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## COUNTY TAX RATE INCREASED 18 CENTS

### FARM AGENT RESUMES WORK IN COUNTY

#### MRS. L. ROBINSON ACCEPTS OFFICE AGAIN AS AGENT

Mrs. L. Hinton Reappointed Health Officer For Haywood County For New Year.

#### BOTH MOVE OFFICES

County's Share Of Farm Agent's Salary Reduced \$600 For Coming Year

The work of the county farm agent was resumed by an agreement of the board of commissioners while in session here Monday. The work was suspended about a month ago.

Mrs. L. Robinson, county farm agent at the time of suspension of the office, was re-elected. Mr. Robinson had his term for the month of July mapped out before discontinuance was made and has been carrying out his plans for the work during that time.

Mr. Goodman, district representative of the State Department of Agriculture, was here Monday and appeared before the commissioners. The commissioners made an appropriation of \$900 for the work of the farm agent and the state department of agriculture added a like amount, thus insuring the county a farm agent for the year the county's appropriation was \$1800.

The question of continuing the work of a farm agent in the county has brought forth much comment, and as the cause of several meetings to be held by citizens of the county to work out a plan for the continuance of that office. The commissioners were never in doubt as to the need of an agent, it was pointed out, but the lack of necessary funds brought the suspension.

Mr. Robinson moved his office from the Citizens Bank to the first floor of the new courthouse Wednesday. Announcement was also made that Mrs. L. Hinton, county sanitary officer, was re-appointed. It was pointed out that since the addition of the health inspector that hundreds of dollars have been saved in the county because of the fact that dairies have been able to grade "A" in milk produced in the county, thus eliminating outside milkmen from bringing their dairy products into the county; as the law requires all public eating places to sell only grade "A" milk.

#### MRS. ROANE DIES IN BRYSON CITY

Mrs. Mary Lewellyn Siler Roane, 66, widow of Robert Roane, at one time State Senator, died at her home in Whittier Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock after an illness of two years.

Mrs. Roane was born in Franklin, N. C. She was a daughter of the Rev. L. F. and Mary Trotter Siler. After her marriage she and her husband came to Swain county to live.

Mrs. Roane was beloved by all who knew her. She had a fine Christian character and was known for her many good deeds. She was active in the work of the Methodist church.

She is survived by one son, Sam A. Roane, of Whittier, two brothers, the Rev. Eugene Siler, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Maxton and J. G. Siler, of Lenoir, Va.

The funeral service was at the Whittier Methodist church at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The Rev. L. B. Hayes, of Waynesville, presiding elder of the Waynesville district of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, officiated, assisted by Rev. R. L. Bass, of Elmwood, a former pastor of the Whittier church, and the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Peeler. Mrs. J. S. Whisenand was in charge of the music.

Active pallbearers were S. E. Varner, T. F. Varner, W. M. Moore, E. T. Moody, Ed Childers, and P. O. Elliott. Burial was in the Bryson City cemetery beside her husband.

While Mr. Roane was sheriff of Swain county for eight years, Mr. and Mrs. Roane made their home in Bryson City.

#### QUILT SHOW HELD BY WOMAN'S CLUB DRAWS BIG CROWD

More Than A Hundred Quilts, Shawls And Counterpanes Put On Exhibit

The Quilt Show held here Friday from 2 to 9 o'clock and sponsored by the Woman's Club was the most elaborate and enjoyable of the social events of the summer season so far. It was held in the snow room of the new Swift's garage on Main street and was visited by more than 600 persons.

More than 150 quilts were entered and a number of shawls, rugs, counterpanes, and coverlets. Some of the most notable of the articles entered were as follows:

**Old Quilts Exhibited**

A quilt called "The World's Wonder," made by pupils of M. A. Alexander in 1873, and quilted by Mrs. M. A. Alexander; one named "Road to Texas," entered by Mrs. James Medford and made in 1852; one a hundred years old, made by Mrs. Mary Inman, wife of the Rev. J. A. Inman, founder of Inman's Chapel; one made about 1820 from the pattern, "Wild Pink," and owned by Mary Ann Love, daughter of Colonel Robert Love, and wife of William Welch; a quilt named "Dew Drops," made in 1825 and owned by Mrs. James Medford.

