel have no association with Miss Messer, in this or any other state.

The city of New York operates 522 public tennis courts, 155 baseball diamonds and 249 softball fields.

Macon Scenes Will Appear In Color Motion Picture

Motion pictures in color of a number of scenes in Macon County will be included in a film now being produced by the U. S. Forest service for national distribution.

Carl S. Clancy, motion picture director of the Forest service, and cameraman Roy Dale Sanders have just been on the Nantahala National forest making shots of waterfalls between Franklin and Highlands, logging operations, road construction on Wayah Bald, and a number of scenes in the Co-weeta Experiment station forests.

Mr. Sanders, who recently rejoined the Forest service after duty with the armed forces, was chief photographic officer on the famed Aircraft Carrier,

Hornet.

The movie, to be entitled "The Water of Life", will show the relation of forest watersheds to the national economy, and point out the importance of the public's cooperation in the preservation of the country's watersheds, with emphasis on the ideas that the forests should not be cut clean and that forest fires must be prevented.

The picture, which will require about a year to complete, will be available to clubs, schools, churches, and other groups. The film will be 16 mm. kodochrome, in color.

From Franklin, Mr. Clancy and Mrs. Sanders went to Denver, Colo., and then will go on to the Pacific Northwest to continue with the filming of the movie.

Setser's Desert Their Home, And Here's Reason

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Setser of Franklin, Route 2, have temporarily deserted their home. And here's why:

Tuesday morning of last week, when they entered the first floor bedroom to see if their month-old baby was awake, they found a black snake, said to have been about four feet long, lying on the floor, directly beneath the infant's basket. They killed the snake.

Then Wednesday morning, when Mrs. Setser opened a chest drawer in which the baby's clothes were kept, a spreading adder, coiled in the drawer, struck at her and missed.

That day the Setsters moved to the home of Mrs. Setser's mother, Mrs. Pink Gregory, where they will remain until they can have the house gone over and made snake-proof, and weeds about the place cut.

COURTHOUSE FUND SOUGHT

Commissioners Will File Application For U. S. Planning Money

The board of county commissioners, at a meeting Monday, voted to file application with the federal government for funds for the preparation of plans for a new courthouse.

Funds for such a purpose, it was explained, may be obtained from the Bureau of Community Facilities of the Federal Works Agency, with the understanding that the money provided by the government shall be in the nature of a grant, if the building for which plans are drawn is not erected. In the event it is erected, the money obtained is a loan, to be repaid without interest.

In view of that situation, the commissioners decided it would be wise to obtain the necessary funds to have plans for a new courthouse drawn, so that they will be available when it is decided to erect a courthouse. If and when it is decided to build a courthouse, it was pointed out, it will be necessary to have plans drawn; and, if no courthouse is built, the county will be out nothing.

Chairman W. E. (Gene) Baldwin was authorized by the other two commissioners to sign and forward the application, when it has been drawn.

Siler Reunion

To Be Held August 1 At 'Dixie Hall'

The 94th annual reunion of the Siler family this year will be held at "Dixie Hall", the old Robinson home on uptown Main street. Miss Hope Daniels and her brother, James Robinson Daniels, both of New York, will be hostess and host.

The meeting, always held the first Thursday in August, will fall on August 1.

At last year's meeting, the family accepted the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Slagle to meet with them in 1946, but Mr. and Mrs. Slagle have acceded to the request of the Daniels to let them have it this year.

Dr. Yemm Joins Angel Clinic's Medical Staff

Dr. Warren Yemm has reported for duty at the Angel clinic, on the staff of Dr. Furman Angel.

Dr. Yemm, a licentiate of the American Board of Surgery, is a specialist in gastric surgery. He comes to Franklin from the Mayo Clinic.

Mooney Heads Sunday School

C. J. Mooney was elected superintendent of the Sunday school of the Franklin Presbyterian church by the Sunday school last Sunday morning.

John B. Ray was reelected assistant superintendent. Mr. Mooney succeeds T. H. Fagg, who resigned, explaining that his business duties make it impossible for him to continue in the superintendent's post.

N. CRUNKLETON FATALLY HURT IN AUTO MISHAP

Ted V. Cabe, Driver Of Auto, Held After Accident

Newton Crunkleton, 27-year old veteran of World War 2, is dead as a result of an automobile accident Wednesday at the Thomas curve of the Highlands road, just beyond the airport, and Ted V. Cabe, of Franklin, Route 4, also a veteran, the driver of the car which struck Mr. Crunkleton, is held in jail. Authorities said he will be charged with manslaughter.

Mr. Crunkleton, whose leg was severed below the knee, also suffered a fractured skull, a fracture of the left arm, and

NO INSURANCE
Newton Crunkleton left a widow and two small children—and no insurance.

Learning the circumstances, a group of Macon County veterans yesterday started collecting funds for his family. Donations will be welcomed from the general public, as well as war veterans.

Contributions may be made at Ray Grocery and Feed store, at the Franklin Hardware company, Swafford's market, or to Bob S. Sloan. Other collection points will be announced later.

a crushed chest, physicians at Angel hospital said.

He died at 10:30 Wednesday night, about 11 hours after the accident.

Turns Over Twice
Officers who investigated said it was approximately 120 feet from the point where Mr. Cabe applied his car brakes and the point where the automobile, after turning over twice, stopped, upside down. Mr. Crunkleton, either knocked or dragged by the car, lay beyond the point where the automobile stopped.

Mr. Cabe said that, as he approached in the sharp curve just beyond the airport, he applied his brakes, they locked on the right side, and it was impossible for him to stop the car.

He was placed in jail, and probably will be given a preliminary hearing sometime Friday.

Walking Off Pavement
Mr. Crunkleton was walking south on the right hand side of the highway, off the pavement. The automobile was going in the same direction.

In the car, in addition to the driver, were Bob Gillespie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gillespie, Bernard Womach, son of Otto Womach, and Jim Burch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burch, all of Franklin. Gillespie, who recently had been discharged from the armed forces after long treatment in a hospital

Mercury Hits 90 3 Times In Unusual Week

Franklin during the past seven days experienced one of the hottest weeks in the recollection of older residents. Twice—on July 13 and 15—the temperature soared to 90, an unusual mark in the mountains, and on the eleventh it reached 91, the reports of Observer Guy L. Houk show. The average high temperature for the week was 87 3/7 degrees.

The nights, however, were uniformly cool, with the low temperatures for the seven days averaging 65 3/7.

Striking a mean of the average high and average low for the week gives an average temperature, during what was an unusually warm week here, of only 76 3/7 degrees.

The weather data for the seven days follows:

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	91	65	1.13
Friday	88	66	T*
Saturday	90	65
Sunday	89	65	.47
Monday	90	65	1.39
Tuesday	84	65
Wednesday	80	67	.07

* Trace
Total rainfall for July to date, 4.36 inches.