

PANTHERS WILL MEET ANDREWS FRIDAY NIGHT

Coach McConnell To Debut 1951 Team; Schedule Announced

Coach Ralph McConnell will debut the 1951 Franklin High Panthers Friday night under the lights at Andrews when he sends the local grid machine against the Andrews eleven at 8 p. m.

More than 100 Macon sports fans are planning to attend the out-of-town opener to see what Franklin's new coach has in store for Panther opponents this season.

Franklin's first home game will be a week from Friday when Hayesville invades the local stadium.

In scrimmages this past week, the Panthers, although handicapped by inexperience, ran through their paces with plenty of power to spare. The graduation door sapped most of Franklin's first string strength and only three of last year's starting eleven donned uniforms this year.

Tackles Richie Jones, Guard George Brown, and Blocking Back Pat Pattillo are the three spark plugs remaining from Coach Milburn Atkins' conference runnerup "T" team. Pattillo, who played right end last year, has been switched to the back post to fit in the scheme of Coach McConnell's single wing system.

Freshmen Richard Russell, full back, and Tailback Richard Renshaw have been outstanding in practice sessions and a large portion of Franklin's chances to go places in the Smoky Mountain conference will rest with these newcomers.

Line work horses Lee Poin-dexter, George Barrett, Doyle Clark, Charles Cabe, John Henry, and Grady Corbin and last year's subs, Bill Hunnicutt, Wayne Stewart, and Carol Childers will form the backbone of this year's machine.

The Panther's nine-game schedule, which sends them against Smoky Mountain conference opponents, two Blue Ridge conference teams, and a Georgia eleven, is as follows: Sept. 14—Andrews, there. Sept. 21—Hayesville, here. Sept. 28—Clayton, Ga., there. Oct. 5—Open. Oct. 19—Robbinsville, here. Oct. 26—Bryson City, there. Nov. 2—Murphy, here. Nov. 9—Waynesville, there. Nov. 16—Clyde, here.

WILL OPEN CRUSADE
A prominent Asheville speaker will address a public meeting here on the Crusade for Freedom.

The meeting is planned for Monday, September 24, at 8 o'clock at the courthouse.

Ray A. Taylor, Asheville attorney and Buncombe county representative in the 1951 general assembly, has been invited to be the speaker, and County Chairman R. M. Dillard is awaiting a reply.

Some 90 Macon County Students Ready To Depart For Colleges

Institutions of higher learning are preparing to throw their doors wide open around the 20th of this month and some 90 Macon County young people are already packing and wishing friends good bye before joining the "off-to-school" migration.

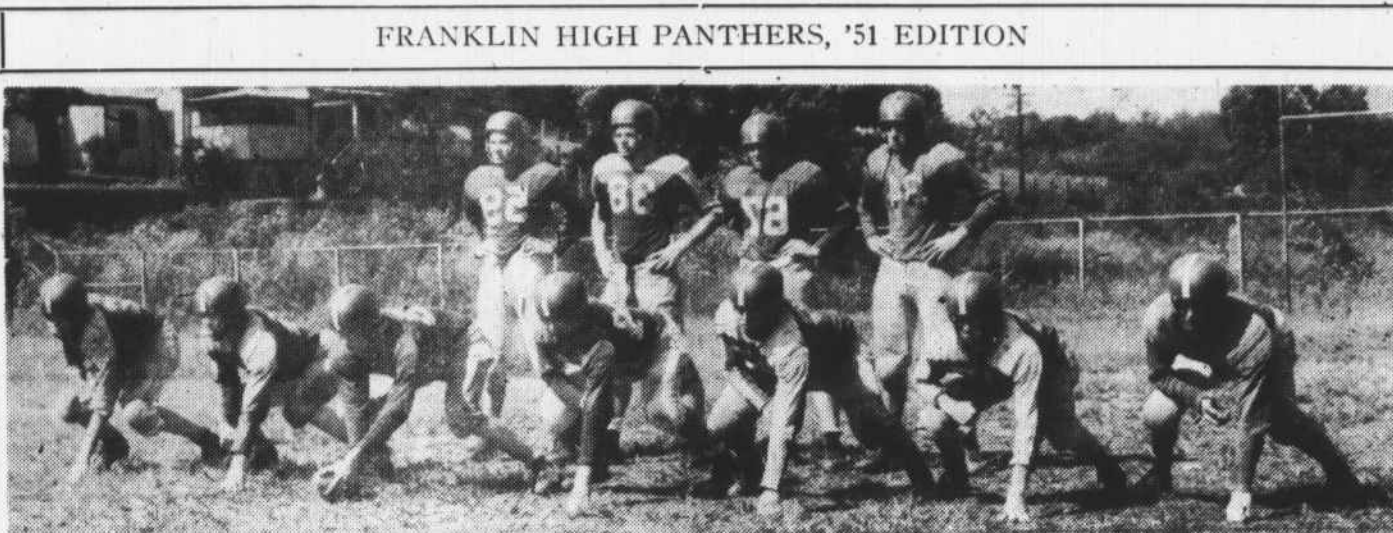
By the 24th all will be settled for either their first, or another, year, of college life or preparatory training.

