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MACON LASS WINS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Miss Thornton, Highlands Girl, Cops Women's Singles Title

Miss Mildred Thornton, a 17-year-old smooth stroking tennis star from Highlands, tucked away the women's singles title Friday morning in the finals of the 30th Annual North Carolina Open Tennis Championships at the Biltmore Forest Country club in Asheville by defeating Miss Evelyn Cowan, of Covington, Ga., 6-1, 6-3.

The new state singles champion teamed with Miss Virginia Dumas, of Birmingham, Ala., on Saturday to register a big tournament upset by turning back the South's No. 1 doubles team of Miss Louise Fowler, of Covington, Ga. and Miss Cowan to the tune of 6-2, 6-3, to take the women's doubles title.

Miss Thornton, who wastes no time in throwing her opponents on the defensive with her hard-hitting brand of back court play, two weeks ago won the South Carolina women's singles championship in Greenville.

Despite more tournament experience, Miss Cowan failed to decipher the Highlands racket queen's court strategy in the finals and dropped by the wayside, even after winning the first set 6-4.

Miss Thornton powered through to a 4-6, 6-0, 6-0, victory in the semi-finals over Miss Fowler.

While she was playing in the South Carolina tournament, the Highlands girl learned that she had been awarded a scholarship to Rollins college, Winter Park, Fla.

Plan August Flower Show in Highlands

August 9 and 10 are the dates selected for the ninth annual flower show sponsored by the Highlands Biological station. In keeping with the 25th anniversary of the founding of the station, the theme of the show will be "Silver Anniversary."

Mrs. Byron Simonson who directed the highly successful 1951 show is chairman for the coming show. Committee chairmen are Mrs. Forrest Fay, Miss Rebecca Nall, Miss Gertrude Harbison, Mrs. Elliot Caziare, Mrs. E. M. Thomasson, Mrs. Brandon Smith, Mrs. H. D. Porterfield, and the staff at the station.

There will be three sections of the show: Artistic, Horticulture, and the Junior Division. Division chairmen are Mrs. W. H. Parry, artistic; Dr. W. H. Parry, dahlia; Brandon Smith, gladiolus; Mrs. Louis Edwards, annuals; Judge George Janvier, perennials; Mrs. T. Ben Williams, potted plants; T. M. Dechman, roses; Mrs. Lois Smith, miscellaneous; and Miss Dorothea Harbison, junior division.

ALL-STARS WIN

The Franklin All-Stars emerged from a game with Clayton, Ga., Sunday afternoon on the high side of a 9 to 6 score on the Georgia team's home field. Clayton comes here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for a return engagement with the locals.

In Sunday's game Moundsman Grady Corbin went all the way, turning his slow ball into nothing but trouble for the Claytonites.

CONCERT PLANNED

A benefit "Pops" concert, featuring the famed Transylvania Faculty orchestra, is planned at the Highlands school Wednesday at 8 p. m. Proceeds go to the community recreation fund.

A father-son meeting of Methodist men is planned Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Asbury church, it has been announced.

The Brevard Symphony orchestra will appear at the Mountsides theatre, Cherokee, Monday night at 8:15 o'clock. It will be the orchestra's only appearance in this area this summer.

Estimated 400 Nightly Attending Church Series Here

An estimated 400 persons are nightly attending the annual interdenominational services at the Friendship tabernacle this week.

This year's guest preacher is the Rev. G. Ray Jordan, professor of homiletics in the school of theology at Emory university, Atlanta, Ga. He is a noted author and world traveler.

The series, which began Sunday evening, will close Saturday evening. Services begin nightly at 8 o'clock.

CHILD INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

Runs Into Path Of Car On Georgia Road; Is Recovering

An eight-year-old girl was seriously injured Thursday afternoon on the Georgia highway when she darted from behind a truck into the path of an automobile.

The child, Betty Lou Stuffer, daughter of Mrs. Hazel Shelton, of Franklin, Route 2, was rushed to Angel hospital with a fractured skull and arm. The hospital reported yesterday (Wednesday) that she was improving.

According to the investigation officers, Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and Highway Patrolman V. E. Bryson, she was hit by an automobile driven by Marvin McConnell, of Tiger, Ga. Mr. McConnell, driving toward Franklin was not held and officers termed the accident unavoidable.

Milo Cabe, driver of the truck, which was south-bound, told the sheriff and patrolman he saw the girl at the side of the road and slowed down, expecting her to cross in front of him. He said she apparently crossed the road as soon as he passed into the path of the McConnell car. The accident happened about 6 o'clock.

Dates For Annual Baptist Meeting Are Announced

The 49th annual session of the Macon County Baptist association is scheduled August 7 and 8, according to J. H. Stockton, moderator.

