

# N. Higgins, Hillside Coach And Athletic Director, Resigns

## A WORD ABOUT SCOUTING

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District Scout Executive

Have you ever attended a Camporee? Well you missed a good outdoor program for you and your boys at Mt. Vernon Acres. From everyone I see, they tell me that they had a good time and learned a great deal about how a boy can take care of himself and his buddy in the woods.

Many thanks go out to Pastor E. T. Browne and his congregation for the use of Mt. Vernon Acres. Rolling hills and plenty of woods, that, my friends, is where you find outdoor life at its best.

Visiting Cub Packs from all over Durham came out to visit Saturday. Cub Scouts can't stay out after dark (Cubs are 8-9-10 years old) so they always like to see what the Scouts are doing. We were glad to have the following Packs on Saturday with the Cubmaster, Den-Mothers and parents. J. T. Pipkin, CM Pack 54, New Bethel Baptist Church, Den Mothers Mrs. Beulah Pratt and Miss Elizabeth Brown. Rev. L. W. Reid and Robert Pratt, supplied the transportation for the more than 20 Cubs.

Cub Pack 55, White Rock Baptist Church, J. M. Schooler, CM and Mrs. Josephine D. Clement, Den Mother along with E. W. Phillips Sr., T. E. Lambeth, W. A. Clement and C. C. Spaulding, Jr., supplied the transportation for the Cubs. Mr. Lambeth and Mr. Clement also transported the Scouts.

Cub Pack 129, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church under CM Henry Davis and Den Mother Carrie Vereen, a bus load of Cub Scouts and parents visited the Camporee site. Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Brown also in attendance with Mrs. Rosa Langley, Mrs. Theresa Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jackson and many others.

Cub Pack 137, W. G. Pearson School P.T.A., Mrs. Inez C. Harrington, Den Mother had her Den at the Camporee and they really had themselves a good time visiting and eating. All her Cubs were in their uniforms. New Cub Pack 148, at the Amvet-McDougal Terrace was present with the New Cubmaster James Womble and the Chairman of the Pack Committee, C. C. Cobb, Jr.

Cub Pack 149, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, CM E. L. Kearney and his Cub Scouts always attend the Camporee and enjoyed themselves. One of the Cubs from Mr. Kearney's Pack sold the largest number of tickets for the Boy Scout Circus. Cub Pack 166, St. John Baptist Church, CM Johnny H. Harris and Den Mothers, Mable R. Brown and Ollie E. White. Mr. White supplied the transportation. Also the Cubmaster drove the Truck of the I. R. Rev. J. C.

Gray. A goodtime was had by all.

The Commissioner reported that 18 out of 22 Scout Troops and Explorer Post were present at the Advancement-O-Ree.

Commissioner J. H. Bettis, said Troop 111, Union Baptist Church were the Troops absent. Post 55, White Rock Baptist Church was the only Post absent from the camporee.

Next week a member from the Durham Division will bring you a word about Scouting. Our Summer Camp opens this week at Whispering Pines and we hope that you will come out and see us. June 5-25, hope to see you again in July. HWG.

## Negro Colleges In Carolina's AAU Track Meet

RALEIGH

In winning two first places and placing second in another Don Fairley, A&T College hurdler, was easily the outstanding performer in the Carolina's AAU Track Meet held here at State College on Saturday, May 21.

The Aggies took third place with twenty-eight and one-half points behind Camp Lejeunes eighty-three and one-half and Duke University, forty-eight, in that order, in the historic meet, which saw Negro colleges compete for the first time.

North Carolina College at Durham was the second race college participating, placing sixth with eighteen points. Fairley won the 400-hurdles in 54.5, the 220-low hurdles in 24.0 and placed second in the 120-high hurdles behind Joel Shankle. Duke University who set a new meet record in 14.5. Shankle who beat out Fairley at the Penn Relays during the spring embraced the latter at the thrilling finish of the 120-high hurdles.

Other Aggies placing included: Charles Tisdale, 5th in javelin Henry Jones, second in both the 100 and 220 yard dash.

