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WAYNESVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1939

\$1.50 In Advance In Haywood and Jackson Counties

ENGINEER CONDEMNS 2 COUNTY SCHOOLS

Haywood Reduces Tax Rate 7 Cents

Engineer Says Clyde And Part Of Bethel Schools Are Unsafe

New Rate Of \$1.57 Adopted By Board In Session Monday

Budget Of \$487,671.85 Can Be Raised With Lower Tax Rate, Found

After spending the greater part of the day laboring over the annual budget requirements for Haywood County, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1st, 1939 and ending June 30, 1940, the county commissioners met in session Monday afternoon, T. J. Cathey, county auditor, and a way to reduce the county tax rate seven cents, over that of last year, according to George A. Brown, Jr., chairman of the county board.

Last year the rate was \$1.64 and this year's rate will be \$1.57. The total budget requirements for 1939-40 amount to \$488,779.69 based on an estimated property valuation of \$32,000,000.

The total budget requirements for 1939-40 will amount to \$487,671.85 based on property valuation amounting to \$23,000,000. The tax levy will amount to \$311,100, while estimates of revenues to be available are \$146,071, this including section of back taxes.

Practically all the counties that have announced tax rates for the coming fiscal year in this section have an increase, rather than a reduction in tax rates.

The commissioners determine the rate after the people of the county and the various departments have the amount of money needed for the operation of the county government. It is the duty of the commissioners to give careful study to the requests of the departments, and allow all that is needed for operation, but no more. If they fail to levy enough for the proper function of the police, welfare departments, county and all other necessary functions of the county government, they are guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by fine or imprisonment or both in the discretion of the court.

Hearings Started For Right-Of-Way Through Cherokee

Hearings have been in progress a week before the House committee on public lands in an effort to get legislation on Congressman Weaver's bill that would give the secretary of the interior power to institute condemnation proceedings for the 15-mile right-of-way for the Blue Ridge Parkway from Soco Gap to Ravenscroft through the Cherokee Indian reservation.

Frady Sentenced To State Prison By Judge Pless

Sentence Expected To Be Given Putnam today—Guilty Of Second Degree Murder

Albert Frady, charged with second degree murder of his brother-in-law, Laban Fie, last February, and convicted by a Haywood County jury of manslaughter, was sentenced by Judge J. Will Pless to the State Penitentiary at hard labor for not less than seven nor more than 12 years.

In the case of the state against Fred Putnam, charged with the death of his father-in-law, Tom Lusk, the case went to the jury on Tuesday afternoon, with instructions from Judge Pless not to deliberate upon its verdict until Wednesday morning. The jury brought in a verdict of second degree murder, and it was generally thought that Judge Pless would pass sentence on Putnam today.

Other cases brought up for trial during the week in which sentences have been handed down were as follows: Verlin Shelton, reckless driving, and sentenced to jail and 90 days on the roads.

J. T. Spriggs, charged with manslaughter, was sentenced to the State prison for two to three years.

Elmer Lemings, reckless driving, was sentenced to jail and roads for three months.

Zeb Ferguson, for driving drunk, was given four months on the roads, suspended on condition that he pay a fine of \$150, and the costs and not operate a motor vehicle on the highways for twelve months, and be of good behavior for three years.

Gene Howell, charged with assault, was sentenced to jail and roads for four months. Verlin Shelton, charged with reckless driving, was given 90 days in jail and on the roads.

Wayne Shepard, charged with assault, was sentenced to work around the court house for six months. Bose Love, for assault was sentenced to jail and roads for six months.

Willard Brown, charged with public drunkenness, was given 30 days, suspended on condition that he pay the costs of the action in one count, and suspended five years on other count on good behavior.

Ernest Harrell, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was given six months in jail and on roads. Baxter Conard, for assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to jail and roads for 18 months.

