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Aldermen Adopt New Town Budget

A \$110,918.57 budget has been adopted for 1955-56 by the Franklin Board of Aldermen. The tax rate is the same, \$1.10 per hundred.

Highspots of the new fiscal budget are salary increases for some city employees; \$15,000 to complete the new municipal building; a \$1,400 allocation for a new police car; \$4,800 for improvements and extensions in the water department; and \$10,000 for street improvements.

Salary increases, and the amounts annually, were granted the following employees: Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey, \$500; Water Superintendent Herman Childers, \$300; Police Chief C. D. Baird, \$300; and Policemen Homer Cochran and Nelson Ledford, \$180.

Total revenue collected by the town for the fiscal year just ended came to \$120,515.72, including \$5,000 from the sale of the old fire house at the intersection of Church and Iotla, according to Mr. Ramsey.

Allocations set up in the new budget are: Debt Service, \$29,120; Police Department, \$10,285; General Department, \$31,129; Water Department, \$15,173.88; Street Department, \$21,800; Fire Department, \$2,410.

The budget was adopted by the board Tuesday night.

JURY LIST FOR AUGUST TERM PICKED

Only 36 Names Drawn For Week Session; 2 Women Selected

Thirty-six jurors, including two women, were picked for duty during the August term of superior court here by the county commissioners Tuesday afternoon.

The term will open the 1st, with Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, presiding. Judge Moore, who held court here in April, is resident judge of the new 30th Judicial District, under the revamped courts set-up.

Mrs. Joe Setser, of Franklin, Route 1, and Mrs. Eliza Grist, of Scaly, are the two women chosen for duty.

Only 36 jurors, instead of the regular 54, were drawn for the term. Under the revised set-up, the August term here is a one-week session. However, 54 jurors still stand for the April and December terms, which are for two weeks.

Although the upcoming term is only for a week, it will be a mixed session; that is, both criminal and civil cases are to be tried.

Other jurors are G. B. Farmer, of Route 2; Horace T. Nolen, Route 1; John Blaine, Route 2; SEE NO. 3, PAGE 12



COLD DRINK IN HAND, Dallas Wike, apprehended here for the slaying of his brother near Whittier, talked freely about his "trouble" to Police Chief C. D. Baird (left) and Deputy Newell Pendergrass.

Accused Slayer Caught Here; Talks Freely About Shooting

"You fellows help me out of this and I'll never get into trouble again," solemnly vowed a 42-year-old accused slayer here last Thursday afternoon. Sipping the last drop from a soft drink bottle, he added: "And that's a promise."

Taking the bottle, Deputy Sheriff Newell Pendergrass motioned the blonde headed man toward the heavily barred "tank" in the county jail. The big steel door clanged shut on Dallas Wike.

Now charged with first degree murder in the shotgun slaying of his younger brother, Joe, the previous day near Whittier, Dallas fled the scene of the shooting and hiked across Cowee (some 20 miles) and into this county. Acting on a tip, Deputy Pendergrass and police Chief C. D. Baird found Wike at a cousin's, John (Bud) McIntyre, near the Watauga Bridge, about 2:30 Thursday.

A leg over the porch bannister, Dallas started to run for it, the officers reported. "But a .38 pointed at him changed his mind," the deputy declared.

At the jail, the accused slayer talked freely with the officers and a reporter about "the trouble I'm in."

Between swallows of the soft drink, he gave his version of the circumstances leading to his slaying of his 33-year-old brother.

"He was one of those jealous kind . . . always up in the air about something," Dallas related.

On the morning of the shooting, he said Joe became upset over some Georgia men buying fence posts from their father's land.

"He jumped all over me . . ." Dallas said the shotgun was in the corner of the living room and was close at hand because foxes had been raiding the chicken house. He said he grabbed the shotgun when Joe advanced on him with a knife.

"I just meant to scare him," he declared. Dallas said he shot toward the ceiling . . . but he kinda fell in front of it . . . I just meant to scare him away."

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Revival Here Draws 3,000

An estimated 3,000 persons attended the week-long annual evangelistic series in Franklin Monday through Saturday to hear Bishop M. George Henry, of Asheville.

Held nightly at the Friendship Tabernacle, the services were presented this year by the Episcopal church, under a rotation system used by participating churches.

