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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD MEETING OCTOBER 7

The 1929 tax lists are now ready to be handed over to the sheriff. The following order passed by the county board of commissioners at their meeting last Monday, October 7th will explain the reason why the tax lists have not gone to the sheriff. "Ordered, that until settlement for the 1928 taxes are made by the sheriff the tax lists for 1929 shall be retained in the hands of the commissioners and kept in such place as the commissioners should deem proper." This under date of October 7, 1929.

In the minutes of the deliberations of the County Board of Commissioners, August 6th, 1929, appears the following resolution:

Resolved: That no order shall be made to sell the real estate of the delinquent tax payers of the year 1928, but that the sheriff be required to settle the taxes for 1925-26 and 27 on or before the first Monday in October, 1929, that if settlement is not made on the 1928 tax list on or before the 1st Monday in October 1929, the 1929 tax list shall be returned in the office of the Board of County Commissioners and not turned over to the sheriff until such settlement is made; That any person desiring to pay their taxes prior to such settlement may do so and the county commissioners will turn over to the sheriff the receipts of such taxes as he paid to the end, that the sheriff may deliver such receipts to the tax payers; This, however, on the condition and with the full understanding and agreement that the sheriff shall make the necessary bond to cover the entire tax list on the 1st Monday in October 1929, and as soon as settlement of 1928 taxes are made the 1929 tax list shall be turned over to them; that the sheriff shall make report of all delinquent tax payers on the 1928 list on the 1st Monday in October, 1929, in order that the proper order for the sale of real or personal property may be made by the Board of Commissioners to the end that settlement in full shall be made the 1st Monday in December, 1929.

In the above order the records show all members of the Board voting in the affirmative. The above motion was made by Commissioner C. H. McClure and was seconded by Commissioner Doc Barnard.

The following resolution was acted on by the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on Monday October 7th and their vote is shown below:

Whereas, Dr. F. Angel proposes to build an addition to his hospital in Franklin, North Carolina, at a cost of \$50,000.00 and has made application to the Board of Commissioners to have said proposed addition released from taxes to be imposed by the County or any subdivision thereof; and, whereas, owing to the nature of the business for which said hospital is proposed to be built, and its importance to the citizenship of Macon county, and, whereas, Dr. Angel is doing much work for the poor and needy of said County in said hospital for which he is not paid, and, whereas, the Board of Commissioners are of the opinion that the building of said addition to said hospital should be encouraged by the public authorities of said county:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Macon, in regular session assembled, on this the 7th day of October, 1929, that in case said \$50,000.00 addition to said hospital is built and constructed by Dr. F. Angel, within a period of two years from this date the said \$50,000.00 addition to said hospital shall be released from any and all taxation by the county of Macon or any sub-division thereof for a period of ten years from the date of construction of the same, or for so long a portion of said period of ten years as the same shall be used exclusively for the purposes of a general hospital:

GAME LAW NOT CLEAR

Mr. Fred Sjagle, the county game warden, says there is no little confusion over the working of the game law as it applies to fur bearing animals in Macon County. He makes the following explanation for the benefit of all interested.

"Macon county comes under the state game law for mink, skunk, otter, muskrat, raccoon and opossum; that is from November 1st to February 15," he says. There are counties excepted from these dates, but Macon is not one of them.

Anyone caught hunting any of the above named animals before November 1st will be dealt with according to law.

Jupollo Service Company Sells Franklin Plant

The Franklin Power Plant has been sold to the Empire Public Utilities company. The purchasers will take over the property at once, the Press was informed. They plan to go on with the enlarging of the service as fast as the conditions warrant.

Mr. Russell, of the Empire Utilities company was over in Franklin last week, looking over the situation. He will be back in ten days or two weeks when it is said he will have some definite announcement to make.

It is understood that the new company will fulfill all contracts entered into by the Jupollo company.

Mr. Emory Hunnicutt will continue to be in charge of the local office.

U. S. CENSUS EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

Washington, D. C., October 8, 1929. The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that it will receive applications until November 2, 1929, for certain temporary positions with the Fifteenth Decennial Census.

