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Madison Pats Win Crown; In State Tournament

Linda Robinson set a District Eight girls basketball scoring record Friday night, but all she really wanted were the last two points.

"Those were the biggest two points I ever made," sighed the Madison County senior after her driving layup in the second overtime period lifted the Patriots to the district championship over Enka High.

The final score was 38-36. If possible, the contest at the Enka High Gym was closer even than that, but Robinson was the difference when it counted most.

The 6-foot center scored 26 points against the Sugar Jets, including the only basket by either team in both overtimes.

That shot came with 1:45 remaining and when Enka misfired with 22 seconds left, Robinson was there to claim the rebound.

"She did everything for us," said Coach F. N. Willett of Madison, now headed for the State Championships which began Wednesday in High Point.

Robinson finished the district tournament — which attracted some 1,500 fans for the finals — with 66 points in three games, breaking the tournament scoring record set last year by Diana Robinson of Enka with 63. She also broke the single-game record with a 28-point performance against Cherokee in the opening game.

Enka Coach Bill Rucker agreed with Willett's appraisal.

"We took some awfully poor shots there at the end," Rucker said, "but the big thing was that we couldn't stop Robinson inside."

Actually, the Patriots had another heroine as well. Lynn Plemmons sank two free throws with 1:10 left in regulation play to give Madison a 36-36 tie and send the game into overtime. The Sugar Jets had frozen the ball for a full three minutes with a two-point cushion before Plemmons connected.

Enka had led most of the way behind the shooting of Crystal Sharpe and Cheryl Parrott and the Sugar Jets,

second-ranked in Western North Carolina, boasted an eight-point margin in the third period with Robinson playing cautiously with three personal fouls.

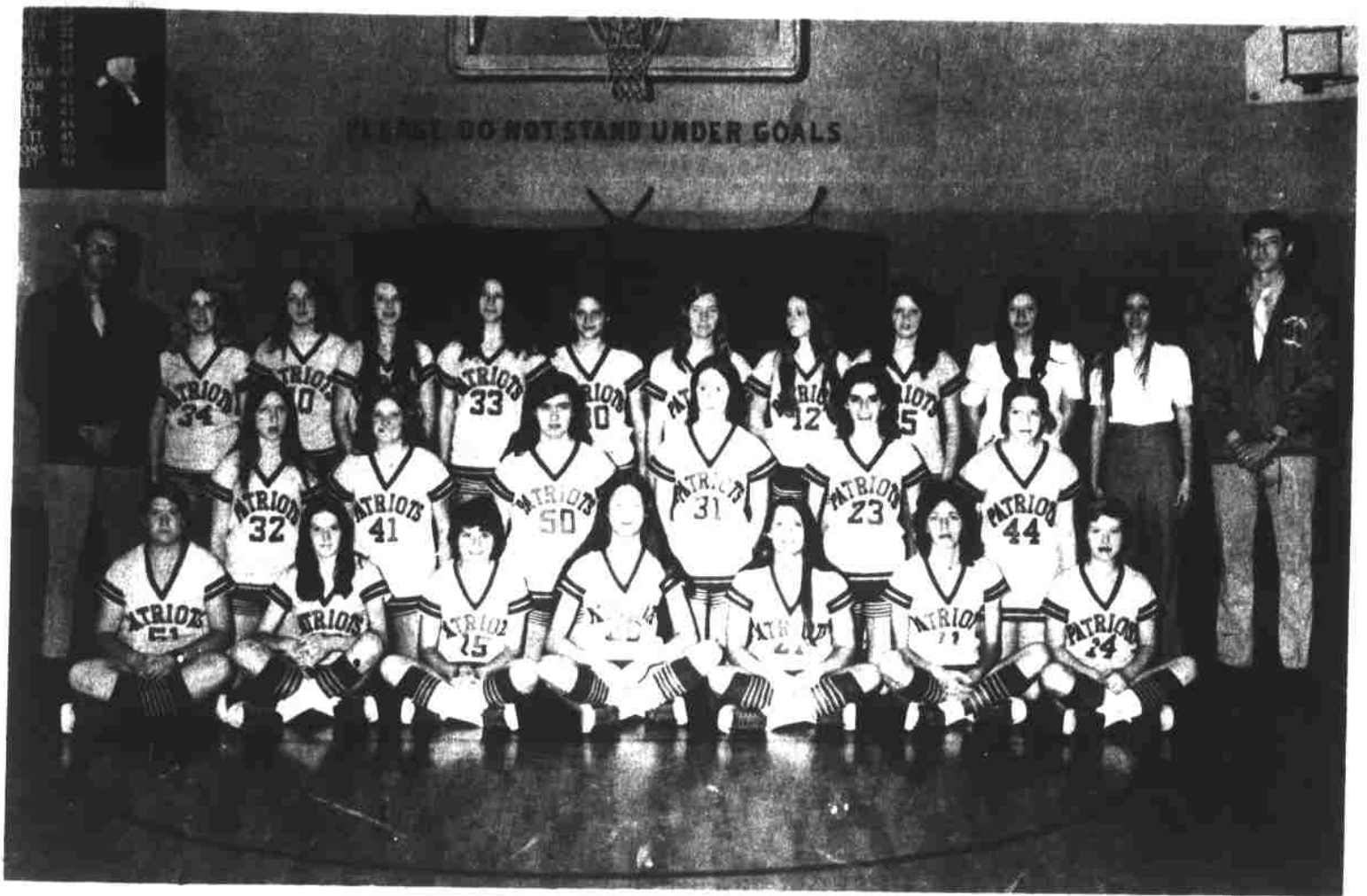
But Enka failed five times to extend its lead before Robinson began the Patriots comeback.

