

The Franklin Times

Published Every Tuesday & Thursday

Serving All Of Franklin County

Telephone Gy 6-3283

Ten Cents

Louisburg, N.C., Thursday, August 14, 1969

(Eight Pages today)

100th Year - Number 52



Franklin Continues To Grow In Retail Sales

The latest figures released this week by the North Carolina Department of Revenue show that Franklin County is continuing its growth in retail sales on a steady

pace. While the 1968-69 jump falls short of the increase experienced in 1967-68, it matches the overall ten-year growth of retail sales here. Franklin also main-

tains its position as 59th county among the state's 100 in retail sales.

Gross retail sales reported for the county in the year ending

last June 30 are \$34,895,210. The same period the year before showed retail sales were \$33,762,266. This represents an increase of \$1,132,944.

The five-year period, 1958 to 1963 showed the county with an increase of \$8,420,000 or around a 60 percent jump in 1963 over 1958. The latest five-year figures show about the same increase. This year's total exceeds that of the 1964-65 fiscal year by \$8,070,827 and almost reaches the sixty percent mark.

The latest increase, however, is the smallest in the five-year period. Last year's was the largest exceeding the year before by over \$4 million.

The latest figures do not include sales figures from the various towns of Lousburg's size. In the 1965 report of the five year period, 1958-1963, Lousburg led the state in percent of retail sales growth with a whopping 112.7 percent increase.

In the various categories reported by the Revenue Department, Automobile and Planes moved from \$3,933,249 last year to a high of \$4,624,853 in the latest report. Apparel shows an increase from \$584,946 to \$634,831 and Automotive moves from \$5,873,946 to \$6,613,194.

Food, which has jumped here from slightly more than \$6 million in 1964-65 now amounts to \$8,750,795. Last year it was slightly over \$8 million.

Furniture stays ahead of apparel by a considerable margin as it moves from \$900,422 in 1967-68 to \$948,539 in the latest report.

General Merchandise accounted for retail sales of \$4,953,785 last year and moves upwards to

See FRANKLIN page 4

Five Year Record Of Sales

	1964 1965	1965 1966	1966 1967	1967 1968	1968 1969
Gross Retail Sales	26,824,383	28,140,695	29,582,082	33,762,266	34,895,210
Auto and Planes	3,302,628	3,575,411	3,751,830	3,933,249	4,624,853
Apparel	458,354	457,523	534,043	584,946	634,831
Automotive	5,433,780	5,957,348	5,666,549	5,873,946	6,613,194
Food	6,278,790	6,764,481	7,524,169	8,000,476	8,750,795
Furniture	803,187	803,454	833,548	900,422	948,539
Gen. Merchandise	4,384,304	4,278,157	4,436,278	4,953,785	5,381,662
Bldg. Material	3,584,359	3,839,610	3,975,350	6,105,611	4,412,707
Unclassified	1,560,611	1,600,115	1,977,981	2,432,549	2,728,209

Food Sales Climb

Building Material Sales Drop



Check With FHA

Building Golf Course, Swimming Pool, Water System?

By Clint Fuller
Times Managing Editor

Planning to build a golf course on the back forty? Maybe a swimming pool on that stretch of low land? How about a commercial fishing pond, a housing development or a fruit stand?

If you live in Franklin County—designated a "rural" area—and you plan any of these or any number of other projects, there's a place you need to go. There's a man you need to see. The trip just might be the most important one you ever take. It could supply the power to light the paths of your future.

In a day when all things governmental are identified by initials, the letters FHA have greater meaning in this county than most folks realize. They stand appropriately enough for Farmers Home Administration, a division of

the United States Department of Agriculture.

And last year this county's FHA office doled out \$1,587,260 in loans to around 200 individuals and one association right here. In rural Franklin, this ain't hay.

Thomas B. Marshall, Jr., County FHA Supervisor reports that 37 loans totaling \$341,500 were made to residents to build or to buy adequate housing. Loans for purchasing farms or improving farm land and essential buildings were made to eleven Franklin families.

The association loan went to the Town of Franklinton to improve water system. In connection with the loan of \$450,000, Franklinton also received a grant of \$100,000 through efforts of Marshall and his staff.

The Town of Bunn, while not a recipient of an FHA loan was nevertheless aided greatly by the local office and steered to another governmental agency in its bid to gain a loan and grant to install a municipal water system.

Town and Country Recreation, Inc., a local group which established a modern swimming pool here earlier this year, received valuable direction from the local office while obtaining financing elsewhere.

Mrs. Lucille Ford, County Office Clerk, explains that the FHA does not make loans where private agencies can and will make them. "We are not competing with private businesses", she said.

The Farmers Home Administration is described as the "credit arm" of the Department of Agriculture. Marshall says the "purpose is the strengthening of the family farm and rural communi-

ties and reducing rural poverty." Mrs. Ford explains that all of Franklin County is considered rural for FHA purposes because there are no incorporated towns therein with a population in excess of 5500.

