



COACHES Dick Stott (Left, standing) and Pat Pattillo are using two practice sessions daily to whip into shape the 1956 Panther pack at Franklin School. About 60 boys are working out and more are expected. The first game will be on September 7, when the Panthers welcome Clyde Erwin High.

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Five Local 4-H Clubbers At Leadership Conference

Meeting last Thursday night, Little League officials and other interested persons decided to organize the league for older boys in order to give aging Little Leaguers (12 years maximum) an opportunity to continue in baseball and at the same time to open the game for boys in the older age bracket.

One point strongly in favor of the new league, it has been pointed out, is the success of the first season of Little League play. The Little League parents' organization, under the leadership of Douglas Simpson, has developed the league ball field at East Franklin School. At the outset of the season, an American Legion committee erected a backstop and the Franklin Jaycees donated and erected an outfield fence. Parents and others built stands at the field, constructed dugouts, and erected a scoreboard.

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Five Macon County 4-H members attended the second Western District Leadership Conference at Swannanoa Camp last week, August 13-18.

Those attending and taking part in the conference were Billy Crawford and Elizabeth Ann Ammons, of the Holly Springs community; Robert Wallace, of Carson; Alice Lee Bradley, of Iotla; and Helen Cochran, of the Patton community. The expenses of the 4-H'ers were paid, in part, by their respective communities.

The entire camp program was planned to provide an opportunity for the campers to secure a broader vision of the opportunities in 4-H club work and to secure training that would enable them to be more effective leaders in their county, club, and community activities.

Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, challenged the boys and girls in the opening session with a talk centering around "Investment in Yourself". She urged each delegate to strive

to invest in the worthwhile things in life. On Tuesday morning L. R. Harrill, the state 4-H leader, continued with an even greater challenge saying, "Your opportunities are as great as your vision—your accomplishments as great as your will to do."

Other outstanding speakers and teachers who were a source of information during the entire week included Miss Mary Em Lee, state clothing specialist, who gave a demonstration titled, "As Others See Us"; Miss Emmie Nelson, national committee member on boys and girls club work, Chicago, Ill.; and Gordon F. Jones, rural youth work and recreation teacher, from Purdue University.

Special interest classes included puppetry, Swedish darning, copper tooling, covering coat hangers, leaf printing, copper enameling, ideas for demonstrations, songs and recreation leadership, and the value of records.

One of the greatest highlights of the week was the vesper services held each evening at twilight. The theme of the week was "Finding God through music, prayers, nature, and others."

Each county delegation was given time to discuss plans for bringing what they had learned back to their counties in an effort to improve the 4-H club program. The Macon County group listed the following things as just a few of the possibilities which would improve the 4-H program in our county:

- (1) Strive to have better and more active 4-H community clubs.
- (2) 4-H club members stay in club work longer and become more active.
- (3) Strive for parents, leaders, businessmen, and civic groups to know more about 4-H club work and the many opportunities it affords.
- (4) Show appreciation to leaders and other interested people more often.
- (5) Impress on every 4-H member do his or her best "To Make The Best Better".



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