

Tax Rate Set at \$2.13 In Meeting Of Board of County Commissioners

IS REDUCTION OF 62 CENTS FROM PRESENT TAX RATE

Poll Tax of \$2, and Special Tax
On All Dogs Passed
In Resolution

DEBT SERVICE AND THE
SCHOOLS GET BIG CUTS

Believed To Be Biggest Cut
Made In Any County In
North Carolina

Transylvania county's tax rate has been reduced 62 cents from that prevailing last year.

This action was taken last Monday by the board of county commissioners, and is an even greater reduction than was predicted in this paper last week. At first, it was believed the reduction, based on the budget estimate, would be 52 cents, but at the meeting Monday, the date set for final action on the matter, further curtailment had been made and the rate of \$2.13 was adopted. Last year it was \$2.75.

This is believed to be the greatest reduction in tax rate made by any county in the state since the general program of retrenchment was adopted. Only one item is increased, that of the tax levy for roads and bridges being 19 cents this year, wherein it was 17 cents last year. The biggest reductions were made on the debt service fund and the school fund. The debt service fund rate was \$1.00 last year, and this year the rate is 61 cents. The six-month school rate last year was \$1.11, and this year it is 91 cents.

Poll tax of \$2 is charged against each person subject to poll, and all dogs in the county, six months old and older, are taxed, \$1.00 on each male dog, and \$2 on each female dog, and stringent laws are made for the listing and collection on dogs.

Following is the resolution adopted, setting the tax rate for the year:

"The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date. The following members present: J. H. Pickelsimer, chairman; A. M. White; C. R. McNeely; W. L. Talley and S. R. Owen.

"Resolution authorizing the levying of taxes for the current fiscal year of 1929 of Transylvania County, North Carolina, Board of County Commissioners assembled August 5th, 1929.

"Whereas pursuant to Section 12 of the Fiscal Control Act of North Carolina, passed and ratified the 7th day of March 1927, by the General Assembly of North Carolina, in regular session, the Board of County Commissioners of Transylvania County, N. C., on August 5th, 1929, introduced and passed the following resolution and order:

"Now Therefore Be It Resolved and ordered by the Board of Commissioners of Transylvania County, N. C.

"First, that the following rate of taxes be levied on each and every one hundred dollars valuation of property in Transylvania County, both personal and real:

County General \$.15

Health & Poor02

Road & Bridge19

Debt Service61

6 Mo. School91

Extended Term25

Total \$2.13

"It is further ordered that a poll tax of \$2.00 be levied and collected on each taxable poll.

"It is further ordered that a dog tax of \$1.00 for each male dog, and \$2.00 for each female dog over six months old, be levied and collected.

"Upon motion of A. M. White, seconded by W. L. Talley and carried, the foregoing resolutions were carried by the affirmative vote of the following members."

All members of the board voted for the resolution.

M'CALL WINS SUIT AND BOTH APPEAL

J. Frank McCall, suing the Gloucester Lumber company for breach of contract and damages, which case occupied most of the time of the Superior court last week, ended with a jury verdict in favor of McCall in the sum of \$2500, with interest from December, 1923, to the present time.

Both sides appealed from the verdict and gave notice that the matter would be carried into the Supreme court.

SERVICES AT ENON CHURCH

Rev. E. R. Pendleton, of Brevard, will preach at Enon Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. This church is seven miles out of Brevard on the Hendersonville hard surfaced road, and visitors are invited.

JUDGE JOHN H. HARWOOD



Judge John H. Harwood, of Bryson City, is presiding in this week's term of the Superior court. Judge James L. Webb was here last week, but asked to be relieved, and Judge Harwood was sent in his stead. The Bryson City man, while a frequent visitor to Brevard, is now holding his first court here.

Judge Harwood came into prominence recently through his decisions in the McDowell Superior court, where he granted an injunction restraining the striking employes in the cotton mills in Marion from picketing or otherwise interfering with resumption of operations in the mills affected by the strike.

Incidentally, the strikers are continuing their picketing activities, despite the injunction that had been granted.

COURIER EDITOR PRAISES SECTION

Suggests Surfacing of Caesar's
Head Highway as Brevard's Greatest Need

Among the many distinguished visitors to Brevard this summer, an outstanding one last week was Col. W. W. Ball, editor of The News and Courier, the oldest paper in South Carolina, published at the metropolis of the Palmetto State. Col. Ball lives in Charleston when he works, but at Caesar's Head, on the line of Transylvania county, when he wishes to refresh his soul. He has a summer home almost right under old Julius' nose and he said that the eagles play round his feet there.

