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\$1.50 IN ADVANCE IN COUNTY

LIGHT RATES REDUCED BY TOWN

County Tax Rate Might Have To Be Boosted 40 to 50 Cents

Increased Demands On County Treasury Indicate Higher Rate For Next Year

Present indications are that the tax rate of the county for next year will be increased by about forty or fifty cents, according to tentative figures prepared by T. J. Cathey, county auditor.

Mr. Cathey, however, cannot work out exact details of the 1937-38 budget for submission to the board of commissioners until the tax office completes the new revaluation of property, which is now underway.

According to John Hipps, in charge of the new revaluation, the work will be completed within two weeks. All valuations have been finished with the exception of Waynesville and Beavertown. To date there is no way of knowing what the assessed valuation of the county this year was. The valuation of the county this year was estimated at twenty-two and a half millions, with a tax rate of \$1.06.

Mr. Cathey explained that two new bonds, and the additional burden of the social security set-up would result in an increase in the tax rate to point that it might reach \$1.60. The present rate is \$1.06.

The state social security board has estimated that this county will have to raise \$12,500 for social security. Local officials believe that it will be \$25,000 from the county.

Under the plan, the state will provide the same amount as the county, and the federal government provides the sum. If Haywood requires \$100,000, the state will provide a fourth, the county a fourth, and the federal government half.

Last year the board of commissioners reduced the tax rate 25 cents. In 1935 the rate was \$1.31.

Of course, as Mr. Cathey explained, the belief that the county tax rate will be increased from forty to fifty cents is based on a general survey made by the board of commissioners before the budget is adopted. It was learned from good authority, at the new revaluation in all probability show an increase of about two and a half millions. One official said, judging from the townships that are completed, it looks as if we will have a gain sufficient to bring the assessed valuation to twenty-five millions for next year.

James Smith, 66, Buried On Sunday

Last rites were conducted on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the First Baptist church, for James Smith, 66, who died on Friday night at 7:15, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sam Jones. The Rev. H. W. Baucom, Jr., son of the pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: J. R. Morgan, W. M. Ray, D. V. Phillips, W. W. Boyd, O. L. Briggs, and J. H. Rykendale. Mr. Smith was in business in Waynesville for many years. On account of ill health he had not been actively engaged in his work for several years. He and Mrs. Smith had been residing in Madison county for the past few years.

Surviving are his widow and the following children: Mrs. Sam Jones, Mrs. Fuller Robinson, Mrs. James Jones, and Mr. Marion Smith, all of Waynesville.

Cattle Sales Begin Today At Clyde

The first cattle sale of the season will be held at the Clyde stockyards today, beginning sharply at one o'clock.

The sales will be held each Thursday, and at the same hour, it was announced. The sales are held regardless of weather conditions. Medical Leatherwood is auctioneer.

Officials of the stockyards said yesterday that they were looking forward to a good season. The sales continue until about December first.

This marks the opening of the fourth year of the live stockyard sales at Clyde. Last year the sales totaled approximately \$100,000.

Main Street Parking To Be Limited To Only 30 Minutes

Parking on Main street will be limited to thirty minutes, according to a decision reached by the board of aldermen in a special session here Tuesday night.

The ordinance will not be enforced until the warning signs are placed on the streets.

Workmen were at work Wednesday morning making the signs, and they are expected to be erected this week-end and the ordinance enforced.

2,133 Fish Caught In Sherwood Forest

Many sportsmen took advantage, both locally and those visiting in the section, during the first week in June, of the three days the streams of Sherwood Forest, government lands, were opened to the public. A total of 406 persons fished in the forest and 2,133 fish were caught during the three day period.

On the Big East Fork of Pigeon 94 persons tried their luck and had to their credit 533 fish. While other streams were fished by 312 persons with a catch of 1,600.

One interesting catch of the week was made by Boss Burress, who planted fish in the Big East Fork on May 10, 1934, where there were practically no fish left. He went back during the recent open season and caught his allotment fifteen, and they were beauties, measuring from ten to sixteen inches, evidencing how well he did his work in 1934.

The streams in Sherwood will again be opened to the public for three days in July, namely 2nd, 3rd and the 4th, which will close the fishing season for the government lands for this year.