"When we couldn't break open then, the game turned around for us," admitted Rucker. "Madison started playing with more confidence after that."

PRAISES COATES, DAVIS, PLEMMONS, HENSLEY
Willett, on the other hand, said the defensive play of guards Yvonne Coates, Donna Davis and Lynn Plemmons was a big factor. "Our defense in the fourth quarter and in both overtimes came through for us."

"Yvonne Coates, a senior, has been outstanding all season and was the best rebounder on the team. She dominated the defensive end of the court just as Robinson did the offensive end of the court," Coach Willett stated. He also had praise for Ann Hensley, rangy forward, who made several key rebounds and was outstanding and dependable throughout the season.

Coach Willett and his assistant, Alex Farkas, both said they were also proud of the substitutes who would often come off the bench to play fine basketball.



DISTRICT CHAMPIONS — Pictured above are the Madison Patriots girls' team which are District Eight Champions and headed for the State Tournament. Front row — left to right: Ann Hensley, Donna Davis, Lynn Plemmons, Linda Robinson, Yvonne Coates, Debbie Reed, Debbie Yelton. Second row: Pam Maxwell, Pam Yelton, Sandra Ammons, Kathy Waldroup, Dianna Landers, Janet Reeves. Third row: F. N. Willett, coach; Dianna Wills, Darlene Evans, Karen Greene, Sheila Goforth, Jane Carter, Carolyn Holtkamp, Deborah Reed, Leesa Harrell, Gail Garrett, Vickie Wills, and Alex Farkas, coach.



"WE'RE NUMBER ONE" was the chant of the victorious Madison Pats following their 38-36 victory over the Enka Sugar Jets in the Championship game of District Eight last Friday night at Enka. The victory sends the Pats to the State Tournament this week-end in High Point. The Pats met Williamston Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock. Holding high the trophy is Yvonne Coates and holding the game ball is Debbie Yelton. (Jim Story Photo)

Two Week Appalachia Forum To Start Mon.

"The Many Faces of Appalachia as Reflected in the Humanist's Mirror," a two week series of forums on Appalachia will open Monday, March 4, at Mars Hill College. The discussions will be sponsored by the History and

Economics departments of the Baptist related college, and were designed to promote an interchange of historical and cultural concepts regarding the Southern Appalachian region.

Each day for two weeks.

March 4-6 and March 11-15 beginning at 7:30 p. m. a given topic will be developed by a panel of authorities, each presenting one segment of the main topic, and all participating with the audience in an open discussion following each presentation.

Monday, March 4: "Who Are We?" with Loyd Jones, Director of the Appalachian Center, Bera College, Dr. Rogers Whitner, syndicated columnist and professor of English at Appalachian State University and Robert Harmon, specialist in mountain music, Blowing Rock as panelists.

Tuesday, March 5: "Whatcha You'ns Got?" a discussion on resources in Appalachia with panelists Lewis Herron, Immediate Past President, Pisgah Chapter, Society of American Foresters, Leonard Weiner, N. C. Department of Mineral Resources, and Dr. W. W. Hall, Assistant Director of the Economic Development Bureau, Western Carolina University.

