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TAX RATE SET AT 97 CENTS

Town Board Fixes Lower Rate Than Expected; Budget Adopted

At the regular monthly meeting held last Monday night, the mayor and aldermen of Franklin fixed the tax rate for the fiscal year 1939-40, and adopted a budget for the year.

The estimate of expenses as provided in the budget amounts to \$41,420.00, and the receipts other than taxes will bring in \$31,010.00, leaving the sum of \$10,410.00 to be raised by taxation.

The tax rate was set at 97 cents on the hundred dollars, which is an increase of 17 cents over last year.

Most taxpayers have been expecting the rate to be more than a dollar on the hundred this year in view of the street and sidewalk work which is being done and the water and sewer extensions, and the fact that the rate is to be held to 97 cents will be gratifying news to all who pay town taxes.

Some sewer work not provided for in the first estimates is being done and also a six-inch water main on Palmer street has been put down instead of the old four-inch pipe, and this was not included in the preliminary specifications.

The itemized budget will be found on another page of this issue.

John David Rouse, 82 Passes Saturday

John David Rouse, 82, died last Saturday, July 1, at 9 p. m., at his home in Poplar Cove after an illness of 12 weeks. Death was caused by heart and kidney trouble.

Mr. Rouse was born in Missouri, but had been a resident of Macon county for the past 15 years. He was a member of the Cartoogechaye Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ann Williamson.

Funeral services were conducted at Cartoogechaye Baptist church on Sunday, July 2, at 2 p. m., by the Rev. Lester Sorrells and the Rev. Newton Dills. Burial was in the church cemetery.

1500 VISIT AT CLIFFSIDE LAKE

Over 1500 people visited the Cliffside Lake Recreation Area during the week-end of the Fourth of July holiday. An almost continuous stream of cars entered the area on Sunday, July 2, when a total of 691 people registered.

All the facilities on the area were completed and being used and enjoyed by the public. The lake and bathing area proved to be the main attraction on the area. Numerous bathers were to be found on the beach and in the water at all times of the day. The observatory on the cliff proved to be a popular objective with the younger folk.

The outdoor amphitheater brought many favorable remarks from the throngs of visitors and large numbers of them expressed their intention to return to the area for the celebration to be held on July 22.

Mr. Hirsch Beats Farmers On Sweet Corn

H. H. Hirsch has a corn patch on the lower edge of his lawn at the Franklin Terrace Hotel that has beat all the farmers hereabouts, as far as we can ascertain. Mr. Hirsch served his own sweet corn roasting ears for dinner at the hotel last Sunday.

The patch was planted and worked by Aaron and Tom, well known Franklin gardeners, and thinned out by Neighbor G. L. Houk, so Mr. Hirsch modestly gives credit where credit is due.

Miss Stalcup

Elected To Succeed Mrs. Thomas J. O'Neil

Miss Florence Stalcup was elected last Monday by the county commissioners to the position of county home demonstration agent, on nomination by Miss Anna Rowe, of Asheville, district home demonstration agent, to succeed Mrs. Thomas J. O'Neil who has resigned to become teacher of home economics in the Franklin high school.

Miss Stalcup's election has met with general approval throughout the county, as her high qualities and experience deserve. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Stalcup, and has lived in Macon county all her life. Educated at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Miss Stalcup held the position of teacher of home economics at the Franklin high school before going to Asheville to the Carolina Power and Light company. She returned to Franklin last October to accept the position of home supervisor of the farm security administration, which she holds at the present time, and which she will resign to take up the duties of her new position on July 17.

Commissioners Reject Sewing Room Project

The county commissioners decided Monday that it would be unwise to cooperate with the government in the expense of the county sewing rooms, the reason being that the proposition submitted called for the county to furnish materials in case the government had none available.

The commissioners considered that they might be called upon to spend more money than the budget would allow, and refused to approve the project.

Heretofore the county has paid for rent, lights, etc., but has bought no materials.

It is thought, however, that the sewing rooms will be continued by the government for some time.

More Boxes Installed At Postoffice

A large number of new lock boxes were installed in the Franklin postoffice last week, which is an index to the steady growth of the town.

Postmaster Porter states that beginning Saturday, July 8, the postoffice windows will be closed at noon. He said that there are now sufficient boxes to provide for all patrons, and the regulations provide for closing offices of this class at that hour on Saturday.

HOUK ELECTED SCHOOL SUPT.

Price Resigns; Attorney Succeeds M. D. Billings

Meeting in called session on last Thursday afternoon, the county board of education elected Guy L. Houk, former principal of Franklin schools and leading attorney, as superintendent of county schools to succeed M. D. Billings, whose term expired June 30.

Curtis Price, principal of the high school at Ellenboro, was elected Macon county superintendent, in April, but pressure from school patrons in that town was exerted to induce him to remain with them, and he acceded to their requests and tendered his resignation to C. Tom Bryson, chairman of the Macon county board of education.

