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# Franklin Tax Rate Boosted 15 Cents To \$1.35

## NO RECESSION HERE — Business Appears Better Than In '57

There's no general business recession here. And if there has been one, it's a thing of the past. That is suggested by every one of a number of usually reliable indices, applied to local business.

Receipts at the Franklin Post Office are up. So are bank deposits. So are Building and Loan savings. And 1958 tax payments are coming in at a rapid clip.

Postal receipts here indicate that business was off the first quarter of 1958, but the decline was more than evened up the second quarter.

Postal receipts from January 1 through March 31 of this year totaled \$7,670.73. Postmaster Zeb Meadows reported. This compared with \$8,120.25 for the same period a year ago, a drop this year of \$449.55.

During the second 1958 quarter, though, the figure was \$8,601.03, as compared with \$8,132.94 for the second quarter of 1957—an increase of \$468.09.

That put 1958 ahead of 1957, for the first half of the year, by \$18.54. For the first six months of this year, taken as a whole, therefore, postal business was not off, but shade better than last.

Deposits (savings and checking accounts combined) in the Bank of Franklin, showed a gain during the first six months of this year of \$149,815.

This compared with a gain of only \$39,232 for the first six months of 1957. The gain during the past six months, however, was less than that for the last six months of 1957, when the increase was \$248,843.

In each of the six-month periods, both checking accounts and savings showed gains.

Figures compiled by Henry W. Cabe, cashier, show the totals on deposit at the end of each of the last four years:

Dec. 31, 1956	\$2,366,585
June 30, 1957	\$2,405,817
Dec. 31, 1957	\$2,654,660
June 30, 1958	\$2,804,475

Savings deposited in the Macon County Building and Loan Association went up, the first six months of this year, by \$99,588—an average increase of nearly \$18,000 a month.

Total savings in the Building and Loan January 1 of this year were \$1,169,806. It was learned from R. S. Jones, secretary-treasurer. The figure had grown to \$1,269,394 by June 30.

Approximately a third of the 1958 county taxes, though not due till October 1, have already been paid, according to Thomas A. (Tom) Henson, county tax collector. Most of this sum—\$88,266.55 through June—has come in from large taxpayers, interested in saving the 2 per cent discount given if taxes are paid prior to July 1. (The discount is 1½ per cent on taxes paid during July, and 1 per cent in August and September.)

## Advanced First Aid Classes To Be Held Here

A first aid training class for advance students will be conducted by Mack Ray Whittaker and Carl Tysinger next week. Any person who holds a standard first aid certificate is eligible and invited to attend these classes, they said.

The first class will be held at the town fire hall Monday at 7:30 p.m.

## Patrols Join Doctors In Losing Fight To Save Highlands Baby's Life

HIGHLANDS — A long, hard fight to keep a baby breathing ended in defeat here Sunday. Just when the battle appeared won, the little boy's heart stopped—for the second time—and the war was lost.

Doctors from three different cities and the highway patrol of two states were among forces engaged.

Eighteen months-old William Philo Neely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philo Neely, of the Clear Creek Community, entered the Highlands Community Hospital last Thursday. Suffering from a viral infection of the breathing apparatus, he was black when he arrived. Dr. C. M. Berry, Highlands physician said. An emergency operation was performed to insert a tube in his windpipe.

By Friday, a form of pneumonia that "antibiotics wouldn't touch" had developed, and Saturday the infant-size tube became clogged. An adult-size tube was available in Highlands, but no intermediate. Dr. Murdock Eguen, head of the Ponce de Leon Ear, Nose, and Throat Infirmary in Atlanta, who was in Highlands on vacation, was called in and suggested the intermediate-size tube be obtained from Atlanta.

Within two hours and 45 minutes after the call was made to



CROWD VIEWS SACK RACE FINALS

A part of the crowd, estimated at 1,500 here for the July Fourth festivities last Friday, is shown here, as they watch the sack race finals. The two girls who appear sure winners tripped and fell, and the two boys shown in the background came out in front. This photograph was made from the top of the Nantahala Building, looking south toward the county jail.

(Staff Photo)



Observer

This young man, photographed on Franklin's Main Street last Friday, is taking everything in—through dark glasses—as celebrators observe July 4 here. Ed 4, he's Bobby Morgan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Morgan, of Franklin, Route 4.

## Logan A. Berry, 88, Well Known In Macon, Dies

Logan Abraham Berry, widely known and highly respected 88-year old farmer, died at his home in the Holly Springs community Wednesday of last week, following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held at the Holly Springs Baptist church last Friday, and interment followed in the church cemetery. The Rev. Arvil Swafford, the Rev. Robert R. Standley, and the Rev. Doyle Miller officiated.

Serving as pallbearers were Jay and Alex Deal, Roy Berry, T. W. Angel, Jr., Dewey Corbin and William G. Crawford.

Mr. Berry is survived by one sister, Mrs. T. Angel, Sr.; three sons, R. E. Berry, of Fairbanks, Alaska, Furman Berry, of the home, and James R. Berry, of Franklin; three daughters, Mrs. Herman Dean, of Franklin, Mrs. Earl Justice, of Franklin, Route 4, and Miss Ethel Berry, of the home.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

## PLAN BAKE SALE

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Agnes Episcopal Church will hold its monthly bake sale tomorrow (Friday) night at 6:30. Proceeds will go toward providing a water system for the church. The sale will begin at 9 o'clock.