Smathers To Head Student Body Next Year At U. of Fla.

George Armistead Smathers, 22-year-old son of Judge and Mrs. Frank Smathers, of Waynesville and Miami, and grandson of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Smathers and Mrs. S. A. Jones, has been elected to serve as president of the student body of the University of Florida for the coming year.

Voted the greatest all-round athlete in Dade county when he graduated from Miami senior high school in 1932 young Smathers was elected to the office without one name from the 3,038 students of the university offered in opposition. It was the first time such an honor had been accorded a student.

Smathers has been a student at the university for five years. During which time he has completed his arts and science course and is now taking law. He has won virtually every debating and public speaking honor that can be achieved by one person. His laurels have extended into collegiate competition throughout the South.

Rev. H. W. Baucom Recuperating

The Rev. H. W. Baucom, pastor of the First Baptist church, who has been ill for the past fortnight, is improving. He is now recuperating at his old home near Lumberton.

While he has been confined to his home his son, the Rev. H. W. Baucom, Jr., has been supplying for him.

Young Mr. Baucom has served as pastor of the Murphy Baptist church. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College, and is a third year student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky.

GIVING FLOWER PLANTS AWAY

Donald Dunham, one of the town's best gardeners, is giving away as long as they last calendula, candy tuft, and aster plants.

Law Against Picking Flowers Along Highway Explained

G. C. Platt, county game and forest warden, has recently been instructed by J. R. Spratt, district forester, to bring before the people of Haywood county the law to protect trees, shrubs and flowers along the state highways, as passed by the North Carolina legislature.

The State Conservation department is making every effort this season to enforce the law, for the protection of highway beautification, and they are urging each person connected with the work in the state to use every facility to gain the co-operation of the public.

The law passed in 1934 is entitled, "An act to protect owners of property along the state highways of North Carolina," and reads as follows:

"Any person, not being on his own land, or without the consent of the owner thereof, who shall, with one hundred yards of any State highway, of North Carolina or within a like distance of any public road or highway, willfully commit any damage, injury, or spoliation to or upon any tree, wood, underwood, timber, garden, crops, vegetables, plants, lands, springs, or any matter or growing or being thereon, or who cuts, breaks, or removes any tree, plant, or bower within such limits, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction fined not exceeding fifty dollars, (\$50) or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days; Provided, however, that this act shall not apply to the officers, agents and employees of the State Highway commission or county road authorities while in the discharge of their duties."

Summer Visitor Is Honored At G.W.U.

Miss Agnes Fitzhugh Shapter, daughter of Mrs. E. Fitzhugh Shapter, of Washington, D. C., who has had a summer home in Grinnell Park for the past twelve years, was among the graduates last week from George Washington University.

Miss Shapter, who made a very unusual record, was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority, manager of the senior tennis class of the honorary varsity tennis of 1937, member of the university club of the junior staff of the college paper, was awarded a letter in intramural badminton 1937, awarded class numerals in tennis, member of Phi Sigma Rho, philosophical society, holder of highest scholastic average in sorority chapter, and holder of the Columbian Women's scholarship.

Miss Shapter and her mother will arrive tomorrow for the summer season.

Observance Of Traffic Laws Is Satisfactory

Norman Caldwell, newly appointed traffic officer for Main street here, reported yesterday that the people of Waynesville were co-operating in every way to carry out the new traffic ordinances recently adopted by the board of aldermen.

"Signs are now being made which will designate the parking limit on Main street, and until then we are not enforcing the over-parking law," Patrolman Caldwell said. "The people realize it is to their interest to observe the law, and seem satisfied with obeying them," he continued.

Girl Scouts Plan Summer Activities

The Waynesville troop of the Girl Scouts held the regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon in the Welch Memorial Sunday school building of the First Baptist church. Lt. Hattie Siler Freeman had charge of the program of the afternoon during which time plans were discussed for the summer activities of the group.

Those present were: Patrol leaders, Betty Jene Alley, Jane Stentz and Charline Rotha, and scouts, Patsy Gwyn, Gladys Walker, Ruth Wagenfeld, Mary Lee Alley, Ruby Francis, Helen McCracken, Catherine Davis, Edna Catherine McGee, Virginia Kellert, and Nora Mae Walker.