The positions for which examinations are to be held are, junior clerk, junior calculating machine operator, and junior tabulating machine operator, with an entrance salary of \$1,440 a year, and under card-punch operator with an entrance salary of \$1,260 a year.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States, both men and women, who meet the requirements.

It is expected that large numbers of appointments will be made. The length of service will probably range from one to two years in most cases but in no case will it extend beyond December 31, 1932.

Full information regarding examinations can be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board at the post office or court house in any city.

The Franklin Teachers Training class visited the Indian Fair Wednesday.

Provided, that this release shall not extend to the rest of said hospital, nor to any other property of Dr. F. Angel in Macon County, but only to the proposed \$50,000.00 addition to his said hospital.

Roll call vote:
Affirmative: J. O. Harrison, W. D. Barnard, C. H. McClure.

Negative: None.

The other matters coming before the Board on last Monday were matters of routine business concerning payment of bills, etc.

TOWN BOARD FIX TAX RATE

At their regular monthly meeting last Monday the town board made out the 1929-30 budget and fixed the tax rate.

The rate was fixed at \$1.00 as against 0.90 for last year. The rate of \$1.00 is still very much below the average of towns of Franklin's class. It was pointed out at the meeting that while this is true, it is also true that the development and improvements are low, too.

The budget, the sources of income and expenditures are published elsewhere in this paper.

Various claims were heard for crop and other damage resulting from the new sewer lines being cut through property. A committee was appointed to investigate.

Several requests for better Unit street lighting and road repairs and water service were considered and acted upon. All these requests were of necessity handled very conservatively because of financial obligations already incurred. Chief among these is the new sewer lines.

There are \$12,000.00 in back taxes. It was pointed out that it would have been possible to have held the tax rate down to 0.90 had property owners all been prompt in paying their assessments.

The question came up as to the board granting its permission for the moving of certain wooden houses in the fire zone from one lot to another. After due consideration the board came to the conclusion that this matter is entirely in the hands of the state insurance commissioner, and that the board would raise no objections to any moving of buildings in the fire zone so long as such action did not effect the insurance rate.

P.-T. A. Calls Special Meeting

Next Tuesday, October 15th at 3:30 there will be a very important call meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teachers association at the school house.

The meeting is for the purpose of considering the practicability of opening a school lunch room. This question is one that has become of very urgent importance.

Every parent is, especially urged to be present. Also any others interested, and every well wisher of the community is interested in anything that has for its aim the better care of our little ones, say the officials of the P.-T. A.

At the school building Tuesday, October 15th at 3:30 P. M.

NEW JAILER TOOK OVER JAIL OCT. 2

Mr. W. M. Edwards was appointed jailer for Macon county on October 2nd. His appointment, the Press was informed, is indefinite. He made bond in the sum of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties.

The previous rate of reimbursement for the jailer was 90c a day per prisoner. Mr. Edwards took the job for 80 cents a day per prisoner. For this he furnishes lights, water, fuel and food. He gets living quarters in the jail free.

Mr. Edwards says that he has made a ruling that no one is allowed to communicate with or pass anything up to the prisoners thru windows. He says he locks all prisoners in the cages at night.

The public, Mr. Edwards says, will greatly aid him in his effort to enforce his rules if they will not attempt to communicate with the prisoners without first notifying him.

Miss Weil, president of the League of Women Voters made an official visit to Highlands and Franklin and an official visit to Miss Elizabeth Kelly and Mrs. Kerr Cunningham.

COUNTY HOME CONSOLIDATION A SOUND MOVE

Embodying Macon, Clay, Graham and Swain Counties

We publish below a letter from Mr. Brown relative to a needful change in our county home plan. The letter is published for the public's information and is the County Commissioners first step in publishing the affairs of the county. The Press understands that the board is in favor of the proposal in principle, but they feel that it will depend on how the consolidation is affected and how the plans for the future management are laid out as to whether it will be a good thing.

To quote Mr. J. O. Harrison, "If it can be done and not become another bit of pork for rotten political scheming and rewarding it will be a good thing. But if it is to become a favoritism project for some man because he has collected a hundred or so absentee votes it will be worse than we now have."

The Press will gladly publish, without comment, any signed opinion on the above that is sent in.