Haywood Farmers Left This Morning For Farm Tour

Party Will Travel 500 Miles And Visit Farms In Virginia And Tennessee

With a desire to see how the other fellow farms, in the neighborhood states of Virginia and Tennessee, a large number of Haywood County farmers left this morning around 6 o'clock on the out-of-county farm tour, which is being sponsored by the county farm agents.

The tour will embrace a distance of approximately 500 miles and the party will go by way of the following places: Asheville, Johnson City, Tenn. Bristol, Tenn., Abingdon, Va., Chilhowie, Va., Marion, Va., Tilford, Tenn., Greeneville, Tenn., Kingsport, Tenn., and Knoxville.

Some of the phases of farm work that will be observed on the tour include, pasture demonstration, showing the effect of lime and phosphate over a period of years; increased return from good pasture management; purebred beef and dairy cattle; purebred stallions and jacks; strip-cropping; the manufacture of ground agricultural limestone; and a visit to the Norris Dam will be made.

Those who left this morning from Waynesville township were: D. J. Noland, W. A. Bradley and son, Richard Bradley, C. N. Allen, Chas. W. Edwards, Jr., F. L. Leopard, Walter Franklin, Frank M. Davis, C. R. Limer, P. D. Turner, and J. H. Beach. From Fines Creek township: Sam Ferguson, L. Z. Messer, N. C. James.

Pigeon-Cruso Section To Get Power By 1st

Three Of County School Districts To Open July 30

Bethel, Fines Creek And Crabtree Will Start The 1939-40 School Term

Jack Messer, county superintendent of schools has announced that the school term of 1939-40 will open on Monday the 31st in the Bethel, Fines Creek, and Crabtree school districts.

Announcement has also been made from the county superintendent's office of the holidays that will be allowed for the fall term of the county schools, which will include Labor Day, Wednesday and Friday of Thanksgiving week, with school closing on Wednesday the 20th for the Christmas vacation and convening again on Monday, January the first.

J. C. James is the principal of the Bethel district, and the following teachers will compose the faculty of the Bethel school: Mary Lou Morrow Solsby, Sara Karr Moore Cathey, J. T. Chappel, Jr., Mary Emma Trull, Mrs. Ruth Tucker, Harriet J. Boyd, Mary Ruby Davis, Tyson Andrew Cathey, Mrs. Ruth Singleton Noland, Alice Rickman, Mary Pauline Sentelle, Mabel Clark, Mrs. Bessie R. McClure Evans, Gussie Martin Palmer, Robert Way James, Mrs. S. E. J. H. James, H. T. Rogers, and F. M.

Grand Jury Would Make Parking Lot Of County Property

Report That Maintenance Work On School Buses Not Up To Par

The grand jury in their report to the court this week, urged that the lot between the court house and the Le-Faine Hotel be converted into a parking lot. The county bought the property a year or so ago.

The report pointed out that maintenance work on school buses was not up to par.

The grand jury considered 65 bills of indictment and returned 61 true bills.

The safety door at the top of the stairway at the jail and the broken rail have not been installed nor repaired, the report said.

The body urged a washing machine for the hospital kitchen, and minor repairs to the nurses home.

At the county home they reported 47 inmates; 21 being children, 18 men and 9 women. Supplies consisted of 525 pounds pork, 11 cows, 3 heifers, 40 bushels wheat, 4 calves, 17 hogs, 350 bushels corn, 2 mules, 125 chickens, with 22 acres in corn, 10 in wheat, 10 in hay, 3 of rye, 1 1/2 in potatoes, 1 in cane, and a 2-acre garden.

The grand jury also recommended that a silo be built at the county home.

Voice of The People

Do you think the ABC election to be held in Buncombe County next week will carry?

L. M. Killian—Owner Waynesville Ice and Cold Storage Company—"No. I do not think it will. If it does I figure the city of Asheville will be responsible for it."

