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Town Cuts Tax Rate, County's Same

SCHOOL BOARD TO BUY 1,000 SCHOOL DESKS

Vote To Purchase 2 New Buses; Commissioners To Provide Funds

The county board of education Tuesday voted to buy 1,000 first quality modern chair desks to replace home-made and worn out desks now in use in schools in this county. The cost is estimated at \$9,000.

The action followed a tour of inspection of the schools made over the week-end by some members of the board.

It also was decided to purchase two new school buses—one for the Ellijay run, and one for use at Highlands. The board voted to buy the larger, 21-foot buses, which will cost approximately \$3,300 each.

The board of county commissioners, meeting jointly with the board of education later in the morning, unanimously voted to make the funds available for these purchases.

Motions for both purchases were made by Bob Sloan, both were seconded by Ed Byrd, and both were unanimously.

In suggesting the new desks, Mr. Sloan pointed out that buying them is a permanent improvement, and is not like

Ends Long Teaching Career With Deep Faith In Youth; Contrasts 1899 With 1948

For all the progress made in education, there still is plenty wrong with North Carolina's public schools, and perhaps even more wrong with the average home of 1948. "But in spite of it all, most of the 'younger generation' will turn out to be pretty fine citizens."

That is the conviction of Miss Laura M. Jones, who has seen it happen with one 'younger generation'—always the despair of their elders—after another, during the half-century she has been a teacher. And not only will they turn out all right; "many of today's young people," she adds, "from the first grade through the twelfth, are as fine characters as you would find in any generation."

Miss Jones, who retired last month and came back to Franklin to live, interestingly compares the child and the school of 1899, when she began teach-

ing, with those of 1948. "Most of the children in school 50 years ago studied. Few really study today", she said in an interview.

For that difference, at least three factors are responsible, she believes.

In the first place, half a century ago it was usually true that "only the children who wanted to study were in school. Today they are all in school—those who want to study, and those who don't; those who have the mental capacity to absorb a formal education, and those who haven't."

"And there are so many more distractions now. I don't see how children today study at all. Many of them try to study in a room where the radio is going. A lot of them, especially in the cities, think they must go to a movie every day. And

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COUNTY'S LEVY AGAIN FIXED AT \$1.10 PER \$100

Is Fourth Year Without Rate Change; Approve Request For Schools

The board of county commissioners Tuesday set the county-wide tax rate for the fiscal year July 1, 1948, to June 30, 1949, at the same figure it was last year—\$1.10 per \$100 property valuation.

This will be the fourth successive year the rate has been \$1.10.

Persons who live in Franklin township will pay the sheriff an additional 30 cent per \$100 valuation to retire township bonds voted in 1915, making their rate \$1.40 (The municipal tax rate

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HEADS ROTARY—W. W. (Bill) Sloan last night assumes his duties as 1948-49 president of the Franklin Rotary club.

SLOAN HEADS ROTARY CLUB

Takes Up President's Duties; Committees For Year Named

W. W. Sloan took over the duties of president of the Franklin Rotary club, a post to which he was elected several weeks ago, at last night's meeting. Mr. Sloan, who succeeds R. S. Jones as president, is employed by the Nantahala Power and Light company as its agricultural representative. He has served the club as secretary-treasurer for the past two years.

Other officers whose terms began Wednesday night are R. S. Jones, who automatically becomes vice-president; and Norman Blaine, secretary-treasurer.

Directors who will serve during the next 12 months are Thomas H. Fagg, John M. Archer, Jr., William Waldrop, and John B. Ray.

The important aims and objects committee, which outline the club's work for the year, is made up of the president, secretary, and chairman of the other four major committees, and Mr. Sloan appointed the four who had been elected as directors to head these four committees: Mr. Fagg, club service; Mr. Archer, vocational service; Mr. Waldrop, community service; and Mr. Ray, international service.

Mr. Sloan announced the appointment of other committees, subject to approval by the board of directors, as follows, the first named in each case being the chairman:

Classifications, John D. Alsop. Club bulletin, the Rev. J. B. Brendall, Jr.

Membership, H. W. Cabe, Carl S. Slagle, and H. Lee Guiley.

Sergeant-at-arms, J. C. Jacobs. Program, Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., Ed McNish, E. W. Renshaw, and E. J. Whitmire, Jr.

Fellowship, J. S. Conley, Roy Geoghegan, and Carl S. Slagle.

Rotary Information, Guy L. Houk.

Public Information, Weimar Jones.

Magazine, Flamen Ball.

Attendance, S. W. Mendenhall and J. C. Jacobs.

Employe - employer relationships, Roy Geoghegan.