The meeting the first day will be at the Oak Grove Baptist church, the second at the Iotia church. The moderator urged all churches in the association to have representatives present at both meetings.

5 Struck By Lightning Not Seriously Injured; Released By Hospital

The five men struck by a bolt of lightning last Wednesday afternoon were not seriously injured and this week were discharged from Angel hospital, where they were rushed following the incident.

The men were John C. Huscusson, James A. Huscusson, Don C. Huscusson, Walter Johnson, and Arthur Drake. They were working at the home of Calvin Huscusson, on Route 1, when the bolt struck.

CLUB MEETS

The Franklin Junior Womens club will hold its regular meeting Monday at 8 p. m. at the Presbyterian church annex, it has been announced.

CLOTHES CATCH FIRE; YOUTH DIES IN HOSPITAL OF BURNS

A 15-year-old Highlands boy, Claude Benjamin Keener, died Friday night at Angel hospital of burns received earlier in the day when his clothes caught fire as he used gasoline to destroy a nest of yellow jackets at his home.

His mother, Mrs. Claude Keener, was hospitalized with severe burns on her hands and arms, suffered when she tried to beat out his flaming clothing.

The Highlands seventh grader was admitted to the hospital shortly after noon and died at 9 p. m. Funeral services were con-

LOWE NAMED PRINCIPAL AT FRANKLIN HIGH

Sutton Will Be District's Head Principal; Board Sets Lines

Clarence R. (Ray) Lowe, teacher and coach at Franklin High school, Monday was named Number Two principal of the Franklin school district by the county board of education. He will serve as principal at Franklin High.

His appointment arose from an announcement by County School Supt. Holland McSwain at the board's regular July session that the Franklin district was eligible for an additional full-time principal. Monday's meeting was a special one.

R. G. Sutton, principal at the high school for the past four years, will be head principal of the district. According to the school superintendent, his duties will be largely administrative. He will assist elementary principals, who also teach classes, will do administrative work in their respective schools.

It was announced during the meeting that the state board of education has approved preliminary plans for the new Chapel (Negro) school.

The school board set the following lines, marking the areas that several of the county schools will serve:

(1) East Franklin school area will remain the same as last year with Clark's Chapel children continuing to attend the school.

(2) The dividing line between Cowee and Iotia schools will be the Little Tennessee river from Jud Calloway's to the swinging bridge near the Oak Grove Baptist church. Both Cowee and Iotia will have nine teachers this year.

(3) Cartoogechaye creek up the Patton road to Jones road will divide the Franklin and Union schools.

(4) The line between Franklin and Cartoogechaye schools will be Lawrence's store on US 64, to the Jones road on the Patton road. Children in the Louisa Chapel area will go to Cartoogechaye school.

A number of teacher appointments in the school system were discussed but no action was taken by the board.

Monteith, Republican Candidate, Speaks Tonight

Hugh Monteith, Republican candidate for congress from the 12th congressional district, will speak in Highlands Thursday, July 31, at 8 p. m. at the municipals auditorium (former school theatre building).

Mr. Monteith is a well-known Sylva attorney. The public is invited to attend his talk.

District Bar Meeting Slated In Bryson City

J. H. Stockton, president of the 20th judicial district bar, announced this week that the annual meeting of the bar will be held at the Calhoun hotel in Bryson City Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

All local lawyers and their wives are invited to attend. The president said the election of new officers will be a feature of the meeting.

Woman's Club Will Sponsor Comedy Here

"Crazy Daze"—a comedy production featuring local talent—is scheduled for presentation July 31 and August 1 at the East Franklin school under the sponsorship of the Franklin Junior Woman's club.

Show time each evening will be 8 o'clock. Proceeds will go to the club's Children's Clothing Closet project.

The evening's entertainment will include a three-act comedy and five special reviews.

The theme of the comedy revolves around the trials and tribulations of a browbeaten and henpecked husband, played by Dick Stott.

Other lead roles include Vera Williams, the nagging wife, portrayed by Miss Elizabeth Ann Phillips; the social conscious mother-in-law, Ima "Crabb"—Mrs. Joyce Cagle; the brat daughter, Audrey Williams—Margaret Crawford; hillbilly maid—Miss Betty Lou Constance; and the hired man Toby (Sherlock Homely) Jones—Frank Murray, Jr.

A romantic triangle is woven into the comedy by Miss Julia Hunkcutt, as the teen-age daughter, Dorothy; Dan Ansel, as Phil, the boy next door; Lila Raby, as the suave Count Cecil Sissingham, who (chuckle) has a way with women; and Calvin Henson, as Aza Post, who saves the romantic miss from the wolfish count.