Col. Ball has had a prominent career in journalism in our sister state. He was editor of The State, at Columbia, then filled the chair of Journalism at the State University, and then took the editorship of the Charleston paper when Asheville enticed Robert Latham. He is a native of Laurens, S. C., of an old planter's family, one of the pioneers of the South.

Col. Ball is an enthusiastic booster for a hardsurfaced road by Caesar's Head to Greenville. He said that there were three mountain scenes which have appealed to him as outstanding, among the many he has visited; two of these being in or near this county—Toxaway and Caesar's Head. The third is Mount Mitchell. Col. Ball has shown what he thinks of the Brevard-Greenville road by putting his home beside it. He considers that the development of that road would be of enormous value to this section. Its scenic attractions are far superior to any accessible highway in Eastern America.

Col. Ball was greeted by many of his old friends here, among them our veteran dean of fellow-townsmen, Mr. Louis Bell, Mr. Breese, Mr. Gash, Mr. Patton, Mr. Barrett and his fellow-alumnus, Mr. Verner, whom he had not met in nearly forty years. With the last two it was "Billie and Phillips," and bystanders were much amused at the two grey-haired men harking back to boyhood days and ways.

Col. Ball is going to boost the Greenville road and Transylvania in his paper, and the people of this county are happy in having him for a resident neighbor as well as an influential friend in the "low-country."

BEREA PICNIC

The Berea North Carolina Picnic will be held at Spruce Pine, Saturday August 17th. All interested in Berea College are urged to attend.

REVIVAL AT LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH THIS WEEK

Rev. Arthur Vaughn, of Cedar Mountain, is conducting a revival at Little River Baptist church this week, and it is reported that many people are showing great interest in the meetings. Rev. Mr. Vaughn is a splendid preacher, and the people of the county always delight in an opportunity of hearing him.

SCHOOLS AND ROAD LAWYERS DROPPED BY COMMISSIONERS

Also Cut Item from Budget for
E. L. Sims, Highway
Patrolman

NO ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

Cut the Pay of School Board
Members One Dollar
A Day Each

In the budget adopted by the board of county commissioners Monday, no provision is made for retaining Eck L. Sims as highway patrolman, the item in the road board budget calling for this account being stricken out by the county commissioners. Mr. Sims is still serving, however, as highway patrolman.

The same action was taken regarding attorneys for both the school board and the road board. Heretofore each of the county boards have had an attorney, but under the action of the county commissioners Monday, items providing for the employment of these attorneys were dropped from the prepared budgets. Chairman Pickelsimer, when questioned about the matter, stated that the county has a county attorney whose duties are to all the county boards and county interests, and the board of commissioners felt that it was needless expenditure to employ an attorney for each of the boards, except when peculiar conditions arise that make such employment necessary, and then the county officials may engage an attorney for such purpose.

There will be no athletic directors in the schools according to similar action taken by the commissioners concerning this work. Items providing pay for such directors were cut out of the budget as adopted, and there can be no athletic directors employed in the county schools. The commissioners stated that all except the essential work of the schools had been cut out in making the reduction in the tax rate.

A dollar a day was cut by the commissioners from the pay that members of the school board have been receiving for attending board meetings. The pay heretofore has been at the rate of five dollars a day. It was found, it is said that the law provides a rate of four dollars a day instead of the five, and the commissioners trimmed the budget to allow the smaller amount to the school board members.

STRUCK MATCH TO SEE GAS; AND THEN—

The Same Old Thing Happened—He Is In Bed,
of Course

The world does move—and people still strike matches when filling a vacuum tank in an automobile with gas.

The last striking illustration of the fact that people never learn very much from the experiences of others was that of the case of a colored citizen of the Glade Creek section by the name of Walker.

Last Sunday evening, so the narrative runs, Walker had been driving his car, and he had been driving mountain and valley. So absorbed was he in the beauties of this section that he failed to notice his gas supply. Along about the time that big dark descended upon the face of the earth, and the angels began hanging out the stars for the night, Walker's gas tank became dry—dry as a bone. After much walking, Walker procured some gasoline, filled his tank, and still the car failed to turn or spin. The vacuum tank was empty.

Drawing some gas from the tank, Walker proceeded to fill his vacuum tank. The light from the stars, while beautiful in all their distant glory, failed to furnish sufficient light, however, for him to see the small hole into which he must pour the gasoline into the vacuum tank.

That old, old idea, which has been the cause of many explosions before, came to Walker, so he struck a match—and the same old story resulted.

