

# Goober Basketball League Reunion Slated

The evening of Saturday, September 11 will be a time of much enjoyment and reminiscing by former players, coaches and fans of the Goober Belt Basketball League, which had its heyday in this area in the 1940's and early 1950's, as a reunion banquet will be staged Saturday, September 11 at O'Conner's Restaurant in Ahoskie.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 P.M., with a social period to begin at 5:00 P.M. Those desiring reservations for the event are asked to mail \$25 per couple to Gilbert Vaughan, P.O. Box 1325, Ahoskie, N.C. 27910 by August 27. Anyone who was connected or interested in the league in any way is invited to attend.

Plans for the banquet were formed during a recent organizational meeting attended by a number of area residents who were involved in the league. Those attending the meeting included George C. Parker, Sr., Woodland; Linwood "Lit" Woodard, Conway; Billy Powell, Colerain; C. J. Belch, Plymouth; Spit Martin, Williamston; Herderson

Mizelle, Jamesville; and Johnny Walker, Windsor. Officers appointed to assist with the banquet were: W. H. S. "Billy" Burgwyn, Jr., president, Woodland; Parker, senior vice-president; Woodard, assistant to president; Jerry Forehand, Williamston, secretary; and Vaughan, Ahoskie, treasurer.

The loop, a semi-professional basketball league, was first organized in November, 1946 when representatives from several teams in the Roanoke-Chowan section met in Windsor and established the league organization with W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr. serving as the first president.

First games were played in December of 1946 with Williamston and Jamesville fielding teams along with Woodland, Windsor, Colerain, Conway, Rich Square and Roanoke Rapids.

Woodland and Jamesville tied for regular season honors following that initial season of action, with the Northampton County crew capturing the tournament held in Windsor.

The withdrawal of Rich Square, Conway and Roanoke Rapids from the league and the entering of Harrellsville left the league with six teams for the 1947-48 season with Jamesville merging victorious from a battle with Woodland and for the championship.

The following season, Conway replaced Windsor and Murfreesboro and Drewryville, Virginia fielded league entrants to once again give the loop eight teams, with the Jamesville team winning the tournament which was held in Williamston.

Following the 1949 event, the league remained in existence until the early 50's when it folded due in part to some decline in interest.

The following list of local players comprising the rosters of the Williamston and Jamesville units which participated in the 1949 tournament were taken from that year; the only tournament program which those planning the banquet could locate: Williamston: Bob Cowen, Ernest Capps, Jack Manning, Virgil Wobbleton, Jesse Rogerson, Ed Morton, C. T. Roberson, John Miller, Jim Lowery, Young, Dan Bowen, Dr. Gray; Jamesville: E.L. Martin, Holliday, T. E. Martin, H. M. Martin, A. J. Martin, Henderson Mizelle, E. E.

Brown, H.C. Gardner. Others who participated in the league or were involved in the loop during any year of its existence are cordially invited to attend the banquet.

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Weyerhaeuser Company is joining other interested business, government agencies and individuals in supporting a special feeding program for rockfish (striped bass) fingerlings at the federal fish hatchery in Edenton. A total of \$8,000 has been raised so far.

The special program, designed to help increase rockfish populations, was put together under the leadership of Plymouth businessman, C.J. Belch.

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# CRC Recommends Morehead Harbor Development

Radio Island in the Morehead City harbor could be developed as a port with strict environmental and train traffic controls if the Carteret County Board of Commissioners adopts a plan accepted by the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission meeting in Manteo last week.

The island's location, and its access to transportation and deep water make it the best site in the extensively developed harbor area for new port facilities, according to the Radio Island area development plan submitted to the commission by a task force representing state and local government.

"This plan thoroughly examines choices for the Morehead City harbor," said Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr., chairman of the com-

mission. "We will forward it to Carteret County officials for their use in selecting the best way to expand the port without harming fisheries and tourism. The Board of Commissioners is to be commended for using their land use planning process to guide the growth of the county," he added.

In other action, the CRC agreed to continue until its next meeting a public hearing on proposed post-disaster planning guidelines. Former CRC Chairman David Stick of

Kitty Hawk and Mayor Don Bryan of Nags Head reminded the commission of their experiences with the total chaos which follows a coastal disaster and the need for advanced planning to reduce the inevitable confusion.

Mayor Gene Floyd of Wrightsville Beach and Mayor Neir Farr of Carolina Beach expressed support for the planning concept and asked that local governments be given a major role. Chairman Chesson noted that, if the guidelines are

enacted, each local government would develop its own plans with general directives from the commission.

A commission task force examined ways to allow development which might normally be denied when the projects have overriding public benefits. Procedures to require applicants to improve, replace or restore natural resources in these cases are being studied for possible use in North Carolina.

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## On Dean's List

RALEIGH — North Carolina students have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Meredith College, Dr. Allen Burris, vice president and dean of the college has announced.

Meredith College, founded in 1891 by North Carolina Baptists, is the largest, church-related, four-year liberal arts college for women in the southeastern United States.

The following Chowan County students are among the 526 students named to the dean's list:

Martha Elaine Gibson - daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jackson Gibson, 204 Terry Avenue, Edenton.

Katherine Bolling Harless - daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Harless, Jr., 201 North Granville Street, Edenton.

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