John F. Cane—Former member of the State Legislature—"No. I don't think it will carry. Those who are against it are fighting it in the open, and those for it are staying too quiet and inactive."

A. P. Ledbetter—Business manager Haywood County Hospital—"I think the election will carry. I base my conclusion on the recent opinions

Poles On 31-Mile Line Have Been Placed; Sixty Men Working On Project

Work on the electric lines of the Cruso Mutual Electric Company, of the Pigeon Valley section of the county is rapidly progressing, according to those in charge.

Unless some unforeseen delay should come up the plans now are to turn the current on in the East Fork section by the first of August.

Melvin F. Burgess, contractor, of Baltimore, who has the contract for the building of the lines, and Harry Dewar, chief engineer, for the Rural Electrification Administration in this part of the state, have spent the past week in the county supervising the work.

Sixty men are now employed on the construction of the lines, with satisfactory progress going forward each day.

It is expected that the setting of the poles for the East Fork section will be practically completed by this week. A number of homes of the subscribers are now being wired.

The plans now call for the stringing of the transmission wires to begin not later than Monday of next week.

Apartment House To Be Completed Within Two Weeks

Miss Hahn Completing Four 4-Room Modern Apartment House In Community

Work is being pushed on Brookwood Gables Apartments, on the corner of Highway 19 and Main street of Hazelwood, and plans are to have the 4-apartment building completed by August, according to Miss Margaret Hahn, owner.

The apartment house will have four 4-room apartments, two are already completed. The building is of typical English design, of cream stucco and brown timber.

The owner plans extensive landscaping on the yards when the building is completed.

The kitchens are electrically equipped throughout.

Each of the four apartments has private entrances, and three have shower bath additions in the bathroom, and one apartment has two baths.

The apartment house has a steam heating system, operated by a stoker.

In addition to the four apartments, there is also a one-room apartment, with private entrance and private bath.

Miss Hahn came to Waynesville eight years ago.

MISS ROBENA MILLER LEASES RESIDENCE

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Ruggles, of Pinehurst, have leased the home of Miss Robena Miller, on Haywood street.

Blackberries Are Being Canned At Hazelwood Plant

Eight Tons Have Been Put Into Cans Since Monday Afternoon

Since Monday afternoon more than eight tons of blackberries have been canned at the Hazelwood Mutual Cannery, according to Frank M. Davis, manager.

Prior to the opening of the cannery at Hazelwood, this large and profitable crop which now brings in several thousands of dollars each year, was completely lost in the county.

The cans are labeled "Southern Skyland, Waynesville, N. C.," and are shipped all over the East from Florida to Maine, and to many points in the middle West. Haywood County berries have gained high prestige on the canned goods markets, as the berry of this section has certain qualities that make for an exceptional canned product.

One person in each section is designated as the hauler and all the pickers bring their berries to one point in the vicinity and from there they are brought direct to the cannery. The hauling is done on a percentage basis, which has proven satisfactory both to the picker and the hauler.

"At this season of the year it should not be necessary for any rural family to be on relief, as the entire family can engage in picking blackberries for at least three weeks," said Frank M. Davis, this week when speaking of the opportunity the berry season affords the country people.

On Monday a rural preacher, it was reported, brought in 1,850 pounds of berries from his section, which made up a solid truck load. A continual line of trucks has been unloading at the cannery all this week.

According to Mr. Davis, the crop for this year will be from 60 to 70 tons. He also states that owing to the fine quality of the Haywood berry, pickers are paid five cents a pound more here than in other sections.

The bean crops in the county will be rather late this year, according to Mr. Davis, but he predicts that the price will remain at a good profit to the producers. He urges all bean growers to contact the cannery before selling their beans, as the cannery is in close touch with buyers and can get top prices for the growers.

Health Department Gives Rating Of Milk Producers

The district health department has announced grades on Haywood County dairies for the six months period beginning July 15th.

These dairies conform to the requirements of the United States Health Service Milk Ordinance for the sanitary production of fluid milk.

