

# BULLDOG BARKS

## Athletes Of The Month

### FRANCHOT PALMER

One of the finest basketball players to play for AHS in a long time is Franchot Palmer, who has been an outstanding player for the past two years. He was one of the top reserves last year and is playing first string this year.

Franchot is very fast on the basketball court, which makes him a demon on the fast break, and along with all this he has a very fine two-hand shot.

He does not confine himself to just basketball. He is very busy in extracurricular activities, having been an officer of the Black Masque and a member of the Booster's Club, Full Moon staff, and the annual staff.

Franchot has maintained a very high scholastic average, having an average of a B+, which makes him one of the top scholastic students in his class.

He always has a big smile and a friendly "hello" for all his numerous friends. He has friends everywhere because of his willingness to help them in any way he can.

Since basketball season is only about half gone, many other fine things can be expected from Franchot on the basketball court the remainder of this season.

AHS salutes Franchot Palmer, a very fine athlete and student.

### BETTY BOONE

A newcomer to the girls' team this year who has shown exceptional ability is Betty Boone. Although this is her first year on the varsity, she has always been a member of her Tri-Hi-Y teams.

Betty's position of forward gives her a chance to run up the score, which she frequently does. Against Odell she scored 18 points for the Bulldogs, and at Monroe her last two points put the AHS girls out front.

Active in almost every phase of school life, her friendly ways and good sportsmanship have made her well-liked.

When you come to see the Bulldogs play, don't forget to look for this month's outstanding athlete, Betty Boone.

## CHATTER

We of the sports staff would like to thank the student body for attending the basketball games thus far! Attendance is getting better all the time.

The Bulldogs got off to a shaky start, losing the first three games, but they are improving with each game. One of the main reasons the team is doing better is that the other players besides Jimmy Coggins are taking up some of the scoring slack.

People wonder about the new stockings which the team is now wearing. These stockings aren't worn to make a pretty uniform; their purpose is to enable the players to make passes and recognize their teammates more quickly. It's much better to be able to make plays by glancing at the player's legs to recognize him than to look and take your mind off dribbling the ball.

All basketball players play on the B-team at one time or another. The B-team is where most good players learn fundamentals and experience of the game of basketball. The B-team has scrimmages with the varsity each day, and occasionally they compete against other B-teams of different schools.

## They Ate, Drank And Were Merry

Among the sport events of the current season was the annual A.H.S. football banquet held at the Central School Cafeteria by the Lions and Rotary clubs, with Coach Earl Edwards as guest speaker.

A tradition with A.H.S. teams, this banquet proved to be one of the best. As usual, when a group of males this large gets together, there is bound to be a lively time. This was no exception. Food was furnished at the expense of the two clubs, Rotary and Lions, and Blackwelders of Salisbury brought plenty of barbecue.

After introductions of guests by Lions and Rotary members the meal was served. Not mentioning any names, but a few of the boys were seen going back for seconds, and a few men, too.

Coach Edwards, North Carolina State's football coach, was the main event of the night. His jokes and humor kept the crowd laughing continuously and the speech seemed to end too soon, although it lasted a reasonable length of time.

It all seemed to give the highly successful season a fitting finish and certainly one that members of the team, coaching staff, and Lions and Rotary members will never forget.

## Jackets Awarded To Cheerleaders

As the cheerleaders of AHS worked very hard to keep spirit in the students, it was decided that they should receive jackets their senior year.

These jackets will be the same kind that seniors on the teams receive. They are dark blue with a big white "A" on one side and white stripes at the neck, waist, and wrists. On the reversible side, they are gray and waterproof. Each jacket will have the owner's name embroidered in the pocket.

Senior cheerleaders this year are Zalotta Harris, Sandra Poplin, and Barbara Holt.

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# Basketball Teams Have Good Midseason Record

## BOYS

The boys begin the last half of the season with a 4-4 record, and have high hopes of reaching the top of conference ratings before the season ends.

### Albemarle 56; Odell 48

Albemarle High School's cagers, playing a post-season game at Odell, gained their second win of the current season.

Jim Coggins was high man for the Bulldogs in collecting 28 points. He was followed by hot-handed Burnie Miller, who tossed in 16.

Riggs was high man for the losers with 14.