Western Carolina Teachers college, Cullowhee, this year, as in the past, claims the lion's share of the county's college students, and a close second is North Carolina State college, Raleigh. Fifteen plan to attend W. C. T. C. and 13 the state institution.

Woman's college, University of North Carolina, is in third place with 10 Macon County enrollees.

Following is The Press's tentative list of students:

Western Carolina Teachers college: Miss Ann Cabe, Miss Hazel Moses, Miss Virginia Moses, Miss Una Crawford, Miss Jane Crawford, Miss Ruth Angel,



Pictured above are 11 good reasons why Franklin High school is going to be tough to lick this year in football. The Panthers, although inexperienced, have shown up well in scrimmages under the guiding hand of Coach Ralph McConnell and are going to pose a serious threat to opponents dreaming of winning the Smoky Mountain conference crown. (L to R) Bill Hunnicutt, George Brown, Grady Corbin, Charles Cabe, Wayne Stewart, Charles Sanders, and John Henry. (backfield) Carol Keener, Pat Pattillo, Carol Childers, and Norman Seay.

Coweeta Station Will Be Host To N. Y. Forestry Group

Coweeta Experimental forest will be host to 60 seniors from State University of New York, college of forestry, Syracuse, N. Y., Tuesday and Wednesday.

The forestry group, on an 18-day, 3,000 mile tour of forests and forest operations in seven southern states, will camp on the station Tuesday night and plan to leave Wednesday around noon.

Members of the party are fulfilling a graduation requirement at the New York college. In charge of the group is Prof. Svend O. Heiberg, chief silviculturist at the college.

The group will arrive here from the Osceola National forest, Lake City, Fla., and after touring the local station will move on to Elkins, W. Va.

They are making the trip by automobile.

Enlistment Of Three Macon County Men Announced

Cpl. Clay Hensley, local recruiter, this week announced the enlistment of three Macon County men—two in the U. S. Air Force and one in the U. S. Army.

William Larkin Alexander Holbrook, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. A. Holbrook, of Franklin, Route 2, and Jess Levi Kirkland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearley Kirkland, of Prentiss, signed for duty with the air force.

Junior Blaine, son of Paul Blaine, of Franklin, enlisted for three years in the army and has reported to Charlotte.

The recruiter emphasized that men who have already received pre-induction examinations, or notices to report for examinations, may still volunteer for enlistment in the regular army for two years, or the air force for four years.

Cpl. Hensley is in Franklin Tuesday of each week at Angel's Drug store.

School Enrollment In County Shows Increase

Approximately 122 new children entered the Macon County school system when schools opened last Wednesday for the 1951-52 academic year, according to attendance figures released for publication this week by County School Supt. Holland McSwain.

Enrollment in Macon's 14 schools, compiled Friday, shows that 3,759 are in school this year as compared with 3,637 last year.

The school superintendent estimated that some 30 more children will enter the elementary schools as the year progresses, and about 20 will enroll in the high schools.

Mr. McSwain said he was well pleased with the opening. A few adjustments, including rerouting of some school busses, still have to be made, he said.

Attendance at Chapel (Negro) school dropped off slightly this year. Only 68 enrolled Wednesday as compared with 75 last year.

High school enrollment increased 135. Figures show that 608 students entered high school last year, 743 this year.

Elementary enrollment last year was 2,956 and 3,016 this year—an increase of 60.

Following is the enrollment at each school in the county:

Franklin elementary, 530; Franklin High school, 610; Nantahala elementary, 237; Nantahala High school, 63; Highlands elementary, 354; Highlands High school, 70; East Franklin elementary, 337; Cartoogechaye, 204; Cullasaja, 337; Otto, 377; Cowee, 319; Iotla, 238; Union, 81; and Chapel, 68.

