

NANTAHALA HI, FRANKLIN SPLIT CAGE CONTESTS

Franklin Girls Win, 36-25, Nantahala Lads Take 23-to-20 Victory

Approximately 375 basketball fans turned out Tuesday night for Franklin High's first home game of the season, and watched as the locals split a twin-bill with Nantahala High. The local lassies pulled a 36-to-25 victory away from the Nantahala girls in the first game, and then retired to the stands to watch the local boys lose a rough-and-tumble cage duel to the Nantahala boys, 23 to 20. The two evenly matched boys' teams ran a neck-and-neck race throughout the game, until Nantahala, with less than a minute to go, clinched it. After finding the hoop for first blood the Franklin lassies stayed in the lead for the entire game and gave fans a better-than-average show of ball handling. Leading the Nantahala lads to victory was Herman May, who bucketed 13 points to take high scoring honors. Sparking Franklin's attack was Mack (Roscoe) Lewis with eight markers, with Captain Richie Jones close behind with six. High scorer in the girls' game was Franklin's Audrey Gibson, with 19 points. Forward Susie May looped 11 points for Nantahala and runner-up honors. A foul shot by Gibson put the Franklin girls in the lead and at half-time they were out front, 16 to 10. The fight-to-the-finish boys' game kept fans on the edges of their seats as the lads scrapped up and down the court for the ball. Center Jones led his team for the first score with a set shot from mid-court and Franklin stayed in the lead until the closing minutes of the game, when Nantahala forged ahead to take the duel by the three-point margin. Franklin's Lewis kept the locals moving in the first half by pouring set shots through the hoop, but in the second half it was a different story. Two Nantahala lads stalked Lewis all over the court, stopping his scoring threat. At the half, the locals led 14 to 11. Nantahala's Herman May, a veteran of last season's court battles, was the sparkplug behind his team. The gifted cager time and again faked his way through the Franklin defense for hooks and layups. Franklin's next game is with Hayesville, here, December 18.

Clinic At Highlands To Reopen January 7

The clinic at Highlands Community Hospital will reopen January 7, with Dr. Joseph P. Satterwhite in charge. Dr. Satterwhite is completing his work at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem at the end of the year, and will move his family to Highlands shortly thereafter. The announcement of the reopening of the clinic and the arrival of Dr. Satterwhite was made following a joint meeting of the board of trustees and the board of directors, last Friday morning in the hospital office, when the appointment of the 13-member board of directors was formally approved by the trustees. Comprising the board of directors are W. H. Cobb, chairman, W. Roy Potts, treasurer, Mrs. John H. C. Perry, secretary, Mrs. J. H. Howe, Mrs. Roy Phillips, Mrs. Carl Zoellner, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Tudor N. Hall, Carlton Cleveland, John W. Edwards, Joe W. Reese, Harry A. Holt, and John D. Burnette. An amendment of the by-laws was adopted at the meeting, authorizing the transfer of all matters relating to the operation and management of the hospital and clinic to the board of directors, the amendment to become effective immediately.

In introducing Dr. Satterwhite, Mr. Cobb said that it is the plan of the board of directors to establish a 24-hour service at the clinic as soon as possible, and that he hopes "the doors of the building will not be closed again in the future." Friday's announcement also said it was agreed at the meeting that Dr. Satterwhite would establish regular office hours at Cashiers, as justified, as soon as arrangements could be made after his arrival here. S. C. Russell, chairman of the board of trustees, reported that the mortgage against the hospital had been paid in full and that no indebtedness of any description is outstanding. It was regretted that the time element did not permit some ceremony relating to the burning of the mortgage in the presence of the new board of directors, Mr. Russell said. Following the meeting, members of the two boards were luncheon guests of George W. Woodruff at the Highlander cafe. In addition to Mr. Woodruff, out-of-town members were Mrs. Genevieve Wright and W. F. Lewis, of Cashiers, Douglas M. Robertson, Atlanta, and R. Frank Brownlee of Anderson, S. C.

