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40 PER CENT
OF 1946 TAXES
ALREADY PAID\$43,105 Collected; 1945
Settlement Made By
Bradley

Considered indicative of a healthy business situation here—as well as of the foresightedness of many taxpayers—is the fact that \$43,105.95 of 1946 taxes were paid prior to October 1, the date they were due.

The figure represents about 40 per cent of the total tax levy for this year.

This amount was paid to Lake V. Shope as county accountant, and the taxpayers obtained small discounts for prepayment.

The funds were transferred to J. P. Bradley, tax collector, when he settled with the board of county commissioners, at the board's meeting Monday, for the 1945 taxes, and the board turned the 1946 tax books over to him.

Mr. Bradley reported on the 1945 taxes as follows:

Levy	\$117,504.34
Discovered taxes	338.06

Total	\$117,842.40
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Discounts allowed	
by law	706.83
Errors, insolvents, etc.	1,415.57
Tax sale certificates	2,736.95
Releases	718.86

Total to be accounted for	\$112,264.19
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Taxes collected	\$110,018.91
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Collector's commission of two per cent	2,245.28
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Total	\$112,264.19
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Hearn Dining Room Will Reopen Friday Morning

E. L. Moseley, of Toccoa and Atlanta, announced this week that he has taken a five-year lease on the Hotel Hearn dining room, and that he will open it to the public Friday morning. The dining room has been closed since the hotel changed hands several weeks ago. The dining room will be operated by Mr. Moseley's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Johnson, who will live at the hotel.

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

W. C. James, artistic barber, will remain in Franklin for a time and is prepared to do ladies' shampooing, haircutting for children, etc., at home when preferred. All work first class.

Judge Bryan is the most courteous and clever judge we have had for some time. There was no friction in his court.

Whooping cough and mumps have broken out afresh in town.

25 YEARS AGO

FLATS: Some one asked if groundhogs had gone into winter quarters yet. No, they haven't, for Pat killed the finest one on the eighth that anyone could wish to see. Cousin Remus, you ought to be here and help me pull that groundhog's legs, or just watch me. I think if you were here and watched me, it would make you want to catch one and see how good it was.

GOLD MINE: "Uncle Jack Frost" visited us for the first time Tuesday night. He would have visited us Monday night, but "Brother Wind" was behind him hurrying him on to some other country. I don't think he found anything to feed on except the beautiful fall flowers and young tender grass and clover, which the "good old cows" were nibbling so faithfully, as the hustlers of Gold Mine had everything stored away.

10 YEARS AGO

A two-weeks series of revival services, conducted by the Rev. M. T. Hinchshaw, former president of Rutherford College, ended Sunday night at the large wooden tabernacle on Wayah street.

Memorial day will be observed Sunday by members of the Macon county lodges of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at services in honor of dead members at the Cowee Baptist church.

Town Bonds

Interest Rate Limited To
3½ Per Cent

Sealed bids for the Town of Franklin's \$120,000 improvement bonds will be received by the Local Government commission up to 11 a. m. October 15, and the Franklin board of aldermen, at its meeting Monday night, adopted an order limiting the interest rate to 3½ per cent per annum.

The notice of sale of the bonds, issued by the Government commission, sets out that the \$30,000 street bonds shall mature annually, May 1, \$1,000 1949 to 1952, and \$2,000 1953 to 1965. The \$90,000 water and sewer bonds are to mature annually, May 1, \$2,000 1949 to 1952, \$3,000 1953 to 1962, \$4,000 1963 to 1965, and \$5,000 1966 to 1973.

The board also passed an order accepting the Nikwasi Indian Mound property for the town, and authorized the purchase of 10 speed signs be placed at the corporation limits.

ROBBINSVILLE
TO PLAY HEREPanthers, Two Straight
Wins Behind Them, To
Play Here Friday

The Franklin Red Panthers, with two straight wins back of them, will meet the strong Robbinsville team here tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30.

Last Friday night the Panthers trounced Swain County High, of Bryson City, by a score of 14 to 7 in a contest on the local field.

On the alert, the Panthers got off to a good start in last week's game. Clark, of Swain, attempted to punt and a bad pass from center went over his head into the end zone. He tried to run it out, but Kelly Moses downed him before he reached the goal line for a safety, and the Panthers went ahead, 2-0.

After a see-saw near the center of the field, Swain took to the air near the end of the half, and scored via a pass. Making the extra point, they were in the lead by a score of 7 to 2.

