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It is error alone which
needs the support of
government. Truth can
stand by itself.
—Thomas Jefferson.

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DEADLINE IS ALMOST HERE

The deadline for listing county taxes is January 31, and listers are stationed at points over the county to do the job. Above, the Franklin lister, Frank I. Murray, Sr., jots down the value of property owned by Tom Bailey. (Staff Photo)

MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

EVERYBODY is talking about the weather, mainly because the weather is doing everything. It has been rainy well run the gamut of conditions in recent weeks and a barometric low was set at Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory Friday. And wasn't the frozen mountain tops pretty?

A LUCKY thing the metal awning is in front of Bill Bryant's dim store in Franklin. The wind the other day knocked out some glass windows in the top of the old abandoned Skyway Hotel. Pieces of glass showered down and the awning. A woman walked just as the pieces hit upward and the look on her face suggested she was that some of the powers that be.

Timothy, by the way, of our changing ways. Many of the old timers and timers will tell you, Skyway was the social Franklin. They held NO. 2, PAGE 10

Legion Auxiliary To Meet Monday For Americanism Program

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday, February 3, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Pearl Hunter.

Miss Frances Winstead will be in charge of the program on Americanism.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Hunter will be Mrs. Horner Stockton and Mrs. Ed Carpenter.

DARE COUNTY FIRST — Macon County Was Second In State In Bonds Sales

In sales of U. S. Savings Bonds during 1957, Macon County was second only in North Carolina to Dare County.

Figures just released by the U. S. Savings Bonds Division in Greensboro show that Dare was in first place by going over its yearly quota by 250 per cent. Macon came in second by topping its quota by 142.7 per cent.

The year's sales here totaled \$279,474.22, while the quota was only \$195,840.

H. W. Cabe, of the Bank of Franklin, serves as county chairman of bonds sales.

December sales here came to \$34,535.80, according to Mr. Cabe.

LOCAL STOCKYARD — It's Little-Known, But It's Growing

A little-known, but growing business in Franklin last year probably put between four and five hundred thousand dollars into the pockets of farmers.

It's a business that packs 'em in every Wednesday. It's well off 325-44 south, but the overflow of vehicles seldom fails to spill over on the shoulders of the highway.

What else but the Franklin Stock Yard?

The yard, which has been in operation for more than 10 years, is presently leased from B. V. McCoy by R. M. McCoy and George Gibson, who have been in partnership about four years.

Take A Look

Let's take a look at a typical Wednesday sale at the yard.

The '57 average each Wednesday was 200-250 head, which brought about \$10,000. On sale in December totaled \$13,000 according to Mr. Gibson.

Any livestock, but horses, is accepted at the yard. Horses, because of their temperament, means the yard would have to carry a costly insurance, so the two-man operation skips them.

Livestock is brought to the sale from Macon, Jackson, Swain, Clay, and Rabun County (Ga.) Other than the local one, the nearest yards are at Murphy and Asheville.

The yard operators list their biggest purchasers as White Provisions, of Atlanta, Queen City Livestock, of Gainesville, Franklin Packing Company, Franklin Frozen Foods, and Bradley Pack. See No. 3, Page Ten

Picklesimers Mark 58th Date Of Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Picklesimer, of the Clear Creek section near Highlands, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on January 22.

He is 85 and she is 88. Both are quite active and do their own chores on their small farm, where they have spent their married life.

Mrs. Picklesimer is the former Miss Cora Rogers. She taught school here for several years before her marriage.

SCHOOL GROUPS ARE READY FOR SURVEY

Better Schools Committee Formed Monday Night

Fact-finding committees are ready to go to work surveying school needs county-wide, following the organization of a Macon County Citizens Committee for Better Schools at East Franklin School Monday night.

The committees will delve into buildings, special education, athletics, equipment and supplies, curriculum, and finance. Other citizens are now being asked to serve with the various groups.

On hand to help with organizing was Bruce Drysdale, of Hendersonville, chairman of District 8, N. C. Citizens Committee for Better Schools.

The more than 80 citizens present heard Mr. Drysdale trace the development of the state-wide program as advanced by Gov. Luther Hodges, and, in organizing, they accepted his challenge to support the school board and school superintendent in having better schools.

The chairman emphasized the importance of a child getting proper preparation, particularly in science training. Those who someday will take up careers in science must become interested in science while in the lower grades. Inadequate facilities can completely discourage them, he declared.

"This thing didn't really get serious until Sputnik came along," the speaker added.

Supt. H. Bueck, who presided, asked the committees appointed to be "county-wide in your thinking, non-partisan in action, and to erase any inequities that may exist."

Heads of committees include A. A. Brooks, curriculum; Mrs. George Byrd, special education; Victor H. Perry, equipment and supplies; Robert C. Carpenter, athletics; C. S. Brown, buildings; C. M. Bolton, finance; and Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, publicity.

Town Tag Sales Slow

Sales of Franklin's new city license tag are slow, according to Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey, who this week reminded Franklinites they have only two weeks remaining to purchase them.

After the February 15 deadline, he said police will begin checking automobile registrations to determine those who failed to purchase a tag.

The town clerk also reminded businessmen who live outside of Franklin, but who operate a business inside the town limits, that their business vehicles must have a license.

At \$1 each, the tags are on sale at the town office on West Main Street.

O. E. S. Sponsoring Dinner On Sunday; Public Invited

A dinner will be sponsored Sunday from 12:30 to 2 p. m. at the Masonic Hall in Franklin by the Nequassa Chapter No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star.

