

### ON THE INSIDE

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# County Tax Rate Increased 10 Cents For Schools

## Per Hundred Value Is \$1.60; No Other Changes Are Made

Macon County's tax rate has been increased a dime, from \$1.50 to \$1.60 per hundred valuation, with the schools receiving the additional revenue.

This is the second straight year a 10-cent increase has been tacked to the tax rate to meet growing school maintenance and growth problems.

Of the dime boost, eight cents is for current expenses (from 42c to 50c), and two cents for capital outlay (from 6c to 8c).

No other changes were made in the tax structure. It is estimated by county officials the 10-cent increase will bring in \$18,000.

The county commissioners, W. E. (Gene) Baldwin, Wiley Brown, and John W. Roane, have been meeting with county department heads to plan the 1958-59 budget.

Following is a breakdown of the new \$1.60 tax rate: General Fund, .20; Health, .06; Farm Demonstration, .03; Home Demonstration, .02; Fire Protection, .02; Library, .02; Veterans Service, .01; Public Welfare, .15; Public Welfare Administration, .07; Schools, current expenses, .50; Schools, capital outlay, .08; County-wide Debt Service, .44.

### SLATED JUNE 28 —

## Run-Off Primary To Cost County Estimated \$1,500

### Here're Figures Concerning Vote

What will happen in the run-off election between G. L. Houk and J. M. (Jim) Raby, to be held Saturday, June 28?

In the three-cornered race for the Democratic nomination for representative, in the first primary May 31, Mr. Houk led by 308 votes, but lacked 273 of winning a clear majority.

That gave Mr. Raby, the second high man, the right to call for a second primary.

Here are some facts and figures about the May 31 voting that may cast light on the probable outcome June 28:

Percentage-wise, the 2,938 ballots cast in the representative race were divided between Mr. Houk, Mr. Raby, and Weimar Jones, the third candidate, like this: Houk got 41 per cent of the total vote.

Raby got 30 per cent. Jones got 29.

The county has 15 voting precincts. Houk led in 7; Raby in 8. Houk received a clear majority in none of the 15 precincts. Raby had a majority in four—three of them small precincts.

The two candidates came to Franklin, by far the biggest box in the county, running neck and neck. Houk was leading by just 10 votes.

But in the Franklin precinct, where 29 per cent of the total vote was cast, Raby got only a little over 15 per cent. Houk got slightly less than 50 per cent of the Franklin vote, and Jones, 35 per cent.

## Womack Recipient Of Grant

Bobby Womack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Womack, of Franklin, and a rising senior in the School of Engineering at N. C. State College, Raleigh, has been awarded a scholarship from Douglas Aircraft for 1958-59.

This scholarship of \$750 is made on the recommendation of the scholarship and standards committee of the School of Engineering and upon the approval of A. E. Raymond, chairman of the scholarship board of Douglas Aircraft Company, Santa Monica, Calif.

At State, Bobby is vice-president. SEE NO. 2, PAGE 8

ATTEND CONVENTION  
Mrs. John Wasilik and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Dalton were among those attending the 38th annual convention of the N. C. American Legion in Asheville Thursday and Friday of last week. Mrs. Wasilik was a delegate from the local auxiliary and Mrs. Dalton was an alternate.

## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Mason Stiles, U. S. weather observer; in Highlands by Tudor N. Hall 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., 11th	90	56	.00
Thursday	92	63	.00
Friday	92	58	.00
Saturday	93	60	.00
Sunday	82	62	.00
Monday	83	61	.16
Tuesday	82	60	.00
Wednesday	—	51	.00

  

COWETA			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 11th	87	53	.04
Thursday	86	58	.13
Friday	90	58	.00
Saturday	91	58	.00
Sunday	90	60	.00
Monday	83	58	.06
Tuesday	82	56	.00
Wednesday	79	46	.00

  

HIGHLANDS			
	High	Low	Rain
Wed., 11th	79	54	.00
Thursday	85	57	.00
Friday	87	58	.00
Saturday	87	62	.00
Sunday	78	60	.00
Monday	80	63	.00
Tuesday	72	56	.00
Wednesday	—	52	.00

## JAYCEES ARE PLANNING — 'Bigger And Better' Fourth Of July Celebration Slated

Under the direction of the Jaycees, plans are now being made for a "bigger and better" Fourth of July celebration in Franklin. The day-and-night observance of Independence Day will feature: Field events for men, women, and children beginning at 10 a.m. on the west side of the county courthouse. Cash prizes will be awarded the winners and events will range from the greasy pole to a slipper kicking contest for the women.

