



## F. F. A. Team Wins First In Contest

### Wins Federation Event For 3rd Straight Year

A BEAUTIFUL moth (Cecropia) hatched out Monday morning in Mrs. Teague's grade at Union School and the children are getting a real thrill out of watching it. It was brought to class earlier in the year by Hardin Gribble and the children have been feeding it.

A READER writes that we're misspelling Coweta; that it should have two "e's" instead of one. Old maps of the area show it spelled with only one "e". The use of two is of government doing when Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory was established. But, be that as it may, we admit we're in gross error in having it spelled both ways in the weather report.

J. B. MYERS, sending in his newspaper renewal from Portland, Ore., writes "I believe Franklin will soon be the best town on Earth." He has reached this conclusion, he says, from reading THE PRESS and all that is going on, like city mail delivery and the like.

"USE A HUMOROUS headline, please," asked Raymond Southard, PRESS correspondent at Franklin High, when handing in a story on the faculty-senior basketball game set for Friday night. We couldn't think of a humorous headline, but we got a lot of laughs out of visualizing how some of the faculty is going to look on the floor in basketball togs.

FRANKLIN IS listed as a major stop in April for the study-tour, "Spring Comes to the Mountains," being sponsored by the Huckleberry Mountain Workshop of Hendersonville. After stops at the Highlands Biological Station, Dry Falls, and other points of interest, the group will have lunch at Kelly's Tea Room before moving on to the Joyce Kilmer Forest.

IN ALL OUR bragging about Franklin High's driver training program, we've overlooked a significant (though unofficial) statistic. That is, in eight years, driver training graduates have received only three moving traffic citations.

A CLIPPING received from an East Canton, Ohio, newspaper shows a picture of Mrs. George Ledbetter and her infant son, Steven, who is three and a half months old, at a basketball tournament. Mrs. Ledbetter is getting the best of a box of popcorn, but the youngster is snuggled in her arms, apparently not too impressed with the game. Steven is the grandson of Homer Ledbetter, formerly of this county. The picture outlines said Steven was by far the youngest spectator at the tournament.

THE LATE C. C. Poindexter, a Macon native and widely-known W.N.C. educator and coach, was honored Saturday night in Enka with a special commemorative program during the intermission of the first basketball game. A resolution was presented from the N. C. High School Athletic Association hailing his work in high school sports and a plaque in memoriam to Mr. Poindexter also was given by the N.C. H.S.A.A.

A first place was won Monday in parliamentary procedure by the team entered by Franklin Chapter of Future Farmers of America. It was the third straight Nantahala Federation victory for Franklin and the team now advances to district contest in Asheville May 1. The contest was held in Andrews.

Members of the team are John Killian, president, Bud Shope, vice-president; Ronald Harper, secretary, Jim Nolen, Treasurer, Riley Henry, reporter, Tex Corbin, sentinel, and Wayne Proffitt, advisor.

## P. T.-A. Course Slated

From 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) at Iotla School, Macon County's annual P.T.A. Parent and Family Life Study Course will be held.

This year's theme is "Better Health for Our Children" and several speakers are on the program.

At the morning session, the speaker will be Miss York Kiker, food specialist with the State Department of Agriculture. Mrs. E. T. Hyatt, of Canton, district P.T.A. director, also will lead a group discussion on proficiency in parent-teacher leadership in the morning.

Miss Mary Copeland, of Asheville, western district nursing consultant, will speak at the afternoon session.

A nursery will be operated at the school during the study course for the young children of mothers who could not otherwise attend.

## 4-H Show Nets \$104

Some 500 people turned out Friday night at East Franklin School to watch the top 4-H talent in Macon County.

Sponsored by the county 4-H council, the event cleared \$104. The money will be used to promote 4-H work in the county.

Carson Square Dance Team—a local group that is becoming a familiar sight on TV screens of the area—took the grand prize and will represent Macon County in district competition in Asheville next month.