Staging a come-back in the second half, the Panthers took the kick-off, and by line smashes made a touchdown, Cane making the score. They failed for the extra point, and were in the lead, 8 to 7.

The final score came midway of the fourth quarter when T. Angel slipped off tackle, just inside the end, for approximately 40 yards to score. Again Franklin failed to make the extra point, thus winning by a 14-7 score.

The threat of a score by Swain High, in a passing drive, late in the game, bogged down when Cane intercepted a pass on the 8-yard line.

Coach Bill Crawford, expressing appreciation of the general cooperation and the large crowds that have witnessed previous games, voiced the hope that a record turn-out will be on hand to support the Franklin boys in Friday night's encounter.

P. T. A.

County-Wide Meet Will
Be Held Wednesday

A parent-teacher School of Instruction will be held at the Agricultural building next Wednesday from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m., with the Franklin P. T. A. as host to associations from Highlands, Cowee, Otto, and other points in the county.

The school will be conducted by Mrs. J. S. Blair, of Elizabethtown, an officer of the state association, and Mrs. Allen Luther, of Asheville, district president of the P. T. A.

The school, it was emphasized, is for all who are interested in the welfare of children and youth, and is not restricted to parent-teacher association members. The program is expected to be entertaining as well as instructive.

Persons attending are asked to bring sandwiches or covered dishes. The host association will serve drinks.

MRS. ROGERS CRITICALLY ILL

The condition of Mrs. Sam L. Rogers, who has been critically ill since last Friday, Thursday was reported by Angel hospital attaches as unchanged.

PICK ELECTION
OFFICIALS FOR
NOV. 5 BALLOTMacon Voters To Choose
Between Nominees Of
Two Parties

Macon County registrars and judges for the general election November 5 were announced this week by J. J. Mann, chairman of the county board of elections.

In the election, which is less than four weeks away, Macon County voters will ballot for a congressman, a solicitor, a state senator, a representative, and the various county officers. In the solicitor's race, however, is no contest, the Republicans having made no nomination for that post.

The registration books, Mr. Mann announced, will open in the 12 precincts in this county Saturday, and will be open for three successive Saturdays.

Every prospective voter, Mr. Mann remarked, "will take due notice that if you are a legal voter and duly registered, please look after this in person and save confusion on the day of election, as we have a rule and a law and must abide by it."

The election officials are listed below, the first named in each case being the registrar; the second, the Democratic judge; and the third, the Republican judge.

Franklin township: Prioleau Shope, Miss Lattie Kelly, and George Reece.

Mill Shoal: Harold Cane, Woodrow Franklin, and Garland Shepard.

Ellijay: Charlie Bryson, Louis Moses, and Will Teems.

Sugarfork: Luther Holland, Ab Potts, and Lee Keener.

Highlands: Jack Potts, Henry Cleveland, and Gene Woods.

Flats: Ray Dryman, Raymond Penland, and Tolliver Vinson.

Smithbridge: Tom Alley, Ted Henry, and Robert Carpenter.

Cartoogechaye: Dan Sweatman, Charlie Dills, and Gordon Dills.

Nantahala No. 1: Austin Jacobs, Wade Lambert, and Fred Mason.

Nantahala No. 2: J. R. Shields, T. T. Love, and Weimar Cochran.

Burningtown: Bill Parrish, Bill G. Rowland, and Raymond Yonce.

Cowee: Don Raby, Haschal Arvey, and T. G. Dean.

Redden Will
Speak Here

The first of three county-wide Democratic rallies schedules by the party's county executive will be held here Saturday night, when Monroe M. Redden, of Hendersonville, Democratic candidate for congress, will speak.

The meeting is set for 8 o'clock at the courthouse.

Gov. R. Gregg Cherry has promised to speak here sometime before the election November 5, it was announced, but the date has not been set.

At the third rally, the date of which will be fixed after Gov. Cherry has announced when he can appear in Franklin, the party's candidates for solicitor, state senator, representative, and the various county officers will be heard from.

16-Year Old Boy Fatally
Hurt In Cane Mill Mishap

Injured in a cane mill, Floyd Swafford, 16-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Swafford, of the Oak Dale section of Macon county, died in the Angel clinic last Friday night at 8 o'clock, six hours after being hurt.

Young Swafford, while visiting at the cane mill of the Rev. John A. Brendle, raised up from a stooped position beside the cane mill and the beam to which the horse was hitched caught his head against a piece of timber on which the mill is placed.

