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COMMENCEMENT HAYESVILLE HIGH MAY 4TH TO 8TH

The commencement exercises of the Hayesville High School will begin Friday evening, May 4th with the Senior play.

Sunday, May 6th at 11:00 o'clock Rev. F. Rauschenberg Superintendent of Presbyterian Home Missions of Asheville, N. C., will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Class Day exercises will be held Monday, May 7th. Dr. R. L. Moore President of Mars Hill College will deliver the Literary address to the Senior class Tuesday evening, May 8th.

If the weather is favorable, a large attendance is expected for each program. Prof. Shuler is fortunate in securing Rev. Mr. Rauschenberg and Dr. Moore to make these talks, and we are sure that there is a treat in store for all who will hear these men.

Prof. Shuler stated this week, that plans are under way for one of the best commencements that has been held here in some time.

TAX SUPERVISOR APPOINTED AND OTHER ACTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS MONDAY 16th

The Board of Commissioners met on the above date in adjourned session with all members present and proceeded to transact the following business.

Ordered by the Board that Claud Hicks be appointed overseer over that part of public road leading into the Winchester Cove Community beginning at forks of road at Charlie Nelson's and continuing to edge of A. M. McClure's field. All hands residing on said road subject to road duty are assigned to work thereon. This order covers the road leading to residence of Arthur Price.

After reading Section 42, Chapter 71, Public Laws of 1927 (Revenue and Machinery Act) order of appointment of Tax Supervisor be and same is hereby recinded, and which appears to be within the meaning of Section and Chapter of Revenue and Machinery Act.

The various Township Listers as appointed by Mr. W. T. Bumgarner were retained as follows:

Brasstown Township—J. T. Reece.
Hayesville Township—W. T. Bumgarner, W. D. Bradley.
Hiawasse Township, M. F. Crawford.

Shooting Creek Township—J. L. McClure.

Sweetwater Township—J. H. Barlow.

Tusquitee Township—C. C. Martin.

Ordered by the Board that error in lands charged to Mrs. J. J. Gribble and Fred Gribble be and same is hereby corrected, and valuation of timber lands is corrected to read "cut-over" lands as parties own no real timber lands, and valuation is corrected to read \$1190 instead of \$1470 and credit on said tax is hereby ordered in amount of \$9.24 without claim issuing.

Ordered by the Board that Minnie Hampton, be appointed Vital Statistic Registrar for Brasstown Township to take the place of J. W. Clayton who has moved to Cherokee County.

Ordered by the Board that error in Ed and Bee Kitchens' land in amount of 60 acres at a valuation of \$1800 be and same is hereby corrected. Complaint of this error was made and should have been corrected at the regular time for such adjustments but was over-looked and not passed on at that time. Therefore, it is the order of the Board that the survey by E. C. Mease, under oath, showing said shortage be corrected and credit of \$57.60 on tax of said parties be granted without claim issuing.

Ordered by the Board that Baxter Durham, claim in amount of \$180.40 dated April 6th, 1925, No. 132 for Indigent Pupils 1923-1924, shown by Check Book of Treasurer to have been paid but lost by said

LADIES CLUB GIVES BANQUET

Honoring Town Council and Board of Commissioners

Saturday evening, April 21, at 8:00 o'clock in the auditorium of the Hayesville High School the Ladies Club of Clay County gave a banquet in honor of and complimenting the members of the Board of County Commissioners and the Town Council of Hayesville and their wives, thereby showing their appreciation to the two boards for their support financially in building the rubble masonry wall around the courthouse square in Hayesville.

Due to the inclement weather only the members of the Town Council and the lady members of the Club and their husbands were present, the Board of Commissioners were not present.

Places were laid for about sixty people and a most delicious supper was served, which was enjoyed to the fullest extent by all present. After all had finished supper, Mrs. J. B. Gray, President of the Ladies Club made a short talk, in which she expressed the thanks of the Club as a whole for the work done by the Town Council and County Commissioners. She then called on Col. G. H. Haigler, cashier of the Clay County Bank. Mr. Haigler, after thanking the ladies for the good supper talked briefly on the good work being done by the Club. Mr. R. E. Crawford was called on next. His talk was very interesting. He was followed by Mr. B. Neil Haigler, Col. J. B. Gray and others who talked interestingly on the work of the Ladies Club not only in Clay County but over the entire State.

When the Ladies Club was organized last winter they took up the beautification of the courthouse square as their first major object in Hayesville, and this work has been carried out very successfully. The Club will take up other objects which we expect to see them handle just as successfully.