A trio, Sharon and Shelia Duvall and June Wells, won second place. Martha Wood, of Highlands, was awarded third. The Duvall girls are members of the Iotla 4-H Club and June belongs to Patton's.

Highlands club won first place for the best school talent. Representing the school were Cathy Carpenter, Linda Chastain, Martha and Margaret Wood, Sandra Burris, Doyle Calloway, and Neddy Bryson. Second place was won by Nantahala club and third by Chapel.

Mrs. J. M. Maddox, adult 4-H leader from Cartoogechaye, was mistress of ceremonies.



## A CAR BURNS AND FIRE WIPES OUT POULTRYMAN A SECOND TIME

It was a hot week for Franklin firemen, with burning cars, gardens, and a chicken house. Friday about 11:30 a. m., they rolled out to Bob Gaines Motors to extinguish a car fire (see picture above), caused when a welding torch ignited the gasoline tank. Saturday they took a long trip down the Georgia road to fight a garden fire. Sunday morning,



fire destroyed a chicken house (see picture above) and about 2,800 chickens at T. N. Kirkland's in the Patton community. It was the second chicken house fire for Mr. Kirkland inside of three months and "this one has finished me off for good," he said. He lost 3,200 chicks in a blaze December 11.

(Staff Photo)

## FHS Faculty Playing In Game Friday

Franklin High's Monogram Club will sponsor a basketball game tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 between the seniors and the faculty.

The game will be held in the gymnasium and admission will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

Coaching the female faculty team will be Mrs. Kathryn O'Neil. Her squad will be composed of Mrs. Ellen Ledbetter, Miss Darlene Collins, Mrs. Lois Fulton, Mrs. Rose Corbin, Mrs. Sue Baldwin, Mrs. Anne Biddle, Miss Shirley Cloer, Mrs. J. P. Allman, and Miss Ann Monteith. Coaching the senior girls is Leota Beck. On her team are Anne Hall, Helen Setser, Jean Burrell, Geneva Ledbetter, Joyce Cabe, Claudette Leatherman, Barbara Carpenter, and Frances Alexander.

Holding forth for the male faculty will be C. K. Olson, Harry Corbin, Tommy Raby, Dick Stott, Wilford Corbin, L. C. Howard, Wayne Proffitt, Frank Ramsey, Charles Walker, and Harris Pryor. The seniors will be Harold Elliott, Don Ledford, Larry Brooks, Clayton Richardson, Harold Henry, Bobby Poindexter, Danny Cagle, and Jack Hyde.

## WORLD WAR II VET — C. N. (Joe) Dowdle Dies Of Heart Attack Sunday

Charles N. (Joe) Dowdle, 42, a Macon County native and manager of Dowdle Wholesale Company in Franklin, suffered a heart attack about 6:45 p.m. Sunday in his automobile in front of a local restaurant.

His son, Mark, returning from the restaurant, found his slumped over. He was dead on arrival at Angel Hospital.

Son of Marcus (Mark) L. and Mrs. Bess Barker Dowdle, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was wounded in action in June, 1945. Mr. Dowdle was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a charter member of the Franklin Lions Club.

A member of the Franklin Methodist Church, he was married to Miss Margaret Moore Hall, of Sylva, No. 6, 1937. She is a sister of Congressman David M. Hall.

Funeral services for Mr. Dowdle were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Franklin Methodist Church by the Rev. Robert E. Early, pastor, and the Rev. C. E. Murray, of Gastonia, a former pastor. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were J. Harry Thomas, D. A. Stewart, C. C. Sutton, T. W. Angel, Jr., Zeb



C. N. Dowdle

Cansler, J. Lee Bernard, Dr. Edgar Angel, and T. H. Fagg.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, son, and parents, are a daughter, Miss Carolyn Hall Dowdle, a freshman at Woman's College in Greensboro, and a sister, Mrs. W. E. Willis, of Columbia, S. C.

Arrangements were handled by Bryant Funeral Home.

