

## Macon On Federal Milk Honor Roll

### Franklin High Wins Conference Basketball Tournney

#### JACK NORTON GIVEN TROPHY AS TOP PLAYER

Finals Pit Two Macon Teams; Nantahala Loses, 43-35

The Smoky Mountain conference basketball tournament in the Saturday night finals turned into a Macon County tooth and nail tussel as the Franklin High male thin-clads dumped the high flying Nantahala lads, 43 to 35, and left the Stecoah gym as "King Basketball."

Center Jack Norton was the ball of fire behind the Panther bid for power and was awarded the best individual player trophy for tournament play. The big, lanky pivot pilot hooped a total of 69 points in the locals' four tournament games. In one game he only played a couple of minutes before the second line of defense took over.

Running his classmate a second for high scoring honors, Bo Norton chalked up a total of 51 points for four games. Both of the Nortons placed on the all-tournament team.

The local lassies were pushed out of the tournament in their first game. Hiwassee dam rode over them, 52 to 38. The Cherokee girls won the girl's crown in the tournament.

Nantahala forwards, May and May, made the all-tournament team for outstanding play during the tourney.

To move into finals play the Panthers outshot Cherokee, 51 to 15, Robbinsville, 51 to 37, and Murphy, 39 to 30. The Nantahala lads rolled over Stecoah, Hiwassee Dam, and Hayesville before tasting defeat at the hands of Franklin.

Highlands High won the sportsmanship trophy at the tournament.

The tournament win gave the Franklin lads an inside track on more basketball honors, including a chance to journey to Duke University for state-wide playoffs.

Friday they go to Spindale for the western region tournament, and if they bounce off the floor victorious from the encounter they take off for Durham and the state tournament March 9 and 10.

Theoretically, the Franklin and Nantahala lads are tied for the Macon County championship since both teams ended the season with 15 wins and two losses. However, Nantahala's defeat by Franklin in the Stecoah tilt was on a neutral court and the locals emerged as county champs. They take to the floor in the Tournament of Champions March 13 through 17 in Asheville. The Nantahala lassies will make the tournament as county girl champs.

Panther coach Milburn Atkins was more than happy with the showing his boys made, especially after they took to the comeback trail in the first minutes of the finals. Nantahala, in less than two minutes of play, led the locals 10 to 2.

"I'm very proud of the boys," the coach declared. "They came from behind, fought all the way, and didn't get rattled."

Concentration from here on out the coach said, will be on the tournament games. When asked what he thought the teams' chances of winning were, Coach Atkins grinned and said, "They'll be in there playing ball."

**MRS. WALLACE DIES**  
Mrs. George Wallace, of Franklin, Route 1, died at her home Wednesday morning following a week's illness. Earlier in the week she was reported to be improved.

**PLAN SQUARE DANCE**  
The Otto school Parent-Teacher association has announced it will sponsor a square dance Friday night at the school at 8 o'clock.

#### Power Company Seeks Bids On New Building

John M. Archer, president of Nantahala Power and Light company, said that a number of requests for bids on the construction of the power company's proposed new building have been mailed to contractors. Deadline for submitting bids, he said, is March 14.

The company, he said, has filed application with the United States Department of Commerce requesting permission to build the structure. Tightening controls on building materials

require that the commerce department approve any move on the part of individuals or concerns planning to erect new structures.

"If we get permission to build from the department of commerce," Mr. Archer said, "we will start construction as soon as possible."

The power company purchased the county-owned lot on East Main street in December for \$15,000 and announced plans to construct a building at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

#### MOTHERS SEEK POLIO FUNDS

Leave your porch light burning Friday night, mothers will be marching against polio!

A burning porch light will be a signal that the home wants to contribute to the March of Dimes campaign as the mother's march swings through the community.

J. Horner Stockton, county dimes campaign chairman, said the mother's march should put Macon County over the top of its \$3,000 goal if everyone cooperates and gives generously. The local drive will end Friday night, regardless of whether or not the county makes its goal, he said.

The mother's march which will begin at 7:30 and end at 9 o'clock, will be led by the Junior Women's club. Mrs. Milburn Atkins is president of the organization.

To date Macon County is approximately \$1,000 short of its goal. Mr. Stockton said, and contributions for the past two weeks have dwindled to almost nothing.

"It would seem that everyone would realize just how essential the March of Dimes drive is," the campaign director said. "Our country and its people have always been more than willing to help those in need, and if anyone ever needed help it is a victim of polio."

#### Sheriff Asks Rabies Crisis Cooperation

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas this week issued an "urgent appeal to all dog owners" in this county.

"Under the provisions of the General Statutes of the public health laws of North Carolina," the sheriff pointed out, "all dogs in Macon County have been quarantined."

"It has been brought to my attention several times within the past 10 days that dogs in certain communities are being allowed to run at large without even having been vaccinated. This is contrary to the public health law, and unless all dogs are confined, or kept strictly under the owner's control, it will become necessary to get rid of such uncontrolled animals."

"I would dislike very much to kill any man's dog, but we will certainly have to place the lives of human beings and our livestock above that of dogs."

"With your cooperation with this office and with the Health department, I feel sure this can be worked out. I am therefore earnestly requesting that all dog owners comply with the law respecting this quarantine. For any further information, see the Health department."