A contest to select a King and Queen of Mother Goose Land will be conducted in conjunction with the presenting of "Crazy Daze."

The show is being directed by Miss Mary Ellen Beddow, of Philadelphia, Pa.

YEARLY PICNIC TURN-OUT GOOD

Winners Of Farmers Federation Events Are Named

A crowd estimated at 1,000 turned out Saturday for the annual Farmers Federation picnic at Franklin High school.

In a brief speech, James G. K. McClure, federation president, outlined accomplishments of the federation during the past year, declaring that "farmers want markets for their goods" . . . the Farmers Federation is creating these markets.

The star-studded casts of entertainers at the all-day outing included the Breedlove Sisters, Hunter Young, Troy Shook, Sidney Clay, Willard Crisp, Wendell Waldrop, Horace Ledford, Iva English, Willis Hayes, Frank Mann, and Paul Cloer. Alex and Buddy Rogers, Rhodes Brothers, Seba Cabe, Glenn Ellis, James Evans, Bobby Hampton, Othello Cabe, Edward Carter, Doris Bagley, Sue Bagley, Alex Houston, Patsy Messer, Ann Roberts, Brenda Rice, Pan Handle Pete, and the federation string band.

First prize went to the Tellico choir, second to the Ledbetter family choir. The winning choir received a complete set of song books, the second place choir, 12 song books.

The Mountain Grove quartet took the \$5 first prize in the quartet feature of the program. The prize for transporting the largest truck load of people went to W. C. Higdon, who brought 42 with him.

L. H. Ledbetter, with seven children present, won the prize for the largest family present.

Winning the baldheaded man prize was Ed Higdon. The oldest couple present was Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bennett and the prize for being the youngest married couple went to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roper.

Mr. McClure, of Asheville, served as master of ceremonies.

STILL WRECKED

A small still was destroyed Sunday afternoon near Wallace Gap by the sheriff's department. Sheriff J. Harry Thomas said it had been abandoned a week or more. The raiding party included Sheriff Thomas and deputies Newell Pendergrass and Calvin Roland.

GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW IS SATURDAY

Hours Will Be 2 To 9 PM At Memorial Building; Public Invited

Saturday's spotlight will be focused on the annual flower show at Slagle Memorial building under the sponsorship of the Franklin Garden club.

The doors will open to the general public at 2 p. m. and exhibits may be viewed until 9 o'clock.

Persons wishing to enter exhibits have been requested by garden club officials to register at the memorial building between 9 and 11 a. m. the day of the show. There is no limit on the number of entries individuals may exhibit.

The show, one of the highlights of Franklin's summer activities, annually draws a large crowd. The exhibitor winning the most points in all divisions of the show will be presented the sweepstake award, being given this year by Mrs. Q. M. Wilson, of Highlands, Ribbons will be awarded winners of the various classes.

Club officials have emphasized that flowers entered in the horticultural class must be grown by the exhibitor.

Divisions of the show are: Horticultural classes: Dahlias, largest and finest on one variety; Dahlias, best display of mixed variety; Roses; Zinnias, large and small; Gladioli, mixed; Gladioli, one color; Marigolds; Petunias; Asters; African Violets; Potted plants; Tuberous Begonias; and Snapdragons.

Arrangement classes: Modern arrangement; yellow flowers; white flowers to blend with the container; mixed flowers; corsages; wild flowers; arrangement of either dried materials, fruits, or foliage, or any combination of these; miniatures of any material, flower and container not to exceed three inches overall; flower arrangement for lamp table or end table; wall niches; men's arrangement; arrangement for tables, dinner, breakfast, coffee, luncheon, or terrace.

Children's division: Doll corsages, vegetable figures or animals; dish gardens; arrangement representing school days. No exhibit may be removed by exhibitors until the close of the show, club officials said.

Two Women Bitten Last Week By Rattlesnakes While Picking Berries

Two Macon County women were bitten last week by rattlesnakes while picking blackberries.

Mrs. Verna Mae Elkins, 32 was struck by a rattler as she picked berries near her home in the Cartoogechaye community Thursday afternoon. She received treatment at Angel clinic.

Tuesday of last week, Mrs. Octa Jones, 56, had a similar mishap near her home in the South Skeenah community.

SING PLANNED

The fourth Sunday sing of the northern division of the Macon County singing convention will be held at the Mt. Sinal church near Oak Dale Sunday at 1:30 p. m. It has been announced by Harley B. Mason, president.

NAMED OFFICER

Weimar Jones, editor-publisher of the Franklin Press, was elected vice-president of the N. C. Press Association at the N.C.P.A. meeting in Boone over the week-end.