## 4-H Parade Plans Made By Council

Plans for the annual 4-H parade in Franklin the afternoon of March 21 have been completed by the county 4-H council and school and community clubs are now selecting kings and queens and preparing floats.

Also, the county council has announced plans for honoring an outstanding 4-H adult leader for contributions to the 4-H movement during 1958. Nominations for this award are now being received and should be submitted to the 4-H extension agents by Wednesday, March 18.

The selected leader is to be recognized and honored as a feature of "Achievement Night" at Slagle Memorial Building on the 21st. At this time, awards will be presented to outstanding club members for work during 58. Also, the parade winners from the afternoon will be announced then.

Plans for "Achievement Night" will be announced next week. In the parade, which is set for 2 o'clock, will ride the "King and Queen of 4-H." The couple will be selected by popularity vote from the kings and queens of each school.

Macon clubs also are working on plans for "Demonstration Day" April 4 at East Franklin School.

## Brief P.-T. A. Meet Called

A brief half-hour meeting of the Franklin P.T.A. has been called for Monday night in the Franklin High library.

It will begin at 7:30 and adjourn at 8 o'clock, so those present can attend the concert in the gymnasium of the North Dakota State Agricultural College chorus.

Officers for the new year are to be nominated at the meeting.

## AT EAST FRANKLIN SCHOOL — Classroom TV? Almost...

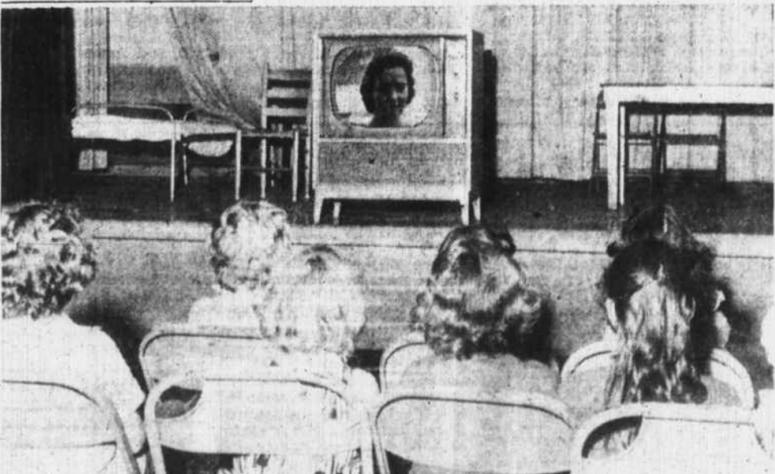
Television hasn't reached the classroom at East Franklin School, but it's close.

It's in the school auditorium, as a matter of fact. East Franklin's 21-inch TV set serves a dual purpose, according to Principal W. G. Crawford. From a purely educational standpoint, he considers it a wonderful training aid because,

through strict program selection, the children are able to see history being made. For example, they watched the opening of Congress in January — an event probably not a single one will ever see in person. Frequently, Mr. Crawford allows them to view classics, like David Copperfield.

Now to the second purpose.

Visualize, if you can, a dreary rainy day. Early morning and late afternoon school bus riders can't go outside and run off the energy that characterizes those of elementary school age. So what do they do? Why, watch television, of course, for it appears to be the only medium capable of rendering the young immobile.



These young television viewers are giving a program their complete attention in the East-Franklin auditorium. Matter of fact, they were not even aware of the photographer. (Staff Photos)

## PLAYING GAME TONIGHT — Nantahala Cagers In State Tourney

Tonight (Thursday) in Winston-Salem, a basketball team from little Nantahala High here will have its greatest hour, win or lose.

For Nantahala, with only a handful of boys in the whole school, will carry the District 8 banner into the state Class A tournament against Jamesville, winner in District 1.

Nantahala battled its way to the district championship Saturday night in Enka by defeating Crabtree-Iron Duff 63 to 49. Led by Todd Bateman, a lanky forward who bucketed 28 points, Nantahala never dropped out of the lead in the game after Todd opened the night's scoring with a layup off the opening tip. The Macon County team, which lost only two games during regular season play, had a 13 to 6 first period lead and iced the game at the end of the third by commanding a 33 to 26 lead. Helping Bateman out under the basket were Morris Bateman and Charles Owenby.