PLANS FOR SUPPER, SALE

Carson Rural Community Development Organization has announced plans for a pot luck supper, "white elephant" sale and a womanless fashion show for its monthly meeting Saturday, July 9, at 8:30 p. m. at the community building.

PRINCIPAL IS APPROVED

Bowles, Buncombe Native, Gets Post At Highlands School

A native of Buncombe County, Joseph E. Bowles, has been elected principal of Highlands School.

On recommendation of the Highlands district school committee, the Macon County Board of Education Tuesday approved Mr. Bowles for the job and at the same time elected Mrs. Eloise M. Norton, of Norton, to the Highlands faculty as an elementary teacher.

Principal of the high school in Welden for three years, Mr. Bowles is a graduate of Asheville-Biltmore College and Western Carolina College. He is now working toward his master's degree, which he expects to receive this summer.

An informal session with the county commissioners to discuss completing the Franklin gymnasium and several other minor items, including some repair work at the schools, marked the board meeting.

GROW 'EM KING SIZE
They grow their turkeys king size, out in the Carson community. At any rate, the J. R. Rays do. Because last week Mrs. Ray brought two turkeys to the Press office, and the mammoth tubers each balanced the scales at 3½ pounds.

CIRCLES MEET TODAY
The circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Franklin Methodist Church will meet today Thursday at 2 p. m. at the church.

Patton Installed As Rotary Head; Names Committee

Erwin Patton, recently elected president of the Franklin Rotary Club, started his year's term at last (Wednesday) night's meeting.

The new president announced committee chairmen for the year.

Serving with Mr. Patton will be W. N. Sloan, who, as retiring president, automatically becomes vice-president, and E. J. Whitmire, John B. Ray, Harmon H. Gnuse, Jr., and Elmon Teague, directors.

The club's work is divided into four phases, club service, community service, vocational service, and international service. The four chairmen are Mr. Whitmire, Mr. Gnuse, Mr. Ray, and Mr. Teague.

Named as chairmen of sub-committees under club service are the following:

Howard Barnwell, program; Norman Blaine, classification; Clayton Ramsey, club bulletin; H. W. Cabe, fellowship; Dr. George McSweeney, Rotary magazine; W. G. Nothstein, membership; Weimar Jones, public information; Don Smith, Rotary information; George Hunnicut, sergeant-at-arms; and Mack Franks, attendance.

Committees Now Planning County Fair In August

Special committees are now hard at work in an all-out move to put the 1st annual Macon County Fair on a solid foundation well in advance of its three-day run, August 11-12-13.

A fair catalogue is now in the process of being printed, and other details are being hammered into shape.

The committee in charge of the catalogue is composed of Mrs. Carolyn Cogan, Elmon Teague, and Edwin T. Williams. Assisting are Mrs. Margaret D. Smith and Robert McNeil, assistant extension agents.

Under the tentative program, fair activities will center on the grounds at Franklin High School. School buildings and the athletic field will be utilized and the use of some tents for exhibits is being considered.

As a night feature of the event, the Franklin Jaycees will stage the third annual Macon County Folk Festival at the stadium. As in the past, the festival competition will be only for local entertainers, ranging from singers and buck dancers to string bands.

Also, the Franklin Garden Club will hold its annual flower show in conjunction with the fair. Any person in the county will be eligible to enter exhibits in the show.

Because the fair is in its infancy, premiums will not be awarded. However, ribbons will be given, according to Mrs. Smith.

To each organized community and 4-H club, the fair association will provide tree booth space for exhibits.

Concession space will be sold to organizations. Extension agents this month are concentrating on explaining the mechanics of the fair to each organized community.

Additional information will be announced soon, it was reported this week.

Officers of the fair association include Charlie Sutton and Wiley Brown, co-directors; Holland McSwain, secretary; and W. W. Sloan, treasurer.

Other committees working include: Advertising: Sam Gibson, Jack Fagan, E. B. Scott, J. L. West, Jack Angel, and T. J. Edwards.

Commercial Exhibits: Ralph L. Smith, B. L. McGlamery, and Harry C. Corbin.

