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Bailey's Bill To Increase Board Will Be Aired Today In Senate

Hearing Set For This Afternoon Before Senate Committee. Fincher Undecided

The committee on cities, towns and villages will have a hearing on the bill (Thursday) on the bill introduced by Representative J. T. Bailey last week which provided for an increase in the membership of the board of commissioners from five to seven members.

The bill passed the house under the leadership of the rules, but was defeated in the Senate and sent to the committee on cities, towns and villages.

The past week there has been much talk about dividing the county into districts and having a board of commissioners elected from these districts. The plan was to divide the county into five districts as follows: District 1, containing the town of Canton and Clyde, with two members; District 2, containing the town of Canton and Ivy Hill, with two members; District 3, containing the town of Canton and Fines Creek, with two members; District 4, containing the town of Canton and Catalina, with two members; District 5, containing the town of Canton and Pigeon, with two members.

The bill would give the county a board of commissioners comprised of seven members. Representative Bailey stated that he would have all action until later in the year. He said that he would like to have the bill worked out in any situation that may develop. He also made the statement that he would like to have the bill passed immediately. He gave the names of those to whom he had introduced the bill, to be named in the bill. He said that he had introduced the bill to the board of commissioners. He said that he had introduced the bill to the board of commissioners. He said that he had introduced the bill to the board of commissioners. He said that he had introduced the bill to the board of commissioners.

FINCHER UNDECIDED WHETHER HE'LL TAKE PLACE OR NOT
Edwin Fincher, the other man named in Mr. Bailey's bill as an additional member to the board of commissioners, told The Mountaineer yesterday that he had not decided whether he would accept the place or not. He said: "I've been away for ten days and haven't had a chance to decide. The news came to me like a cloudburst out of a clear sky, and as yet I don't know what it is all about. I just got back Sunday and the news dumfounded me."

Mr. Fincher intimated he was inclined to wait until the bill had become a law before he made known his final decision.

Deputy Game And Fire Wardens Are Named For County

Plans Made To Combat Forest Fires By Warden Plott And His Sixteen Assistants

G. C. Plott, county game and fire warden, announced this week that the deputy fire and game wardens of the county had been named. The names of the deputy fire wardens are as follows: H. L. Rath, James McElroy, Grady Walker, Mark Thompson, Robert Howell, T. C. Davis, LeRoy Willis, Ras Robertson, James R. Plott, Harvey Beach, C. W. McGee, Ed Styles, Willie Preston, Joe Mitchell and L. R. McAbee.

The 47-foot tower on top of Chamber's Mountain will be put into operation this week, and a deputy will be put on duty full time for the duration of the fire season which will be from the 15th of May. Just who will be named is not known, but there are 15 or 20 applications in, Mr. Plott said.

The tower on top of the 4200-foot mountain affords a view of every place in the county except two places on the extreme border.

Each of the deputies have five assistants. These are named by the deputies themselves, and in cases of the fire wardens are given work. Thus far only two small fires have been reported. One burned fifty acres on Dix Creek, with a small damage. Mr. Plott also stated that there is a \$50 reward for anyone who turns in information of people setting out fires and the person is convicted. It has been reported that the only two fires this far this season were set out but no arrests have been made yet.

PRESIDING JUDGE



This is Judge J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, who is presiding over the criminal term of court here. This is his second time to hold court in Haywood County this year.

Jones Gets 25 To 30 Years For Murder Of Late Thos. Edwards

Defendants Enter Plea of Guilty After Venire of 75 Men Are Summoned

After having disposed last Thursday of the only major case scheduled for this term of criminal court, a number of small cases were cleared from the docket, with Judge J. A. Rousseau presiding.

Bob Jones, charged with the murder of Thomas Edwards, former Waynesville policeman, entered through his counsel, W. T. Crawford and Ennis Sentelle a plea of guilty of second degree murder. The court gave Jones 25 to 30 years in the state penitentiary and ordered that he wear stripes.

Maggie Styles, who was charged as being an accessory to the crime, also entered a plea of guilty and was given a sentence of one to two years in jail. A venire of 75 men from Beaverdam reported for jury service before the plea of guilty was entered.

Other cases disposed during the past few days included: Joe Burnett was given a week in which to move some dogs from the city limits of Canton. He was to pay all costs of case.

D. L. Caldwell, assault with a deadly weapon, was found guilty of simple assault and received a 30-day suspended sentence and paid a \$24 fine and cost.

Thelma Burnette was granted a divorce from Frank Burnette. Ruby Wilson was granted a divorce from V. E. Wilson.

