

## Smyrna Moves Toward District II Championship

Smyrna looks bound for the District II single-A championship. The Devils rolled over the Leland high school Tigers 53-36 Wednesday night in the quarter finals at Kenan Memorial auditorium, Kenansville.

Forward Danny Gillikin scored 14 points to lead the attack. Norris Nelson and Joe Willis were next, with 12 each. Linwood Parker got 11; David Bailey, 3; and David Pake, 1.

Leland took a one-point advantage in the first period, outscoring the Devils 10 to 9. Smyrna erased the Tigers' lead, outscoring them 12 to 9, to claim a 21-19 lead at the half. The Blue Devils picked up speed in the third period, sinking 14 points to Leland's 8, and hit high gear in the fourth, with a 17-point performance, while the Tigers could manage only 9.

Smyrna made 23 field goals to Leland's 15 (attempts were not available), and tossed in 7 of 10 free throws for 70 per cent. Leland, representing Brunswick county, sank 6 of 12 free throws for 50 per cent.

Scoring for the Tigers were Lennon, 12; Jacobs and Medlin, 10 each; Gainey, 2; and Everett, 1.

Joe Willis and Norris Nelson, guards, were cited as Smyrna's outstanding defensive players. Parker led his teammates in rebounding.

## 'Devils' Meet Atkinson Tonight at Kenansville

The Blue Devils took another step toward the District II single-A championship at Kenansville Wednesday by defeating Leland high school.

They meet Atkinson high of Lenoir county at 7:30 tonight in the tournament semi-finals. Atkinson downed Pink Hill 70-53 in Wednesday's quarter-final match at Kenan Memorial auditorium.

The Lenoir team played at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, before Smyrna's triumph over Leland high, so the Devils have some idea of what to expect. One fan reports that Atkinson is fast, but will have no height advantage against Smyrna.

Jasper met LaGrange and Swansboro took on Midway last night after press time. The winners of those two games will play at 8:30 tonight. Tonight's winners meet at 8:30 tomorrow night for the district championship and a berth in the state playoffs at Dur-