Local Dairy Show Entries Given Ribbons

Macon County 4-H clubbers and Future Farmers of America walked off with eight ribbons—one blue, six red, one white—in the seventh annual Western North Carolina Dairy show Tuesday.

The show is held at the Hominy Valley Horse and Hound show pavilion near Enka. The local group entered eight purebred guernsey calves in the show—four 4-H animals and four F. F. A.

Grace Brown's entry was the blue ribbon winner, and the calf also won fourth place in showmanship competition.

Red ribbons were awarded to Tommy Dalrymple, Leonard Swanson, Jr., Joe Taylor, R. L. Cabe, Carolyn Waldrup, and Charles Thomas. Fred Deal's calf won a white ribbon.

Sixth place was awarded to Dalrymple's calf in best fitted competition. Swanson's entry won fifth place in the showmanship division.

Sponsors of the annual show were Asheville merchants and interested parties, including the Nantahala creamery in Franklin.

Assistant Farm Agent T. H. Fagg was in charge of the Macon group.

Board Receives October Examination Call; Will Induct Three Sept. 24

The local selective service board this week received an October pre-induction call for 10 men, W. N. Sloan, chairman, announced.

The men report to Charlotte October 9 for examinations, preliminary to induction into the army, he said.

Wednesday four Macon men reported for examinations in the Queen City.

Three men will be inducted September 24, the board chairman said. The names of those making up the call will be announced later.

BAKE SALE FRIDAY

The monthly bake sale of the St. Agnes Episcopal auxiliary will be held Friday at 9 a. m. at the Children's shop, it was announced this week.

Franklin Press Will Move Into New Quarters

The Franklin Press has leased Mrs. Cora Reid's building on Palmer street, and will move soon, the newspaper management announced this week.

The move was dictated by the need for additional space, it was explained. The Reid building will provide more than twice the amount of floor space available at the paper's present location, in the M. L. Dowdle building on the Public Square.

The one-story Palmer street building, presently occupied by Holden Feed company, formerly was an automobile place. Lying between Palmer and East Main street, it is directly opposite Wood Motor court.

The paper plans to move in December. The Press has occupied its present location since the Dowdle building was erected by Dr. Furman Angel in 1930.

Town Hires Ledford As Relief Policeman

Lewis N. Ledford was hired as a relief policeman by the Town of Franklin this week. The town's police force now consists of three officers.

According to Mayor Robert M. Dillard the officer's appointment is temporary, but he said he probably would be hired full time if the present arrangement proves satisfactory.

A provision in the town's 1951-52 budget provides for the hiring of a third policeman.

Anderson Family Will Observe 56th Reunion

Members of the Anderson family will observe their 56th annual reunion Sunday at the home of Joe Anderson in the Coweeta section of Macon County.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 o'clock and a program is planned for 2.

All descendants of the late James Anderson and wife Harriet Black Anderson are invited to attend.

Couple Who Fleeced Macon Man Of \$500 Lodged In Jail Here

An elderly couple, address unknown, are in the county jail here charged with the \$500 fleecing of a Macon County store proprietor Monday.

The store keeper is also charged with operating a lottery.

Sheriff J. Harry Thomas identified the couple as Mr. and Mrs. Kermit C. Murphy. They were arrested Tuesday night in Murphy.

Arnold Rogers, who operates Rogers' store on the Georgia road, gave officers the following account of how Mr. and Mrs. Murphy worked the "flim-flam" on him:

Monday about 4:30 p. m. a green Buick stopped at Rogers' store and a man left a "tax free" tip board at the store, explaining that he would be back in a week to get the money for it. Mr. Rogers protested but the man drove off. About four hours later, a couple, now identified as Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, stopped at the store and Mr. Murphy, ignoring his wife's objections, started pulling tips from

Solve Labor Day Robberies Here

NEW OUTDOOR THEATRE BEING ERECTED HERE

\$20,000 Drive-In Movie Will Accommodate About 300 Cars

Construction of Macon County's first drive-in theatre started in Franklin this week on the Frank Duncan lot on Phillips street.

J. M. Pless, of Soco valley, is building the \$20,000 outdoor movie house, which will accommodate 240 to 300 automobiles.

The owner said he hopes to hold the theatre's opening not later than the second week in October.

Mr. Pless said the outdoor theatre will be named "The Franklin Drive-In Theatre", and will be managed by his sons, James H. and William E. Pless. "We plan to have a good line of entertainment, including double feature programs Fridays and Saturdays," he said. A concession stand will also be operated.