Competitor relationship, T. H. Callahan.

Customer relationships, William Katzenbrink.

Youth, Gilmer A. Jones, Rufus Snyder, John D. Alsop, W. H. Finley, and H. L. Bryant.

Crippled children, Reid Womack.

Boy Scouts, Russell E. McKelvey, John D. Alsop, and R. S. Jones.

Girl Scouts, Ross Zachary, Weimar Jones, and Mack Franks.

Slagle Memorial building, A. B. Slagle, Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., Ross Zachary, and Grant Zickgraf.

Rural youth, Fred Slagle and Clyde West.

Revista Rotarian, A. L. Ramsey.

Paul Harris foundation, Guy L. Houk.

Institute of International Understanding, R. S. Jones.

L. B. Phillips, who underwent an operation Tuesday at the Angel hospital, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

ALDERMEN VOTE TO REDUCE LEVY 15¢ ON THE \$100

Valuation, Up \$88,000, Is Now Just Under \$2,000,000

The Franklin board of aldermen Monday night voted to reduce the Town of Franklin tax rate from the \$1.25 in effect last year to \$1.10 per \$100 property valuation for the 1948-49 tax year.

The rate was set following announcement by Mayor T. W. Angel, Jr., that the valuation of property inside the corporate limits has increased by \$88,545 during the past year, and the adoption of a budget calling for estimated expenditures amounting to \$73,932.50, an increase of \$7,129.42 over last year's budget.

The increase in valuation, Mayor Angel told the Aldermen, brings the total taxable valuation of property in Franklin to just under two million dollars. The exact figure is \$1,972,641.

Bills approved for payment by the aldermen at their Monday night meeting included an item of \$3,555 for drilling and testing the new town well just dug in East Franklin.

The board voted to buy a pump for the well; accepted the

PAVING MAIN STREET

The long-delayed resurfacing of Main street here got under way Tuesday. The work is being done by the town, through the State Highway and Public Works commission. The Asheville Paving company has the contract.

resignation of Tom Phillips as night policeman, effective following the August term of superior court; endorsed the chamber of commerce's efforts to obtain house delivery of mail in Franklin; and transacted a number of items of routine business.

Following study of bids made by two firms on a well pump designed to produce 45 to 50 gallons of water per minute at a 200-foot depth, the Virginia Pump and Well company's bid of \$2,260 was accepted. This figure includes the cost of installing the pump in the new well, but with the understanding that the town will provide such common labor as is necessary in connection with the installation.

The aldermen voted to have speed limit signs placed on the old Georgia road; approved the employment of an extra man, during the summer months, by the street department; and authorized purchase of new tires and tubes for the fire truck.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Angel and Aldermen W. R. Cabe, W. G. Burrell, and Erwin Patton.

Hit By Golf Ball, Boy Is In Hospital With Skull Fracture

Howard Webb, son of Hampton Webb, of Highlands, received a fracture of the skull Saturday when he was hit by a golf ball. The ball was driven by T. J. Patrick, of Rossville, Ga., at the Highlands Country club.

The boy was brought to Angel hospital, where his condition Wednesday was reported as satisfactory.

The incident occurred while young Webb was caddy on the Highlands course.

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweeta Experiment station, follow:

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Wednesday	83	59	.20
Thursday	83	55	.12
Friday	86	54	.00
Saturday	87	56	.00
Sunday	93	73	.00
Monday	92	57	.00
Tuesday	89	52	.00
Wednesday	89	59	.00

Mean monthly temperature for June, 68.6 degrees.

TOURISTS FILL ALL SPACE HERE

Hot July 4th Week-End Possibly Best In Town's History

The July Fourth week-end holidays, plus heat that was almost unbearable elsewhere—Sunday it was 99 in Atlanta and Chattanooga, 98 in Vicksburg, and 97 in Birmingham and Charlotte—served to fill Franklin to overflowing with tourists.

It was probably the biggest tourist week-end in the town's history.

It was hot in Franklin, too. At the Coweeta experiment station, the thermometer hit 93 during the day, a possible record here. But, as is usual in the mountains, the mercury didn't stay at that point long, and with the dropping of the sun below the horizon, it began to fall rapidly. The low for the night, here, was 73 degrees. How unusually warm a night that was for Franklin is indicated by the fact that the mean low temperature for other nights during the past week was 56 degrees.

The town was full Friday night, and Saturday and Sunday night there wasn't an available empty room in or near Franklin, Frank I. Murray, chamber of commerce secretary, reported. He added that families here who never before had taken tourists opened their homes to make sure that every visitor had a place to stay. Nobody had to sleep in his automobile, Mr. Murray said.

