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Valuation Figures Are Arriving Here

Total Figure Of Big Tax Payers In County Nearly 4½ Million

Excess valuation for some of Macon County's biggest tax payers totals \$4,322,594.33 for 1955, according to figures arriving from the N. C. State Board of Assessment.

(Public service corporations list their real estate in the counties in which the real estate is situated, just as any other taxpayer does. Property of these companies, in excess of real estate (such as miles of wire line), is valued for tax purposes by the Board of Assessment. The taxable value put on this additional property is known as "excess valuation".)

Nantahala Power and Light Company tops the list with a valuation of \$4,966,130. The '54 figure was \$4,898,015.

Next in line is Southern Railway with \$165,955. The railroad maintains 2.60 miles of track in the Nantahala section of the county on which it places a per mile value of \$63,829.10. The same valuation was declared in '54.

With an excess valuation of \$112,775, Western Carolina Telephone Company lists 2,584.27 miles of line in this county and places a per mile value of \$43.639. A slight increase in valuation is noted. The '54 figure for the company was \$102,766.

Another telephone company, Southern Bell, lists 207.69 miles of line in Macon and gives a \$24,709.91 value per mile. This gives a valuation of \$5,130, which is slightly lower than that listed (\$5,252) by Southern Bell last year.

The Bank of Franklin has certified its valuation at \$43,500 for '55.

A figure of \$9,098.33 is given by the Highlands branch of the Jackson County Bank.

The 14 miles of track maintained by the Tallulah Falls Railway here is valued at \$19,925 for '55. This gives a per mile figure of \$1,423.21. The same valuation was given in '54.

Of the utilities, the lowest is Western Union with a valuation of \$81. The company has 2.52 miles of line here and values it at \$32,138 per mile. Valuation turned in last year was \$158.

Corbin To Speak At P. T. A. Meet On Challenges

Franklin Principal Harry C. Corbin will be the speaker at the Franklin P. T. A.'s first meeting of the year Monday night in the high school cafeteria.

Mr. Corbin's topic will be "Challenges for the P. T. A." The meeting will begin at 7:30.

The following committee chairmen for 1955-56 have been appointed by the P. T. A. president, B. L. McGlamery:

Edwin T. Williams, program; Mrs. John Crawford, budget and finance; Mrs. John Bulgin, hospitality; John Crawford, attendance; Mrs. Andrew Jones, publications; Mrs. J. L. West, Jr., health and safety; Mrs. C. B. Hussey, high school service; and Mrs. Weimar Jones, parliamentarian.

O. E. S. District Officers Coming

Order of Eastern Star district officers will visit the Nequassa Chapter, No. 43, O. E. S., tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, according to the worthy matron, Mrs. Catharine Henry.

Expected are Mrs. Mary Cathron Sneed, district grand matron, and Walter S. McHan, district grand patron.

The meeting will be held at the Moose Hall, over Dryman's.

Callasaja Sponsoring Carl Story As Benefit

The Callasaja Rural Community Development Organization will sponsor a performance by Carl Story and his "Rambler Mountainers", as a benefit, tonight (Thursday) at the Callasaja School. The program is set for 8 o'clock.

Directors Name Mrs. Carter As Hospital Head

Mrs. A. T. Carter, of Highlands, has been appointed administrator and business manager of the Highlands Community Hospital.

Her appointment, made by the hospital board of directors, was announced this week by the board chairman, W. H. Cobb.

New business methods will be adopted and economy and efficiency of operation are her chief aims in managing the affairs of the hospital, Mrs. Carter said. Her services are on a voluntary basis.

She has 23 years' experience in hospital work. She has served as night supervisor, operating room supervisor, director of an out-patient pediatrics clinic for an army hospital during the war, and an assistant director of large hospitals in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Miami, Fla.

She trained at the University of Chicago, Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, and the University of Cincinnati in the field of administration.

AWARDED MEDAL



Airman Waldroop

Airman First Class Joseph A. Waldroop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Waldroop, of Franklin, Route 2, recently was awarded a service medal for "honor, efficiency, and fidelity" to the U. S. Air Force in a ceremony at Randolph Field, Tex.