One made in 1832 by Mrs. Cynthia Catharine Rhodes, grandmother of Dr. W. G. Francis, of Waynesville; one made by Mrs. Lenoir Harris Kelly in 1827, owned by Mrs. E. C. Moody, of Waynesville; one made by Mrs. Tabitha Pridden in 1867; one made during or before the War Between the States, bought from an Indian during the war and now owned by Mrs. H. C. Crawford, of Crabtree township; one made by Colonel J. W. Bowles when he was seven years old and an invalid for several years of his boyhood, during which time he employed himself in making this quilt about 1844. The boy later recovered his health and became a robust man. When the war came on, he joined the Fifth Kentucky cavalry, which was later known as Morgan's raiders, that terrified the Federals so long in Kentucky and Tennessee. Near the close of the war, Colonel Bowles succeeded to the command of the raiders upon the death of Morgan. Colonel Bowles became a resident of Waynesville about 30 years ago and died here. This quilt was entered by his daughter, Miss Grace Bowles, who now lives here.

A counterpane made by Mrs. Mary Guthrie Minor from cotton grown on her farm in Nelson county, Kentucky, in 1822; a quilt made by Mrs. Elizabeth Lightfoot Payne, great grandmother of Mrs. J. Harden Howell, in 1817; a quilt made in New England from a wedding dress belonging to great grandmother of the Rev. Hannah J. Powell, of Sunburst; a Scotch Paisley Shawl made in Scotland 200 years ago.

These were some of the most interesting and noticeable of the many fine exhibits. What was especially noticeable about them was the fact that they did not show age except in the style. All of them are a most excellent state of preservation. The new, or modern, quilts on exhibition were beautiful and much admired by the crowds that thronged the show room.

#### Prize Winners

The prize winners were announced at 9 o'clock as soon as the ballots could be counted. The following won prizes:

Prettiest old quilt, first prize, Mrs. H. C. Crawford, Crabtree; second prize, Mrs. J. R. Boyd, Waynesville.

Prettiest new quilt, first prize, Mrs. W. B. Matthews; second prize, Mrs. Fannie Campbell, Dellwood.

Prettiest quilt top, first prize, Mrs. W. C. Garrison; second prize, Mrs. Edgar Miller, Waynesville.

Prettiest silk quilt, Miss Louise Beville, Waynesville; prettiest rug, Mullis, Waynesville; prettiest shawl, Mrs. R. N. Barber; prettiest shawl, Mrs. R. N. Barber; prettiest shawl, Mrs. Frederika Quinlan, Waynesville; pillow tops, Mrs. R. N. Barber; spreads, old and new, old, Miss Jeanette Phillips, new, Mrs. C. G. Logan.

The silver offering amounted to about \$30.

Miss Elizabeth Quinlan won a pearl necklace, donated by Young's Jewelry Store, for the prettiest shawl.

Mrs. E. S. Harrold was chairman in charge of the show and it was largely through her efforts that the show was a success.

#### NOTED RALEIGH EDITOR PRAISES FIBRE COMPANY

Declares Paper Mill Is Doing Work Of Great Significance

By JOSEPHUS DANIELS

In a period where part unemployment is universal and 8,000,000 workers cannot get jobs; it is a pleasant change to come to a community which has felt the depression less than any other place in America. In the big paper mill at Canton—the Champion Fibre Company—three shifts of workers have steady employment. To be sure, old man Hard Times has caused a reduction in pay, but less than in most places, and there is confidence that when the corner is turned old-time wages will be restored. In the meantime the fires never go out and 1,200 men find steady employment and the payroll of \$125,000, plus the loading of the fine farming of the keeps business men there in better shape than almost any other place in the county.

#### Publishers Visited Plant

Not only has Canton been spared the distress that has come to most other industrial sections, but in the past year much extra employment was given when the Champion Fibre Company spent \$1,500,000 in the construction of a mammoth modern plant which is now turning out print paper. The Asheville Citizen used the first product of this new plant in printing its issue last week when the Southern Publishers met in Asheville. It was my pleasure, with other Southern publishers, to go through this new print paper plant, accompanied by President Reuben Robertson, Mayor Kerr and other officials, and see the mighty machinery in motion. Within less than six months after the order was placed, this large book paper-making machine over built was installed and the necessary buildings to house it and auxiliary facilities finished. At the end of 146 days after breaking ground, the paper was being turned out by the new machine. Three new structures were erected adjacent to the existing buildings. They cover a ground area of 66,300 square feet, affording a total of 157,700 square feet of additional floor space, with a total building volume of 2,492,000 cubic feet.

The papers of the South have been producing their print paper since Colonel Askew at her Falls of Neuse quit supplying beautiful rag paper. (Continued on page 3)

#### SCHOOL BOARD TO OPERATE 7 BUSES

At the regular monthly session Monday the county board of education decided to run 17 buses this year in transporting school children to four school centers in the county. It is expected that more than 1,500 children will be transported to the several centers this school year.

