

# Optimists Will Sponsor Basketball Tournament

## February 23-25 Will Be Dates For County Tourney

### Boys and Girls From Eight High Schools Will Com- pete For Title

Wilkes county basketball tournament will be held February 23, 24 and 25 in Wilkesboro gymnasium under auspices of the North Wilkesboro Optimist club.

Boys and girls from all eight high school teams in the county will participate, making a total of sixteen teams from North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Millers Creek, Mount Pleasant, Mountain View, Traphill, Roaring River and Ronda high schools.

Coaches of all schools will meet with a committee of the Optimist Club the first week in February to arrange pairings for

the tournament. The Optimist club will handle all arrangements for the tournament, including the securing of all officials.

Coaches will select the all-county teams and members will be presented gold basketball trophies at the close of the tournament.

A county tournament was not held last year, and schools will welcome the return of this annual event under sponsorship of the Optimist Club. Competition is always keen for the county title and every school is expected to put forth maximum effort to win.

## News Reports Of Basketball Games In County Asked

The Journal-Patriot sports department would like to carry a news account, including lineups and individual scores, of all basketball games in which Wilkes teams participate.

The boys and girls players on the high school teams in Wilkes deserve that much recognition and publicity, and cooperation on the part of the participating schools is earnestly requested. Some schools have already adopted the policy of naming a student sports writer, who will write accounts of the games and send them to The Journal-Patriot. This plan will greatly facilitate the task of sports news coverage and will be highly beneficial to the schools.

It is very rare that anybody receives anything without making some effort to get it, and the same is true relative to publicity for high schools sports.

## Apps And Catawba In Pythian Bowl

### Will Be Played Saturday Afternoon In Salisbury; Many To Attend

Appalachian Mountaineers and Catawba will play Saturday afternoon, December 10, two p. m., at Catawba stadium at Salisbury in the first Pythian Bowl game, which will also be the first college bowl contest in North Carolina.

Pythians and Dokies are sponsoring the game for benefit of the Pythian Orphans Home and tickets are being sold here and throughout the state by Pythians and Dokies. The price of the tickets is \$3 each.

This bowl matches two outstanding teams of the North State conference. In their previous meeting this year Appalachian won 13 to 7 at Wins-on-Salem. Both teams have good records and are capable of playing a very exciting contest, with victory going either way.

### Band Here Going

North Wilkesboro high school band will take part in the big parade in Salisbury prior to the game and will be one of the bands playing at the game. North Wilkesboro Dokies and Pythians are taking the local band to the game.

Large attendance is expected at the game, and many from this community are going. Tickets have been on sale for some time, and those who do not have tickets will have no trouble locating a lodge member anxious to sell.

### Groce Will Play

Another reason for many local fans to attend the game will be that Jack Groce, former

Wilkesboro halfback, will be in the starting lineup for Appalachian and is expected to have a big part in the Mountaineers' offense, as he has done since breaking into the varsity lineup early in the season when he was moved up from the freshman squad to the varsity.

### To Name Beauty Queen

Still another reason for a large attendance from this area is the sponsoring of a North Wilkesboro girl in the Beauty Queen competition. Miss Dottie Winters, daughter of G. Sam Winters lodge here, number 67, and will ride on a float in the parade.

Reports from Salisbury indicate that there will be a dazzling parade of 100 or more units, which will have an escort of planes from the Salisbury airport. There will be a dozen or more bands and plenty of color for the big event.

Use of alfalfa for grazing has cut the turkey feed bill of three Piedmont farms by at least 25 per cent.

## Millers Creek Is Winner Double Bill

### By RAY CHURCH

Millers Creek high school scored a double victory in basketball over Ronda Thursday at Millers Creek, with the girls winning 23 to 17 and the boys 34 to 22.

W. Snider paced the attack for Millers Creek girls with 12 points, while Pevette with 7 led Ronda girls. In the boys' game Whittington with 15 was high scorer for Millers Creek. Durham with 8 topped the Ronda team.

### Lineups and summaries:

#### Girls' Game

Millers Creek 23	Ronda 17
McGlamery 6	Cooke 6
W. Snider 12	Myers 4
Robinson 5	Pevette 7
McNeil	Thorpe
Woodie	Johnson
G. Snider	Cockerham

Subs: Millers Creek—Johnson, H. Snider, Minton, Cooper, Church; Ronda—Myers, Pardue. Score at half—M. C. 13; R. 2.

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Summit, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 10 years old. I have been a good boy, and I want a pair of shoes, gloves, basketball and goal. I hope you will have a good Christmas this year. I know I will. I'm in the sixth grade this year. I go to school at Mt. Pleasant. I haven't missed a day so far. Hope I don't. Please don't forget my sister and the other boys and girls. So long, old boy.

Love,  
LOWELL TOMLINSON.

### Boys' Game

Millers Creek 34	Ronda 22
Pierce	Durham 8
B. Snider 4	Sparks 4
Elledge 5	Greene 6
Whittington 15	White 3
Kilby 8	Hoots 1

Subs: Millers Creek—P. Snider, Osborne, Delp, Church, Faw 2, Lovette; Ronda—York, Hurt. Score at half—M. C. 15; R. 9.

Yadkinville boys and girls will play Millers Creek at Millers Creek Friday night. The Yadkin county school always has fast teams and exciting contests are assured.

Summit, N. C.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am having my 8th birthday the day after Christmas, Dec. 26th. Please bring me a big doll that can talk and cry. Also bring me something for my birthday. I have been a good girl. I go to school every day. I have not missed a day so far. I am in the third grade. Please don't forget other boys and girls. So long, Santa.

Love,  
JANICE TOMLINSON.

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