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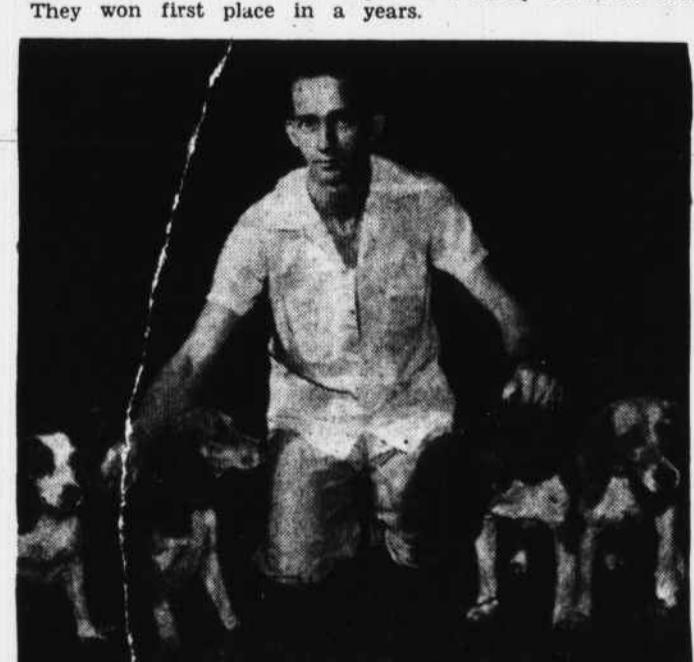
The Hickory Knoll community will hold a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cunningham on Sunday following Sunday School, it has been announced.

Brogden Beagles Win Show

"Pat", "Sally", "Princess", and "Shorty" are hard to beat.

In fact, the four 13-inch Beagles were way out in front at last week's W. N. C. Beagle Club two-couple pack trial at Fletcher.

They won first place in a



Ed Brogden And Beagles



Caretaker Burr Childers shows some of the apples from the Magnon orchard. The Press staff was going to brag about.

READY TO BRAG!

Tree Loaded - With Apples

Talk about counting chickens "before they hatch".

The Press this week was all set to do some braggin' — as it's prone to do when something noteworthy occurs in Macon County.

In this instance, the braggin' was going to center around a Winesap tree in the orchard of Alvin Magnon, near the golf course. Seems this tree didn't hear about (or pay any attention to) the big freeze that snuffed out the apple crop in the southeast. It was just loaded with big apples (some 34

lb.) and had to be propped up under the weight.

The Press figured it was good braggin' material. But this train of thought was short-lived. When the photographer arrived at the orchard he learned the fruit-loaded tree had been raided by unknowns and was almost picked clean.

The props were back on the ground. The prolific Winesap looked just like any other tree in the 900-tree orchard. And The Press made a silent vow to quit "counting its chickens (apples) . . ."

THEIR PACKING BAGS —

College Migration Under Way

More than 100 Macon students are packing their suitcases and saying goodbyes as "C-Day" approaches.

"C-Day", of course, means "College-Day" and the back-to-the-grind move already is underway here. Some students already have departed the home-state for another year of higher learning, but the bulk won't leave until next week.

As usual, Western Carolina College, at nearby Cullowhee, claims more than half the lo-

TEAM LOSES TO ANDREWS

Panthers Lose 27-0 In First Conference Outing Friday Night

By TOMMY GNUSE
Sports Editor, Franklin High Andrews smashed the Franklin Panthers by a 27 to 0 score Friday night on their home field. It was the first Smoky Mountain Conference outing for the locals this season.

Early in the game, Andrews rolled 51 yards to score with left halfback Jerry Pullum crossing from 19 yards out. Late in the opening stanza, the Panthers drove 60 yards upfield,

OPEN DATE FILLED

Coach Howard Barnwell announced Tuesday that a game has been arranged here tomorrow (Friday) night with Hot Springs.

This fills the only open date on the Panther schedule. It also will be the first home game of the year for the locals. Gametime will be 8 o'clock.

The coach also announced that the Hayesville-Franklin game, originally set for the 29th, has been changed to the 29th.

only to lose the ball inside the Andrews 20-yard line.

The half came with Andrews in possession of the ball inside the Panthers 20.

Willis Anderson, Andrews quarterback, returned the Franklin kick in the second half for a 70-yard touchdown run to put his team out front 13 to 0. Late in the third period, right halfback Jimmy Hol-

Traffic Moving 'Unofficially' Over Jackson County Project

Wednesday Noon Closing Is Set At Post Office

Postmaster Zeb Meadows announced this week that the Franklin Post Office will close each Wednesday at noon, effective next Wednesday (Sept. 21).

He said this change is in "conformity with the merchants' store hours".

"It is not anticipated that this change will cause an important inconvenience to postal patrons and was adopted only after a careful review of all facts and circumstances involved," Mr. Meadows said.

Brookshire Goes In As President Of School Group

J. H. Brookshire was installed as the new president of the Cartoogechaye Parent-Teacher Association, at the organization's meeting Tuesday night at the school.

Other new officers are Don Seagle, vice-president; Mrs. Jeff Elloe, Jr., secretary, and Mrs. William Byrd, treasurer.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Weimar Jones, formerly director of this P. T. A. district.

Mrs. E. M. McNish, retiring president, reviewed the accomplishments of the past year.