MRS. JIM HOWARD CUT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. Jim Howard, of Murphy, received serious cuts about the back Saturday afternoon April 21, when she was riding with her brother-in-law, Arthur Howard, turned over just this side of the Hiawasse River bridge on Highway No. 28. Mr. Arthur Howard in passing through Murphy picked up his sister-in-law and they were on their way to Hayesville to visit Mrs. Ed Howard, another sister-in-law when the accident happened. Mr. Waldo Scroggs happened along just as the car turned over. He placed Mrs. Howard in his car and rushed her to Hayesville where her wounds were dressed by Dr. J. M. May. On last account Mrs. Howard was resting well.

GETS ARM BROKE AND FINGERS MASHED SAT.

While loading railroad iron Saturday afternoon, Mr. S. E. Leatherwood, of Hayesville, route 4, in manner got his right hand and arm badly hurt. Upon examination by Dr. J. M. May, it was found that Mr. Leatherwood's arm was broken just above the wrist and several fingers badly lacerated.

Treasurer before same was credited on Treasurer's Book, be issued in duplicate and turned to said Treasurer for his balance or amount due him for amount expended on original claim. Duplicate \$180.40.

Ordered by the Board that the \$16.00 paid Ed Kitchens, Treasurer by Glover P. Ledford, be accepted as full payment for use of County Truck in hauling rock for Ruble Masonry Wall around Courthouse Square, since fuel and up-keep and driving were expenses of party using truck.

MRS. R. E. BURNS PASSES AWAY AT HIWASSEE, GA.

Beloved Lady Has Many Friends in Clay County, Her Former Home

Mrs. Rachel E. Burns died Friday at the home of her son, W. G. Burns at Hiawasse, Georgia, where she had made her home since 1902. Funeral services were held from the home of her son Sunday morning, this service was conducted by Rev. Frank Lloyd, the body was then taken to her old home church on Shooting Creek, Clay County, and services there were conducted by Rev. D. T. Buice, also of Hiawasse. Interment was by the side of her husband, who preceded her to the grave 52 years, in the Shooting Creek Baptist Cemetery. Many sorrowing relatives and friends attended the funeral. The grave was banked with many beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Burns was born December 6 1839, she would have been 89 years of age had she lived until next December. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Moore, who moved to Clay County from Macon County when Mrs. Burns was only three years of age. Her parents being the first settlers of this County. They made their home near Elf School house. She married Richard Burns in early life, seven children, four boys and three girls were born to them of whom only W. G. Burns is now living. She joined the Baptist church 73 years ago and was a constant attendant at all services until her death.

May friends both in Clay County and Hiawasse mourn the passing of this beloved old lady.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTION IN NON-STANDARD SCHOOLS

1. School must be maintained at least eight months.
2. There must be at least twenty pupils in average daily attendance in grades above the seventh, or elementary school, for a school to be recognized as a high school.
3. There must be at least five teachers in the school unit, at least one of whom must devote his whole time to distinctively high school work.
4. A holder of a High School Teacher's Certificate of Class A may be principal of a non-standard high school.
5. A school may employ two high school teachers if there are thirty pupils in average daily attendance in the high school.
6. A third high school teacher will be allowed when the number of high school pupils in daily attendance for the year is forty-five or more; provided the number of pupils in the fourth year high school course is sufficient to justify it, and the building and equipment are adequate to the needs of such school.

The above requirements are taken from the Rules and Regulations Governing High Schools.

Elf and Ogden schools by meeting these requirements may offer the first two years of high school instruction next year. But in order to have funds sufficient to maintain the school term eight months it will be necessary for each of these schools to increase their special tax rates by a vote of the people. And if the election is to be called it should be called at once in order to have the levy made—should the election carry, for next year.

A forty cent special tax rate in Hiawasse Township will run the Elf school eight months. And the same rate in Brasstown Township will run the Ogden school eight months. Each school has the required number of pupils and it will be easy to find the teacher with the High School Teachers' Certificate. When this is done both schools will be in line for growth and State aid.
ALLEN J. BELL, Co. Supt.

TAX LISTING TO BEGIN ON MAY 8

I will be at the places and dates indicated below for the purpose of listing taxes in Hayesville Township for the year 1928.

All persons owning real or personal property are hereby notified to meet me at said places on said dates and list such property according to law.

May 8th, 1928, Hayesville.

May 9th, 1928, Hayesville.

May 10th, 1928, Hayesville.

May 12th, 1928, McGlamery's Store, River Bridge.

May, 11th, 1928, Curtis School House.

May 14th, 1928, McConnell's Store.

This April 21st, 1928.

W. D. Bradley,
Township Lister.

At the same places on the same dates, Miss Edna Baumgarner Farm Census Taker for Hayesville Township will take the farm census. The following items are to be filled out.

