

# Speaking Of Golf

By JOE MAPLES

As we enter the new year of 1961, let's take time out to look back and review the first full year of operation of the Boone Golf Club. It was a good year that saw the club emerge as an important factor in the economy of the Boone, Watauga county area.

If we had to pick a single attraction in our area that draws people to us, on its own merits alone, it would have to be the local golf course. Many people come to Boone to play our course and nothing else. There are people that wouldn't otherwise come to us, regardless of the many other fine attractions we have to offer, and this of course magnifies the importance of the club to the local economy.

This proves itself out more and more with each passing day of operation of the club and people in our area realize this more and more with each passing month.

This past year saw the local club emerge into full bloom from what was once pasture and woodland, into one second to none in this State and second to very few in this part of the country. Opening date was delayed somewhat because of the accumulation of snow that lingered longer than usual, but on April 20, our first full year got underway.

It was a year that saw many people from far and near come to play, enjoy and praise the local course and plan to return again and again. The month of May brought the ladies of the Foothill League for a two-day tournament. From all reports, it was one of the best they ever had.

Late in the month a one-day Carolina Golf Association tournament was held and 257 players from two states swarmed over the course in one of the largest turnouts of this kind on record, and by far the largest crowd of the year for the CGA. Officials of the CGA praised the handling of the crowd as one of the best ever.

In June the thought of having the 1961 Carolinas Open at the local course came to mind and the necessary steps were taken. The money was raised and the

bid put in and accepted by the PGA Tournament committee before many people knew what was going on. A great deal of excitement was created by the announcement that this event would be held here. The reception to it has been tremendous and golfers all over the two states are planning to attend. It will be the finest event held in this area and will get the season off to an early start.

July and August are the bread and butter months and the local club settled down to the job of taking care of the great number of golfers that flooded it during this period. It was during this period that a new course record was set, a round of 65 by Pro Pete Webb of Shelby, and some of the finest players in the game toured the course. Billy Joe Patton, Charlie Smith and Dale Morey to name a few played and praised it. Morey and Smith have indicated that the plan to play in the Open and it is hoped that Patton will also.

September brought the end to the active part of the season but quite a number of players continued to use the course, especially on the week ends. The Blue Ridge Pro-Am was held early in the month and as the Associated Press said, a new hazard had been added to the game. Fog rolled in during the first day of this 36 hole event and after most of the field had teed off the first round had to be called because of the dense fog. The tournament was played the next day, however, after being cut to 18 holes and was won by Pro Joe Cheves of Morganton with a fine score of 67. A field of 148 players took part, one of the largest of the year throughout the Carolinas PGA Section.

The finals of the Club Championship were held in September, and was as expected. Ernest Hayes won, his closest match being a 2 up victory over Boyd Stout of North Wilkesboro. Much of the excitement, however, was created in the higher flights where the 90 and 100 shooters battled it out in many close and very exciting matches, a good number of them going extra holes, one going on for 25 before the outcome was decided. Interest in the upper flights was terrific and was the

one big reason for the event being the great success it was.

Later on the awards banquet was held and a finer event I've never attended and many people agreed on this. This was due in a great part to the great humor of nearly thirty Farthing, a gentleman that can take it and dish it out with the best.

Then came the annual stockholders' meeting at which time a report of the year's business and activities was presented. The report was well received and the same officers were elected to head the organization after a rising vote of confidence on a motion by O. K. Richardson for the coming year. The stockholders voted to put on sale a new issue of stock in order to retire the debts of the corporation. This was carried without opposition and the sale started at that time and has been going well since.

The local course was finally closed to play on December 1, and although there were about four or five good playing days after that, as it turned out, it wasn't any too soon since the ground has been wet with snow and rain most of the time since.

We start the New Year with eagerness and confidence and look forward to next April 1st, when the course can open again. We have a lot of work to do and a big job ahead but after coming this far in such good shape, there are no fears about the future.

The Boone Golf Club and myself sincerely wish that each of you have the Happiest New Year ever.

Howard Cottrell and his two golfing boys went to Pinehurst last week to play in the Annual Donald J. Ross Memorial Tournament with H. J. playing some good golf, shooting a 73 using his handicap. Jimmy did equally as well turning in a 74 with his handicap.

H. J. missed a tie for first place in his flight by only one shot and might still win something. Howard got in a round while the boys were playing and shot a fine 79 and as he said, "Made expenses," off three gentlemen from up North.

Brother Raleigh has had a good round or two recently, shooting in the upper 70's. The Cottrells aren't letting any grass grow under their feet waiting for spring to come. They will be ready.

Yanks buy McDevitt to bolster pitching.

Finley acquires control of Athletics club.



DON KING ... One of the reasons Appalachian is in the win-column.

## App Basketeers To Meet Lenoir Rhyne

Coach Bob Light's Appalachian Mountaineers, unbeaten in three conference games this season, will meet the Lenoir Rhyne Bears at the local gymnasium this Saturday night. The game will be the third home game for the Mountaineers and their second outing after the holidays. The Apps met Guilford on the local court Wednesday night.

The Bears will bring a four-game winning streak to Boone. Their overall record is eight wins and two defeats. Like the Mountaineers, the Bears already have a tournament championship under their belts. They won the Spindale Holiday Tournament over a four-team field last weekend.