PLAN TACKY PARTY

A tacky party is scheduled for Saturday night at 8 o'clock at Iotia school under the sponsorship of the school parent-teacher association, it has been announced. Proceeds will be earmarked for the school P.T. A. fund.

PLAN SERVICE

A decoration is planned at the Sealy Baptist church the first Sunday in August at 9:30 a. m. It has been announced. Everyone, especially singers, is invited to attend the all-day affair. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

Club Leases Pool; Will Open Soon

Weather's Hurting Yields; Mercury Sets Record Tuesday

"Sure is hot!", goes the conversational opener—brother, for our money the weather this year has no regard for records, people, or gardens.

Tuesday, the temperature in Franklin ranged upward 33 degrees—from a low of 64 to a record-breaking high of 97. The high a year ago Tuesday was 92, according to Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer.

And we could use a little rain. Pastures are extremely dry, gardens are sweltering under the merciless sun, and people—well, they're just talking about the weather. Rain in the Franklin area this week totaled a pitiful 32 inches.

Agriculturally speaking, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall said the situation is not too serious yet, but added "we better have rain soon." He said dry weather this summer will cut alfalfa, corn, and tobacco yields noticeably.

Farmers mowing alfalfa are getting about 20 per cent less weight, the county agent said, and what little tobacco is grown in the county will be cut about 25 per cent.

He said early gardens are "just about through" and pointed out that dry weather will cut the yield of early corn unless rain falls right away.

Mr. Mendenhall said farmers can ease the situation some by: (1) Seeding soy bean, millet, cane, and sudan grass for hay. (2) Seeding rye, rye grass, or mixtures of small grains as temporary pasture as soon as the ground can be worked.

(3) Taking advantage of the discount on ammonium nitrate so, when rain comes, growth will be stimulated and will extend into the winter months.

(4) Cutting corn that is being hurt by the dry weather and storing it in silos, either upright or trench.

The county agent said his office is ready to assist farmers wanting to build silos.

Baptists Plan Highlands Meet Tomorrow Night

A meeting of the promotion executive committee of the Macon Baptist association is scheduled for tomorrow (Friday) at the Highlands Baptist church, the Rev. W. N. Cook, chairman, has announced.

Discussion at the meeting, which will get under way at 8 p. m., will center around plans for the associational year ending July 1, 1953, the chairman said.

He urged all committee members from the county's 42 churches to attend, explaining that the session will be the last one before the district associational meeting.

Martin Infant Dies; Rites Saturday In Waynesville

Funeral services were held Saturday in Waynesville for Martha Ann Martin, 3-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin, Jr., who died at Johns Hopkins hospital Thursday following an operation.

Mrs. Martin is the former Miss Ruth McCoy, of Franklin and is the daughter of Mrs. Nina Tippet McCoy.

SET HILLBILLY CELEBRATION

Highlands Names Aug. 1 As Date; 'Revenooers' Stay Clear

Chalk August 1 on your calendar as "Hillbilly Day" (movie-style) in Highlands, oil up your cap and ball pistol and rifle, demote your 'coon skin cap' and stand by for the fun.

The whole idea of the event, which has been sanctioned by the town governing body in an official proclamation, is to have everyone in Highlands, residents and tourists alike, to join in and dress as much like "movie" hillbillies as possible, according to SEE NO. 1, PAGE 12

Macon Scouts Left Mark Last Week At Camp Daniel Boone

Local Boy Scouts attending Camp Daniel Boone near Waynesville last week, returned home Sunday with ample proof that Macon Scouts left their mark while there.

Is Piping Water To Pool From Springs; Will Hire Lifeguard

The swimming pool at the Franklin Lodge and Golf Course has been leased by the Franklin Junior Chamber of Commerce and should be open to the public within two weeks, according to Vic Perry, chairman of the pool committee.

For the past two months the Jaycees have been searching for a solution to an inadequate water supply at the pool and the problem has been virtually licked, the chairman said.

A local contractor has been hired by the organization to pipe water to the pool from several springs in the vicinity and the piping-in operation is more than half completed.

Tests have shown that the springs, properly boxed and piped, will supply enough water to meet the health standards for a constant-flow type pool. The water also will be chlorinated as an added safety measure.

A qualified lifeguard will be on duty at all times, Mr. Perry emphasized.

The Jaycees plan to make a small charge to members to pay the lifeguard's salary and maintain the pool. A pool board is being donated by Zickler Hardware company.

The large 100 by 50 foot pool, the only one of its kind in the area, has been closed to the public for a number of years because of the inadequate water supply.

After the pool is opened, the water will be piped to the pool from several springs in the vicinity and the piping-in operation is more than half completed.

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