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## Franklin Tax Valuation Over \$2,000,000

### Calendar Of The Week's EVENTS

(Data for this column should reach The Press by not later than noon Tuesday. In order to keep the calendar accurate, secretaries of organizations are requested to notify the newspaper of changes in the time or place.)

#### THURSDAY, JULY 7

3 p. m.—Circle No. 1, Franklin Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service, at the home of Mrs. R. F. Hemphill.  
7:30 p. m.—Post No. 108, American Legion, at Slagle Memorial building.  
8 p. m.—Nequassa Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, at Masonic hall.  
8 p. m.—First Baptist Young People's Auxiliary at home of Miss Nancy Calloway.  
8 p. m.—Co-Ed club at Hotel Hearn.

#### FRIDAY

7:30 p. m.—Softball games at Franklin school athletic field.  
SATURDAY

7:30 p. m.—Teen Age club at Hotel Hearn.  
8 p. m.—Dance (American Legion benefit) at Memorial building.

#### MONDAY

10 a. m.—Board of county commissioners at courthouse.  
10 a. m.—County board of education at courthouse.  
7 p. m.—Franklin Lions club at Presbyterian church annex.

7 p. m.—Franklin Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts, at Memorial building.  
7:30 p. m.—Softball games at Franklin school athletic field.

8 p. m.—Highlands Community Theatre production, "Our Town", at Memorial building.

#### TUESDAY

8 p. m.—Co-Ed club at Hotel Hearn.

#### WEDNESDAY

7 p. m.—Franklin Rotary club at Memorial building.  
7:30 p. m.—Teen Age club at Hotel Hearn.  
7:30 p. m.—Macon County Memorial Post No. 7339, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Agricultural building.

#### PLAN BENEFIT FOOD SALE

The Highlands chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a benefit food sale on Main street in Highlands at 10 a. m. Saturday, July 23, it was announced this week.

### Do You Remember . . . ?

(Looking backward through the files of The Press)

#### 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The University of North Carolina. Widest patronage and fullest equipment in its history. Faculty, 38; students, 495. 3 academic courses, 3 elective courses; 3 professional schools, in law, in medicine, in pharmacy. Advanced classes open to women. Tuition \$80 a year; board \$8 a month.—Advertisement.

Franklin High School — We learn that the trustees of this institution have elected as Principal for next year Prof. M. D. Billings, of McMinn Co., Tenn. Workmen are moving along with the work on J. F. Palmer's new residence.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Amanda Slagle, one of the oldest residents of our county, died June 30 at her home on Wayah, at the age of 93 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Moore and little daughter returned Wednesday from Fossil, Ore., where they have been making their home for some time.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

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.

### Our Great America ☆ by Mack

THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL  
DEDICATED BY PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT APRIL 13, 1947 ON THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEFFERSON'S BIRTH. JEFFERSON WAS AUTHOR OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, FIRST SECRETARY OF STATE, THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE MEMORIAL IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE TOWN SQUARE, EAST OF MAIN STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C.

FOREST PRODUCTS ARE IMPORTANT TO AMERICANS — IF ALL THE RAILROAD CARS LOADED WITH FOREST PRODUCTS IN 1947 WERE PLACED END TO END THEY WOULD CIRCLE THE EARTH AT THE EQUATOR.

ROUGHLY ONE-FOURTH OF THE AREA OF THE UNITED STATES IS COMMERCIAL FOREST LAND — BEST SUITED FOR GROWING TREES.

### CROWDS CHEER VARIED EVENTS MARKING JULY 4

#### All-Day V.F.W. Program Is Highlighted By Boxing Bouts

An all-day program, sponsored by the local post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, drew large and appreciative crowds, as Franklin held its July Fourth celebration Monday.

The day's events, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning, included races, boxing, baseball, and a square dance in the evening.

Prizes were given to the winners of all the contests.

With several hundred people along the sidelines, potato sack, wheelbarrow, 3-legged, fat man's, and old man's races were held in a roped-off area along West Main street during the morning.

Next came the laugh-provoking efforts of contestants to reach the watch that had been placed on top of a greased pole.

A crowd that filled the courthouse to capacity then gathered in the courtyard for a series of six boxing bouts. Every seat, and every window, was filled, as the crowd cheered favorites among the contestants.

In the first bout, Eddie Seay won over Doug Seay. The second was won by Tom Hummcutt, battling with Connie Potts.

The third, between Danny Angel and Tom McCoy, was ruled a draw.

In the fourth, Bill Hummcutt won over W. A. Leach. Richard Dryman defeated Eddy Reece in the fifth.

The sixth was an exhibition fight, with no decision and no prizes, between Gene Hutchinson and Floyd Cruise.

In the afternoon, a Franklin-Negro team met Murphy Negroes in baseball, but the game was called on account of rain.

The square dance, held Monday evening at the Slagle Memorial building, was sponsored and conducted by the V. F. W. and drew a large crowd.

