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COUNTY TAX RATE REMAINS AT \$1.30

Only Slight Changes Are Made In New 1946 Budget

Budget Requirements For Coming Fiscal Year Almost \$400,000 For Haywood.

There will be no increase in the county tax rate for the coming year, according to George A. Brown, Jr., county manager and of commissioners.

The rate will remain \$1.30 per \$100 property valuation, which was the rate of last year. The estimate of property valuation in the county has been set at \$23,500,000 for the current year, according to Mr. Brown, who also announced the budget as adopted and approved for county expenditures for the year.

When the requests of the various county agencies were submitted to the board of commissioners, it was found that the county welfare department asked for an additional \$7,000 over the allotted amount in the budget of the past year.

A vote was taken on the proposed amount, with D. J. Noland voting in favor of the increase, and J. R. Clapp opposing. To break the tie, the chairman was required to vote, with the result that the appropriation will remain as of last year. It was pointed out by Mr. Brown that in view of the fact that there was more money than usual in circulation, the board felt that it should not raise the appropriation at this time.

The total budget calls for an expenditure of \$398,764.13, and will be allocated to the following county agency requirements:

General Fund	\$ 42,535.00
Special Fund	19,750.00
Debt Fund	16,000.00
Public Service Fund	71,731.25
Hospital Fund	65,000.00
Capital Outlay Fund	7,650.00
School Fund	134,097.88
Penalty Fund	2,000.00
Old Age Assist Fund	21,420.00
Aid To Dep. Children	6,000.00
Welfare Fund	12,580.00

Lt. H. M. Jennings Now In States Wounded In Action

Lt. Howard M. Jennings, of Sumter, S. C., husband of the former Miss May Crawford, daughter of Mrs. W. T. Crawford, who was wounded in the Okinawa campaign in May, is now a patient at the Naval Hospital in Charleston. It was learned this week.

Lt. Jennings who is serving with the U. S. Marines, took his training at Parris Island, Quantico, and San Diego, Calif., prior to being sent to the South Pacific where he served for the past fifteen months.

After he was wounded Lt. Jennings was sent to a naval hospital at Guam, and later to Oakland, Calif., and was recently brought to Charleston, where he has been joined by Mrs. Jennings.

Turkish Tobacco Stalk On Display Here Yesterday

A stalk of Turkish aromatic tobacco, eight and one-half feet high was being displayed here yesterday on the courthouse grounds by Waldo McCracken, of Crabtree, one of the three growers in the county outside the experiment being carried on at the State Test Farm of this variety.

The stalk which is of average height according to Mr. McCracken, was selected from his patch to bring to town because it was the only one in bloom. It bore fifty thick healthy leaves, where the average Burley plant shows only twenty.

Other growers in the county, who like Mr. McCracken are trying their luck with a quarter of an acre of this foreign variety of tobacco include: Grayson Nichols, Francis Cove, and Fred L. Safford, Fines Creek.

The state test farm under the supervision of Dr. Luther Shaw, is experimenting with an acre in Turkish tobacco, and the feasibility of its cultivation in the mountain section will be determined by these plantings.

Board Likes Work



DEAN COLVARD, director in charge of the State Test Farm here and in Ashe county, was highly praised last week for his accomplishments by the commissioner of agriculture and the state board as they inspected the farms on an official tour of this area.

35 Caught For Parking Over Time On Main St.

Thirty-five motorists paid fines during July for over time parking in restricted zones according to a list of Police Officer Roberts yesterday. In checking the list of violators it was shown that 35 per cent were local people.

All were fined one dollar for the first offense and on any second charges, they will be haled into mayor's court.

A total of 66 arrests were made by the department during the month, with 2000 leading the list.

Pic. Summerrow Gets Bronze Star, Oak Leaf Cluster

Private First Class John C. Summerrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Summerrow of Hazelwood, has been awarded the Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster according to word received by his family.

Private Summerrow entered the service in February, 1943, and has been overseas since September, 1944, serving with the 9th Army. At present he is attached to the Army of Occupation in Germany.

The citation which accompanied the award read in part as follows: "For heroic and gallant conduct in Germany from February, 1945, to 2 March, 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy during the crossing of a dike, and the subsequent capture of a bridge over an important waterway. Private Summerrow rendered invaluable service by his organization as a communications sergeant. When unable to locate his unit, he searched for it and was instrumental in its location. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Oak Leaf Cluster for his gallant and heroic conduct in the front line troops. His determination and untiring energy in securing an every ready supply of ammunition through contributing materials to the success of the operations."

The speaker closed with the thought: "What has the church to contribute? Can the church succeed without the church and what is the task of the church now and in the future? Questions which he answered partly as follows:

It was due largely to the efforts of Christian churches that the cause of peace is receiving serious consideration, breaking down isolationism and contributing to the spirit of world fellowship.