Stars for Lenoir Rhyne are Jerry Wells, Emil Dixon, and Jim Wiles. Wells is the only letterman of the squad, but the others have come along fast. Also impressive on the Bear roster are two junior college transfers, Chuck Fearn and

Jack Connolly. Guard Don King and forward Rick Howe sparked the Mountaineers to a 6-1 pre-holiday record, including the championship of the Carson - Newman Invitational Tournament at Jefferson City, Tennessee. Howe has a 16.6 game average over the entire seven games while King has a 14.3 average over six games. King missed the game lost to East Tennessee State.

Appalachian currently is in the middle of a red-hot battle for first place in the North State Conference standings. The Mountaineers have three wins and no defeats while High Point has four wins and no defeats. Atlantic Christian has two wins and no losses.

Laborites quarrel among selves over Polaris base.

U. S. scientists find Soviet hopeful on arms talks.

## Plans Nearly Complete For High School Football Banquet

Plans are nearly complete for the football banquet, honoring the Appalachian High School Blue Devils, according to Major J. H. Thomas, in charge of the event. The supper will be held at Appalachian Elementary School cafeteria Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Football players and their coaches and managers will be the honored guests.

Parents, friends and the Blue Devils Booster Club will be host. The Blue Devils, for the second straight year District 7 2A cham-

pions, will be awarded team and individual trophies, Major Thomas said. Jim Duncan, head football coach at Appalachian State Teachers College, will be speaker for the occasion.

Major Thomas urged all those who plan to attend who have not secured their tickets to do so at once. He and other Booster Club members have them, he said, and will be glad to get them to those desiring them if they will contact him.

## App Gridder Wins Honor

Bob White, senior 205-lb. guard on the Appalachian State Teachers College 1960 football team, was named to the NAIA All-American second team, according to word received by Jim Jones, college sports publicist. White was the only North Carolina player named to the mythical second team. Lee Farmer and Dick Lage, Lenoir Rhyne standouts, were placed on the first team, Jones said.

Our greatest asset is the land. Poor land makes poor people. Productive land makes prosperous people.

Pirates did it in baseball, after some drubbings from the Yankees in the World Series. Like the Pirates, the Eagles won the football title but lost the statistics battle.

So in football, as well as baseball, the story was somewhat similar. And as Buck Shaw steps down as Eagle coach he can look back on a last year which was great in every way.

## Comment On Sports

By PETE FRITCHIE  
Washington, D. C.—The National Football League championship is now wrapped up and safely in the possession of the Philadelphia, Eagles. The championship game was a thriller, between two determined ball clubs in the best tradition of NFL title games.

The Green Bay Packers have nothing to be ashamed of and, in fact, they won all the statistics battles. At the end of the first half and at the end of the game they were down on the goal line and threatening.

The difference between the two clubs was the sudden scoring punch of the Eagles, Norm Van Brocklin had a deadly long-passing arm and the Eagles struck like lightning in the fourth period when they had to.

Yet the passing of Bart Starr, the Packers' quarterback, was almost as impressive as anything else about the game. They were short ones but they were pulling the game out for the Packers in the final minute, when time ran out. And already they had put the Packers ahead in the fourth quarter—a lead which was taken away later in the same quarter by the Eagles.

Vaughn did excellent defensive work for the Eagles. The work of the latter, who was in for many of the key stops, was overlooked by many in the rush to heap praise on Bednarik, who was, also, great himself.

The win of the Eagles was good stuff, in a way, for it marked a comeback for the year 1960. The



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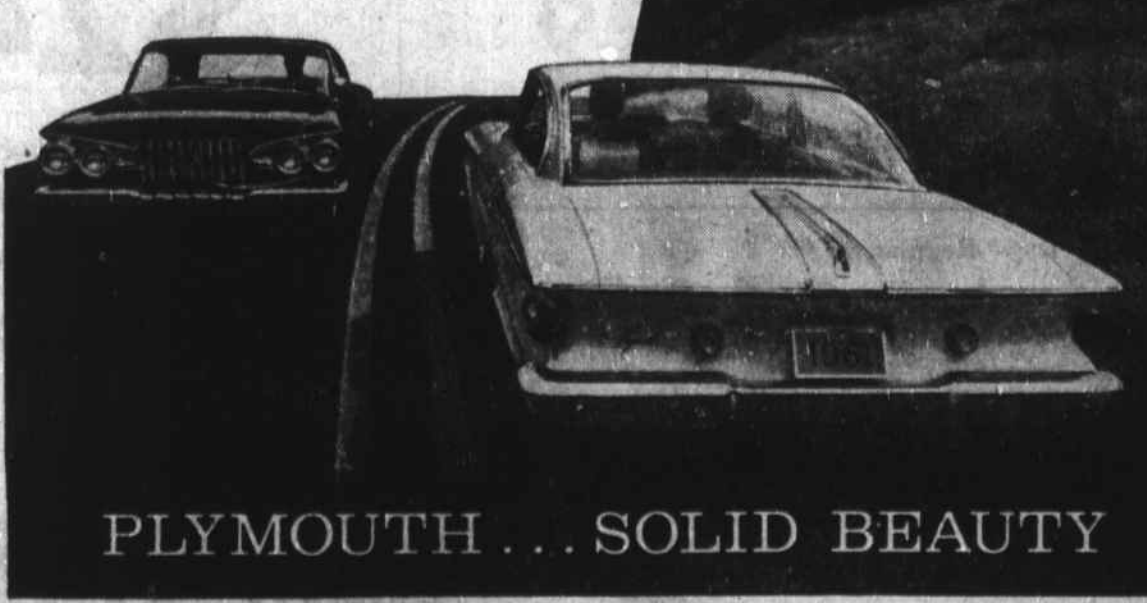


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