E. A. Thompson received a 30-day suspended sentence for worthless check. Fred Mull charged with driving while drunk was given a 30-day suspended sentence and fined \$50 and costs.

Dwaine Patton sentenced 2 to 3 years in prison wearing stripes for breaking and entering. Edward McElroy was given an 18-month suspended sentence.

County Dry Forces Organized Monday

County organization of the dry forces in Haywood county were perfected on last Monday night when Dr. J. C. Owen of Asheville, associate of Kale Burgess, of Raleigh, head of the dry forces in North Carolina, made a talk on temperance and its related problems.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, associate chairman, J. T. Bailey, secretary, Homer Henry, and treasurer, John L. Davis. Three members at large elected to serve as the executive committee were Paul Hyatt, of Woodrow, Glenn Palmer, of Crabtree and Clyde, H. Hoey, Jr., of Canton.

No definite plans were made by the newly elected group as their line of work will be determined by the action of the state legislature regarding the bill pending relative to the regulation of beverages in North Carolina.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The Airship Macon plunged into the ocean 110 miles South of here tonight and navy vessels responded to frantic SOS calls rushed through fog and rain to pick up Commander Herbert V. Wiley and the other survivors of the crew of 80.

Funeral Services For T. N. Massie To Be Held On Friday

Well Known Waynesville Business Man Passed Away Wednesday Afternoon At Home Here

Thomas Newton Massie, 66, passed away at his home on Pigeon street at 7 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. He was stricken with a heart attack early Tuesday morning from which he appeared much improved and his condition was encouraging until a few minutes before the stroke.

Mr. Massie was born on August 7, 1869 and was the son of the late William Lebo Massie and Mary Anne Francis Massie. He was married on December 25, 1888 to Miss Maggie Egan, and they lived at Cass white M. Massie was engaged in farming and in the mercantile business until they moved to Waynesville in 1907.

After coming here he first opened a general store in East Waynesville and then one in Depot street. In 1922 he bought the property of Boone Mefford in the Mt. Pleasant Mammalian Store, the name of the firm being changed to Massie Furniture Company. From time to time several of his sons have been associated in the business with him. A few years ago the firm opened a branch store in Sylva.

Mr. Massie was prominent in the business affairs of the town, having many other interests besides that of his stores and was also a leader in all civic undertakings. He served as alderman of the town from 1928 to 1932. He was also active in the religious life of the community and was a member of the Methodist church.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, awaiting the arrival of some of the children who were out of town at the time of his death. The services will be conducted sometime on Friday at the Methodist church and interment will be in Greenhill cemetery.

Surviving are his widow and the following twelve children: Mrs. Jessie McCracken, Mrs. J. C. Reece, Mrs. Bonner Ray, Miss Marguerite Massie, and Miss Mary Emma Massie, and the following sons: James E. Massie, Thos. Guy Massie, Lebo Massie, W. Hugh Massie, T. N. Massie, Jr., Francis Massie, and Harold Massie; thirteen grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Mandy Henson, of Gainesville, Fla.; Mrs. Ellie Shook and Mrs. Mollie Smathers of Canton; Wesley Massie, of Cruso; Will and Talmadge Massie, of Hominy.

Miss Anne Peck Is Winner Of Contest

Miss Anne Peck, daughter of Mrs. Helen Peck, of Lake Junaluska, was elected last week as the winner in the citizenship contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In each town of the United States where there is a chapter of the D. A. R. a girl is being elected under the supervision of the chapter.

Three girls were elected by the Home Rooms of the High School and from the three the teachers had the privilege of the final election.

All girls winning in the local contests will be entered in the state citizenship contest and the winner will be given a free trip with all expenses paid to Washington, D. C., during the week of the annual congress of the organization. Many courtesies will be extended the forty-eight girls among which will be a party for them to the White House.

Former Resident Of County Passes Away

Funeral services were held on Feb. 10 at his home near Stuart's Draft, Va., for Mrs. Jane Howell, 66, who passed away on January 31, after a lingering illness. She was stricken on Christmas Day and her condition had been critical since that time.

Mrs. Howell was the daughter of the late Lafayette Moody and Mrs. Elizabeth Moody, and was born on Jonathan's Creek on June 22, 1868, and has a wide family connection in Haywood county. She was married to B. P. Howell in 1897 and she and her husband resided in this county until twelve years ago when they moved to Stuart's Draft, Va., where they have since made their home. For years Mrs. Howell was one of the leading stock farmers in this section and Mrs. Howell was actively identified with the life of her community.