The public is invited to attend. Plates will be \$1 for adults and 75 cents for children.



THEY'RE ADMIRING NEWSPAPER AWARDS

Editor Weimar Jones (left), News Editor J. P. Brady, and William Friday, president of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, are shown looking at the awards won by The Franklin Press for newspapering excellence during 1957. President Friday presented the awards Thursday in Chapel Hill as a feature of the annual state-wide newspaper institute. (Staff Photo)

Local Bank Business Increases

Business at The Bank of Franklin was up 12.17 per cent in 1957 over the previous year, according to Frank B. Duncan, president.

A 10 per cent increase was noted in customer checking accounts—from \$1,762,405.08 in '56 to \$1,944,566.78 in '57. Savings rose 17½ per cent during the year—from a '56 figure of \$604,192.59 to \$710,107.39 in '57.

Total assets at the bank in 1957 were \$2,996,510.33.

At the institution's recent stockholders' meeting, all directors were re-elected for another year. The directors, in turn, renamed the same officers.

Directors include A. B. Slagle, chairman; T. W. Angel, Jr., H. W. Cabe, H. L. Bryant, John L. Crawford, W. E. Baldwin, Frank B. Duncan, R. S. Jones, Verlon Swafford, and Elmon Teague.

Mr. Duncan is president; Mr. Swafford, vice-president; Mr. Cabe, cashier; Walter Dean and Robert C. Carpenter, assistant cashiers.

A remodeling program costing about \$5,000 was started and completed by the bank during the year.

Another Hat In The Ring

Another candidate has pitched his hat into the ring for the 12th Congressional District seat in the May Democratic Primary.

Sanford W. Brown, an Asheville attorney, announced one day last week, turning the race at the present into a three-way affair.

Incumbent George A. Shuford, of Asheville, and Waynesville industrialist Heinz Rollman were already off and running when Mr. Brown filed.

FIRST IN FEATURES — Local Newspaper Wins 3 Awards

Macon County's hometown newspaper, The Franklin Press, won three different awards in the 1957 state-wide competition—more than any other weekly newspaper.

The Press copped first place in feature writing; second place in photography; and third place in editorial page excellence.

It also placed in the top 10 in news coverage for the year. Awards for '57 were presented to the winning newspapers Thursday night in Chapel Hill as a feature of the 33rd annual Newspaper Institute of the North Carolina Press Association.

Publisher Bob S. Sloan, Editor Weimar Jones, and News Editor J. P. Brady attended the Chapel Hill institute.

Mr. Jones was the principal speaker Friday afternoon at a meeting of associated non-dailies.

Judges Comments
In the critique accompanying the list of prize winners in the newspaper contest, the judges had this to say about The Press: "Features: Enough bright, readable features were scattered through the entries to make much of the judging a matter of sorting for 'good, better, and best' rather than culling good from bad. . . . first prize in the weekly division goes to The Franklin Press. This paper could make still greater strides toward carrying the feature concept throughout the pages of the paper. But its

Schools Out
Schools were turned out yesterday (Wednesday) morning when a light snow began sticking over the county.
Highway sanding crews were rolling out to take care of troubles in the higher gaps.

The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Doris N. Hill and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN

	High	Low	Rain
Wed., Jan. 22	51	30	.19
Thursday	48	15	.00
Friday	47	32	.69
Saturday	59	30	.25
Sunday	42	24	.00
Monday	42	30	.07
Tuesday	45	27	.09
Wednesday	45	22	snow

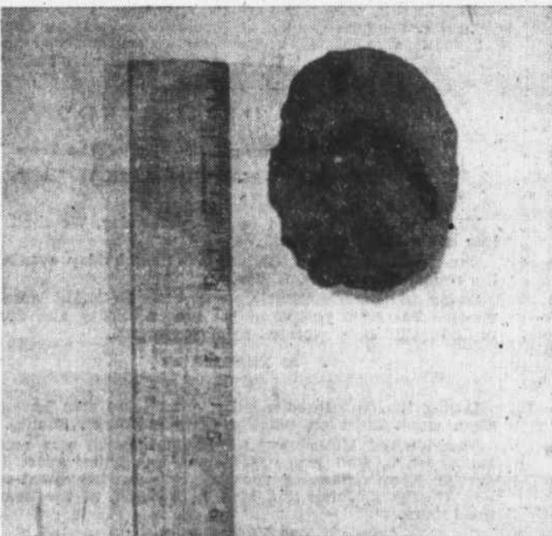
COWETA

Wed., Jan. 22	52	28	.58
Thursday	42	16	.93
Friday	45	31	.00
Saturday	46	29	.35
Sunday	50	25	.00
Monday	44	23	.05
Tuesday	43	23	.00
Wednesday	45	23	.00

HIGHLANDS

Wed., Jan. 22	38	23	*
Thursday	41	10	*
Friday	40	23	*
Saturday	43	23	*
Sunday	42	30	*
Monday	38	26	*
Tuesday	40	27	*
Wednesday	—	24	snow

* No record.



OUTER SPACE VISITOR

The Rev. Claude Ledford, pastor of the Coweta Baptist Church, found this meteorite recently while pouring the footings for a building on Cartoogechaye near Lawrence Setser's Store. The earth was scorched for about 50 feet around where the meteorite struck and there were other smaller particles. (Staff Photo)



Franklin Livestock Yard . . . A Busy Place Every Wednesday