The latest in outdoor movie equipment will be installed and the individual speaker system will be used, he said.

The movie screen, which will face the West in the natural bowl, will be 50 feet square and a 38 by 40 foot picture will be projected.

Mr. Pless owned and operated the Starlight theatre in Spartanburg, S. C. from 1947 to 1951, and at one time was associated with an outdoor movie chain which operates theatres in North Carolina and South Carolina.

He has leased the Duncan lot.

WILCOX HEADS THEATRE BODY

Plans For Next Season Being Made By Group At Highlands

Jack Wilcox was elected president of the Highlands Community Theatre at the recent annual meeting.

Other officers include Robert B. DuPree, vice-president; Miss Maxie Wright, secretary; and Mrs. Wilton H. Cobb, treasurer. On the executive committee are Ralph H. Mowbray, Mrs. John H. C. Perry, and Mr. Wilcox.

Composing the board of directors for the coming year are Mr. Wilcox, Tudor G. Hall, Miss Wright, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Cobb, Charles J. Wick, II, Mr. DuPree, and Col. Mowbray, and Welmar Jones.

The theatre was inactive during the past summer, due to complications regarding the use of theatre and lack of a director.

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Man And Wife Lodged In Jail Charged With Three Break-Ins

The arrest Monday of three persons in Gastonia by Sheriff J. Harry Thomas and S. B. I. Agent P. R. Kitchen, cleared the mystery surrounding three robberies in Macon County over the Labor Day week-end.

Two of the three are lodged in the county jail here. Officers identified them as Clyde Miller, about 27, and his wife, Betty. The Gastonia couple is charged with breaking and entering, larceny, and house breaking. Miller lived here at one time.

Another Gastonia man, Walter Ethridge, is being sought in connection with the robbery of Roper's Service station, Sanders' store, and Frank Sanders' home here during the Labor Day holidays. Sheriff Thomas said clothing stolen from Sanders' store was found at Ethridge's home in Gastonia.

A fourth party to the robberies, Ellen Barfield, 28, also of Gastonia, posted bond in Gaston county, after making a statement. She will be brought here for trial, the sheriff said.

The jailed couple waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to superior court. Bond for Miller was set at \$5,000 by Justice of the Peace J. J. Mann. Mrs. Miller's was set at \$500.

Officers gained a valuable lead last week when a check, stolen from Roper's Service station September 2, was cashed at Duncan Motor company. Attendants were able to give officers a description of the car driven by the suspects—a 1949 blue Mercury club coupe. Ed Conley, an employee at the motor company, Tuesday identified Mrs. Miller as being the one who cashed the check, Sheriff Thomas said.

Plaster casts of tire tracks left by the robbery car at Sanders' store (Franklin, Route 2), September 3, were compared with tires on the car and officers said they were "similar".

In the car officers found two sets of license plates—North Carolina and South Carolina. In a statement, Sheriff Thomas said Miss Barnfield stated that the S. C. plates were put on the car before the four arrived in Franklin, September 1. They were replaced by the N. C. tags when the group returned to Gastonia the 4th, she said.

Officers recovered a number of articles of clothing stolen from Sanders' store and a 16-gauge German-made shotgun taken from Frank Sanders' home on Franklin, Route 4, September 3.

The shotgun was found in Clover, S. C. Sheriff Thomas said Miller and Ethridge swapped it here for a pistol.

Missing from Roper's station were \$48 in change and eight cartons of cigarettes, clothing, cigarettes, and a small amount of money was taken from Sanders' store, the sheriff said.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP
Charles Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Thomas, of Franklin, was one of 13 in the state recently awarded a Sears-Roebuck foundation scholarship at North Carolina State college. The scholarship is valued at \$150.

PLAN COMMUNITY MEET
The Hickory Knoll community recreation program will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 7 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cunningham. It was announced this week.

The Weather

Temperatures and precipitation for the past seven days, and the low temperature yesterday, as recorded at the Coweeta Experiment station.

	High	Low	Pct.
Wednesday	82	60
Thursday	81	63	31
Friday	78	59
Saturday	78	40
Sunday	78	40
Monday	77	40
Tuesday	86	62	.06
Wednesday	56	trace

Franklin Rainfall

(As recorded by Macon Station for TVA)
Wednesday, none; Thursday, .70; Friday, none; Saturday, none; Sunday, none; Monday, none; Tuesday, .06; Wednesday, none.