She is survived by her husband, B. P. Howell, one son, Benjamin L. Howell, of Stuart's Draft, and the following step children: Paul and Ethel Howell, of Stuart's Draft; Mrs. Jarvis T. Coman, of Lake Junaluska, and Mrs. J. B. Mauney, of Birmingham, Ala. Those attending the funeral from here were: Mrs. J. T. Coman, and her daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Ferguson and Mrs. Charles Ferguson.

Mrs. Kenneth Ferguson and Mrs. Felix Stovall were among those spending the day in Asheville on Monday.

Work To Start At Early Date On The Cove Creek Road

About 150 Local Men Will Be Given Work On The Six Mile Stretch Of Road

The State Highway Commission is planning to start work on the Cove Creek road from the depot to Cove Creek, a distance of six miles, in the near future.

Work is expected to begin immediately, and will give employment to about 150 local men. It was learned through the National Reclamation office here that it will be in the latter part of the month that the grading contract for \$33,000, known as No. 10, at Rouseau, will be let for the work.

Mr. Frank W. Miller, state engineer, said that no definite time had been set for the beginning of the work, but that it would be completed by about a week or so from now.

Several other projects for the improvement of the road are now being considered by the State Highway Commission.

Bailey's Bill Would Provide New System Of Collecting Taxes

Tax Collector Must Personally Try To Collect Taxes Before Selling Out

Representative J. T. Bailey introduced in the General Assembly a bill entitled "An act for the relief of Haywood County and to provide for a better system for the collection of delinquent taxes in the county and municipal corporations therein."

Section 1. That the sale of all lands for taxes and tax sales certificates issued pursuant thereto, for the years prior to 1934 of the County of Haywood or any municipal corporation therein, be and the same are each expressly validated as if the same had been sold in accordance with all statutory provisions.

Section 2. That the delinquent tax collector of Haywood County, and the delinquent tax collectors of any municipal corporations therein, or other person executing the duties of that office, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to sell for taxes on the first Monday of any month hereafter, any and all lands which for any reason have not heretofore been sold prior to the year 1934, on or before September 1, 1935, and after due advertisement and sale to issue tax certificates therefor, in accordance with the general laws applicable thereto.

Section 3. That all tax lien notes executed by the tax payers of Haywood County to said County and to any municipal corporation therein, be, and the same are hereby expressly validated.

Section 4. That before the tax collector of Haywood County or the tax collector of any municipal corporation therein shall be allowed credit in his settlement for the taxes of any insolvent person, he shall file an affidavit with the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County or the governing board of any municipal corporation thereof, that he or his deputy has personally visited the residence of said insolvent tax payer in an effort to collect the taxes due to the County or municipal corporation thereof.

Section 5. That this act shall not be construed to relieve any former tax collector or surety company on the bond of any tax collector for any default or error relating to any taxes heretofore placed in the hands of such tax collector.

Section 6. That no tax collector of the County of Haywood or of any municipal corporation therein shall be entitled to any fees or other compensation other than the salary or commissions of such tax collectors.

Section 7. That that part of Section 2 of Chapter 228 of the Public Local Laws of 1933, beginning with the word, "and" in line 13 thereof, and ending with the word, "taxes" in line 15 thereof, be and the same is hereby expressly repealed.

Section 8. That the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County be, and they are hereby authorized, if in their discretion it is advisable, to employ such assistants as in their judgment may be deemed to be necessary to assist the Tax Supervisor and delinquent tax collector of said County in the performance of his duties, and to pay such assistant out of the general fund of said County.

Section 9. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 10. That this Act shall be in full force from and after its ratification.

HUEY LONG AFTER FARLEY WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Senator Huey Long today in a two hour speech poured forth many complaints against Postmaster General Farley to which Senator J. W. Bailey, of North Carolina, challenged him to produce more than hearsay evidence.

FERA Urged To Build Park And Beautify City

Plans Are Being Made To Tear Down Number Of Old Buildings In City



Charles E. Ray, Jr., was elected president of the Waynesville Chapter of Commerce last week. He succeeded his brother, J. Wilford Ray, as head of the organization.

Chas. E. Ray, Jr., Named President Of Local C. Of C.

Tentative Plans Are Being Made For Work Of Organization During Coming Year

Charles E. Ray, Jr., was named president of the Waynesville Chapter of Commerce at the first meeting of the new board of directors last week. Ralph Prevost was named first vice president and Guy Mason was elected second vice president. E. L. Withers was elected secretary of the organization.

The directors received the resignation of J. M. Long, who found it would not be able to serve on board. In his place W. L. Hardin, Jr., was named.