"Can the church now rest? Not entirely, because good and important as the United Nations' Charter is, it cannot be substituted for Christian fellowship out of which world peace must be built."

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Chinese Diplomat At Lake Says World Charter Better Than League Of Nations

Over 3 Inches Of Rain Falls Here In 3 Days

Some of the heaviest rains in years fell here during the first of the week, flooding many basements, and causing some roofs to leak that never leaked before.

The official weather observer at the State Test Farm here reported a fall of 1.35 inches Sunday night with 35 of an inch before the downpour that night, making almost two inches for Sunday alone.

A hard rain fell Monday afternoon during an electrical storm, and on Tuesday afternoon 1.02 inches fell during a cloudburst and electrical storm. Storm sewers and drains proved inadequate to take care of the sudden flow of water as it swept here and there.

Lightning Starts Six Blazes At Tapestry Mill

Bolt Jumps Fuse Plugs During Storm, and Runs Into Royle-Pilkington Plant.

Six fires were started in the plant of Royle-Pilkington Company in Hazelwood, about five o'clock Monday, when lightning struck power lines in the vicinity and ran into the plant.

Two outside transformers were set on fire and blazes started in six different places throughout the plant, as the bolt jumped all fuse plugs and safety devices.

Ben E. Colkitt, general manager of the plant, praised the employees who went to work with extinguishers and put out the blazes. "Some employees had the fires under control in a very few minutes. They went about the task like veteran firemen," Mr. Colkitt said.

No estimate has been made of the extent of property damage.

Cpl. H. C. Meece Wounded In Action On Philippines

Corporal Hubert C. Meece, 21 son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Meece of Canton, was wounded on May 28, while serving in the Philippines, according to a report recently received from the hospital by his parents.

Cpl. Meece is attached to the U. S. Marines and has been overseas since last September. He had previously served two years in the Marines.

F. B. I. Arrest Haywood Man For Deserter From Army 18 Years Ago

Clem Cabe, of the Dellwood Road, who had lived the life of a freeman for 18 years, was placed under federal arrest on a charge of being a deserter from the U. S. Army late Tuesday afternoon.

Cabe, who will be 36 years old Saturday, 4th, is reported to have told the officers who arrested him that he had not minded serving the sentence, that the unbearable thing had been the dishonorable discharge from the army. He told them that his wife had been told nothing about his escape.

Cabe was in the regular army, and since his escape from confinement at Fort Benning, Ga., May 2, 1927, he had married and had become the father of three children.

The arrest was announced by Edward Scheidt, special agent in charge of the federal bureau of investigation. Two FBI agents, along with Deputy Sheriff Wade McDaniel, of the Sheriff's department, found Cabe on a painting job here. He made no effort to resist arrest, according to the officers.

Claimed By Death



DR. JOE F. BAXTER, former citizen of Waynesville, died this week at Dothan, Ala. (Out courtesy St. John's School)

Dr. J. F. Baxter, Former Resident, Buried Yesterday

Funeral services were conducted yesterday in Dothan, Ala., for Dr. Joseph Ford Baxter, 32, former Waynesville, veterinary surgeon who died at his home in Dothan on Monday night, according to information received here by his wife and Mrs. T. L. Brandt.

Dr. Baxter came here in February, 1944 from Kinston, where he had practiced for two and a half years, prior to which he had been connected with the State Department of Agriculture at Jacksonville.

Dr. Baxter was a graduate of Auburn School of Veterinary Medicine of Alabama. He was active in civic and religious affairs here, being a member of the Waynesville Rotary Club, and the Presbyterian Church, and served as athletic coach at St. John's. He was also a high ranking Mason.

Dr. Baxter gave up his practice here on account of ill health prior to his returning to his home in Dothan a few weeks ago. He had been a patient in Duke Hospital for four months.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Sarah Mullin Baxter, and two daughters, Jean and Elizabeth Baxter, his mother, two sisters, and several brothers.

Frank Davis Is Developing Dairy Farm In Iron Duff

Frank Davis has started development of a modern dairy farm on a 250-acre tract in Iron Duff. Mr. Davis has acquired the J. S. Davis farm, which was his father's, and is going forward with plans to develop it into a leading dairy farm. He now has a herd of 25 cows, and plans call for considerable more.

Mr. Davis is former county commissioner, and farmer of this county, and for the past four years has held a position with the North Carolina Ship Building Company at Wilmington. He and family moved back here several months ago.

Col. Wm. I. Lee Goes To Veterans Hospital For Treatment

Col. William I. Lee, of Gatlinburg, chief engineer with the Great Smoky Mountains Park Service, is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Chicago. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lee, the former Miss Mildred Crawford, of Waynesville.

Kerr Scott Sees Great Future For Turkish Tobacco In This Area

"I see great possibilities in this area for the development of a profitable crop in Turkish tobacco," Kerr Scott, state commissioner of agriculture, said here last Thursday night, as the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce was held at the Parkway Knoll to Mr. Scott and the State Agriculture Board.