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

The Rev. C. L. Grant, pastor of the Franklin Methodist circuit, has announced services at circuit churches this Sunday.

A quarterly conference will be held at the Bethel church at 11 a. m. and lunch will be served.

A service will be held at the Salem church at 3 p. m. and one at Clark's Chapel church at 7:30 p. m.

#### Band To Play Saturday For Lions Project

Approximately 800 persons have listed their birthday on the Lions club "community birthday calendar" and more than 200 calendars have been sold, Ted Reber, project chairman, announced this week.

In addition, Mr. Reber said the 18 advertising spaces on the calendar have been contracted for by local merchants, all of whom are going to give away free gifts to those whose names appear on the calendar. On their birthday, each person whose name appears on the calendar, will receive more than \$5 worth of free gifts, the project chairman pointed out.

The birthday calendar campaign was launched by the local Lions club two weeks ago to raise money for various Lion projects. A large percentage of the money received, Mr. Reber said, will be used to purchase new instruments for the Franklin band.

He also announced that the band will give a concert Saturday morning on the town square from 10:30 to 11 o'clock. Lion team captains will be on hand to solicit additional names for the calendar, he said.

A listing, birthday, anniversary, club meeting date, church services, or dates of important events in the community, costs 25 cents.

#### Little Symphony Will Present Two Concerts In Franklin Today

The North Carolina Little Symphony will appear in Franklin today (Thursday) for its sixth consecutive season.

The orchestra will present a program for Macon County school children at the Friendship tabernacle at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and will give a concert for adults at the Franklin Methodist church at 8 o'clock tonight.

The children's concert is financed through Symphony memberships, and there is no admission charge for the children. This year, children from the first through the seventh grades will attend the matinee, and school principals throughout the county have been notified that they may bring half the children from those grades—which is as many as can be crowded into the tabernacle. While it has a seating capacity of only about 1,200, usually 1,400 or 1,500 children find places either to sit or stand.

For a time there was doubt as to whether enough money would be raised to bring the orchestra here this year, but Miss Laura M. Jones, county membership chairman, said this week that the campaign will "pay out"—that is, that the \$750 for the two concerts will be on hand.

Sale of memberships ended last Saturday, but persons who have not obtained memberships and wish to attend tonight's concert may buy tickets at Perry's drug store or at the door. Tickets are \$2, plus 40 cents federal tax.

The orchestra members will

#### ATKINS RESIGNS FROM POST HERE AS HEAD COACH

Athletic Director Will Leave March 17 To Enter U. Of T.

Milburn Atkins, head coach at Franklin High school since the fall of 1948, announced this week that he will resign his position at the school this month.

The coach, who in three seasons has built the Franklin High sports machine into a Smoky Mountain conference powerhouse, said he is planning to attend the University of Tennessee and work toward a master's degree. He will leave here March 17.

"I appreciate the wonderful support given my teams by the people of Franklin," the coach said. "I have tried to build them on a solid foundation, to teach clean living and sportsmanship so the boys and girls will respect athletics and have a desire to play."

The latest Atkin's victory was last Saturday night, when the Franklin High basketballers won the Smoky Mountain conference tournament in Stecoah.

In the 1949-50 football season, Coach Atkins took his team to the Little Smoky bowl, and in this past season the Panthers were runners up in the conference with eight wins, a tie, and one loss.

His 1949-50 cagers were runners up in the conference with 18 wins and four losses.

Coach Atkins is a graduate of Carson-Newman, class of '47. No one has been named as yet to fill the coaching position at the school, R. G. Sutton, principal, said.

#### Mr. Huneycutt To Preach At Mulberry Methodist Church Sunday Afternoon

The Rev. W. J. Huneycutt, superintendent of the Waynesville district, will preach at the Mulberry Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, it has been announced. The public is invited to attend.

#### Will Direct Orchestra

remain in Franklin overnight. Tomorrow they will go to Demorest, Ga., for a concert, returning here to spend Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Appearing as vocal soloist with the Little Symphony at this evening's performance will be Josephine Cunningham, who will sing three selections.

This will be the first time, in Franklin, that the orchestra program has been supplemented by vocal numbers.

Miss Cunningham, though only 19, is a charter member on

the roster of the North Carolina Symphony. She performed with the orchestra on the 1947 and 1948 tours, and during last year's tour sang a total of 17 performances.

This year, she went to New York to study, but has found time also for a few radio auditions and a guest appearance at the Julliard School of Music.

Tonight's feature work of the Little Symphony will be Mendelssohn's Symphony No. IV, the "Italian," transcribed for the ensemble by Dr. Edwin J. Stringham. The First Symphony of Bizet, which pleased Little Symphony audiences last year, also was prepared by Dr. Stringham.

This evening's program follows in full:

Grieg, Evening in the Mountains.

Mendelssohn, Symphony No. IV ("Italian"), in four movements.

Gretry, "Anguish of Mind, Sadness Too Leaves Me"—Miss Cunningham.

Grieg, "Solveig's Song"—Miss Cunningham.

Rossini, "A Little Voice I Hear", from The Barber of Seville—Miss Cunningham.

Strauss, Telegraph News.

Benjamin, from San Domingo.

Gulon, The Harmonica Player.

Novacek, Perpetual Motion.

Kreisler, Caprice Viennois.

Smetana, Polka, from The Bartered Bride.

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