A number of projects and plans were discussed at length by the board, and one of the principal local projects being the cooperation with the FERA in securing free labor to beautify some of the neglected lots of the town.

Tentative plans were made for the annual banquet at which time formal plans will be given to the membership of the organization for the coming year.

President Ray is expected to announce the different committees within the next few days.

Last week he named Ralph Prevost, J. H. Howell, W. Curtis Russ, and E. L. Withers to make suggestions to present to FERA officials to secure free labor to make certain improvements in the town's appearance. The committee has made several recommendations, several of which include the tearing down of old buildings from the principal streets of the town.

Home For Children Needed In County, Says Grand Jury

Few Recommendations Are Made By Grand Jury In Regular Report To Court

In their report to the court last week, the grand jury recommended that a separate home be built at the county home for the 20 children that are now required to live with the other inmates of the home, some of whom are diseased and aged.

This was similar to a report turned in by a previous grand jury. A modern barn is being built at the county home, and other than recommending a home for the children no other changes were made by the body.

The grand jury also suggested that all schools have regular fire drills. The North Canton school put on a fire drill demonstration for the jurymen. A switch board was in need of repair at the elementary school here, and new banisters needed on the stairs, the report suggested.

It was the recommendation that the small court room on the third floor of the courthouse be used as a court room and not for relief headquarters. No other courthouse changes were made except that certain records in the Register of Deeds office prior to the 1923 records be recopied on permanent sheets and placed in durable binders to prevent loss.

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A special committee is working for the tearing down of old buildings together with the Federal Government presented yesterday to the FERA officials four suggestions for projects which are desired to be taken up by the relief organization here.

The first project listed is the cleaning up of the street and bare banks which are a city blot. It was suggested that flowers be cultivated about the city squares, and that the streets be repaved.

The second project listed is the tearing down of old buildings in the city park. E. L. Withers, of the city park department, was named as the man to do this work.

A campaign will be staged, as the plan provides, for tearing down old buildings in the city. It was that are now neglected and are a blot on the city. The material obtained from these buildings will likely be used in the construction of a garbage disposal plant for the city.

The fourth project listed was the paving of the street by the high school to the Hazelwood city limits. It is understood that the town of Hazelwood is interested in paying the cost from the Waynesville city funds, and the town of Hazelwood is interested in paying the cost from the Hazelwood city funds.

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Bill Would Allow Towns To Build New Sewer System

A Fee of 15 Cents Per Thousand Gallons Would Be Levied To Pay For Costs

A bill was introduced in the general assembly yesterday by Representative J. T. Bailey that would give the towns of Waynesville and Hazelwood to operate a joint sewer system, and to issue general bonds and to levy the necessary taxes to retire the bonds.

The bill provides that a fee of fifteen cents a thousand gallons of water be charged the consumers in order to pay for the construction of the sewer system, which is suggested would be beyond Lake Junaluska.

Previous estimates show that it will cost \$225,000 to construct the line, and officials here have been trying to work out some satisfactory arrangements, whereby FERA labor could be used on the job.

The bill that Mr. Bailey introduced included: "That in order to pay the cost of the construction and maintenance of said sewer system and of sewerage line or disposal plant the municipal corporation, are hereby given the right to fix and establish a charge as may be agreed upon between the governing bodies of said municipalities against all persons, firms or corporations within said municipal corporations for the use of said water and or sewer line of disposal plant, such charge to be in proportion to the amount of water used by each person, firm or corporation and disposal plant, which rate for said sewer line or disposal plant, in addition to charges for water, shall not exceed the rate of fifteen (15) cents per thousand gallons of water so used and disposed of, and after the completion of the payment of the cost of said sewer line or disposal plant the said municipal corporations may continue to charge such reasonable amount not to exceed the amount heretofore specified for the use of said sewer line or disposal plant."

"That the charge or rents made for the use of said sewer line or disposal plant shall be a lien upon the property served, and if any such charge or rent shall not be paid within 15 days after the same becomes payable, it may be collected as herein otherwise provided, or by suit in the name of the municipal corporation, or the property subject to the lien thereof may be sold by the municipality under the same rules, regulations, of redemption and savings as are now, or may hereafter be prescribed by law for the sale of land for unpaid taxes."

The measure also would enable the town or towns entering into the project to serve outside consumers including industrial plants.

AUTO DRIVERS' BILL PASSES Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 12.—Today's legislative activity centered around the passage by the senate on the second reading of the state-wide drivers' license bill and submission to the joint finance committee for an anti sales tax bill of tax proposals to replace the sales tax and raise an estimated \$12,361,094.