Mars Hill Civitan Club Activities

The Mars Hill Civitan Club held its annual Clergy Night Program on Tuesday, February 19. Frank Dorato of Asheville spoke to the group which included the following ministers as guests — Dr.

Hoyt Blackwell, W. L. Lynch, M. H. Kendall, Sue Fitzgerald, Lester Murphey, Jim Long, John Bussard, Dick Price, and Ralph Hogan. Mr. Dorato challenged the ministers to be examples for their congregations, but at the same time he emphasized how much laymen should appreciate the roll of their ministers and should let them know that they appreciate the many thankless things they do.

Under the leadership of Holtkamp, Civitan has been active again. At Christmas, a donation was presented to the Mars Hill Handi-School as part of the Christmas Ladies Night held at Wolf Laurel. The club co-sponsored the Bascom Lamar Luncheon Festival in October. On Friday, March 15, the Civitans will play the Mars Hill Lions in a Little League Benefit Game at the Mars Hill School. New members added to the club in the past month are Roy Wood, Don Russell, Ed Shields, and Bill Tydemann.

The club will observe the 25th anniversary of its Charter Night in March. Civitans to be honored for their long service to the club and the community are Ken Anderson, Jim Cox, Otis Duck, Ralph Lee, and Bruce Murray.

Wednesday, March 6: "Gettin' Right," religion in Appalachia will be discussed by Don Prange, Associate Director of the Commission on Religion in Appalachia, Rev. Jim Long, Methodist Minister in Mars Hill, Bea Hensley, a layman from Spruce Pine, and Jim Blevins of the Religion Department of Mars Hill College. This session will be held in the Mars Hill Baptist Church.

Selective Service Lottery March 20

Young men born in 1956 will have their Selective Service lottery numbers drawn on March 20, William H. McCachren, State Director of Selective Service for North Carolina, announced today.

Even though there are no plans to resume call-ups for involuntary inductions, McCachren stated that the annual Selective Service lottery drawing for young men who become 19 years of age during 1974 will be held in Washington, D. C., on the above date.

According to McCachren, there are approximately 43,000 young men born in 1956

who are registered with North Carolina local boards, and who will have their lottery numbers established by this drawing.

"As a result of the lottery numbers which are drawn," McCachren said, "some of the young men born in 1956 will be placed in a class available for service by their local boards. This group will form a standby pool of 'readily available' men during 1975. This pool will be available to supplement the volunteer armed forces in the event of a national requirement."

According to McCachren, the Military Selective Service

Act requires all young men to register with the System during the 60-day period beginning 30 days prior to their 18th birthday. "Failure to register," McCachren said, "can bring a penalty of as much as 5 years imprisonment or a fine of \$10,000, or both." McCachren further added that Selective Service has provided ways which enable young men to register with minimum inconvenience.

"Volunteer registrars, many of whom are located in our high schools, have been appointed in counties where there are no local board offices," and McCachren fur-

ther added that 18-year-old young men in Madison county who have not yet registered may do so with the individuals, or at the places, indicated below:

Mrs. Delba Jean Roberts
Tax Collector's
Office Courthouse
Marshall, N. C. 28753

\$41,500 State Grant For Marshall Project

RALEIGH — Grants totaling \$13,555,229 have been awarded to 57 local governments in North Carolina to assist in financing construction of water supply system projects, according to an announcement made today by Secretary of Human Resources David T. Flaherty.

These grants are the third set to be awarded as a result of the passage of the North Carolina Clean Water Bond Act of 1971. To date, almost \$39 million has been awarded for this purpose on projects with total construction costs of over \$135 million.

"The applications for these grants were judged on the basis of eligibility requirements and the priority system established by the rules and regulations spelled out in the Clean Water Bond Act," Flaherty said. The voters approved the issuance of \$190 million in clean water bonds in a 1973 referendum.

In most instances, the state grant is only a portion of the total construction costs. The remainder comes from

federal and local sources.

Flaherty noted that grant applications for water supply construction projects are now being received by the Division of Health Services for processing during the second semi-annual review period for this fiscal year. Grants for these are expected to be awarded in July.

Among the grants awarded was Marshall, \$41,500 of a total estimated project cost of \$436,500.00.