Consumers are urged to purchase on the basis of grade and to look for the grade bottle cap. The retail milk grades are as follows: Grade A, Raw Milk, J. E. Henderson, Canton, J. F. Mann, Canton, H. A. Osborne, Canton, M. H. Silver, Canton, W. J. Smathers, Canton.

Grade A pasteurized milk, Pet Dairy Products Company, of Waynesville.

Bradley Purchases Haywood Orchard With 4,000 Trees

W. A. Bradley has purchased and is improving the 153-acre apple orchard, known as the Haywood Orchard, on the Sylva highway, and one mile from Hazelwood.

The orchard has over 4,000 apple trees, and three years ago, when under careful cultivation, had a yield of 18,000 bushels of apples.

Mr. Bradley plans extensive improvements of the orchard this fall and winter.

SLIGHT DAMAGE BY FIRE

The fire department extinguished a roof blaze at the home of Sam Freeman, on East street yesterday morning. Sparks from the fire set the roof, with a damage of about \$5.

Recommendation Of Full Time Maintenance Man Made In Report To Board

An engineer's condemnation of a group of Haywood County school buildings has prompted the county officials to make application to Federal government agencies for financial aid for immediate improvement, it was made known yesterday when the grand jury attached to their report recommendations of W. F. Credle, director of school buildings and planning of the state department of education, who made a survey of all county buildings last spring.

The Clyde school building and also portions of the Bethel school building were reported to be unsafe for use, and recommended that they be abandoned and a number of repairs to other county schools be made at once.

In view of the survey, a WPA project has been submitted to the government for general repairs on the county school buildings, with the exception of Clyde and Bethel, which will amount to a figure between \$20,000 and \$25,000, with the county's part to be somewhere between \$6,000 and \$10,000.

Plans and specifications have been submitted for a new building at Clyde, that will cost about \$100,000, the part to be defrayed by the county not yet known. Application has also been made for the construction of a vocational building and a new auditorium at the Bethel school, which would cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

It was also recommended that in the future the county officials employ a competent maintenance man, thus avoiding ever having the condition of the school buildings in the present state.

The report submitted by W. F. Credle follows:

Haywood County Schools
At the request of Haywood County officials I visited and inspected certain schools in the county on Monday, March 13, 1939. The grand jury at the term of the Superior Court preceding my visit had made the following report:

"We inspected all Haywood County schools and most of the school buses. It is our humble opinion that our school buildings and equipment are not all that is to be desired; there are many defects and we recommend the County Commissioners employ a competent engineer to inspect all buildings and equipment, with a view of correcting the unsatisfactory condition especially some of the buildings which are dangerous."

His Honor, Judge Zeb V. Nettles, the presiding judge, ordered the County Commissioners to comply with the recommendations of the grand jury. It was in compliance with this order that I was invited to make the above mentioned inspections.

Investigation revealed that it was the following school houses that were deemed unsafe by the investigating grand jury.

1. East Waynesville, 2. Clyde, 3. Crabtree, 4. Lake Junaluska, 5. Waynesville Senior High School, 6. Bethel.

In addition to the above schools, I inspected the new building now nearing completion at Hazelwood and the recently completed Junior High School building at Waynesville and the Cruso building.

Messrs. Jack Messer, County Superintendent of Schools, R. T. Boyd, a member of the Board of County Commissioners, T. J. Cathey, County Auditor, and Frank M. Davis, a member of the Board of County Commissioners, accompanied me on the trip.

Prices On Late Beans To Be High

"Prices on late crop beans look the best in years," was the prediction of a produce representative in town yesterday.

Poor crop conditions in other sections of the country will bring out a sharp rise in local beans, if planted now, it was pointed out.

The call for local green produce this summer is far ahead of that of former years, The Mountaineer was told. Beans planted now will be ready for the market just at a time when crops in other sections are over.