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FRANKLIN HIGH OPENS SEASON FRIDAY NIGHT

Panthers Meet Andrews At Stadium Here At 8 p. m.

With dreams of wearing the Smoky Mountain conference football crown this year as incentive, the 1952 edition of the Franklin High Panthers will be gunning for Andrews in its season opener here Friday night at the school stadium.

Game time is 8 o'clock. Still smarting from a 6 to 0 loss last week at the hands of Murphy, the Andrews grid machine will be shooting to drop the Panthers by the wayside and hit the come-back trail. But Coach Ralph (Chuck) Mc-

Connell's lads, with weeks of hard-hitting practice, a scrimmage with Clyde last week, and six lettermen holding down positions on the first string, are favored to rack up their first win.

The Panther coach Monday said his team, running out of the single wing formation, will depend on both ground and aerial attacks for yardage and he appeared pleased with the team's prospects this year.

The starting lineup for Friday night's game: Bill Hunnicutt, left end; Charlie Cabe, left tackle; Gene Mashburn, left guard; Roger Gray, center; Wayne Stewart, right guard; George Brown, right tackle; Carroll Childers, right end; Richard Russell, wing back; Bill Waldrop, blocking back; Sammy Henderson, full back; and Carroll Keener, tail back.

Managers are Tom Hunnicutt and Jerry Belter. Cabe, Mashburn, Stewart, Brown, Childers, and Henderson, as returning lettermen, make up the backbone of the team.

This year's cheerleaders, chosen Tuesday, are Shirley Dean, Wilma Renshaw, Evelyn Ray, and Lela Jo Galley. Virginia Moore and Farrell Henderson.

Next game for the Panthers will be September 19 in Clayton, Ga.

Higdon Family Reunion Slated Here On Sunday

The annual reunion of the descendants of Major W. H. Higdon will be held at his old home place on Elijah creek Sunday—the date of Major Higdon's birth.

The occasion will mark the 56th annual dinner celebrating his birthday. The first was held September 14, 1896.

A talk will be made by the Rev. J. A. Bryson, of Columbia, Mo., one of the grandsons, and statistics will be gathered for the purpose of bringing the family history up-to-date.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the reunion is made up of J. Wayne Higdon, Major Higdon and Alex Higdon.

T. B. Higdon, of Atlanta, Ga., president, will preside.

Anderson Reunion Set Sept. 21 At Blaines

The Anderson reunion will be held September 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blaine on Potts branch. It has been announced. Members of the family are urged to attend and bring their friends.

WINS FAIR PRIZE

Top honors in showmanship in the dairy cattle division in the Nantahala Grade Dairy show at the Cherokee County Fair Tuesday, went to the entry shown by Miss Grace Brown, of Franklin.

GETS PROMOTION



WAYNE FRANKLIN

FRANKLIN GETS AGENT'S POST

Macon Native Appointed County Farm Agent In Haywood

Wayne Franklin, a native of Macon County and veteran of World War II, has been named Haywood county farm agent and will take over his new duties September 20.

He has been serving as an assistant agent in Haywood for about the last three years. He succeeds County Agent Wayne Corpening, who has resigned to accept the post of Western North Carolina district agent left vacant by the recent resignation of Ben P. Jenkins, of Shelby.

After serving as county supervisor with the Farm Security Administration in Cherokee county, Mr. Franklin went to Haywood in May, 1942, as assistant agent. He served in this capacity until his enlistment in the Marine corps in February, 1943.

Following his discharge in June, 1943, he served as assistant agent in Blount and Graham counties, where he took over as county agent in Avery. He served in that position for three years as an assistant agent, employed jointly by the Champion Paper and Fibre company and the U. S. State college extension service.

Mr. Franklin is a graduate of Franklin High school, and S. C. State college, Columbia.

LOCAL GOLFERS DEFEAT BRYSON

Win 8 To 7; Slate Match Here In Two Weeks On Local Nine

Franklin golfers squeezed out an 8 to 7 team win over Bryson City Sunday afternoon on the Bryson course.

The locals chalked up 17 1/2 points in individual matches to Bryson's 15 1/2. Bryson City will come here September 21 for a return match.

Following are Sunday's individual and team scores:

Team 1: Frank Wright (BC) over Winton Perry (F), 2 to 1; Jack Williams (BC) over T. W. Angel, Jr. (F), 3 to 0; Wright and Williams over Perry and Angel, 2 to 1.

Team 2: Glen Carson (BC) over John M. Archer, Jr. (F), 2 to 1; H. H. Gnuse (F) over C. Cassada (BC), 2 to 1; Carson and Cassada over Archer and Gnuse, 3 to 0.

Team 3: J. Ward Long (F) over S. W. Black (BC), 2 to 1; H. W. Earwood (BC) over J. P. Brady (F), 2 to 1; Earwood and Black over Long and Brady, 2 to 1.