Mr. W. D. Barnard, Chmn., Macon County Board of Commissioners, Franklin, N. C. Route 3.

My dear Mr. Barnard:

In view of the fact that your county has a rather small investment in county home property, and since there are only seven inmates in the county home, I wish to ask whether your county would be interested in a district home proposition with Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Swain counties.

It can be shown, I think, that such a plan would be more satisfactory in many respects than separate county homes. I am sending you under separate cover a copy of an enabling act which provides for such an institution. By including hospital facilities, I think financial assistance can be had from the Duke Endowment.

Let us know what your Board thinks of such a proposition. The matter is also being presented to the other counties.

Sincerely yours,
R. EUGENE BROWN,
Division of Institutions.

Song Service Next Sunday

At the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Franklin on Sunday October 13th there will be a song service instead of the regular service.

The minister, Mr. Mock, invites everyone to be present and come prepared to join in the singing of the good old time hymns.

MAN IN JAIL GREATLY DEPLORES BEING DISTURBED

On October 3rd, the morning after one of the prisoners made his escape from the county jail, one of the remaining inmates informed the public from the cell windows:

"Say, folks, its a pretty come off. I thought I was safe when I got in here, but, last night danged if I could sleep a wink. Someone was trying to break in or out and kept me awake.

"There is too much disturbance around here at night for a man like me that needs his rest. All night long some hy-jacker was making a heck of a noise prying bricks out of the wall with a tooth pick or some similar house wrecking instrument. I wish they would stop it. A feller expects peace and comfort in here."

So far as the Press was able to learn, the escaped prisoner had not been apprehended.

D. W. DANIELS MAKES ADDRESS

Before Rotarians and Invited Guests—Clemson College College Orator Expounds Great Truths.

On last Friday evening at eight o'clock on the roof garden of the Scott Griffin hotel the Rotary club and thirty odd invited guests gathered for an evening of play and study.

After doing full justice to the supper, the gathering was entertained by speeches from several of those present. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Arthur Flanagan. Professor Harbison of Highlands made a very appropriate reply. He said, "You know, oft times we folks from away out in the coves get lonely as we work along. You may not think it but we do. Its such meetings as these that we crave and long for as we work along with Nature."

"There has never been a thriving town without a thriving county, and there never was a thriving county, that did not have a thriving town," said the professor. "Proper farming would more than make up for any pay roll we might not have. It will indeed be a dark day for Macon when industries settle here and rob our farms of the tillers of the soil" was another bit of Pfoesor Harbison's philosophy. He said "When our rural population becomes self-sustaining and a little more, then will hard times vanish from amongst us, and then will our boys and girls stay with us."

Dr. D. W. Daniels, of Clemson College, S. C., was then introduced by Mr. Lyles Harris. The Doctor was very humorous in his introductory remarks.

The main speaker of the evening based his remarks on community building. He brought home to all present the urgent need for working together and staying out of the stand still class. The main prerequisites for the best upbuilding of any community is cheerfulness, cooperation, cash and character," said Dr. Daniels. He emphasized our great neglect in cultivating a sense of the beautiful, and also the health of the coming generations. "I'd rather be tortured to a slow death than to walk your streets knowing I carried some loathsome disease to be transmitted to generations yet unborn," he said. "Any man that is an agent of such loathsomeness is a disgrace to himself and an insult to the mother who bore him."

The cultivation of the senses of beauty and cheerfulness was given their full deserts by the South Carolina orator. "If either or both of these are lacking no man can measure up to his full statue," he said.

After the speaker of the evening had finished, the suggestion was thrown out as to the great good being done by county clubs, and those present were requested to give the matter some thought so that Macon might organize one if it seemed practicable.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting and many expressed the hope that another such gathering would take place very soon.

Car Overtakes Down Embankment

Last Friday Miss Fulton had the misfortune to turn her sedan over. She was driving on highway 28 near Dave McCoy's store when she drove too near the soft shoulder of a fill. Miss Fulton and a lady companion were badly scared, but were not seriously hurt. The car was not damaged. A passing motorist took the ladies to their home at Gold Mine.

NOTICE

The U. D. C. chapter of Macon county will meet with Mrs. Mamie Powers next Monday, October 14th.