"Turkish tobacco is especially suited for small farms and on land such as is found in this area. It requires lots of hand work, and must be planted close together in order to keep the leaves and stalks small," he said.

Mr. Scott also pointed out the distinct advantages of this area in combining agriculture and industry. "In such a community as this, where the employes of manufacturing plants can have small farms, or at least extra large gardens, it takes a long time for a depression to set in."

First Graders Must Have 3 Vaccinations For School

New State Law Is Effective Beginning With This School Term.

The 1945 General Assembly made it compulsory for all children entering school this fall for the first time be immunized against whooping cough and smallpox, according to Dr. C. N. Sisk, county health officer.

For some years it has been optional with the counties as to whether or not smallpox vaccination was compulsory, but the last legislature made the law statewide and applicable to all counties. Heretofore it had not been compulsory in Haywood county, though the majority of students have been vaccinated.

This brings the total of compulsory immunizations for school entrance to include three communicable diseases, namely, diphtheria, which has been compulsory for many years, whooping cough and smallpox.

Certificates of immunization or of immunity are now required by law for all children entering the first grade of school for the three diseases named.

The new law requires that all children in North Carolina be immunized against whooping cough before they reach one year of age. The parents, guardians or person in loco parentis of any such child not previously immunized shall be taken to a licensed physician and have administered a sufficient dosage of a prophylactic factor whooping cough agent, it was pointed out by Dr. Sisk.

M. H. Boyles, county superintendent of education, is urging that all parents with children not yet immunized against these diseases, who are making their initial entrance in school either go to their physician or visit the county health department and have the children vaccinated.

The verbal violation of any part of the law is considered a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, it was pointed out by the health officer and the county superintendent.

Hyatt Family To Hold Annual Reunion On Shoal Creek, Whittier

The annual Hyatt reunion will be held Sunday, August 30th, at the home of Rev. John L. Hyatt on Shoal Creek, near Whittier, according to an announcement this week. All relatives and friends of the family, which is a large connection in this section of the state, are invited to attend and bring a basket lunch. An interesting program has been arranged.

Mrs. Osborne Is Superintendent Mission Hospital

Mrs. Evelyn A. Osborne assumed her duties as superintendent of the Mission Hospital, Asheville, yesterday. Mrs. Osborne was former superintendent of the Haywood County Hospital, which position she held for two years, resigning on June 1st of this year.

Mrs. Osborne, a graduate of the nursing school of Johns Hopkins, was a member of the nursing staff of the Orange General Hospital of Orlando at the time she accepted the post here in Waynesville.

Company Is New Location

Mr. Athanes is announcing the removal of his tire plant from Hazelwood to Parkway Service Station, and giving the name to the Parkway Service.

The features the use of electric for recapping, and has been in operation for a

Howard Clapp And Miss With Re-Elected For Haywood Farm Projects

Commissioners Also Re-Elected For Miss Helen As Assistant Agent For



HOWARD CLAPP was recently re-elected by the county commissioners as county agent for another year. Mr. Clapp has been here 3 1/2 years.

Thirty Men Report For Pre-Induction Examinations

Thirty men left here on Tuesday morning for Fort Jackson, making up the pre-induction group under the selective service system going from this area for physical examinations during the month of July.

Hugh Turner Francis was named leader of the group and Burke C. Stillwell served as assistant leader. In the group were two transfers as follows: Roy Vaughn Buchanan, from Hiwassee, Ga., and Jack James Ferguson from Newport News, Va.

Others included: Fred Mance McDonald, Floyd Edward Rathbone, Edward Russell Messer, Coleman Edwards, Ferguson Marshall Duckett, James Duncan Bradshaw, William Theodore Dewese, Vivian Ward, James Dennis Crawford, Charles Franklin Derrick, Robert Flint Smith, Willie Claude Allison, Hugh A. Hill.

Lloyd Furman Roben, Arthur Smith, Jr., Wilburn Virgle Massey, John Wesley Murphy, William Orton Davis, Jr., Charles Colledge Haney, James Gettiss Rathbone, Glenn Hardy Davis, Judge Edgar Hall, Charles Ray Conard, James Alvin Suttton, James Ellis McMahen, and Carroll Lee Smathers.

Waynesville Men In Germany

Waynesville men with the Army have just been in their bronze arrowhead to their European theatre of operations. The arrowhead has been awarded for participation in the Salerno and Riviera when they made the D-Day amphibious assault.

They are S/Sgt. Glenn C. and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. and T/Sgt. Carl W. Duckett. Mrs. Elsie Duckett, route 2, is a member of the Engineers.

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Haywood Casualty List

As of Today:

In Action	105
Wounded	221
Deceased	4
In Action	25
Wounded	22
Deceased	0
Total	377