The explosion that always follows such fool actions, demolished Walker's car, burned the rubber from the wheels, and made the whole shebang look like a coffee mill when the crank has been lost and the lid comes loose. When it was over, and it didn't last long at that, Walker had no skin on his forearms, or on his legs from the knees down.

Such is life when a match is used as a flashlight about an automobile. Yet folks will go on doing it, just as long as the world stands and matches and automobiles are made.

After 420 Hours in the Air



Dale Jackson (left) and Forest O'Brine immediately after they landed from their Curtiss-Robertson monoplane, St. Louis Robin, in which they established a record of 420 hours 21 minutes for endurance flight. The plane was refueled 47 times.

Ralph R. Fisher Resigns Office of Solicitor in County General Court

Solicitor Ralph R. Fisher has resigned as prosecuting attorney in the County General court, his resignation to become effective the first day of September next. Mr. Fisher was elected when the new court was created a few months ago, and has conducted many cases for the state in the short time the court has been in existence.

Mr. Fisher's friends state that his reasons for resigning the office are based upon certain conditions that make the work of solicitor extraordinarily burdensome. He is service officer for the American Legion, it is pointed out, and chairman of the republican county executive committee, both of which call for considerable time and labor. Then, too, he had built up a splendid private practice, his friends emphasize much of which he cannot continue

and serve as solicitor at the same time.

Mr. Fisher is also county attorney, and there are some six hundred cases now pending in this line of work, besides the matters that arise almost daily calling for his activities in connection with this office.

These varied duties are pointed out by some as Mr. Fisher's reasons for resigning as solicitor of the County Court. Other friends advance the opinion that the main reason for the resignation is the fact that Mr. Fisher's work in court has been largely for the defense, and that the duties of prosecuting attorney do not appeal to him.

No announcement has been made as to the successor of Mr. Fisher. The name of Lewis P. Hamlin is heard by many interested people, and it is almost certain that he will be named as the new solicitor in the County General Court.

ROBT. E. LEE DAY TO BE OBSERVED

The Robert E. Lee Program, to be given at the Brevard High School Friday evening by the Boston School of Expression and Dramatic Art, promises to be one of the most entertaining and instructive events of the year here. Prof. John K. Lacock will give an illustrated lecture on Robert E. Lee, the illustrious figure in Southern history, and it is pronounced one of the most gripping lectures ever given of the great man of the South. Prof. Lacock uses one hundred beautifully colored lantern slides during the lecture.

Other features of the program will be a reading on Robert E. Lee, illustrated Southern songs, instrumental and vocal solos, including numbers by Alvin Moore and Mrs. Mary Jane Walker. A small admission charge is to be made, the proceeds going to the U. D. C. Library and the High School Library. The Brevard orchestra will furnish the music for the evening's program.

It is expected that a large crowd will witness the Robert E. Lee program.

MILK ORDINANCE NOW BECOMES LAW

Passing third and final reading, the new milk ordinance became law at the meeting of the town daddies last Monday evening. The ordinance was published in the last two issues of The Brevard News, and makes provision for rigid inspection of dairies, dairy herds and dairy products when such products are sold or offered for sale in the town of Brevard.

Different grades of milk are given strict classification, and those engaged in selling milk are bound, under the ordinance, to plainly mark the grade of milk being offered for sale.

WOMEN'S GUILD TO PRESENT GYPSY FETE, AUGUST 20TH

A Gypsy Fete will be staged on the Franklin Hotel lawn Tuesday afternoon and evening, August 20, sponsored by the Women's Guild of St. Philips Episcopal church. The event will begin at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and an interesting program which has been arranged will be presented at 8:30 o'clock in the evening.

THIEVES BREAK IN HOOSIER OFFICE

Thieves broke into the offices of the Hoosier Engineering company Monday night, and made away with two cameras, one of which was an especially fine one; two field glasses, fountain pen set, and other valuable articles. The desk drawers and files had been rifled also, as if the prowlers were searching for money or checks, and papers were scattered about the office floor.

One of the field glasses, owned by Pete Pithoud and used in his work on the construction lines, was an especially good one, for which Mr. Pithoud recently paid fifty dollars. A camera stolen was a \$75 affair. It is believed by some that the thief expected to find checks that had been made out for supplies and on payroll, which he expected to have cashed in other towns.

Officers are working on the case, and it is believed arrests will soon be made.

BIRTHDAY SALE AT PUSHELL'S STORE

Pushell's Department Store is conducting a sale in observance of its seventh anniversary here. It is one of the leading department stores of the town, and has had much to do in the progress of this community. The sale starts at 9 o'clock this Thursday morning, and in commemoration of the anniversary date, Pushell is offering what is considered rare values by those who have read the announcements and noted the prices.