An afternoon baseball game at the East Franklin diamond between the Franklin All-Stars and a team still to be named.

A county-wide beauty contest to select "Miss Fourth of July". This event will spotlight nighttime activities at the side of the courthouse and, as last year, will be run in three eliminations. Contestants will be sponsored by businesses. R. M. Biddle, Jr., is in charge.

Free square dancing, beginning at 8 p.m., featuring a well-known string band and caller. Dance teams also will perform at intervals during the night.

Proceeds from the celebration have been earmarked by the Jaycees for the memorial park at the foot of Slagle Memorial hill.



### GETS PROMOTION

H. H. Gnuse, Jr., vice-president of Nantahala Power and Light Company here, has been promoted to the power engineering division of Alcoa in Pittsburgh, Pa., effective August 1. Mr. Gnuse came here in November, 1940, as assistant electrical engineer on the Thorpe project and was elevated to vice-president in 1948. Active in church and civic affairs, he is a town alderman and vice-mayor.

## IN AUTO ACCIDENT — 'Bo' Norton, Former High School Athlete, Is Killed

An automobile accident early Sunday morning on NC 209 near Hot Springs claimed the life of Charlie Ray "Bo" Norton, former Franklin High athlete.

Mr. Norton, 25, was assistant U.S. Forest Service ranger at Hot Springs, a post he had held for about three months. A 1951 graduate of Franklin High, he lettered in both basketball and football.

He received his degree in forestry in 1957 from N. C. State College. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at the Highlands Methodist Church by the Rev. Eugene H. Little. Burial was in the church cemetery. Military rites were conducted by the American Legion posts of Franklin and Highlands and the Macon County V.F.W. Post.

The young forest ranger was riding alone at the time of the accident, which was placed at about 3 a.m. He was thrown clear when his car struck a boulder after failing to negotiate a sharp curve. A passing motorist saw his body lying face down in a small stream about daybreak and notified authorities.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Agnes Norton, of Highlands; four brothers, Herman and Edwin Norton, of Aiken, S. C., and Robert and John Norton, of Highlands; four sisters, Mrs. Van B. Higdon, of Cherry Point, Mrs. Leona Meadows and Miss Nancy Norton, of Highlands, and Mrs. Guy Crisp, of Newport News, Va. His father was the late Ray Norton, of Highlands.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Potts Funeral Home.

## Burley Measuring Now Under Way

Measuring the 1958 crop of burley tobacco in Macon County is now under way. Max Parrish, chairman of the county A.S.C., which is supervising the job, this week reported that 47 of the county's 224 burley farms placed allotments in the Soil Bank, allowing 177 farms to be visited and measured.

The job should be finished by June 30, he said. Three full-time reporters and a performance supervisor are doing the work.

AT O.E.S. MEETING  
Mrs. E. J. Carpenter and Mrs. W. L. Harper attended the 53rd session of the grand chapter of North Carolina Order of the Eastern Star in Asheville last week.

On June 30, the youth workers will come to Franklin to set up vacation Bible schools in this area through August 15. They will live with Mrs. Weimar Jones.

The Methodist Men's group is sponsoring the youth program this summer.

## Looking For Bargains?

Franklin's latest trade promotion, "Sidewalk Carnival" is slated for tomorrow (Friday). Participating merchants plan to place bargain tables on the sidewalks outside their stores, affording easy access to featured "Sidewalk Carnival" items. Sam Gibson, chairman, said the one-day promotion, which was highly successful last year in spite of rain, is offering "bargains that shoppers won't find anywhere else in the whole wide world."

PATTON WILL SPEAK  
Judge George B. Patton will speak at the Clark's Chapel homecoming at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. A picnic will be served at noon, followed by another speaker and hymn singing in the afternoon.

AT FRUITLAND  
The Rev. and Mrs. Robert R. Standley are spending the week in Fruitland, where they are missionary speakers at the R. A. camp.

### MEANDERING ALONG MAIN STREET

AIR CONDITIONING systems have been installed by De Soto Trail Restaurant and the Normandy, forward steps for both in providing the type of service wanted by visitors.

WHAT HAPPENED to the "Welcome to Franklin" banners that spanned Palmer and Main last year? About time to get 'em out and glad-hand the traveling public, isn't it?

THE ENERGY AND enthusiasm of Mrs. Harry Price has revived a very vital activity in Franklin, Girl Scouts. She deserves a vote of thanks for her efforts, don't you think?