Masons Honor Bailey At Meeting Saturday

Jesse James Bailey of Asheville, formerly of Madison County, was honored by members French Broad Lodge No. 292, AF & AM, on Saturday evening with a dinner meeting at the Masonic Temple in Marshall. Mr. Bailey, who joined the Lodge in 1914, was presented a 60-year pin and certificate.

During the past 60 years Mr. Bailey has served the Lodge as Worshipful Master three times, as well as in other capacities.

Lester Wilde of Marshall, District Deputy Grand Master and a member of French Broad Lodge, had charge of presentation of the pin. Albin Buckner gave a brief history of the Lodge and Bill Ricker, Worshipful Master, presided.

Approximately 100 Master Masons, their wives and other guests, including Mr. Bailey's daughter, Mrs. Nellie Lovin, attended the meeting.

During the second week of the forum, the topics and panelists will be: Monday, March 11: "Follow the Trail," a discussion of transportation and roads with panelists John McLeod, Professor Emeritus of English of Mars Hill College and author, John Eble, author of The Road the story of the coming of the railroad to Southern Appalachia, E. H. Paschall, resident engineer of the N. C. Department of Transportation and Highways, and Robert Bruce, Chief of Interpretation of the Blue Ridge Parkway staff.

Tuesday, March 12: "The Goodie Land," will be a discussion of land use in Southern Appalachia with panelists Alan Stevill, Director of Environmental Design of the University of Georgia, who will bring a film his department has completed on land use in the Appalachian mountains, Robert Shepard, Director of Region 8 Waters North Carolina Planning Commission and Don Anderson, Chairman of the Political Science Department Mars Hill College and of the Planning for Jobs The Commission of Mars Hill College.

Wednesday, March 13: "Sharing a Legacy and Treasures Preserved" Stephen Boyd, Chief of Forest



JESSE JAMES BAILEY, left, was honored by members of French Broad Lodge No. 292, AF & AM, here Saturday night. Edward Waldrop, secretary (center) and Lester Wilde, District Deputy Grand Master, right, participated at the ceremony.

Madison Bicentennial Goals Are Set

The Madison Bicentennial Committee has adopted the following projects for promotion in Madison County:

A. HERITAGE

1. Heritage Trail — Mark important historic sites and publish a brochure, "Historic Sites in Madison County."
2. Write a brief history of Madison for the state publication.
3. Include a course in local history in the school curriculum.
4. Make a series of programs on Madison County history available to the schools on a rotating basis.
5. Promote essay and song writing contests.

B. FESTIVALS U. S. A.

1. Produce a drama on some aspect of Madison or WNC history.
2. Present a series of radio programs and publish a series of newspaper articles on

Madison history.

3. Include in the January 1976 mini-meister at Mars Hill College courses on the Revolution and associated subjects as well as public lectures by outstanding speakers.
4. Church observances — plays, etc., and church histories.
5. Wagon caravan and big county-wide celebration in July, 1976.

C. HORIZONS

1. Make possible the building of a new library for the county and a system of reading rooms in several communities.
2. Promote beautification campaigns in the various communities.
3. A time capsule containing contributions which depict some aspect of life as it is now, from each community in Madison, to be placed in some

central location, possibly the new library, and to be opened by our posterity in the distant future.

4. Encourage the Commissioners to promote and develop recreation facilities and activities in the local communities.

In addition to these goals, the committee welcomes any suggestions from individuals or groups in the county. Please mail suggestions to: Mary Ruth Roberts, P. O. Box 18, Mars Hill, N. C. 28754.

The committee will be establishing task forces in each community and encourages every citizen to please take an active interest in your county and community projects. Our Bicentennial Celebration can make a valuable difference in Madison both now and in the future.

4-H Talent Show

The annual Madison County 4-H Talent Show will be held Saturday, March 2, at 7 p. m., in the Mars Hill College Auditorium. The talent show is designed to give boys and girls an opportunity to express talents and abilities in competition for honors and awards.

Three winning acts will be selected to compete in the district talent show, June 25, at Franklin. This year's show promises to be the best ever.

Make plans now to attend and support the 4-H members of Madison County. Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Winners of the Strawberry Selling Contest will be recognized during the show. Special awards will be presented to the boy and girl who sold the largest amount. Awards also will be presented to members who sold more than \$100 worth of strawberries.