Pushell now occupies the store formerly used by Patterson, on Main street. With him is Nathan Morris, owner of Morris Footwear, with a splendid shoe department in the big store. Both businesses are celebrating this anniversary event. Before moving to its present location, Pushell's was in a big store building on Broad street, facing the Watermire hotel. Larger quarters were needed for the concern, so when an opportunity presented itself, the company secured the present location, on Main street.

It is expected that large numbers of people will come into town from all sections of the county to attend the sale now being conducted.

COURT IS HEARING BIG DAMAGE SUIT OF DONALD MOORE

Suing for \$50,000 Personal Injuries Received In An
Auto Wreck

T. C. HENDERSON PART
DEFENDANT IN SUIT

Many Men from Carthage At-
tending Court—Other
Cases Follow

One of the most important cases to be tried in this session of the Superior court is that of Donald Lee Moore, young Brevard musician and composer, who is suing the Safety Transit Lines and T. C. Henderson in the sum of fifty thousand dollars. This action is started by Mr. Moore for recovery of \$50,000 damages for injuries claimed to have been received in an automobile collision near Carthage on March 21, 1928.

Mr. Moore was a passenger in the car owned and driven by Mr. Henderson. With them was Julian Glazener, and the three Brevard men were on their way to Raleigh to attend a convention of school teachers. The car in which they were riding collided with a bus, and the three men were seriously injured, spending many days in a hospital at Sanford and in Charlotte.

All three Brevard men were injured, and all have cases coming up in court as a result of the collision.

Several men from Carthage and nearby points are in Brevard now, attending the trial, among them being M. G. Dalrymple, a farmer; D. H. Parks, Ford dealer; C. A. Yow, mail carrier in Carthage; D. C. Fields, Carthage; T. L. Cagle, superintendent of water works in Carthage; R. L. Jones, merchant; Burch Knott, mail carrier; Curtis Fields, salesman; Walter Porter, Carthage; W. O. DePree, auto dealer; Jett Potts, bus driver on the car that collided with the Henderson car; C. A. Kivett, Standard Oil dealer; R. G. Fry, ex-sheriff Moore county, and Theo. Gregory, of Asheville, all interested in the case.

Clyde Douglas, prominent attorney of Raleigh, with Judge D. L. English, of Brevard, represent the defendant bus lines. A. Hall Johnson, of Asheville, and Wm. E. Breese, of Brevard, are attorneys for Mr. Henderson. Ralph R. Fisher represents Mr. Moore.

Following are the members of the jury hearing the case of Moore against Henderson and the Transit company:

Jethro Sentell, R. L. Capps, R. S. Boyd, W. A. Allison, J. C. Wike, K. Bryson, Oat Bryson, J. M. Jones, J. M. Williams, James Alexander and C. O. Robinson.

RETURNS HOME TO SEE MOUNTAINS

Left Here at Age of Eight
Years—Father Came
With Sherman

An interesting visitor in Brevard now is Mr. Sherman W. Tracey, of Chicago, who was born in this community, and whose father owned the first store and conducted the first mercantile establishment here. Mr. Tracey was born in a house that sat about on the spot where Carl McCrary's service station is located.

The father of the Brevard visitor, Samuel J. Tracey, came into the South with Sherman's forces during the Civil War, and after the war, came into this section and settled here, being attracted by the beauty of the mountains and valleys. He married Miss Arminda Hogsed, daughter of a prominent citizen of the county, in December, 1865.

When Mr. Tracey was four years of age, his parents moved West, returning to Brevard a year or two later, and remained here until the lad was eight years old. This is his first visit to Brevard since that time. He says he has always carried a picture of these mountains and valleys in his mind, and determined from year to year to return and see if the place was really like the picture he had been carrying always in his heart. He says he is happy because the mountain peaks look the same, and the valleys, except for the absence of the forests, and the streams, too, are exactly as he remembers them.

The home of his grandparents was located somewhere near the place where Rockbrook camp is now located, and he played as a little boy on the hills about the place. There he dug tunnels and built bridges. In later years he became interested in tunnel work, and is president of the Chicago Tunnel company, which has built most of the tunnel systems under the streets of Chicago.

Mr. Tracey is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hogsed, relatives of his, and members of his mother's family. That he is a man of affairs and has had much activity in the business world, is easily noted by the air of success and prosperity which mark him as one of great energy and ability.