Mr. Houk, who came to Franklin in 1921 from Morganton, taught in the Franklin high school for three years prior to his being elected principal for the high school. He retired as principal in April, 1938, and has devoted his time to the practice of law.

Mr. Houk is a past district governor of Rotary International, former mayor of Franklin, and one of Franklin's leading citizens. He holds a North Carolina superintendent's certificate. He assumed his new duties July 1.

Mrs. Neil Johnston, who has recently completed a business course in a Texas college and has returned to her home in Franklin, will act as assistant in Mr. Houk's office.

Mrs. J. W. Addington, who has been critically ill at her home on the Georgia road for the past week, was reported to be unimproved Thursday morning.

As The World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events In State, Nation and Abroad.

FATALITIES OF THE FOURTH

More than 600 lives were lost in the nation's holiday tragedies over the week-end. The motor car killed 70 times more persons than fireworks. The total toll showed 612 violent deaths compared with 517 reported in 1938. The second highest number of fatalities came from drowning. Other causes were trains, shootings, planes.

HOT WEATHER

High temperatures are reported throughout the south. Hot weather felt locally means hotter weather where there are no mountain breezes. A temperature of 94 degrees is forecast for Atlanta on Thursday (today).

FLEEING EMBEZZLER RETURNS

Dr. James Monroe Smith, president of Louisiana State University, who disappeared as exposures were made of university funds embezzled through stock market activities, was arrested last week in Canada and with his wife brought back to Baton Rouge and placed in jail on \$50,000 bail which he

JURORS DRAWN FOR AUG. TERM

Court Will Convene On Aug. 21; Judge Pless To Preside

Jurors were drawn by the county commissioners last Monday for the August term of Macon superior court, which will convene on Monday, August 21, with Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., presiding. Jurors were drawn for two weeks, but Judge Pless wrote that he could not be here the second week, and as the dockets will be light, Clerk Horley Cabe notified the judge that one week would probably be sufficient to get through with all business, and that the jurors for the second week would not be summoned.

The following names were drawn for the first week:

- First Week**
- Grady Wilkes, Rt. 3; J. M. Ray, Franklin; C. A. Cabe, Rt. 2; J. R. Shields, Flats; Lawrence Long, Franklin; Billy Long, Dillard, Ga., Rt. 1; W. H. Carpenter, Dillard, Ga., Rt. 1; Floyd Roper, West's Mill; Jess Tallent, Rt. 3; Harley Crawford, Rt. 3; Frank L. Cabe, Rt. 4; C. L. Pendergrass, Franklin; A. Q. Williams, Rt. 1; Bert Dendy, Gneiss; Wm. L. Elliott, Rt. 4; Andrew Wilson, Highlands; J. H. McDowell, Dillard, Ga., Rt. 1; E. W. Long, Franklin; J. S. Womack, Franklin; R. P. Waldroop, Prentiss; Jonas Talley, Highlands; J. R. Holbrooks, West's Mill; Wade Burnett, Etna; Jim Gray, Rt. 1; Frank C. Cunningham, Rt. 3; Geo. W. Marett, Highlands; Albert Wilson, Highlands; J. T. McCoy, Gneiss; Earl Harrison, Rt. 1; C. F. McKinney, Highlands; Howard Shook, Cullasaja; Blaine Cope, Rt. 3; W. C. Wilkes, Franklin; Geo. B. Bulgin, Franklin; John Cunningham, Franklin; Furman Hall, Rt. 3.

Baby Derby Curtain Will Drop Next Saturday Night

Parents Requested To Check Baby's Record Card At Derby Office Before Noon Saturday

The Last Baby Derby Honor Roll

- 1. Peggy Dunbar 2
- 2. Raymond Cleaveland 1
- 3. Joe Rhinehart 3
- 4. Grace Cartledge 7
- 5. Paul Killian 4
- 6. Hannah Gillespie 5
- 7. Jackie Holiman 10
- 8. Alice Zoellner 19
- 9. Frances Roper 14
- 10. Patsy Littleton 22
- 11. Nancy Ramsey 15
- 12. Ernest Wallace, Jr. 29
- 13. Julia Waldroop 12
- 14. Barbara Hayes 30
- 15. Nora Baldwin 21
- 16. Catherine Bryson 11
- 17. Charlotte Bloxham 16
- 18. Carolyn Norris 13
- 19. Tommie Tompkins 18
- 20. Wayne Beeco 27
- 21. Iris Sheffield 17
- 22. Carlene Sorrells 9
- 23. David Cabe 20
- 24. Jessie Rakes 8
- 25. Robert Morgan New
- 26. Joe Tippett 23
- 27. Carolyn Bradley New
- 28. Howard Burch 6
- 29. Betty Allen 28
- 30. George Sypher 26

With tomorrow and Saturday to work in The Press Baby Derby, and with several of the candidates closely bunched, the remaining hours will be hours of hard work and supreme effort on the part of those who expect to win the big prizes.