Saturday night, he added, it took him until 11:45 to find places for all those inquiring at the chamber of commerce booth, and still others, unable to find accommodations in other Western North Carolina towns, arrived after that hour. Night Policeman Tom Phillips helped them to find places.

Sunday night, Mr. Murray said, he and Chamber President B. W. McGlamery and Director W. C. Burrell were on the phone all evening finding accommodations. Some of the visitors were sent miles into the coun-

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Famed Golfers Will Play Benefit Match In Highlands July 25

Two of the biggest names in American golf, Bobby Jones and Miss Louise Suggs, will headline a benefit golf match to be played at the Highlands Country club Sunday, July 25. Proceeds from the match will go to the Highlands Community hospital fund. Other members of the foursome will be Miss Dorothy Kirby, prominent Atlanta woman golfer, who has engaged in tournament play throughout the nation, and Dick Garlington.

Bobby Jones, one of the immortals of American golf fans, who was the first man to win golf's "Grand Slam" consisting of the British and American Open and Amateur championships, and Miss Suggs, who recently won the British and American amateur championships, will be the main attractions of the event.

Big Bear Ambles Across Highway In Front Of Car

There are bars in these hills. And if you doubt it, just ask W. L. Hall and members of his family.

Thursday night of last week, as the Halls were driving across Cowee mountain toward Franklin, a big, black fellow slowly ambled across the highway in front of their car. The bear was seen near Clark's place, on the Jackson county side of the Cowee gap.

What's Wrong With Schools? Macon People Give Opinions

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of three articles on replies of Macon County persons to the State Education commission's questionnaire on public education in North Carolina. The questionnaire was published in The Press last April, and replies were mailed to the commission's office in Raleigh.)

"What are the two or three most serious weaknesses or handicaps of the schools of the state?"

Macon County persons answering that question on the N. C. Education commission's questionnaire about the North Carolina public school system gave widely varied—and, in many cases, quite emphatic—answers. Many of the answerers wrote in comments on the questionnaire margin, and others set forth their views at length

in letters. One attached an editorial from The Press which suggested that county boards of education should be chosen in non-partisan elections.

Following are some of the replies:

"Poor personnel; inadequate buildings."

"Run down school buildings, playgrounds, and heating systems."

"Lack of proper facilities for adequate teaching; teachers who think more about the checks they draw than helping the child."

"Inadequate buildings, partisanship; school law; county superintendent doing part-time work."

"Poor counties have inadequate buildings and poor personnel; over-crowded conditions."

"Not enough physical education; school rooms too crowded"

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BUILDING GOING UP

The four-room addition to the Franklin school building is taking shape rapidly. The foundation has been completed, and both the outside and partition walls are going up this week and will be completed in time to start roofing the building by Monday, County Supt. G. L. Houk said Tuesday. He expects the structure to be completed by August 1.

spending money on an old building, a temporary measure. He added that the seats can be moved to new buildings when they are constructed. He remarked that an uncomfortable, unsatisfactory seating arrangement tends to interfere with study, and added that the desk situation is worse, perhaps, in the Otter Creek, Kyle, Clark's Chapel, and Negro schools. County Supt. Guy L. Houk remarked that few new desks had been put in the schools in recent years, with the exception of the

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

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Sam Kelly has gone to Chapel Hill, to complete his course at the University. Sam will soon be a fully equipped Legum Doctor.

Col. John Ingram died Sunday evening at 3 o'clock at his home three miles east of Franklin, at the age of 77 years. He was one of Macon County's most prominent citizens and had been for many years closely identified with the county's public interests.

The biggest and most complete program of Fourth of July events ever staged in this section of the country was pulled off here last Wednesday, thousands of people from all over the county, as well as other states, being present and taking part in the celebration. Events included in the day's program were an auto parade, baseball game, boxing match, street dancing, games for all, and fireworks display.

10 YEARS AGO

At the recent meeting of the Franklin Garden club, Saturday, July 30 was selected as the date to hold the annual flower show, it was announced by Mrs. R. M. Rimmer, president of the club. The exhibition will be held in the new Agricultural building on church street and is open to all flower lovers in Macon County.

Lawrence Liner Chosen A Director Of Bank Of Franklin

Lawrence Liner, farmer and business man of the Iotla community, was named on the board of directors of the Bank of Franklin at a meeting of the board last Thursday night.

Mr. Liner was appointed a director to fill out the unexpired term of the late C. F. Moody. A. B. Slagle recently was elevated to the chairmanship of the board, a position held by Mr. Moody at the time of his death last February, but no action was taken until the meeting Thursday to fill the vacancy on the board.