

PANTHERS WILL MEET SWAIN HI FRIDAY NIGHT

Game Will Decide Smoky Conference Grid Championship

The \$64 question as to who will wear the Smoky Mountain conference crown will be answered Friday night when Franklin's own "do or die" Panthers meet the powerful Maroon Devils from Swain High on the local field of gridiron combat, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Maroon Devils, still smarting from a humiliating 6 to 0 defeat at the hands of Sylva's Golden Hurricanes last Friday night, will be gunning for the Panthers to soothe their wounds. Bryson City's loss to Coach Joe Hunt's Sylva charges pushed the Panthers to the front in the conference race by one-half a game.

Friday night's game here will climax the battle for top honors, since it will be the last conference game for both teams.

The Panthers sport a conference standing for four wins and one tie, as against Swain High's four wins and one loss.

Both teams will be running under handicaps when they meet. The Maroon Devil's first string tackle, Leroy Bradley, underwent an appendectomy last week and will be out for the rest of the season. The Panthers might suffer from "opendateltis", since they haven't played a game in two weeks. Physically, the Panthers are in top shape for the tilt.

Swain High will hinge its attack on Fullback Mack Hyatt, a 175-pounder, who is said to be one of the best backs in the conference. Sparkplugging the Maroons' vie for the champ crown will be Center Coy Calhoun, and tail back Gene Brown.

The Panthers will put their chances on their usual brand of deceptive razzle dazzle football from the T formation, taking to the air when the ground attack isn't clicking. The offensive and defensive line will be sparked by 48 minute men John Alsop and Charles Thomas, and the ground gaining will be left up to the antics of backfielders, John (Bardy) Archer, Frank (Nink) Henry, Bobby Potts, Bo Norton, and Charlie Shields.

Start Grading

At New Cartoogechaye School Site

Preliminary grading on the site of the new Cartoogechaye school was begun Tuesday afternoon, it was announced by Guy L. Houk, county superintendent. Work will begin immediately on the construction of the new Highlands school, he added.

Construction work on other new schools in the county is progressing satisfactorily, he said, but pointed out that workmen are still handicapped because of delayed deliveries of building materials.

"Some shipments are running from six to eight weeks behind promised delivery," Mr. Houk said.

The pouring of concrete footings at East Franklin elementary was completed last week, he said, and he indicated that footings at Franklin high will be finished by the end of this week.

Plan Union

Thanksgiving Service Nov. 23 At 8 a. m.

The annual union Thanksgiving service will be held this year at the Franklin Methodist church on Thanksgiving day at 8 a. m., it has been announced.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. M. W. Chapman pastor of the First Baptist church, and the Rev. Hoyt Evans, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will pronounce the invocation.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan will lead the group in prayer, and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. W. N. Cook. Special music for the service will be furnished by a mixed choir from the local churches and the Franklin high school chorus. S. F. Beck will be in charge of the choral groups.

Capt. Price, Husband Of Local Woman, Shoots Down 2 Yak-9's In Korea

Captain Howard I. Price, F-51 Mustang pilot with the 18th Fighter-Bomber group in Korea, and husband of the former Miss Alba Peek, of Franklin, is credited with shooting down two Russian-made Yak-9 fighter planes November 6 near Sinuiju in North Korea.

A special dispatch to the army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, in Japan, from Dogpatch Air Base in Korea, where the fighter-bomber group is based, told of Captain Price's encounter with enemy planes.

And a letter from the fighter pilot to Mrs. Price, who returned to Franklin when the war in Korea broke out and her husband was sent into action, further explains his scrape with the Communist planes.

According to the newspaper accounts, First Lt. George N.

Olsen, Parkridge, Ill., flew wing for Captain Price, and 1st Lt. Henry L. Reynolds, Jackson, Mo., filled the number-three slot. The report tells of the pilots' reactions when they ran upon the enemy planes, and describes in brief detail, the fight.

However, the letter from Captain Price to his wife here describes the action vividly, from the time the planes took to the air until they returned to "Dogpatch."

"Today was a BIG day for me," the captain began. "You have probably read it already in the paper, but I've got to tell you all about it any way."

"I was trading a mission today and it ended up with me shooting down two Yak 9's. That's only the second time that has been done here in

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\$375 Raised In Symphony Memberships

Memberships totaling \$375.60 were reported at a meeting of N. C. Symphony Society workers Tuesday night at the home of Miss Laura M. Jones, county membership campaign chairman.