The following are the bus drivers, the list being completed Monday:

For Clyde center, James Smith, Roy Medford, C. T. Ferguson; Fines Creek center, Marion Green, Z. V. McElroy, Harrison Davis; Bethel, J. E. Burnett, R. E. Cathey, J. A. Poston; Waynesville, R. O. Allen, Clem Fitzgerald, Hugh Moody, Lock Howell, R. A. Davis, Wade Frazier, and Rock Hill, Bob Messer.

The board fixed the maximum wages of the bus drivers at \$30 per month, varying according to the length of the run made each day.

#### Dr. Abel Reported To Be Improving After Automobile Wreck

Dr. J. F. Abel, prominent physician of Waynesville, was reported to be out of danger and resting some better but still uncomfortable, late Wednesday night. Dr. Abel and his grandson, Edward Hard, of Elyria, Ohio, were in an automobile wreck early Sunday morning on the Dellwood road.

Dr. Abel suffered 3 or 4 ribs broken and was bruised considerably. He also suffered a blow on the head.

Edward received a cut and a blow on the head, but was reported to be some what better. Both are confined to their beds at the home of Dr. Abel.

#### Dr. Duckett Moves To Clyde

Dr. Duckett, practicing physician of Canton for the past year, has opened his office in Clyde at the Clyde Inn. Dr. Duckett has made many friends while in Canton and is expected to fill a need in Clyde as physician.

#### Editorial

The headlines on this page carry news that will be of interest to every taxpayer and resident of Haywood County. This news will have a tendency to dampen the optimistic spirit that has been prevailing in the county while other sections have been crying hard times.

Of course, we realize an increase in taxes at this time might seem rather hard, but an examination of the records will show that this increase was the result of two things, both of which not any group of people of the county or officials are responsible.

The new court house, of course, caused some increase, but this was offset by a reduction in general expenses, while the fact that so much back taxes remain unpaid is the general cause of the increase.

Let it be understood, that The Mountaineer is not taking any part whatever in the matter, but is merely revealing facts that are on record at the Court House and open to the public, and it is there that we found the above reasons for the increase. We do, however, suggest that before any criticism is made of anyone, or any group, that we avail ourselves with the facts in the case, and after those facts are firmly fixed in our minds, we believe that harmony will prevail within the county, and the matter of an increase in taxes will be taken in the best of spirit.

#### RECENT SHOWERS THRU TERRITORY ASSIST FARMERS

Wilting Commodities Assume Brighter Color; Better Yields Predicted.

Assuming almost torrential proportions in some sections of Western North Carolina, heavy rains which have descended over Haywood county during the past several days have caused planters to grow more optimistic in general and commodities assume brighter color signifying a more promising yield.

Farmers, who last week predicted not more than one-half corn harvest for the season as a result of the drought, this week are openly admitting that the recent showers have increased their corn yield near one-third.

Gardens throughout Waynesville and Haywood county which were bearing the brunt of the disastrous drought have, apparently taken a new lease on life. Already yields have increased from these earthy spots which aid materially in supplying the family table.

Irish potatoes, cabbage, beans, tomatoes and other commodities have been climatically inspired until today they are showing increased signs of producing within a brief allotment of normal season.

Farm lands throughout Western North Carolina have been dampened to the extent they can be properly tilled. Some few sections where crops were not "laid by" are today rejoicing over the fact that lands can again be worked and completed for the season.

According to reports reaching Waynesville early Wednesday night, crops in many of the valley sections of this portion of the state had been inundated by torrential rains, but little damage was expected to result.

#### Prisoners Are Now Occupying New Jail

County prisoners were transferred Monday night from the old jail to the new jail on the fifth floor of the new court house.

Cordell Evans has been named as jailer and has already taken over his duties in that capacity.

The city prisoners will also be kept in the new jail, it was said, there being only one admitted on the night of the opening. There were seven county prisoners confined in the new jail. It is expected that quite a few Federal prisoners now in Asheville will be transferred here at an early date.

#### George McCracken Is Reported Little Better

George McCracken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore McCracken, who has been seriously ill for the past week, suffering a relapse after an illness of several weeks, was reported late Wednesday night to be a little improved, and resting at that time.

#### NEGRO WIELDS WICKED KNIFE DURING BRAWL

Four Whites, Two Negroes, To Face Mayor Howell Monday Morning

Facing assault charges with intent to kill, four Pigeon township white men and two Waynesville negroes are slated to appear before Mayor J. H. Howell in city court here Monday morning as a result of a street battle staged in Waynesville a fortnight ago, according to city officers.

The street brawl is alleged to have occurred near midnight last Saturday, week, during which James and Leonard Scheffing, John Sentelle, were painfully stabbed about neck, arms and back. They were released from the Haywood county hospital several days ago. Harrison Henson, another member of the quartet, is alleged to have run from the scene of battle when trouble started, according to city police.