### THREE ON TEAM

Three Nantahala players made the all-tournament Class A team, forwards Todd Bateman and Charles Owenby and guard Ken Solesbee. Bateman led Class A players in the two games of district play by scoring 51 points.

## ELECTED TREASURER — Federation Post Goes To Bryant

After waging a successful fight to block the sale of Farmers Federation to the Farmers Cooperative Exchange (FCX), a group of sale opponents took over the active management of the Federation following a meeting Saturday in Asheville.

Bruce Bryant, of Franklin, who actively fought the sale, was elected treasurer. James M. Raby, of Franklin, was named a director.

Another man with Macon County ties, Joseph Higdon, of Asheville, who organized the fight against the sale, was elected chief administrative officer with the title of vice-president and general manager. Mr. Higdon, who succeeds James McClure Clarke, resigned, lost his job with the Federation last year because of differences with the management.

The new officers hope to work out the Federation's financial problems. About 90 per cent of the Macon County stockholders voted against the sale of the Federation, it is understood.

Gene Prizzell, manager of the Franklin store, this week said the local store, in the last eight years, has made \$60,590.50.



Bruce Bryant, Treasurer

## OWNED HIGHLANDER — James Goode, Publisher, Dies Saturday In Hospital

James S. (Jim) Goode, publisher of THE HIGHLANDER in Highlands and an active booster of Western North Carolina, died Saturday at 9 a.m. in an Asheville hospital.

Fifty-two years old, Mr. Goode was in excellent spirits Thursday while attending to some last minute details of his newspaper, which is printed in Franklin. He later became ill at his home in Highlands, was taken to Highlands Community Hospital, and then transferred to the Asheville hospital.

A native of Morganton, he also published Picturesque Magazine and was treasurer of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce. He was a vestryman and secretary of the Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Active in town affairs since starting THE HIGHLANDER there last year, he just recently was named to the town's planning committee. Mr. Goode published a newspaper some 25 years ago in Waynesville. He was the son of the late Dr. W. O. Goode, a Methodist minister of

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### The Weather

The week's temperatures and rainfall below are recorded in Franklin by Manson Stiles, U. S. weather observer, in Highlands by Taylor N. Hall and W. C. Newton, TVA observers; and at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory. Readings are for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. of the day listed.

FRANKLIN		
	High	Low
Wed., 4th	60	17
Thursday	51	23
Friday	64	35
Saturday	50	29
Sunday	58	14
Monday	51	22
Tuesday	63	20
Wednesday	25	00
COWETA		
Wed., 4th	45	18
Thursday	59	27
Friday	52	35
Saturday	46	28
Sunday	51	15
Monday	46	25
Tuesday	55	22
Wednesday	62	27
HIGHLANDS		
Wed., 4th	58	27
Thursday	45	30
Friday	52	30
Saturday	56	22
Sunday	57	22
Monday	60	31
Tuesday	62	29
Wednesday	29	00

\* no record.

## so says "MR. MACONIAN"

Hi-ya Neighbors:

Recon that was a mighty wise move the school board made last week in buyin' up the Crisp property next to Franklin High School. Turnin' that pasture land into a practice ball field will mean the regular stadium grass will get a chance to grow. A lot of fellers put a lot of time and money into plantin' that grass, but with all the practicin' and regular playin' it just hasn't had a chance to grow.

Also, the Pony League will have some place now to hold ball games without having to rub elbows with Little League at East Franklin in the summer.

Sure would be nice if the next thing the school board got us is a band. There just ain't nothin' like a band. Sammy Beck, who had a dilly of a band here once, used to say that music is the universal language. The way things are now Franklin's kids ain't learnin' to do much talking, universal or otherwise.

And I thank you,  
Mr. Maconian