### Tourists Crowd Franklin Over July 4th Week-End

Franklin was chuck-full of tourists over the July Fourth week-end.

Visitors began to arrive Friday afternoon, and the 36 places—hotels, motor courts, and tourist homes—listed by the chamber of commerce as having accommodations for tourists had overflowed by late Saturday. And at bedtime Sunday night the chamber of commerce had placed approximately 150 visitors in private homes that ordinarily do not take paying guests—some of them never had before.

Even so, an estimated 100 visitors had to sleep in their automobiles here Sunday night.

In many cases, Frank B. Duncan, president of the chamber, said, private homes here provided beds for visitors, even when it meant making pallets on the floor for the children in the family.

Mrs. Nina McCoy, on Harrison avenue, found it impossible to accommodate more than four of a party of five that sought a place to stay. But the problem was solved when a boy in the party crawled into a sleeping

bag, and slept in the yard.

The influx, Mr. Duncan said, appeared to be due to two things—the usual trip thousands make to the mountains on a long summer week-end, and the chamber of commerce's advertising in The Miami Herald, The Tampa Tribune, and The Atlanta Journal the Sunday before.

Advertisements, two columns by six inches, in three papers, he said, within three days had brought nearly a score in inquiries for varied information, and the inquiries continue to arrive. In addition, many week-end guests said they came to Franklin in response to the advertising, without waiting for reservations.

Many others, however, reached here after vain attempts to find lodging at other towns in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, and Mr. Duncan said a number expressed appreciation of the willingness of private homes here to take them in. Such community hospitality, he added, is likely to be remembered when these same people are looking for a vacation spot in future.

### ALDERMEN SET TAX RATE AT \$1.10 AGAIN

#### Will Start Spraying For Flies And Mosquitoes

With the Town of Franklin's property valuation having climbed to \$2,200,000, the Franklin board of aldermen Monday night adopted a budget for the coming year providing for an increase of \$9,891.33 in expenditures over last year.

The tax rate was again set at \$1.10 on the \$100 valuation.

The debt service levy for this year, however, is 40 cents, while the general fund levy is 70. Last year these two funds received equal levies of 55 cents.

Prior to taking up the budget, several matters which had been pending since last meeting were discussed by the board.

Mayor H. W. Cabe announced that the street department planned to spray back alleys and barns in the city limits with DDT and standing pools of water with oil this week.

The board authorized the street committee to have jurisdiction over the matter of placing new street lights.

The board unanimously passed a motion making it unlawful to park outside of designated parking spaces on streets or places which had been marked for parking. This motion was passed after the question was raised by Alderman Erwin Patton and E. J. Whitmire, Jr., if the signs ordered by the board last month for the bus stop had been erected.

Chief of Police C. D. Baird told them he hoped to have the signs this week and that he would remove the parking meters as soon as the signs are in place.

The budget, which had been prepared by Mr. Whitmire, chairman of the budget committee, was adopted unanimously, on motion of Mr. Patton, seconded by W. C. Burrell.

Two outstanding features of the budget are the setting up of \$4000 for improvements to the water system, and \$12,013 for improvement and extension of streets within the city limits. Allocations for the various sub-divisions of the budget, as compared with last year, are as follows:

Debt service: 1949-50, \$29,032.-50; 1949-50, \$28,360.
General fund: 1948-49, \$4,460.32; 1949-50, \$8,441.
Police department: 1948-49, \$5,734.32; 1949-50, \$5,900.
Fire department: 1948-49, \$1,563.26; 1949-50, \$1,440.
Water department: 1948-49, \$9,815.82; 1949-50, \$11,700.
Street department: 1949-50, \$18,725.71; 1949-50, \$14,413.

Following adoption of the budget, there was a general discussion among the board members as to practical ways of improving and enlarging the street system. Methods discussed were the purchasing of equipment by the town in order to do maintenance work; a bond issue; and the contracting of maintenance work. No action was taken nor any specific proposal officially placed before the board.

All members of the board were present for the meeting which lasted nearly four hours. Mayor Cabe presided.

### The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweeta Experiment station.

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	90	57	.00
Thursday	86	69	.00
Friday	83	60	.52
Saturday	82	54	T*
Sunday	84	60	.01
Monday	85	60	T*
Tuesday	85	64	.56
Wednesday	84	T*	

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### HIGHLANDS ADDS 2ND POLICEMAN

#### Board Of Commissioners To Adopt Budget Next Monday

The Highlands town board recently decided to employ a second police officer, to serve at least during the summer months, and the new officer—James E. McKinney—went to work last Friday.

Meanwhile, the board, at its semi-monthly meeting Tuesday night, voted to hold a called meeting next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock to adopt a budget and set a tax rate for the 1949-50 fiscal year. Informal discussion of board members indicated that the present tax rate of \$2.25 on the \$100 property valuation will remain unchanged.