Chester Love, negro, was struck on the head with an automobile jack and otherwise bruised to the extent that hospital attention was necessary, it was learned. He was arrested and placed under \$300 bond charged with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Ottis Cox, another negro, faces the same charge, police said Wednesday night.

While no definite information surrounding the street battle could be learned as The Mountaineer went to press, local police announced that warrants had been issued for the white men.

#### Final Touches Being Made At Court House

At the regular meeting Monday, the board of county commissioners decided to let a contract immediately for the completion of the court house grounds, which include putting a coating of topsoil over the grounds and giving the grounds a good mixture of fertilizer. As soon as the fertilizer has had time to enrich the grounds, grass will be planted, it was said.

The commissioners also decided to extend the concrete driveway from the rear of the building on to Main street. Workmen are now busy laying the concrete for this street. It is expected that this work will be completed by the last of the week.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company has had a construction crew at work this week moving one guy line that was anchored in the center of the lower walk.

During the past week hundreds of people have visited the new building. A large number of tourists have made an inspection of the building, and almost everyone rates it as one of the most beautiful buildings of its kind in this section of the South.

#### PREACHERS TAKE NOTICE! NO AUGUST MEETING

The Haywood County Pastors' Association will not have a meeting in August. This is to so state and to announce our September meeting at Long's Chapel, Lake Junaluska, Monday morning following the first Sunday. By order of the Association. FRED O. DRYMAN, Secretary.

#### EXPENDITURE OF \$340,826.73 SET OUT IN NEW BUDGET

Salaries Of Several Officials Are Less Than Last Year.

TOTAL RATE \$1.25

Increase Is Because Of Uncollected Taxes And New Court House, Said.

At the regular meeting Monday, the Board of County Commissioners approved the budget for the coming year which called for an increase in rates of 18 cents per 100 valuation.

The increase was made in spite of the fact that several funds were limited to smaller amounts this year, and the salaries of several of the county officials were cut considerably. The largest increase coming from the Debt Service Fund, which was increased from 47 cents for last year to 57 cents this year. The largest decrease was 4 cents for the county school fund, while the hospital fund school tax increased one cent each.

The estimated expenditures for the coming year are placed at \$340,826.73, while the estimated property valuation reaches \$25,000,000.

The increase in the debt service fund is due to the fact that there is due this year \$5,000.00 on the court house bonds and a note of \$10,000.00 given on the purchase of the Jones' lot for additional court house grounds, and to also take care of a deficit in the fund and their collections have not come up to the former budget requirements.

The one cent increase on the state school tax is because of lower valuation, the law being that a levy must be made to equal 15 cents on the valuation of 1930.

The general, poor fund and building funds remain the same as last year, namely, general fund 15 cents; poor fund 5 cents; and the building fund 5 cents. There were a good many items in the budget of these funds that were reduced, but to lower the rates was impossible due to deficits on account of non-payment of taxes and additional expenditures on the grounds of the new court house, it was said.

For instance, the office of County Accountant. When he took over the duties of county treasurer in addition to the duties imposed upon him by law, his salary was not raised, but remained at \$1800 a year, except that he was given an office clerk at a salary of \$600 a year, making the total salary for the office \$2400. For 1932-1933 the county salary of the county accountant and clerk has been placed at \$1850, notwithstanding the fact that this office is taking care of the duties of county accountant, county treasurer, tax supervisor and the collection of delinquent taxes, it was pointed out.

The salary of the county attorney last year was \$500. This has been reduced to \$300 for the new year. The attorney fees in connection with the sale last year were \$1,850.00. On tax sales certificates that are paid or redeemed, these fees come back to the county in the payment of cost paid by the purchaser of the certificates.

The salaries of the board of county commissioners will be less, as the new board will consist of only three members, while the present board has five.

It is estimated that the board of prisoners will be about \$1000 less this year on account of the state taking the road prisoners.

The increase in upkeep of the new court house and grounds necessarily increase the building fund.

The estimated annual budget for the coming year, along with a comparison of expenditures of last year are printed on another page in this paper. The original copy of the budget is now on file in the office of the Register of Deeds at the court house and is open for inspection by any taxpayer in the county, this is in accordance with the law of the state.

The county officials have been working on the new budget for several weeks, and those working with them stated that every precaution was taken to save the taxpayers, but the additional expenses, in spite of the reduced appropriations, called for an increase of 18 cents.

#### Boy Scout Camp Is Being Erected Here

Final plans are being made for taking the local Boy Scouts on a camping trip during the next few weeks. The boys are building a camp not far from town, and arrangements have been made whereby the boys can work their way through the two-week's camp without cash. More details will be published about the scout activities in next week's issue of The Mountaineer.