Ribbons: Bob McNeil and Mrs. Margaret D. Smith. Dairy Cattle: George Hunnicut, Cecil Parker, and Jerry Sutton. Beef Cattle, Horses, and Mules: Siler Slagle, E. J. Whit-

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Board Okays New Budget Of County

Back Taxes To Finish Gymnasium

A course to clamp down on delinquent tax payers in an effort to raise funds for completing Franklin High's gymnasium was charted Tuesday morning by the Macon Board of County Commissioners.

Foreclosure proceedings will be brought into play if necessary, according to W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, board chairman.

"We're going to have to do it if it means getting the money to finish it (the gymnasium)," he declared, following the board's decision to take this course of action.

The gymnasium plight is this:

Approximately \$60,000 is needed to complete the structure. An application to borrow \$28,000 of this amount from the state literary fund has been filed by school officials, who hope the money will be loaned. Another \$17,000 is budgeted in capital outlay this year for the gymnasium. But this leaves the board \$15,000 short of having enough to finish the building. So that is the amount the county commissioners hope to raise through collection of back taxes.

Just how much is due the county in back taxes is not known, according to Lake V. Shope, secretary to the board. However, an audit about five years ago showed this figure to be in the neighborhood of \$200,000, he said, and he esti-

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\$595,186 Figure Gets Approval; Tax Rate Same

With no increase in the tax rate, the Macon Board of County Commissioners gave its stamp of approval Tuesday to a \$595,186 budget for the fiscal year 1955-56.

The new budget is \$156,009.13 higher than '54-'55, but only because some non-county funds coming in were not included in the latter, according to Lake V. Shope, secretary to the board.

Structure of the \$1.40 per hundred tax rate is virtually the same as '54-'55. In the only change, a penny was shifted from the Pauper Fund to the county-wide Debt Service fund.

The tax rate breakdown: General Fund, \$20; Pauper Fund, \$0.2; Health, \$0.5; Farm Demonstration, \$0.3; Home Demonstration, \$0.2; Fire Prevention, \$0.1; Veterans Service, \$0.1; Public Welfare, \$1.5; Public Welfare Administration, \$0.7; Schools, Current Expenses, \$2.3; Schools, Capital Outlay, \$1.5; and Debt Service, \$4.6.

Budget items and allocations include:

General (county expenses): \$15,199; Courthouse, \$3,100; Register of Deeds (supplies, expenses), \$2,080; Sheriff (court fees, supplies, land sales for taxes, conveying prisoners and insane), \$3,700; Courts (expenses), \$6,350; Jail (expenses), \$3,500; Library, \$1,500; Pauper Fund (repairs to county home, salaries, burial expenses), \$3,000; Fire Prevention, \$1,650; Veterans Service Office (salary and supplies), \$2,000; Health, \$9,291; Public Welfare Administration, \$26,013; Public Welfare Assistance, \$220,300; Farm Demonstration, \$23,018.40; Home Demonstration, \$16,230.96; Schools, Current Expenses, \$148,500; Schools, Capital Outlay, \$22,500; Debt Service, \$77,250.

Tourists, It's Yours!

Tourist, this is your story.

The confidential low-down on what to see and do while enjoying all which restful and scenic Macon County has to offer is yours for the reading.

Admittedly, this is going to be only a cursory examination of the county and its treasure of attractions, for Macon's contributions to those seeking peaceful relaxation amid breathtaking scenic beauty are many. However, this skip over the surface, you will find, serves a two-fold purpose by introducing you to some of the top attractions and, quite naturally, opening the way for you, personally, to investigate further the many, many things the county has to offer in the way of attractions and way of life.

So, here we go!

Some Information

A capsule of pertinent facts about Macon County: All this breathtaking scenery comes

compliments of Mother Nature and the Nantahala National Forest, which has 44 per cent of its acreage of 414,123 inside Macon; there are two incorporated towns, Franklin, (pop: 2,550-plus) the county seat, and Highlands, thriving resort village with a wintertime population of several hundred and summertime population in the thousands; population for the county stands at better than 17,000; economy centers around agricultural endeavors, swing is more and more to beef and dairy cattle; hundreds each year are heading the county's claim as "a good place to live" and are building here permanently or are building summer homes; area bisected by major highways, including US 23-441 Uncle Remus Route) and US 64 (highly scenic); fishing, hunting, hiking—you name it, it's here;

Crowd Drawer One of the county's biggest SEE NO. 2, PAGE 12

FOR KOREAN SERVICE

Waters Given Bronze Star

A Macon County soldier, Sfc. S. J. Waters, recently was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service against an armed enemy in Korea.