He was a member of the Oak Dale Pentecostal church and had attended the Oak Dale school, but was helping his father on the farm at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held at the Oak Dale Pentecostal church

Boost School Bus
Drivers' Salary
To \$40 Per Month

Macon County school bus drivers will get \$5 a month increase in pay, as a result of action of the board of county commissioners at its meeting Monday.

The drivers, paid \$35 a month in the past, will receive \$40 hereafter.

The commissioners made the increase possible by transferring \$1,000 from the general fund to the school fund.

J. M. CORBIN
DIES, AGED 82Fiddlin' Jim' Widely
Known; Danced At
Recent Picnic

James M. Corbin, 82-year old farmer, known throughout Western North Carolina as "Fiddlin' Jim" died at his home in the Mountain Grove section last Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, following an illness of three months.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Holly Springs Baptist church. The Rev. James I. Vinson, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, and the Rev. Lee Crawford, of Franklin, Route 4, officiated, and burial followed in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers were Curley Kinsland, A. D. Kinsland, Dewey Corbin, Jack Cane, Lee Poinexter and Roy Kinsland.

Mr. Corbin, a life-long resident of Macon county, always attended Fiddlers Conventions, Farmer's Federation meetings, and county rallies where string music was featured, and he played and danced at the recent Federation picnic here. A few years ago he made a trip to Texas where he took part on a radio program, and many times had appeared on the Mountain Dance festival program in Asheville.

He was a member of the Mountain Grove Baptist church, and a farmer. He was married to Miss Sallie Moore of Macon county, who survives.

Other survivors are four sons, Lyman and Bill Corbin, of Robbinsville, and Jess and Ray Corbin, of Franklin, Route 1; one daughter, Mrs. Alex Gregory, of Robbinsville; one sister, Mrs. W. P. Collins, of Gay, Jackson county; and 20 grandchildren. Potts funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

POSTPONE CALF SALE

The sale of dairy calves, announced on the farm page of The Press this week for next Monday, has been postponed, it was announced today by S. W. Mendenhall, county agent.

Baptists Plan Sunday
School Study Course

A Sunday school study course will start Sunday night at 7:30 at the First Baptist church here with a candlelight service, at which all church, Sunday school and Training union officers will be installed. The Rev. Paul Crandell, associate pastor of the First Baptist church, Winston-Salem, will head the study course, which will continue nightly through Thursday.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. Fred Sorrells, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the Oak Dale cemetery.

The pallbearers were Paul Swafford, Joe Raby, Loyal Mason, Morris Ledford, Ezelle Bryant and Glenn Reeves.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are six brothers, Troy and Robert Swafford, of Franklin, Route 3, Claude Swafford, of Monticello, Ga., Pvt. Howard Swafford, in the armed forces in Germany, Johnny Swafford, of Asheville, and H. L. Swafford, Jr., who lives at the home, and four sisters, Miss Ruby Swafford, of West's Mill, Mrs. Laura Gibson, of Leatherman, and Misses Inez and Dorothy Swafford, of the home.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mound Is Bought
Deed Given TownMrs. Slagle
Is Historical
Society Head

The Macon County Historical society was formally organized at a meeting of a small group of interested persons held Monday evening in Room 29, Bank of Franklin building.

Mrs. Carl S. Slagle was elected president; the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, vice-president; E. W. Long, treasurer; and Miss Cecile Gibson, secretary.

The board of six directors is made up of the four officers and Gilmer A. Jones and Miss Lattie Kelly.

The society's purpose is to collect and preserve—while there is still time to do so—available historical material on Macon County. In addition to the collection and preservation of historical documents and books, it is hoped to get on paper some of the more interesting recollections of an historical nature of older citizens.

The group voted to adopt a proposed set of by-laws, with one change. It decided to eliminate the proposed provision which would have made donors to the Nikwasi Indian Mound fund members. By such action, it was suggested, the society would be greatly restricting the possibility of obtaining funds for its work.

Membership dues are \$1 a year, with life memberships \$25. All interested persons, whether they live here or elsewhere, are invited to become members.

J. H. Potts,
Resident Here
55 Years, Dies

James H. Potts, 86, well known citizen and life-long resident of Macon county, died at his home in East Franklin Sunday night at 11:45 o'clock. Ill for eight years, he suffered a stroke of apoplexy about a year ago, and had been seriously ill for the past three weeks.

Born in the West's Mill community, where he spent his early manhood, he had lived in Franklin for more than 55 years. He followed his trade of carpentry and blacksmithing as long as his health permitted.