GROUP FORMED HERE TO PUSH FOR EDUCATION

Bryant Named Chairman; Committee To Visit County's Schools

A Macon County Citizen's Committee for Education was formed Friday evening at a special meeting attended by representatives of a number of the county's civic and business organizations. The objective of the committee is to advance the cause of education in the schools by pooling the efforts of various Macon County organizations. Named president of the new group was Harve L. Bryant; vice-president, Mrs. R. W. Renshaw; treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Valentine of Highlands; secretary, Mrs. Curtis Pearson. C. Tom Bryson, Macon's representative at the 1951 general assembly, and County School Supt. Holland McSwain made brief talks. A suggestion by the county superintendent that a committee be formed to visit Macon schools and determine what is needed to further the education movement met with the approval of those attending, and President Bryant appointed the following: W. W. Reeves, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, and Elma Teague. A by-laws committee also was set up, composed of Norman Blaine, W. G. Crawford, and Gene Crawford. Mrs. Curtis Pearson was named publicity chairman. Presiding at the meeting was Miss Roberta Enloe, president of the Macon County unit of the N. C. Education association. The Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, offered the opening prayer. Backing the formation of the local organization is the state education association, which plans to present an education program at the next state legislative session, it was brought out. The group's next meeting is set for January 31, at which time a new platform for education is to be considered.

Marks 101st Milestone



MRS. MARTHA JANE BRYSON

Mrs. Bryson, widely known as "Aunt Jane", will be 101 years old tomorrow. Born Dec. 14, 1850, she still lives in the white frame house on Bryson Branch that has been her home for 77 years. Here she reared her eight sons, all of whom still are living. The eldest, Will Bryson, is now 76. She is as fond as ever of peppermint candy, and on her 100th birthday, a year ago, relatives and friends gave her "more candy than I can eat in a year". Though she has been blind for many years, Mrs. Bryson continues interested in what goes on about her. She is able to be up for a few hours almost every day.

BALLOT TODAY ON COMMITTEE TO RUN P. M. A.

Members From Each Of 13 Communities Will Be Elected In Vote

In a county-wide election today (Thursday), Production and Marketing Administration committee members from Macon's 13 communities will be chosen. Tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock delegates from all the communities are scheduled to meet at the Agricultural building to elect a P. M. A. county committee for the year. In the election, three regular members and two alternates are to be chosen in each community. Also a community convention delegate will be picked. Polling hours will be 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., according to Mrs. Mary B. Justice, secretary of the local P. M. A. office. Following are county polling places, by townships: North Franklin, Paul Swafford's mill; Southwest Franklin, Rufus Wells' home; Southeast Franklin, Prentiss Grocery store; Millshoal, Holly Springs school; Cartoogehaye, Ledford's store; Ellijah, Bert Mashburn's store; Sugarfork, Moses' Service station; Highlands, Potts' Brothers store; Flats, Scaly post office; Smiths Bridge, Norris' store; Nantahala, high school gymnasium; Burningtown, Carl Morgan's home; Cowee, Tom Rickman's store. The county P. M. A. committee consists of three persons, a chairman, vice-chairman, and one member. Two alternates also are selected.

Will Occupy New Highlands School Today, Tomorrow

Highlands school children will move into their new \$165,000 building today (Thursday) and tomorrow, County School Supt. Holland McSwain has announced. The new school consists of 14 classrooms, a lunch room, and a gymnasium.

John Murray Dies; Rites Held Dec. 6

Funeral services for John W. Murray, a resident of Macon County for 67 years, were held last Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Cowee Baptist church. Mr. Murray died the previous day at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roscoe O. Higdon, in Gay, where he had been living for the past three years. He was 86 years old. Conducting the services were the Rev. C. C. Welch, of Glenville, the Rev. M. W. Chapman, of Franklin, and the Rev. Joe R. Bishop of Gay. Burial was in the church cemetery. Born February 20, 1865, in Flag Pond, Tenn., he was the son of Samuel and Mrs. Elizabeth Woodard Murray. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Cowee Baptist church. He came to Macon County at the age of 16. He was married in 1884 to Miss Martha Rickman, who died in 1936. Survivors include Mrs. Higdon; two sons, Samuel J. and Frank I. Murray, of Franklin; 11 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Luther Raby, Fred McGaha, Parnell Bryson, Tom Rickman, Carr Bryson, and Clyde West. Arrangements were under the direction of Potts Funeral home.