Team 4: H. T. Collins (F) over Jack Earwood (BC), 3 to 0; Arthur DeHart (BC) over Frank B. Duncan (F), 3 to 0; Collins and Duncan over DeHart and Duncan, 3 to 0.

Team 5: Bill Penland (F) over J. B. Freeman (BC), 2 to 1; George R. McSween (F) over N. H. Jones (BC), 3 to 0; Penland and McSween over Freeman and Jones, 3 to 0.

Team 6: W. W. Reeves (F) over Bruce Hawkins (BC), 3 to 0.

When Road Will Close Indefinite

When US 23 will close to make way for construction of the new \$618,000 highway from Franklin to Cowee Gap is indefinite at the present time, according to S. T. Usry, state highway resident engineer.

The job of clearing the right-of-way for the 7.34 mile span has been completed and Tuesday, Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe, low bidder for structures, started work on the project, which calls for a new bridge over Watauga creek and culverts at smaller creeks crossing the highway.

In the meantime, local motorists—with a travel eye peeled on the best detour to the east—are marking time, waiting for J. C. Critcher, Inc., of Asheville, to begin grading operations. Once grading gets under way the old highway will be closed to travel.

When the road is blocked off, motorists traveling to Sylva and points east will have to detour through either Highlands (US 64) or Bryson City (NC 23).

The new span will cut the distance from Franklin to Cowee Gap at the Jackson county line about one mile. The project entails the moving of an estimated million yards of dirt.

DINNER PLANNED

A chicken dinner will be served Friday, September 19, at the Union school by the women of the Prentiss Baptist church. It has been announced. Proceeds from the dinner, which begins at 7 p. m., will be for new church building. For a copy of the menu, call the children's department or to Mrs. E. W. Reishaw, of Franklin, who is in charge.



What with election year and flying saucers, it's easy to see how any self-respecting plant could get its wires crossed up. Mrs. Jennie Nolen, of Franklin, is showing her favorite Night-Blooming Cereus (Star of Bethlehem), which went haywire last Thursday and bloomed in broad daylight—a rather unorthodox thing for a night-blooming plant to do. However, the plant behaved itself last month, blooming for three nights running. Heck, everyone gets confused at one time or another!

PLAN BAKE SALE

A bake sale sponsored by the St. Anne Episcopal auxiliary is planned for Friday, September 19, at the children's department of the church. The sale will begin at 7 p. m. and will be for new church building. For a copy of the menu, call the children's department or to Mrs. E. W. Reishaw, of Franklin, who is in charge.

PTA WILL MEET

A meeting of the Franklin Parents-Teacher Association is slated Monday night at the high school. It has been announced. Mrs. A. A. Shuford, of Franklin, will preside at the session.



JUST BE PATIENT, PATIENT—Although it is and busy, Mrs. J. B. Thibault, of Franklin, had to take her turn at being the "patient" during the home nursing instructor course which closed Tuesday at the Agricultural building after five days of intensive study on care of the sick at home. Mrs. Barbara B. Hunnicutt, left, is showing the others what she learned about thermometer technique during the course. Others looking on are Miss Nell Claxton, course instructor, Mrs. Marion Wilson, of Nantahala, Mrs. E. W. Reishaw, of Franklin, and Mrs. Ted Gribble, of Franklin, Route 2.

Three Men Take 'Corundum Hill' Purchase Option

Three out-of-state men have taken a purchase option on "Corundum Hill" and its storehouse of mineral wealth and plan to start mining operations there at an early date.

The three are M. P. Blanche, Jr., and Herbert A. Sharpe, of New Orleans, La., and W. N. Nail, of Hattiesburg, Miss. They got the option from Buel and Leechie Holland.

According to Mr. Sharpe, surveys indicate that "Corundum Hill", at Cullasaja, is a treasure house of badly needed strategic minerals including olivine, asbestos, corundum, talc, mica, vermiculite, chromite, and high quality rubies and gems.

Tentative plans are being made, he said, to construct a separation mill at the mine, which should be in operation by the first of the year.

13 COMPLETE NURSE COURSE

Women Will Teach Others In County About Care Of Sick At Home

Bedroom slippers made of newspapers—back rests for beds from cardboard cartons—steam inhalers from paper bags. These are just a few of the things learned by the 13 women enrolled in the home nursing instructor's course which closed Tuesday after five days of intensive study on the care of the sick at home.

Something entirely new for Macon County, the home nursing course was taught by Miss Nell Claxton, nursing field representative for the southeastern area of the American Red Cross.

Her 13 "pupils", now well versed in caring for the sick

Young Democrats Slate Address By Shuford Here Next Week

George M. Shuford, of Asheville, Democratic candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives, from the 12th congressional district, will speak at an organizational meeting of Young Democrats at the county courthouse next Thursday night, September 18.