Program Manager



DR. J. M. ORMAND

Schedule Of Lake Program Is Given

Dr. Ormand Promises "Something Doing All The Time" For Coming Season

(Special to The Mountaineer.) "There will be something doing all the time."

That is the word which has gone out from the Methodist Assembly concerning activities at the Methodist Summer Assembly here.

The prospectus just issued by Dr. J. M. Ormand, of Durham, N. C., program manager, indicates that the promise of something doing all the time will be made good. For with the Junaluska Summer school, affiliated with Duke University, off to a good start, June 10-July 20, the outlook is bright for a successful, busy season.

Dr. Ormand's program schedule of schools and conferences opens with a peak event, namely, Bible Week, June 27-July 3, when Dr. James Moffatt, the famous Bible translator, will conduct courses in the Gospel of John each morning and an inspirational program in the auditorium in the evening designed to stimulate interest in the Bible.

Straight through the season the Junaluska calendar sweeps offering a continuous program featuring events of popular interest in the field of religion, education, recreation, art, entertainment and various cultural activities. The student and the vacationist, the transient visitor and the summer resident, youth and age, alike, have been provided for in the season's program.

The following schools and conferences sponsored by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and allied interests have been scheduled:

June 10-17, Junaluska Summer school.

June 27-July 3, Bible Week.

July 4-10, Christian Citizenship week.

July 5-10, Western North Carolina Conference Young People's Assembly.

July 5-Aug. 4, Camp Cheoaha.

July 13-18, Church-wide Pastor's Conference.

July 13-24, Young People's Leadership Conference.

July 26-29 Council on Christian Social Order.

July 26-31, Western North Carolina Conference School for Christian Workers.

Aug. 3-10, Missionary Conference.

Aug. 8-15, Preaching week.

Aug. 10-12, Annual meeting board of lay activities.

Aug. 12-26, Leadership school.

The Methodist Assembly administrative.

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Joe Riley Passed Away Tues. Night

Last rites will be conducted this morning in Miami, Fla., for Joe Riley, who died on Tuesday night at 6:30. He had not been well, but his condition was not considered serious.

Mr. Riley was well known in this section, where with his family he had spent the past five years. They have occupied the Norwood house on the Balsam Road.

Mr. Riley was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Riley, of Miami, who were among the first residents of that city, the father having served as the first mayor of Miami.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. J. H. Pero, three nephews, and one niece, of Miami.

Max Bryant Estate Contributes 12,000 Books To University

Announcement of local interest was the recent presentation to the library of Washington University, of St. Louis, of the 12,000 volume library of the late Max Bryant, scholar and musician, of Waynesville, and St. Louis.

The library was given the college by his widow according to his wishes. It consists largely of classics and philosophic works and contains many rare editions, and is considered by the university one of the most valuable academic collections ever received by the institution.

Noteworthy groups in the library are the 2,000 volume collection of French works, an equally large German collection and about 600 volumes in Italian.

There is also a large collection of the works of Horace. The oldest book in the library is a vellum bound Latin folio dated 1448. A seven-volume set of Beaumont and Fletcher contains book plates of "the most notable Duke of Bedford," dated 1736, Woltem Abbey.

Mr. Bryant, who was well known in this section, his parents having maintained summer home here for more than forty years, had spent much time in this section. His death occurred in 1935, and Mrs. Bryant, his widow, who also often visited here, has not been to Waynesville since that date.

27 Local Scouts Given Promotion

Twenty-seven Boy Scouts were promoted on Tuesday night at a session of the court of honor of the Haywood district of the Daniel Boone council, which was held in the court house, with William Medford presiding.

Those promoted were: Tenderfoot, Joe Swaynginn Waynesville Troop 2.

Second class: Jimmie Deas, Canton, Troop 1.

First class: Tommy Davis, Waynesville, Troop 2, and Billy Haliburton, Canton, Troop 1.

Among those receiving merit badges from Waynesville Troop 2 were: Byron Marsh, Edward McRorie, Bobby Colkitt, Joe V. Davis, Cupers Green, Joe Tate, Jr., Robbie Lee, Joe Way, Henry Foy, Ben Colkitt, Kenneth Palmer, Jack Richeson.