Kill 10 Deer, One Rattler In Last Hunt

Ten deer and one rattlesnake bit the dust last week in the season's final hunt, according to bag data received by The Press. Four deer kills were reported by Macon County hunters and the four-foot, nine inch rattler kill went to an out-of-county hunter, who also got a deer for his trouble. A 10-point buck, tipping the scales at about 180, was bagged by Eugene Britton and Charles McCall, both of Franklin, Route 3, in the Wayah vicinity. Leonard Rhodes and George Parker both of Franklin, Route 1, downed 158 pounds of venison on Moore creek, after tracking the eight-pointer for three miles. Hubert Wilson and Wilburn Hedden, of Highlands, got 11- and 10-pointers, respectively, near Wayah. Twelve rattles and a button (attached to a large rattlesnake) was found near Wayah by A. W. Banks, of Horse Shoe. Mr. Banks also took a deer back with him. Otis Ward, of Bryson City, downed an eight-point, 185 pounder. In his party were Ed Whitaker and Frank Mathews, of Franklin, and Zeb Morris, Jr., and Jim Cutshaw, of Bryson City. Mr. Ward's kill was made in the Enloe pasture. Four more deer were bagged in the Wayah Wildlife area by out-of-county hunters.

Yule Bazaar Will Be Held By Guild Tomorrow

The St. Agnes Episcopal auxiliary will hold its annual bazaar tomorrow (Friday) at Frances' shop, it has been announced. At the bazaar, which will begin at 9 a. m., Christmas gifts and food will be on sale.

Pageant To Be Presented Dec. 23 At Baptist Church

"The Search for the Christ Child", by Frieda Bedwell, will be presented December 23 at the First Baptist church, church officials announced this week. Directing the Christmas play are Mrs. M. W. Chapman, Mrs. Harry Corbin, and Orval Murray, minister of music at the church. Those having roles in the play include Douglas Pearson, Bill Zickgraf, Mrs. Bruce Bryant, Harry Corbin, Miss Ann Hays, Miss Marianne Johnston, Russell McKelvey, Miss Julia Moody, Larry Swindell, Miss Audrey Hays, Beverly Bryson, Mrs. Curtis Pearson, Verlon Swafford, Elbert Angel, Miss Nancy Angel, Miss Marjorie Moody, and Miss Betty Jean McCall. H. H. Plemons and Mrs. Jarvis Bailey are in charge of stage arrangements; Elbert Angel, lighting; Orval Murray, music; and Mrs. Orval Murray, organist. The church choir also will take part in the program. The play is scheduled for 7:30 p. m.

YULE LIGHTING CONTEST PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

Franklin Garden club officials this week announced completion of plans for third annual community outdoor Christmas decoration contest—open to anyone living within the city limits of Franklin. A secret panel of out-of-town judges will tour Franklin the night of December 23 to select the winners. No prizes will be given, club officials said, but first, second, and third place winners will be announced, and a number of honorable mentions given. Three divisions are planned for the contest; best outdoor Christmas scene; best outdoor tree; and most effective window and door display. Decorations will be judged on the basis of originality and general appearance, it was said. Club officials also announced that 1952 Garden club calendars are now on sale at Frances' shop for \$1.

Hedden Youth Is Reported Missing In Action

Benjamin Lewis Hedden, of the Gneiss community, has been missing in action in Korea since November 6, the Defense department has informed his father, W. W. Hedden. The 19-year-old soldier entered the army in March of this year. His twin brother, Dewey Hedden, who enlisted in January of this year, also is serving in Korea.

Lists 3 Main Reasons For Auto Mishaps

The chief reasons so many persons are killed on North Carolina highways are, in order, "driver attitude", speed, and the "drinking" driver, Lt. W. S. Hunt, of Asheville, executive officer of this state highway patrol division, told the Franklin Rotary club at its meeting last Wednesday evening. A total of 938 have been killed on highways of this state so far this year, he said, as compared with 859 for the same period last year. Each year there is an increase of about 15 per cent, Lt. Hunt said. He added that the automobile registration increases about that much, so that "we are just about holding our own" in the death toll rate. "But that is not good enough", he declared.