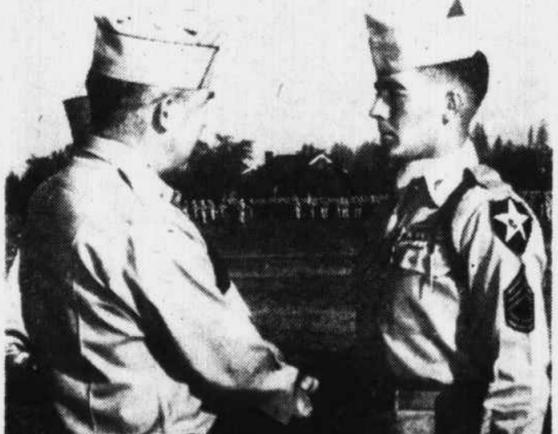
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Waters, of Nantahala, the sergeant received the award during a review recently at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he is on temporary duty with the 2nd Infantry Division Schools Company.

Sfc. Waters was cited for his service in Korea from March 19, 1953, to July 27, 1954. Dur-

ing this period he served as a gunner, squad leader, section leader, and field first sergeant with Company I, of the 3rd Infantry Division's 65th Infantry Regiment.

The citation said that as a gunner "he displayed excellent leadership potential and excellent composure under enemy fire and aided materially to the repeated success his unit achieved."

A 1952 graduate of Nantahala High School, Sfc. Waters attended radio maintenance school at Fort Benning, Ga., following basic training.



CONGRATULATIONS are offered Sfc. S. J. Waters by Lt. Col. Fred M. Clarke, Jr., 2nd Division signal officer and commander of the division's provisional regiment, after presenting the Macon County soldier the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Korea. (U. S. Army Photo)

'Fatal Fourth' Misses Macon

Safety-conscious motorists made the "fatal fourth" sidestep Macon County.

Only a few minor mishaps were reported on the highways, according to officers.

Miss Irene Hooper, 13 of Franklin, Route 5, received a broken arm in a one-car mishap Saturday about 12 midnight on NC 28 at the McCoy Bridge, according to Highway Patrolman H. T. Ferguson. She was a passenger in a 1947 Ford driven by James H. Owenby, 16, of Franklin, Route 1. The vehicle overturned at the Rose Creek Road. The young driver is charged with reckless driving, the patrolman said.

Visitors flocked to the mountains over the long holiday week-end and accommodations locally were taxed to capacity. Many slept in their automobiles.

Late News and Briefs

TOPS REST OF STATE
Macon County again was the first in the state to reach its quota in the recent American Cancer Society fund drive, it has been learned. Mrs. Lester Conley was commander of the drive and was assisted this year by the Rev. Bryan Hatchett. The county has been first for several years.

IOTLA PLANS MEETING
The regular meeting of the Iotla Rural Community Development Organization is set for Monday evening at 8 at the school, according to an announcement by the community reporter, Mrs. Jack Casler.

WILL SERVE SUPPER
The ladies of Mt. Zion Methodist Church will serve supper Saturday at 6:30 p. m. in the Cartoogechaye School cafeteria. Proceeds will go to the building fund of the church. The public is invited.

The second Sunday sing of the southern division of the Macon County Singing Convention will be held at the Pine Grove Baptist church beginning at 1:30 p. m., according to Tom Henson, secretary.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall, as recorded in Franklin by Manson Siles, U. S. weather observer, in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Casper Hydrological Laboratory.

FRANKLIN		Temperatures	
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	81	58	.....
Thursday	83	54	.....
Friday	85	55	.....
Saturday	89	57	.....
Sunday	89	62	.....
Monday	89	61	.....
Tuesday	90	61	.....
COWEETA		Temperatures	
	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	79	58	.....
Thursday	81	52	.....
Friday	85	47	.....
Saturday	88	51	.....
Sunday	86	61	trace
Monday	86	56	trace
Tuesday	81	58	11

Vice-President



Jerry Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Sutton, of Clark's Chapel, has been elected vice-president of the state Future Farmers of America. This fall Jerry is slated to receive an "American Farmer" award at the national F. F. A. gathering. This is one of the highest honors awarded in F. F. A. work.