Mr. Shuford was invited to address the local group following an informal meeting of

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SING PLANNED

The semi-annual sing of the northern division of the Macon County Singing convention will be held at the Tellico church Sunday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., Harley B. Mason, president, has announced. Lunch will be served on the grounds at noon.

Janowsky Takes Job In Burke

Dr. Carl C. Janowsky, district health officer for Macon, Jackson and Swain counties for the past three years, has been appointed full-time health officer of Burke county and will take over his new post October 1.

His successor for the three-county district here has not been announced.

Dr. Janowsky, a veteran of three years' duty during World War II, practiced medicine in the New York area for more than 12 years before going into service.

Republican Rally Slated Tonight At Courthouse

A rally of Macon County Republicans is slated tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the county courthouse, George Reece, county chairman, has announced.

Listed as guest speakers are Ralph R. Fisher, state representative from Transylvania county, and Hugh Monteith, of Sylva, Republican nominee for congress from the 12th congressional district.

The public is invited to attend, Mr. Reece said.

Tour Planned Of Unit Farms Here Tuesday

A tour of TVA unit demonstration farms in Macon County is slated for Tuesday, County Agent S. W. Mendenhall has announced.

Those planning to attend are asked to report at the Agricultural building at 9:30 a. m. Transportation will be arranged for those who do not have automobiles.

Several emphasis will be placed on farm management improvements and soil conservation. Visits are planned at the Douglas Young farm in the Middle Creek section, the Charles Ferguson farm in Holly Springs, Wallace Morant's farm on Elliot, and Ed Braddock in the Iotla community.

There are 20 active unit demonstration farms in the county. Among the members of the farm committee are Albert Ramsey, chairman, of Franklin; Ben A. Gilbert, of Ootla; and Mrs. E. B. Duvall, of Iotla.

Theatrical Group Names Mrs. Reber As New President

Mrs. Reber Thursday was elected president of the Community Players—Franklin.

She succeeds Frank I. Murray, who resigned the post in view of his attending Western Carolina Teachers college in North Carolina.

The theatrical group's first production will be "Dear Ruth" and rehearsals are now under way. The date the play will be presented has not been announced.

Members of the cast for "Dear Ruth" include Ed J. Carpenter, Mrs. Joyce Cagle, Miss Inez Crawford, Miss Margaret Crawford, Fred Dowdle, Mrs. Nancy Keener, Ed Huffman, Lyle Raby, J. P. Brady, and Mrs. Fred York.

At Thursday's business session J. P. Brady was appointed to fill a seat on the board of directors, left vacant by Mrs. Reber's election to the presidency.

Slagle Cow Goes For \$850 At Auction; Is Top Sale

A. B. Slagle, owner of Slagle Dairy farm here, sold a five-year-old maxim bred cow at the North Carolina Guernsey sale in Winston-Salem Friday for \$850 to top the auction. The animal was bought by a Union, S. C., man. Average at the sale was \$412 a head, as compared with a \$384 average last year.

SCHOOL BOARD ACTS TO EASE NEW PROBLEMS

System Crowded; Patton Pupils, 3 Teachers Transferred

Overcrowded conditions and poor teacher pay Monday prompted a shift of a number of pupils from Cartoogechaye to Union school and the transfer of three teachers from the Franklin elementary school.

At a special session Monday morning, the county board of education found itself faced with four problems:

(1) Overcrowded conditions at the East Franklin and Cartoogechaye elementary schools. The average pupil load per teacher at Cartoogechaye was 40, at East Franklin, 36.

(2) A vacant classroom at

the Union elementary school.

(3) Having to use the old Franklin High school building for over-flow classes at the Franklin elementary school.

(4) A better average pupil load per teacher of 25 at the Franklin elementary school.

As a result of the board's action, the following transfers were made: Three pupils from the Franklin elementary school to the Union elementary school; three pupils from the Union elementary school to the Franklin elementary school; three pupils from the Franklin elementary school to the Union elementary school; three pupils from the Union elementary school to the Franklin elementary school.

The pupils under the three-year plan will be transferred to the Union elementary school and the Franklin elementary school. The board also decided to use the old high school building for the Franklin elementary school, but the old high school will continue to be used for remedial and physical education classes.

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For the fourth time in about two months, the board's decision to send children in the Rose Creek community to Iotla school instead of Cowee was protested. Furman Welch appeared at Monday's special session to ask the board to reconsider the move. However, the board reiterated its stand that the move would cause crowded conditions at Cowee and stood by its decision.

Draft Call

An induction call for seven Macon County men on October 13 has been received by the local selective service board, according to Mrs. G. J. Jones, board secretary.

Macon has no induction call for September.

Fifteen men also will be sent to Knoxville, Tenn., with the October draft contingent for pre-induction examinations, the secretary said.