Yule Program To Mark P. T. A. Meeting Monday Night

A special Christmas program by the Franklin High school chorus and band and the elementary glee club will feature Monday evening's meeting of the Franklin Parent-Teacher association. The session will be held in the new high school cafeteria at 7:30 p. m., with Mrs. Allen Siler, president, presiding. Selections by the chorus will include "The Sleigh" and "Carol of the Bells". The band will play the "Christmas Overture" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Both groups will be under the direction of S. W. Beck, high school band director. The elementary glee club, under the direction of Miss Alice Weaver, public school music teacher, will sing Christmas carols and a selection of special Yuletide numbers. Mrs. R. H. Hull, pastor of the West Macon Methodist circuit, will conduct the devotional.

Alvin Stiles Wins Army Promotion To Grade Of Sergeant

Cpl. Alvin Stiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert A. Stiles, of Franklin, recently was promoted to sergeant, it has been learned here. The Macon airman enlisted in the air force in December, 1950, and has been stationed at Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa, Fla., since May of this year.

Next Week's Press To Be Published One Day Early

Following a custom of several years' standing, employees of The Press will take a week's vacation at Christmas. In order to make the holiday possible, next week's issue of the paper will be published one day early, and the following week's issue, one day later than usual. Next week's paper will be put in the post office Tuesday night for delivery Wednesday morning. Advertisers and persons who have news for that issue are asked to get them in not later than Monday. The following week, the paper will be put in the post office Thursday night, for delivery Friday.

THIS'LL BE THE NICEST THING YOU EVER DID! Write A Macon Serviceman A Christmas Letter

Want to spread some Christmas joy? To do something that is in the real spirit of Christmas? Something that will bring a happy smile—and a lift of the spirit—to someone who may be homesick and discouraged, and who almost certainly is lonely this Christmas season? Then write a letter to someone in the armed forces! Whom shall you write? and how can you get his address? Turn to page 4. There you will find a list of more than a hundred Macon County servicemen, with their addresses. Have you ever tried being away from home and family and friends, at Christmas? Have

you tried spending Christmas in an army camp? Have you tried being away from home, plus being in an army camp, plus perhaps being an ocean away from family and friends, and possibly plus being on the fighting lines? If you ever have tried even one of these, then you know that nothing is quite like getting mail, and especially at Christmastime. Maybe you haven't time to write all of these Macon County servicemen; or maybe you don't know them all and hesitate to write total strangers. But if you will look over the list on page 4, you almost surely will

find at least one boy you know, or one whose family or friends you know. Write that boy a Christmas letter. Tell him all the news of his family and his friends and his neighborhood. Tell him he is missed, back home at Christmastime. Tell him you are proud of him and pulling for him. And most of all, tell him you are wishing for him a Merry Christmas—and that the proof of that wish is your letter. And if you want your bit of cheer to reach him when he will need it most, at Christmastime, start writing him a letter RIGHT NOW!

Santa's Visit Is Greeted By one Of Town's Biggest Crowds

Santa Claus' scheduled visit to Franklin Saturday afternoon "to look things over" was met by a flood of pre-Yuletide celebrants that packed the town tighter than the inside of a child's stocking on Christmas morning. Many expressed the opinion that it was the largest turnout of people in Franklin's history, as the jolly Old Gent toured downtown stores and tossed out candy from the back of a chartered truck to Macon's children.

Mrs. Rickman Dies, Aged 89; Rites Set For Today

Mrs. Alice Rickman, a Macon County native, died Tuesday night at her home in the West's Mill community, after a long illness, at the age of 89. Services, to be conducted by the Rev. C. C. Welch, the Rev. D. J. Medlin and the Rev. J. D. Pyatt, are planned for today (Thursday) at 10 a. m. at the Cowee Baptist church. Born September 14, 1862, Mrs. Rickman was the daughter of John P. and Mrs. Louisa Caylor Rickman. She was married in 1882 to Leander Rickman, who died in 1915.

The Weather

Franklin Rainfall
Wednesday, .27; Thursday, none; Friday, .03; Saturday, trace; Sunday, .03; Monday, .30; Tuesday, trace; Wednesday, trace.