This is slightly more than half of the \$750 goal, and is well ahead of the amount raised at the time of year in previous drives, it was brought out in the discussion.

Among the memberships reported was a group membership for \$25, taken by the Holy Springs Home Demonstration club. It is understood the club plans to distribute the memberships among children of the community not included in the group attending the free children's concert the N. C. Little Symphony will give here next spring. The Friendship Tabernacle, where the children's concerts are held, will accommodate only a portion of the children in the county.

Increasing interest in the rural communities of the county, with more membership taken by rural people, also was reported.

In a discussion of the groups

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C. OF C. PLANS YULE LIGHTING

Tourists Vs. Industries Discussion Marks Members' Meet

The quarterly meeting of Franklin Chamber of Commerce and Franklin Merchants Association, although poorly attended, was the scene of lively discussion last Thursday night. Plans were made for Christmas lights on Main street.

Following the opening of the meeting by President Claude Bolton, a general discussion was precipitated by remarks by Frank M. Henry, Jr., urging the group to turn its efforts more toward bringing small industries to Macon County rather than working solely for the tourist business.

Ed McNish, E. S. Purdon and Donald B. Smith also made comments on the fact that, in their opinion, Macon County is not realizing its full potential in the tourist field and that the Chamber of Commerce, while working to bring industry here, should redouble its efforts toward bringing more tourists.

Following a lively discussion, President Bolton was authorized to name committees to promote both the industrial and tourist growth in Macon Coun-

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TEACHERS HERE TO GET \$30,000 EXTRA ON DEC. 11

Is Salary Increase Given Contingent On N. C. Surplus

Approximately \$30,000 in teacher salary increases, a 1949 general assembly appropriation, contingent upon a state revenue surplus, will be distributed among Macon county teachers on December 11, Guy L. Houk, county school superintendent, announced this week.

Teachers eligible to receive a share of the appropriation are those holding either class A, B, or G certificates, Mr. Houk said, under the provisions of the acts passed by the 1949 legislature regarding teacher salaries.

House bill No. 33 provided an increase for teachers holding an A certificate and a later bill, senate bill No. 490, amended the house bill and included teachers having B and G certificates.

Bill 33, section 20½, sets out that "salaries and wages of public school teachers shall be increased by an additional amount sufficient to bring the salary schedule of teachers holding A grade certificates to a range of \$2200 to \$3100 for the fiscal years 1949-50 and 1950-51, provided the revenues and surplus of the general fund shall be sufficient to provide for the increase."

The amendment originating in the senate included teachers "holding G grade and B grade certificates in the same proportion."

According to Mr. Houk, the amount each eligible teacher will receive will be determined on the basis of certificate rating and the number of days taught in the year.

Nantahala Teams Defeat Rabun Gap Basketball Quints

The Nantahala basketball teams, boys and girls, won over a highly touted group of basketballers from Rabun Gap, Ga., last week. The Nantahala girls' won 45 to 33, and the boys, 38 to 16.

The Nantahala teams are coached by Carl T. Moses, principal of the school.

31,837 LICENSED

N. C. driver's license examiners issued a total of 37,837 licenses during October.

Bryson City Is Seeking Nantahala Firm Offices; Group Here To Urge Move

A delegation of men from Bryson City had an engagement with John M. Archer, Jr., president of Nantahala Power and Light company, yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon to discuss a proposal that the power company move its main office back to Bryson City, where the concern was at one time located. Details of the proposition were not made public.

The delegation included Edwin B. Whitaker, attorney; Jack Sutton, chairman of the Swain county board of commissioners; Jack Keeter and Max Anders, Bryson businessmen; Felix Potts, druggist; H. J. Truett, clerk of superior court in Swain; and two or three other men.

Locally, the power company has been bargaining for the county-owned lot on West Main street, which was bought several years ago as the site of a new county courthouse. The company in September offered Macon County \$15,000 for the lot,

and the board of county commissioners took the matter under consideration. As yet the board has announced no decision on the proposal.

When making the proposition to the county, Mr. Archer emphasized that \$15,000 was the top price his firm would pay for the lot.

The Bryson City delegation planned to discuss with the power company the needs of the firm in regard to relocating the main office of Nantahala Power and Light, with a view to induce the power company to move from Franklin to Bryson City.

A member of the Bryson City delegation said Bryson City probably has no building that would be adequate for the power company's needs, but had in mind learning the firm's needs, and then discussing the possibility of construction of a suitable building at Bryson City.