Mr. Potts joined the Franklin Baptist church about 55 years ago, and was one of the oldest members in the church. In March, 1883, he married Miss Susan Morrison, of the Iotla community, and they celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary last March.

Funeral services were held at the Franklin Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. Charles E. Parker, officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. Jackson Huneycutt, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church. Interment followed in the Franklin cemetery.

The pallbearers, all nephews, were Harry Potts, Paul Potts, Troy Potts, Walter Potts, and Floyd Potts and Willie Allen.

In addition to the widow, six children survive: Miss Bessie Potts, who lives at the home, Mrs. T. B. Ashe, of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Arvil Swafford, of Franklin, Route 3, Charlie and Lawrence Potts, of Franklin, and Joe Potts, of Cullasaja. One brother, J. E. Potts, of Franklin, three sisters, Mrs. Nolia Tallent, of Etowah, Tenn., Mrs. Curt Sanders, Franklin, Route 4, and Mrs. John Mallonee, of Almond, 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren also survive.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Ella Teague Dies;

Rites Set For 3 Friday

Mrs. Ella Teague, widow of the Rev. John L. Teague, of the Prentiss community, died at Morganton Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be held at Union Methodist church Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Carl Howard, of Charleston, S. C., is spending several days in and near Franklin with relatives and friends.

Three-Quarter Acre Plot
Paid For By Donations
From Over U. S. A.

"A monument to the early history of Macon County", the Nikwasi Indian Mound is to be preserved for posterity.

The historic Mound, bought with donations that ranged from the pennies of first graders at the Franklin school to \$100, this week was deeded to the Town of Franklin, as trustee for the people of Macon County, and the board of aldermen, at its meeting Monday night, formally accepted the property.

One hundred forty-three donors to the Mound fund are listed on the records of J. C. Jacobs, treasurer of the Mound association, but actually more than 200 persons probably contributed, for one of those donations is the \$31.56 given by the school children here, and another of \$5, made up of small amounts, is listed as "miscellaneous".

The goal of \$1,500—the price of the property—was reached the last of last week, and Wednesday, with a few late contributions on hand, the total stood at \$1,520.56.

While a large part of the money was raised locally, almost every state in the Union was represented among the contributors, scores of former Macon County persons who long since have moved elsewhere having sent checks.

The deed provides that the Mound "shall be preserved for the citizens of Macon County and for posterity, and shall be kept as it now stands, and shall not be excavated, explored, altered or impaired in any way or used for any commercial purpose, and shall be kept as a monument to the early history of Macon County."

The Mound, which is believed to have been ancient when white men, fording the Little Tennessee river, saw it for the first time, stands just west of the bridge that spans the river here.

The tract purchased contains about three-fourths of an acre. It fronts 186 feet on the highway; its east side measures 197 feet; its west side, 130; and on the north it follows the meanders of the old road—about 186 feet.

It was bought from W. Roy Carpenter, who sold it for \$1,500, or just half what he said he had been offered. Twice Mr. Carpenter agreed to extend the option period in order to give time for the funds to be raised.

The campaign to buy it, initiated by Gilmer A. Jones, got under way the latter part of July, and the Nikwasi Indian Mound association was formed to obtain the funds. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan served as president of the association, Miss Lattie Kelly was vice-president, Mr. Jacobs was treasurer, and Bob S. Sloan, secretary.

Donations have come in since last week from Mrs. W. B. Kessler, of Salisbury, Miss Bertha Swanson, of Highlands, Larry Soper, Mrs. Laura Wilkie, Mrs. Clark Slagle, T. R. Eskridge, of Highlands, Lee Guffey, and Agnes L. Sewell, of Highlands.

G. O. P.

Congress Nominee Will
Speak Here Oct. 19

Guy Weaver, Republican nominee for congressman from this district, will speak at the courthouse here Saturday, October 19, at 8 p. m., it was announced this week by John Dean, chairman of the Macon County Republican executive committee.

Mr. Weaver is an Asheville attorney and formerly served as state senator from Buncombe county.

The general public of Macon County is invited to hear Mr. Weaver's address, Mr. Dean said.

W.M.U. Division Meet
To Be Held At Cherokee

The Bryson City division of the Woman's Missionary union, auxiliary of the N. C. Baptist convention, will hold its annual meeting at the Cherokee Baptist church next Tuesday. The division includes the Macon association and five others in this region.