Mr. McKinney, the new officer, has just returned to his home in Highlands, after eight years' experience as a member of the army military police. He will work with Thomas (Tom) Phillips, of Franklin, who has been the one-man police force for several months.

Appointive officials of the town government whose terms expired July 1 have been reappointed by the Highlands board of commissioners.

They are Mr. Phillips; V. W. McCall, town clerk; and E. M. Rogers, Jr., electrician.

#### Frances Furr Makes Dean's List At U. N. C.

Miss Frances E. Furr, of Franklin, was one of the 238 students in the University of North Carolina's college of arts and sciences to make the dean's list during the last quarter, according to an announcement from Chapel Hill. Grades of B (90 to 95) or higher on a minimum of 15 quarter hours of work are required to make the dean's list.

LIVENOCK, KEEL ESQUIRE  
Farm Equipment  
**JAMES F. McCAREY**  
Auctioneer  
Seneca, S. C. Phone 519

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**Brendell's Burn Salve**  
A quick relief for burns, cuts, and other injuries. It is a sure cure for all kinds of skin troubles. It is made in the U. S. A. by J. A. Brendell, Inc., Franklin, N. C.

**FRANKLIN SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

Franklin softball league results to date, with the schedule of approaching games, follows:

Friday night, July 1  
Oilers vs. NP&LCO.—Oilers by forfeit.  
Forest Service, 10; Rotary, 6.  
Monday Night  
Games rained out.

Teams' Standings	W	L	Pct.
Forest Service	5	1	.833
Oilers	3	1	.750
Rotary	3	1	.750
Zickgraf	2	2	.500
Van Raalte	1	4	.200
NP&LCO.	0	5	.000

Coming Games  
Friday (tomorrow) night: Van Raalte vs. Zickgraf; second game (9:15 p. m.) Rotary vs. NP&LCO.  
Monday: Oilers vs. Zickgraf; Rotary vs. Van Raalte.

**CUB PACK TO MEET**  
A meeting of Franklin Cub Pack No. 1, Boy Scouts, has been called for 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Slagle Memorial building.

### Carson Chapel's Vacation School Comes To Close

A vacation Bible school at Carson's Chapel Methodist church was brought to a close last Friday. The average daily attendance was 36.

Those assisting in the school were: Mrs. Fred Moore, beginners and primaries; Mrs. Harold Waldrop, juniors; Miss Mozelle McCormick, intermediates. Mrs. Ed Wallace, Mrs. Jim Cunningham, and the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, also assisted.

### Presbyterians To Hear Wallace Next Sunday

The Rev. J. Q. Wallace will preach at the morning worship service at the Franklin Presbyterian church Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Hoyt Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Evans are spending a few days in Pennsylvania with her people.

### URGES ATTENDANCE AT FARM AND HOME WEEK

## Says Year's Farm Progress Greatest In Macon's History

By S. W. MENDENHALL  
(County Agent)

Macon County farmers have made more progress, both on the farm and in the home, during the past year than ever before in the history of the county. This is due to the use of improved farming methods, such as better fertilization, hybrid seed, orchard grass and ladino pasture, and increased poultry and dairying.

In order for our farmers to meet and talk to farm men and women from all over the state and learn other new farming practices, N. C. State college will

hold Farm and Home Week in Raleigh August 8 through 11. It is hoped that at least a bus load of men and women from this county will attend.

The four-day annual event, not held last year because of a polio epidemic, will begin with registration on Monday, August 8, and continue until Thursday night, August 11, when Bob Hawk, national radio show quizmaster, will preside over a grand-finale contest during which more than \$5,000 worth of farm machinery and equipment will be given away.

Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan, author of

the much-discussed Brannan farm program, will headline a list of notable speakers for the occasion. He will address a joint session of men and women Tuesday night.

Other featured speakers will be Governor Scott, himself a farmer and former county agent; Rep. Harold D. Cooley of Nashville, chairman of the House Agriculture committee; Mrs. Camille McGhee Kelly, of Memphis, Tenn., one of the best-known juvenile court judges in the nation; and Mrs. Raymond Sayre, president of Associated County Women of the World.

Congressman Cooley will

speak on proposed national farm legislation and will then participate in a round-table discussion on the same subject with Dr. J. H. Hilton, dean of the State College School of Agriculture, L. Y. Ballentine, state agriculture commissioner, R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, Harry B. Caldwell, master of the State Grange, G. T. Scott, state director of the Production and Marketing administration, E. B. Garrett, state soil conservationist, and Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension service.

Tours of Raleigh and the State college farm will be conducted. All phases of farming and home making will be discussed such as farm machinery, livestock, pasture, farm crops, poultry and dairying; separate meetings will be held for women on home making and citizenship.

The cost for transportation and room and board at the college will be most reasonable. Any adult interested in making this trip, please notify the county agent's office immediately so that transportation can be arranged and that we can give you more detailed information regarding costs, what to take, and other information you would want to know.

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