### Albemarle 57; Wadesboro 53

Running their winning streak to three games, the Bulldogs squeaked by Wadesboro on the combined efforts of Jimmy Coggins, Franchot Palmer, and David Grigg, these players collecting 15, 14, and 13 points respectively.

Baker bucketed 18 for the losers.

### Albemarle 70; Odell 47

The Bulldogs stomped Odell here behind the smooth playing of center Jimmy Coggins, who collected 22 points. Coggins was followed by Franchot Palmer with 17.

Mauldin was top man for Odell with 16.

### Albemarle 63; Winecoff 66

A.H.S.'s basketball fortunes suffered at the hands of Winecoff as they lost a thriller by three points.

Jimmy Coggins and Franchot Palmer were top men with 17 and 14 points respectively. Edshay Brunson showed up as a top guard as he handled the ball with ease.

Dennis was the big wheel for Winecoff with 23.

### Albemarle 63; Monroe 65

Albemarle suffered their sec-

## GIRLS

Two wins and six losses is the record of the girls' team so far this season, but in spite of this they show continued improvement as the season advances and are expected to finish with an improved record.

### Albemarle 33; Odell 59

Albemarle and Odell were neck and neck during this exciting practice game, but ended with the score of 33 to 59. High scorer was Betty Boone, 18 points, and Bobbie Kimery, 12 points.

### Albemarle 41; Wadesboro 54

Albemarle met Wadesboro away in another practice game, the final score being 41 to 54. High scorer was Sue Page with 21 points. Bobbie Kimery was close behind with 12 points. This was a tight game and one the team really shone in, although they lost.

ond defeat as a strong Monroe team beat Albemarle in a South Piedmont conference game at Monroe on January 6.

Jimmy Coggins was high scorer for the locals with 26 points and Wade Smith came in second with 13 points.

### Albemarle 66; Mooresville 73

Mooresville downed Albemarle in another South Piedmont conference game with a score of 66-73.

The game was played in the local gym and saw an almost successful comeback by the Bulldogs in the last quarter.

Jimmy Coggins was high scorer with 18 points.

### Albemarle 62; Landis 49

Coming out of a first half slump, Albemarle took their first conference victory by the score of 62 to 49.

Coggins, playing his usual game, was high for the locals with 26 points. He was followed by forwards Wade Smith and Max Lowder with 12 and 10 points respectively.

Cook was high man for the losers with 28 points.

### Albemarle 37; Odell 73

The Bulldogs played host to Odell and were defeated 73 to 37 in a practice game by a high scoring Odell team. Sue Page led the AHS girls with 16 points, while Libby Sue McLeod followed up with 12 points.

### Albemarle 35; Monroe 34

To start the season right, the girls beat Monroe in their first conference game 35 to 34. With the aid of Albemarle's good defense the AHS girls won a close game, with Libby Sue McLeod scoring 18 points.

### Albemarle 44; Winecoff 75

The AHS girls lost their second conference game to Winecoff by a score of 75 to 44. Though Winecoff outscored the locals, Libby Sue McLeod came through with 31 points for the girls' team.

### Albemarle 55; Mooresville 53

The AHS girls downed Mooresville here in their third conference game, which proved to be a thriller, 55 to 53. High scoring Libby Sue McLeod dropped in 29 for the locals, while Betty Boone was next with 14. Albemarle's defense helped hold down a high scoring Mooresville team.

### Albemarle 42; Landis 64

AHS girls met Landis 42 to 64, in the fourth conference game of the season. Libby Sue McLeod added 26 points to the AHS score, while center forward, Bobbie Kimery, scored 8 points.

### Albemarle 42; Kannapolis 61

This game between AHS and Kannapolis was a thriller for the girls' team, even though the final score was 42 to 61. High scorers for this game were Libby Sue McLeod, 18 points, and Bobbie Kimery, 12 points.

### Albemarle 40; China Grove 51

The sixth conference game was played here and AHS lost to the Grovers 40 to 51. At the half, the AHS players were behind only three points. Libby Sue McLeod scored 22 points and Sue Page scored 16.

### Albemarle 40; Concord 70

The locals were defeated by a sensational Concord team 70 to 40 in their seventh conference game. Concord's forwards hit circles, while Libby Sue McLeod pushed in 31 points for the Albemarle girls.

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