The only advice we can give the candidates is to work, fight and hustle until the Baby Derby closes at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night. They cannot have too many "miles" and miles will decide the winners.

There is every reason to expect real business from all candidates this week. Every candidate is on even terms on the final period mile schedule. This schedule holds the same possibilities for each candidate. It is better to be safe than sorry. Candidates should give their opponents full credit for their available strength and then on the basis of their own good judgment and keen discernment—go out and win up their campaign with ONE BIG ON-RUSH OF MILES. Nothing is won yet! The Baby Derby is not over until 10:30 o'clock Saturday night. Let us suggest that "over-confidence on the one hand and fear on the other have lost more for candidates than they ever won."

Help Your Favorite Now

The management of The Press and the Baby Derby management wish to express to the candidates their appreciation of the splendid work done during the Baby Derby and to the public for the liberal support given the workers. We, also wish to thank the merchants who co-sponsored the Baby Derby. The Baby Derby has been in charge of Robert M. Harvey and wife, General Managers of the Piedmont Circulation Service, Americus, Ga., and has been conducted throughout with the most scrupulous fairness.

This newspaper wishes that it

Thirty Prize Winners Will Be Announced Monday, 8 P. M. At Derby Office—Checks Will Be Mailed To Those Not Present

10:30 P. M. Saturday Is The Closing Hour Of The Baby Derby

This will be the last Baby Derby story to appear before the big race comes to a close. It contains information vital to the parents, so we ask them to read every word. Read it carefully and do not handicap yourself because you read something too hastily and failed to learn something that might have helped you in the Derby.

In the first place you are requested to make your final subscription and coupon report not later than 10:30 p. m. Saturday, July 8—the closing day of the Baby Derby. The door of the Derby office will be locked promptly at 10:30 P. M. and no one will be permitted to enter after that time. Those who happen to be in the office at 10:30 P. M. may make their reports and then leave the office.

The final count will be made over the week-end and some time Monday morning the total mileage for each baby will be verified as to accuracy and the 30 cash prizes will be awarded according to standings. The prize winners will be announced at the Derby office Monday night at 8 o'clock and prize checks will be presented to the parents who are present. Checks will be mailed to those not present. Parents, in making their reports, agree to abide by the last count as final.

Everyone is wondering "Who is going to win?" That question is going to be settled soon. Let us suppose your baby has been on the Honor Roll—perhaps never in any of the very high positions. Does that mean that your baby cannot win the first prize of \$200 in cash plus the loving cup? Of course not! Here is why that is so.

The weekly Honor Rolls represent the relative standings of babies based upon one week's business. There have been weeks when only a few hundred miles separated the leader on the Honor Roll and the baby in 10th or 15th place.

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HOG EXPERTS TO BE HERE

Hogs are one of the most important farm enterprises, both for food and for a cash income.

There are of course, right and wrong methods of feeding and caring for our hogs.

H. W. Taylor and C. D. Swaffar on the North Carolina extension service will be in the county Monday, July 10. These men are experienced in growing, feeding and marketing hogs. They will conduct a meeting on the farm of C. B. Kinsland on Monday afternoon, July 10, at 2 o'clock. Every one desiring any information regarding the proper care and management of their hogs should attend this meeting.

More Derby Entrants—The Three Leaders On This Week's Honor Roll



CAROLYN ANN BRADLEY
Etna
More support on the part of Carolyn's friends will push her higher in the Derby. She is the six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bradley, Etna, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roper, Franklin Route 3, and Mr. W. L. Bradley. She has blue eyes, brown hair and weighs 20 pounds.



JOE WARREN TIPPETT
Franklin
Meet Joe, fine young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tippett. He has passed his first birthday, and you can see by his expression that he wants more support in the Derby. Joe has brown hair, brown eyes, and weighs 25 pounds and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tippett and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith.



MARGARETTA ZOELLNER
Highlands
Margaretta has ample reason to wear this happy smile as you may see from this week's Honor Roll. She is number eight this week and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zoellner, Highlands, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Louis Zoellner, Highlands. She has hazel eyes, blonde hair, weighs 31 pounds,



PEGGY DUNBAR
A certain amount of friendly rivalry has developed lately between the candidates representing the various sections of the County, and people are constantly coming into the office asking as to the standing of their favorite in the Baby Derby. The way to help your candidate to win is give him or her coupons and a subscription to The Press or if you have already subscribed, you can give an "extension" which will give your favorite BIG MILES. If the different sections of the County want their candidates to win, they must show their loyalty by supporting them and DO IT BY SATURDAY NIGHT!



RAYMOND CLEAVELAND



JOE RHINEHART