All acres in farm, including, woods and waste; all cultivated acres by owner or tenant; lying out cleared but not tilled; all other woods waste or pasture; acres of tobacco, corn wheat, oats for grain, cow peas, sorghum cane all acres plowed under for soil improvement, all grass cut green, clover for hay, other grasses or legumes; Irish potatoes, Sweet potatoes, Strawberries; No. fruit trees bearing age, Amount commercial fertilizer used for all crops. No. Sows of breeding age, hogs sold or slaughtered for past twelve months, hens of laying age, milk cows, horses and mules of working age; autos and trucks.

It is necessary for the farmers to have this information when they come in so that the work can be carried along speedily.

CLAY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES ON 30

The Spring term of Clay County Superior Court will convene for business Monday morning, April 30th, with Judge Roy L. Deal, of Winston-Salem presiding.

Clay County has had no court since the spring term of one year ago. This has caused a heavy docket of criminal cases, Mr. W. L. Matheson, Clerk of Court stated that there are now on docket around seventy cases, of which the majority are liquor violations.

There are some fifteen civil suits for trial and several motions to be heard which will give, with the criminal docket, a full two weeks work for this court.

SENIOR PLAY "SUNSHINE" TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY P. M. MAY 4

"Sunshine," a musical comedy in three acts will be presented by the Senior Class of the Hayesville High School in the auditorium Friday evening, May 4th.

Everybody likes to laugh and spend an evening in amusement. Everybody likes to see a real play pulled off by a wide awake cast.

We have here the play that will make you laugh until you cry, because you can't laugh any more. The cast is the best obtainable in school. Every one come, see, and enjoy an evening to the fullest.
"Editor Bill."

PROGRESS BEING MADE ON MERC. BUILDING HERE

The large Retail and Wholesale building which Mr. C. Boice is having built here, is nearing completion. Practically all the carpenter work on the two story building, which will be used as a general retail store, has been finished and painters are now painting the shelves and fixtures inside. The 60 foot wholesale warehouse which connects the Retail building has been completed, and another building of the same dimensions, 30 by 60, is rapidly taking shape. When this part is completed, together with the two above buildings, will amek one

ROAD MEETING AT HAYESVILLE ON WEDNESDAY

Mr. James G. Stikeleather, Ninth District Highway Commissioner, and Mr. J. C. Walker, District Engineer, met the people of Clay County in the courthouse in Hayesville at 2 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, April 25th.

Mr. James Penland announced that the object of the meeting was to urge and insist upon the importance to the people of Clay County of the early completion of State Highway No. 28, and to urge, insist and appeal to Mr. Stikeleather to spend all money to be spent in Clay County on No. 28, after recounting briefly the history of this road and his part in it.

Mr. O. L. Anderson then stated briefly the active interest he had taken in this road from its inception and asked for permission to state that he had been erroneously reported as against this road when such was not the case and the facts were to the contrary, and that he always had been and would still be behind the road.

Mr. Stikeleather then clearly, fairly and frankly stated what he was doing and why he was doing it. He stated that last fall when he was out here he was urged to surface the road from the Georgia line to Brasstown bridge; that at that time we had no railroad and it did seem imperative that this be done; that he accordingly made his plans and let contracts; that thereafter a delegation of Clay County citizens met him at the Ocona Lufty River bridge in Swain County and urged him to turn up No. 28 with the surface and not go on to the Georgia line; that this seemed feasible and, appealed to him and that he took it up with the Highway Commission and this was agreed to, subject to the approval of the engineers; that thereafter this was submitted to the engineers and that Mr. Walker and Mr. Ames, chief engineer, came to Clay County and examined the road to the Georgia line and found that it was worn to the extent that it must be surfaced now in order to save it and for this reason alone he was going to the Georgia line with the surface; that it was solely a question of saving a road that had been built and graveled at great expense. He stressed the fact that he had his mind constantly on No. 28 and that now since No. 10 was practically completed that one of his great ambitions was to complete No. 28 and he assured the people that while he could make no definite promises as to the time that he would surface the Shooting Creek road just as soon as funds were available for this work, without being unfair to the other parts of the District.

He then called on Mr. Walker to state the conditions which moved the engineers to insist on surfacing to the Georgia line.

Mr. Walker, district engineer, stated that when the proposal was made to turn up Shooting Creek that at Mr. Stikeleather's request he came to Clay County with Mr. Ames, chief engineer; that they made an examination of the road leading to the Georgia line; that originally ten inches of gravel had been placed on the road; that it was now worn down to five; that it was the opinion of Mr. Ames and himself that unless this road was surfaced that it would be beyond repair in a short while; that it cost about \$8,000.00 per mile to gravel this road; that it only cost about \$3500.00 per mile to treat this surface; that it was economy to now spend \$3500.00 per mile to save this road rather than let it go for another year or two when it would cost \$8,000.00 per mile to regravel it and then the \$3500.00 per mile in addition to treat it with the present coating proposed to be used.

Mr. Walker also stated that before the Shooting Creek road could

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continuous building 30 by 180 feet long.