WAYAH BALD'S beautiful stand of flame azalea attracted a steady stream of visitors over the week end. Mrs. Miriam Rabb, travel editor with the N.C. Department of Conservation and Development, took several photographs on the bald Friday for use in advertising the attraction.

WHY IS IT the weather always seems to cut up over the week end, instead of during the week?

FRANKLIN'S famous Indian Mound (state's largest) is getting a much-needed haircut!

MONDAY HAD its slack hours. Plenty of parking places along the main stem. Plenty of people slowing down because of the warm weather, too.

WAYAH RANGER Bill Nothstein reports he and his men have been waging war on dwarf willow, a bush threatening to snuff out Wayah Bald's famous stand of flame azalea. The ranger says the only satisfactory way to stop the willow is to cut it out with a pocket knife.

HAVE YOU seen that big operation they've set up on the Georgia highway for the paving project? Some of the mixing machinery appears to be a couple of stories high and that pile of gravel, WOW!

FRED SALAIN thinks The Press is really progressing. "I thought I was Rip Van Winkle," he declared, when he saw the "1968" date on the front page of last week's issue.

MRS. A. G. CAGLE reports tourists are buying and reading The Press on the newsstands in increasing numbers. She thinks that's a tribute to Macon County's hometown newspaper when strangers buy a copy and read it from cover to cover.

MACON COUNTY'S new boys camp, Camp Highlander, not only is the highest summer camp in the Southeast, it's probably the most beautiful from the air of any in the world. It's sitting almost on top of the world and the views are absolutely breathtaking.

### CLUB TO MEET

The Macon County Methodist Men's Club will hold a family night covered dish supper meeting at Wilson Lick Camp, on Wayah Bald, Sunday night. The meal is set for 6 o'clock.



### THERE'S FLAME ON WAYAH

Mile-high Wayah Bald is wearing its famous garb of flame azalea and mountain laurel. Travel up the bald has been heavy for several days, particularly over the week end. Miss Sarah Reagan was among those taking in the annual attraction and she's shown above in a big clump of flame azalea. The display of color is expected to last at least another week in the higher elevations. (Staff Photo)

## IT'S OFFICIAL NOW — Judge Patton Takes Oath In Raleigh Monday Morning

It's official now; George B. Patton is resident judge of the 20th Judicial District. The Franklin native, who resigned as attorney general of the state in April to run for the judgeship in the Democratic primary, was appointed Saturday by Gov. Luther Hodges to serve during the interim period until Dec. 31, 1958.

Judge Carlisle W. Higgins, of the State Supreme Court, administered oaths of office in the governor's office Monday morning at 11 to Judge Patton and to Robert M. Gambill, of North Wilkesboro, who was nominated as the Democratic candidate in the 23rd Judicial District.

Friday The 13th did a little goofing off here.

Like a real, jim-dandy 13th, the fire alarm sounded in Franklin about breakfast. It was a cooking range afire at the Stockton home off US 23-441, near the old county home property. Practically no damage, though.

Later in the morning, a rattlesnake (an ominous Friday the 13th omen) reared its ugly head near Mrs. Hazel Holland and her family, who were raspberry picking in the Cullasaja section (see picture). Bite anyone? Nope. Mrs. Holland ran for a .22 rifle and polished the serpent off in short order.

Meanwhile, over at Angel Hospital, a Friday the 13th baby was making a grand entrance. No trouble here, either. It was a healthy boy (third in a series) for Dr. and Mrs. Dan A. Chase, of Franklin.



Judge Patton  
... It's Official



### QUICK, HENRY, GET THE FLIT GUN!

Mrs. Hazel Holland (center), her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Simonds, and her son, Richard, had their Friday the 13th raspberry picking trip interrupted by this 30-inch rattlesnake that sported 10 rattles and a button. While the snake rattled, Mrs. Holland rolled toward her home in the Cullasaja section, returning with a .22 rifle to eliminate the berry intruder. (Staff Photo)



### BIG HIGHWAY PROJECT IS UNDER WAY

Paving machinery has taken over the spotlight on US 23-441 between Franklin and the Georgia state line. After a short delay, pending arrival of a piece of equipment, Ballenger Paving Company has started the \$433,182 paving job, one of the largest ever undertaken in this area. The large truck at right is dumping a load of paving mix into a machine that distributes it evenly over the highway. As a safety precaution, the smaller truck at left is used by the company to lead traffic by the machinery. Only brief delays are being experienced by motorists. (Staff Photo)

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