From Canton Troop 1, those receiving merit badges were: Martin Cavanaugh, Bryson Leifford, Billy Alexander, William Barton, Jack May, James Campbell, and Bramard Burress.

Henry Foy and Ralph Seave, two members of the Waynesville troop, were promoted to Star Scouts.

Following the court, members of the district committee went to the American Legion home, where they installed the newly organized troop sponsored by the Haywood post, Robert H. Gibson is Scout master, with Mack Davis assistant, and the following boys compose the troop: Frank Leonard, Frank Worthington, Jr., Hugh Francis, Harry Dyer, Billy Frazier, Jr., Robert L. Burzin, Jr., and Zeb Curtis.

Gulf Service Station Opened This A. M.

The new Gulf Service Station at the corner of Main and Pigeon streets opened for business this morning, with White Mease and Charles Ballentine as operators.

Although completed last December, the station was not opened until this morning.

The equipment, as well as the building, is new and of the most modern type.

An enclosed washing and greasing rack is one of the features of the station.

In an advertisement elsewhere in today's paper, the operators are advertising complete service, and a full line of Gulf products.

Bowles Named Assistant Secretary Of C. Of C.

M. H. Bowles has been named as assistant secretary of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce for the summer months.

Mr. Bowles served as secretary last summer. He assumed his duties Tuesday of this week, and will remain on the job until August 15th.

Aldermen Working On Plans To Give Rates Like Carolina

Residential Rates Will Be Considerably Reduced, New Rates Effective July First

A decision was made Tuesday night at a special meeting of the town board of aldermen and the mayor, to reduce the light rates in Waynesville. This action came after the board had gone over the situation with a rate expert of the Carolina Power & Light Company.

The biggest reduction will be made in the residential rates, Mayor J. H. Way stated. The officials are working on plans which will put into effect in Waynesville the same rates as now charged by Carolina Power & Light Company in this area.

"We hope to adopt the Carolina schedule of rates from start to finish," Mr. Way said.

"The minimum charged by Carolina is \$1, while the town has a minimum of \$1.20. The town also has several different schedules, but under the proposed plans, there will only be one rate, and that on a sliding scale. The more a resident uses the cheaper the kilowatt hour rate.

"Under this new plan we believe that many homes will install electric ranges, and other appliances because of the reduced rate. Under the new rates it will be to the advantage of the consumers to use more electricity, and get advantage of the low rates offered on volume.

The explanation was made that the new rates would not go out on this month's bills which are now being prepared. The board plans, however, to figure these bills under the Carolina Power rates and make a comparison. After this comparison is made, then the final rate will be adopted, and it is believed the residential Carolina rate will be used.

The industrial and commercial rates now being charged by the town are lower in many instances than the Carolina rates for the same classes.

The town officials are taking every precaution against reducing the rates to a point where it would cause a deficit in the light department. Enough profit has to be made to pay for the up-keep of the system, which is rated as a \$250,000 system.

It was also pointed out that the street lights are provided without cost to the taxpayers of the town. In towns the same size of Waynesville the taxpayers have to provide as much as \$10,000 a year for street lighting.

"We have every reason to believe that the Carolina rates will be adopted as of July first," Mr. Way said, "and if that be true, the taxpayers will be getting the same rates as other towns, and in addition, will save the extra tax on their property for the street lights."

The new rates will be announced at an early date, but in the meantime, the officials are working towards the Carolina rates throughout.

Many Honors Given To Carl Ratcliff

Carl Ratcliff, of Waynesville, as announced at the recent commencement exercises of Western Carolina Teachers College, was chosen as the Best Boy Citizen on the college campus. This is the highest honor which can be conferred upon a member of the student body and under present plans his name will be placed in a college hall of fame.

Other than the above mentioned honor he has served as president of his freshman and junior classes; vice president of his sophomore class; president of Roberson House government; president of Erosophian Literary Society; president of Monogram club, and president of the Haywood County club. During the past year Mr. Ratcliff has served as president of the student body and was voted the most popular boy in the senior class.

He received the distinctive honor of football captain during the past season and received a medal for intramural athletics. He was also selected as an all conference end on the North State team.

Mr. Ratcliff received his B. S. degree and will be connected with the Waynesville high during the coming year. —Contributed.