## PLAN BENEFIT SUPPER

A benefit supper will be held at the Bethel Methodist Church tomorrow (Friday) night at 6:30. Proceeds will go toward providing a water system for the church. The public is invited.

## Pest Office Here Now First Class

Franklin is now a first class post office.

It became so July 1.

Classification of post offices is based on receipts. To become first class, an office must have receipts of \$40,000 or more.

During the last calendar year 1957, receipts at the Franklin office totaled \$43,880. Changes in the classification of post offices, though, comes at the beginning of a fiscal year, so the upgrading of the Franklin office was deferred until July 1.

The chief significance of the change, Postmaster Zeb Meadows said, is that the growth it denotes reflects growth and expansion of business in the community.

The post office here stepped up from third to second class July 1, 1926. In 1933, at the bottom of the depression, it slipped back to third, but became second again the following year and has remained so until now. It's been second class for 32 years, except for the year 1933.

Under current postal regulations, the salaries of postmasters are based on the amount of work they are responsible for, rather than the post office classification.

Mr. Meadows said, adding that the change will affect no salaries here. Nor will it mean added personnel.

The only real effect, in fact, is to limit the size and weight of packages that may be mailed.

Prior to July 1, the post office here could accept parcel post items for delivery anywhere in the Continental United States weighing up to 70 pounds and measuring not more than 100 inches in length and girth combined.

Now, however, the local office comes under a regulation applying to first class post offices:

The weight of parcels for local delivery or to first class post offices in the first and second post zones is limited to 40 pounds, and to 20 pounds when addressed to first class offices in the third through the eighth zones. This limitation does not apply to packages addressed to servicemen overseas.

The size of parcels acceptable for mailing also is limited, to 72 inches instead of the present 100.

These limitations do not apply.

Mr. Meadows explained, when the parcel is addressed to a second or third class post office.

And books are exempt from the regulation. The old limits of 70 pounds and 100 inches still apply, when the merchandise mailed is books.

Elections are paid for out of the county general fund.

## Dryman Named To Board When Gnuse Resigned

The Town of Franklin tax rate this year goes up by 15 cents—from \$1.20 on each \$100 valuation to \$1.35.

The increase was voted by the Board of Aldermen at its meeting Monday night, when it adopted a budget and set the tax rate for the 1958-59 fiscal year.

Most of the additional revenue will go toward building sidewalks and to the water and sewer department—chiefly for sewers—officials said.

## \$600,000 County Budget Awaits Few Details

The Board of County Commissioners Monday tentatively decided on a county budget of \$603,146.14 for the 1958-59 fiscal year.

That is the total of anticipated revenues, including funds received from the state and federal governments, but some details on expenditures of the funds remain to be ironed out.

Decisions on these details and formal adoption is anticipated shortly.

The Board of County Commissioners recently voted a county-wide increase of 10 cents, so that the combined county-town rate will go up by 25 cents.

The aldermen also elected Prelo Dryman to serve out the unexpired term of Alderman H. H. Gnuse, Jr. Mr. Gnuse who is moving to Pittsburgh August 1, submitted his resignation.

Mr. Dryman, Franklin merchant, was the runner-up in the



MR. DRYMAN

...Named To Board

May, 1957 town election, Alderman Frank Martin defeated him by one vote. Mr. Dryman previously served on the board, 1955-57. The unexpired term to which he has been appointed will expire June 30, 1958.

The board also: —

Released Trimont Trail, a street running from Green to Wilkie, to the State Highway Commission, with the understanding the commission will re-grade, drain, and gravel it.

Authorized the purchase of 1,000 town automobile tags for 1958.

Authorized the sale of the lot, near the Franklin Hosiery Plant, where the town drilled a well that turned out to be a dry hole, about three years ago.

The town's budget for this year is nearly \$12,600 more than for the 1957-58 year.

This year's total is \$147,139.50, as compared with \$135,159.06 last year.

Expenditures are broken down this way:

General administration department, \$11,650.

Police Department (including \$150 for a new police car, an old one to be traded in), \$17,000.

Fire Department, \$2,550.

Water and Sewer Department, \$48,500.

Street Department, \$39,360.

Debt Service, \$26,545.

## The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Marion Stiles, S. E. of town, observer in Highlands, Tudor N. Hall, T. W. Clegg, TVA observer; and at the Coweta Hydroelectric Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. of the day listed.

**COWETA**

Wednesday	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	85	50	0
Thursday	88	53	0
Friday	88	58	0
Saturday	84	61	.22
Sunday	80	55	1.28
Monday	83	52	1.29
Tuesday	84	51	1.62
Wednesday	76	61	1.15

**FRANKLIN**

Wednesday	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	87	50	0
Thursday	90	52	0
Friday	84	63	.06
Saturday	82	64	.26
Sunday	83	61	.42
Monday	84	66	.11
Tuesday	70	63	1.05
Wednesday	64	—	.158

**HIGHLANDS**

Wednesday	High	Low	Rain
Wednesday	78	50	0
Thursday	80	52	0
Friday	74	58	0
Saturday	76	60	0
Sunday	76	58	0
Monday	76	62	0
Tuesday	70	62	0
Wednesday	70	62	0

\* No record



After the two-inch rainfall here in the past several days, this giant watering process seems a bit out of date. There was nothing untimely about irrigation, though, last week when the picture was made crops were parching after a long drought. The 17 sprinklers on the Teague farm, near Prentiss, distribute 800 gallons of water per minute. Mr. Teague (shown watching the sprinklers at work) and his brother, Wilbur, bought the irrigation apparatus last spring.

(Staff Photo)