Four years ago, FHA had four types
See FHA page 4

Cystic Fibrosis Chairman Named

Mrs. Paul A. (Betsy) Brewer of Louisburg, N. C. has been appointed chairman for the Franklin County Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation fall campaign.

The announcement was made today by Mrs. L. Y. Ballentine, State honorary chairman of Raleigh. In making the announcement Mrs. Ballentine said, "We are pleased to have Mrs. Brewer join the hundreds of other volunteers in North Carolina to help bring about a better control of Cystic Fibrosis by collecting the funds so vital for continued research at Duke Cystic Fibrosis Center and other major

medical centers in our country."

Mrs. Brewer, the former Betsy

MRS.
BETSY
BREWER

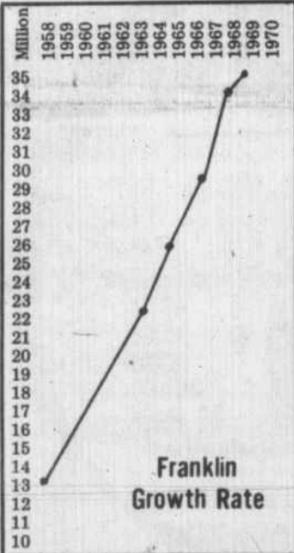


Forbes of Wilson, received her secondary education in the Wilson City

Schools. She received her A. B. in education at Meredith College in Raleigh. She has taught for three years and now carries the title of "Homemaker."

She is married to Paul A. Brewer, manager of Installment Loan Department, and an assistant vice-president with First Citizens Bank and Trust Company. They attend the Methodist Church. She is a member of the Town and Country Garden Club.

Cystic Fibrosis is a major killer of children, being second to cancer. It is a pulmonary gastro-intestinal disease produced by a recessive gene. It is a problem 1 in 20 births.



ASCS Elections Next Month

ASCS Committee elections. The annual ASC Committee election will be held between September 6, and September 16th by mail. Producers in 10 communities will be given an opportunity to elect farmers from their respective communities to serve on ASC Committees for a period of 1 year beginning October 1, 1969. A slate of nominees will be selected by the present community Committee. The County Committee may add additional nominees. Others may be added to the slate of nominees by

petition if they are found to be eligible and willing to serve if elected.

Petitions must be:

1. Limited to one nominee each
2. Signed by at least 6 eligible voters in the community
3. Received at the County Office by August 21.

Persons nominated should be:

1. Currently engaged in the operation of a farm, and
2. Well qualified for committee work.

Dr. Taylor Dodson Passes

Dr. Taylor Dodson, 47, former Louisburg resident and husband of the former Eleanor Beasley of Louisburg died Wednesday afternoon shortly after collapsing on the Wake Forest University Athletic field in Winston-Salem. Dr. Dodson was jogging by himself when he was stricken.

Prior to joining Wake Forest in 1957, Dr. Dodson was Superintendent of Physical Education for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and lived here. He and his wife first lived in Raleigh during the 1950-1957 period and later move to Louisburg where Mrs. Dodson's father, W. L. Beasley lived.

While living here, Dr. Dodson was very active with young people, especially in the Louisburg Methodist Church. He has a host of friends in the Louisburg area.

He received his B.S. degree from the University of North Carolina and his P.E.D. from the University of Indiana. The Dodsons were married on February 24, 1947 and have three children who survive.

Funeral services for Dr. Dodson, a

native of Rockingham County, will be held Friday at 4 P.M. in Pfafftown, N. C. He is survived by his widow, two sons, Lee, 17, and Ed, 15, and one daughter, Lu, 8.



Dr. Taylor Dodson

Services Held For Former Resident

Henderson - S. T. Strop, 60, manager of Greyhound Bus Terminal, died Tuesday night in Maria Parham Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m. today at Davis Funeral Chapel by Dr. W. W. Leathers, Jr. and interment was in Sunset Gardens.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gladys Holmes Strop, formerly of Louisburg; three daughters, Miss Brenda Carol Strop of Durham, Miss Judith Gail Strop of Henderson and Mrs. Mary Morris of Jackson, Miss.; one son, T/Sgt. S. T. Strop, Jr. of Hampton, Va.; his stepmother, Mrs. Dayton Strop of Manchester, Ga.; one sister, Mrs. Rudolph Shivers of Manchester, Ga.; and three grandchildren.



Escape Injury

Freddie Finch, 17, (white shirt) and Clay Ferguson, 16, inspect damage to Finch's car after the vehicle skidded on rain-slick NC-56 Wednesday afternoon and landed in a deep gully nearby. The two youths and a third, Ricky Forsythe, 14, escaped injury. The accident occurred in a downpour of rain Wednesday shortly after 4 P.M. about three miles east of Louisburg.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.