More Fights, Wrestling To Be Held Here

A return wrestling match between Chief Saunooke, professional grappler from Cherokee, and Wallace Martin, Franklin High teacher, will highlight the boxing and wrestling card at Franklin High school Saturday night, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Twenty-four rounds of amateur boxing and a number of preliminary bouts between local fighters will round out the night's entertainment. The show is under the sponsorship of the Franklin High band and the proceeds from the night's gate receipts will be used to buy new equipment for the band.

The Saunooke-Martin bout staged here in October was rehashed in conversations for weeks following the fight. The two grapplers fought to a standstill then, and Saturday's fight should be an outstanding one, since Chief Saunooke challenged Martin to a "do or die" bout, protesting the decision in their last tussle.

The Indian Chief, who has 16 years of professional wrestling

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OFFICIALS WILL TAKE UP COUNTY DUTIES ON DEC. 4

Terms To Start; Thomas Names Pendergrass As Deputy

The eight county officials elected in the November 7 general election will start their terms of office the first Monday in December, which this year falls on December 4.

The terms are for four years, except in the case of the county surveyor, who will serve for two years.

The officials who will go into office two weeks from next Monday are Lake V. Shope, register of deeds, W. E. Baldwin, chairman of the board of county commissioners, John W. Roane and W. W. Edwards, members of the board of com-

missioners, all reelected, and four new officials—Miss Kate McGee, who will succeed J. Clinton Brookshire as clerk of the court; Lake R. Ledford, who will succeed Ray Norton, as county surveyor; J. Harry Thomas, who will succeed J. P. Bradley as sheriff; and C. R. Henson, who will succeed Lawrence Blaine as coroner.

Their elections were certified by the county board of elections, following that board's canvass of the vote, made last Thursday.

R. S. Jones and C. Tom Bryson, state senator—and representative-elect, respectively, will take the oath of office and start their two-year terms at the opening of the general assembly in Raleigh January 2.

Mr. Thomas, sheriff-elect, this week announced that he is appointing Newell Pendergrass as his full-time deputy. Mr. Pendergrass for the past five years has been connected with the Farmers Federation here, which Mr. Thomas managed until he resigned to make the race for sheriff. Mr. Pendergrass, 33-year old War 2 veteran, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Pendergrass, and was reared in Smith Bridge and Millshoal townships.

By virtue of his election, Mr. Thomas becomes, in addition to sheriff, tax collector and county treasurer. Retiring Sheriff Bradley, under the law, however, will continue as tax collector until he completes work on the 1950 taxes. He has until October 1, 1951, to make his report to the county commissioners.

It is customary here for a retiring sheriff to continue to use the sheriff's office in the courthouse until he completes his duties as tax collector, and Mr. Thomas, therefore, is expected to seek another office space.

Next week The Press will be published on Tuesday night—24 hours earlier than usual. The reason for the change is that next Thursday (Thanksgiving) is a mail holiday, with no mail delivery on the rural routes. If the paper were put in the mail on Wednesday night next week, it would not be delivered to rural readers until Friday.

Will Publish Press Next Week Tuesday

Next week Macon County subscribers, therefore, will receive their paper on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

Advertisers and persons who have news matter for next week's issue are requested to observe a Monday noon deadline.

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State Paves Roads To Four Schools In This County

More than a mile of roads leading to and around the schools was surfaced with black-topping.

E. B. Curtis, district engineer, arranged for the paving, and J. C. Wilkins was in charge of the project.

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	71	33	00
Thursday	68	38	trace
Friday	58	50	18
Saturday	50	33	trace
Sunday	57	26	00
Monday	50	21	00
Tuesday	60	22	00
Wednesday	60	26	00

Franklin Rainfall
(As recorded by Manson Sites for TVA)
Wednesday, none; Thursday, trace; Friday, .14 of an inch; Saturday, none; Sunday, none; Monday, none; Tuesday, none; Wednesday, none.



—Photo by J. P. Brady

FOR VICTORY—Franklin high's pretty cheerleaders form a victory sign (above) in the hopes that it will help the Panthers emerge victorious from Friday night's game with the Swain high Maroon Devils in a Smoky Mountain conference gridiron battle that will determine which of the two teams will wear the conference crown. Staunch supporters of the Panthers eleven, the young ladies are (left to right) Misses Julia Hunnicutt, Wilma Renshaw, Lela Jo Gailey, Carolyn Bryson, Betty Lou Constance, Shirley Dean, Ann Blaine, Caroline Crawford, and Pauline Dills.