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THEY'RE PACKING BAGS —

College Migration Under Way

cal students. This year some 55 will enroll there.

Compiling a complete list of those going off to college is impossible in an education-minded county like Macon, but The Press staff has attempted to make its list as accurate as possible. Here it is, with students listed by colleges:

Western Carolina College: Misses Julia Moody, Patti Lou Phillips, Ann Hays, Lolita Holland, Sharon Swanson, Shirley Cloer, Nancy Ramsey, Beverly Higdon, Carol Stockton, Frances Huscussion, Betty Hurst, Jeanne Henson, Norma Jean Welch, Luetta Browning, Marilyn Henson, Annette Dalrymple, Anna Setser, Sue Williams, Joyce Baldwin, Audrey Hays, Nancy McCollum, Ellen Franks, Myra Josephine Lenoir, Virginia Lucille McCoy, Cleo McDonald, Patricia Nell Setser, Jessie Lynn Stiwinter, Hazel Vinson, and Betty Jean Wyatt, and Tommy Raby, Grady Corbin, Pat Pattillo, John Cloer, Larry Cabe, Ray Henry, Pete Penland, Richard Thompson, Jack Tilley, Alvin Stiles, George Stevens, Wiley Smith, Bryant Cunningham, R. L. Cunningham, Howard Patton, D. L. Huggins, Bill Huggins, Earl Roper, George Lynch, Bill Ray, Doyle Clark, Bobby Gregory, Harry A. Holt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brogden, Linda Watson, Paul Price, Joan SET NO. 7, PAGE 12

Traffic is moving "unofficially" over the new link of US 23-41 from Cowee Gap to Dillsboro on a "travel at your own risk" basis.

Paving of the 9.42-mile section, which ties in with a shorter link from Franklin to Cowee Gap, was finished yesterday (Wednesday). But, it will not be officially open for public travel until the entire project is okayed by state highway officials.

E. J. Whitmire, general manager of Macon Construction Company, yesterday said it probably will be four to six weeks before his company will be ready to turn the project over to the highway department for inspection and approval.

Warns Motorists

And Mr. Whitmire warned motorists that any speeding "and foolishness" over the project before it is approved might force its closing again.

"Travel will be allowed only if motorists drive safely and do not interfere with our work", he declared.

Several jobs, including shoulder work, still must be finished. A possibility also exists that traffic will be stopped at intervals because of this work, he added.

GAS MONEY COMING BACK

Towns To Receive Checks From Powell Bill Allocation

Macon's two towns — Franklin and Highlands — this year get \$16,039.16 from Powell Bill funds for improvements on non-highway system streets.

Franklin is to receive \$10,885.19 of the amount and Highlands \$5,153.97.

Non-system mileage in Franklin is 15.19. In Highlands it is 8.86 miles.

Checks are to be mailed this month, according to the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Powell Bill money comes from a half-cent per gallon levy on the gross (6 cents) gasoline tax in the state. The act, passed in 1951, gives half the allocation to all qualified municipalities on the basis of population and the other half is divided among them on the basis of relative mileage of non-state system or local streets.

"Big Shanty Station" and the "Lacy Hotel" are now under construction at Prentiss. "Big Shanty" is where the train was stolen while the crewmen slept at the "Lacy Hotel".

The curving wooden trestle about a mile below the "Y", and the railroad water tank above Prentiss are tabbed for "important sequences", according to reports received here.

Filming of the movie is scheduled to begin the last of this month.

The company, which is making its headquarters in Clayton, is expected to be here for about 30 days.

Fess Parker (Davy Crockett) probably will be cast as Capt. Andrews, it is understood.

COCHRAN DEATH RELATED

A "Justice Story" relating the booby-trap bomb slaying in Mount Airy of William Homer Cochran, Jr., in late December, 1951, appears in the Sept. 18 issue of the New York Sunday News. The death of Mr. Cochran, a native of this county, was reported solved with the suicide of a Pittsburgh mechanic in April, 1954.

MEETING SET TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS

HIGHLANDS — A citizens' meeting is set for Monday (September 19) at 7:30 p.m. in the old school theatre for the purpose of discussing the water situation and other problems facing the Town of Highlands.

Every citizen interested in the future growth of the town is urged to attend.

The Weather

The weather temperature is and rainfall, as observed in Macon, Ga., by the National Weather Service, is as follows:

FRANKLIN
Temperatures
High Low Rain
Wednesday Sept. 7 78 62
Thursday 87 56
Friday 88 52
Saturday 82 56
Sunday 81 56
Monday 83 56
Tuesday 75 55

COWEETA
Temperatures
High Low Rain

Wednesday Sept. 7 85 50
Thursday 85 50
Friday 79 58
Saturday 80 55
Sunday 81 58
Monday 79 52
Tuesday 70 61