## The Debate Waxes Hot As To Who Is The Greatest Centerfielder In The Major Leagues At Present

Today there are probably more good centerfielders in the majors than at any other time in the recent history of the game. And whenever there is an abundance of star material, there is plenty of meat for an argument. Who is the best all-around? Who has the best arm? Is Mantle a better ballhawk than Doby? Who is the better ballplayer, Mays or Snider? Is Busby as fast as Bruton?

To try to help settle the argument, Sport magazine polled the major league managers and other prominent baseball authorities. As a result of the survey, the current issue of Sport arrives at the following rating list:

In the American League:

1. Mickey Mantle, Yankees—Unlimited potential. Hits with tremendous power from both sides of the plate. Strongest arm among all centerfielders in the league and ranks on a par with Busby as the fastest. Only apparent drawback is his questionable attitude.

2. Larry Doby, Indians—Excellent power and a dangerous hitter with men on base. Was once regarded as a clown in the field but now ranks with the best of them on defense. His catch of Tom Umphlett's long drive in Cleveland last year is called a better one than the Mays Series catch by Jim Busby, who saw them both.

3. Jim Busby, Senators—An improving hitter with exceptional speed, has accurate

es; Samuel Tucker, 5th in 100 yard dash; Herman Daniels, 3rd in 220 yard dash; Reginald Victor, 5th in 880 and Marvin Wilson, tied for fifth place in the Pole vault.

James Courtney of North Carolina College set a new meet record of 49.1 in the 440 yard run and placed third in the javelin throw. His teammate, H. Davis, won the high jump with a 6-1 leap and the team placed second in the mile relay behind Camp Lejeune which made the meet record time of 3:20.5.

throwing arm and a better range than any other centerfielder in the league. Knows the position very well.

4. Jim Piersall, Red Sox—Called the greatest glove man in the majors: Wonderful baseball instinct, strong arm and fast enough to cover one and a half positions. Hitting holds him back.

5. Bill Tuttle, Tigers—The brightest young prospect among the centerfielders. Only in his second year—runners already show marked respect for his throwing. Hitting tailed off last year to .266 after a fine start.

6. Johnny Groth—Jim Rlyera, White Sox—Both about on a par. Groth plays too deep and Rlyera goes to his right much better than he does to his left.

In the National League:

1. Willie Mays, Giants—Only by a whisker over Duke Snider and some critics still are waiting to see "If he holds up over the long run." Hitting, throwing and running cannot be faulted and has rare ability to charge grounders and bobble very few.

2. Snider, Dodgers—More powerful than Mays but isn't quite as fast nor does he have as strong an arm. His supporters like his experience but his critics feel he should hit left-handed pitchers more consistently. He is especially adept at taking long nits off the out field walls.

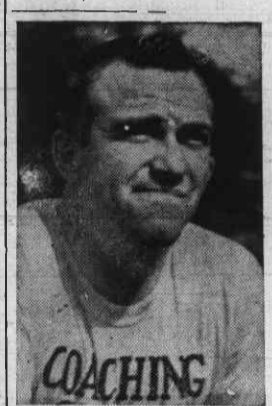
3. Gus Bell, Reds—One of the most improved in the field although he still has some difficulty going back on balls.

4. Richie Ashburn, Phillies—Necessarily totals more put-

outs than any outfielder in the league. Has a respectable batting average. Good bunter and a fast man on the bases. Arm a little weak but accurate. Has led National League outfielders in putouts for the last six seasons: twice in assists.

5. Bill Bruton, Braves—Improved hitting to a point where he now is an important cog in Milwaukee attack. Never was any question about his fielding. Covers almost as much ground as Mays with much less effort, but doesn't have Willie's spark.

6. Frank Thomas, Pirates—More familiar with left field but played center last season. Good power (23 homers and 94 RBI), improving fielder.



Ray Graves, line coach of the Cotton Bowl champions—Georgia Tech—will be one of the topflight grid mentors who will serve as clinicians at the Eleventh Annual Florida ANM University coaching clinic June 11-18.

Nelson Higgins, the popular coach of Hillside High School of Durham, resigns after eight years as Director of Athletics, Head Coach of Basketball, Football and Track, and Chairman of the Physical Education Department. In September of 1947 the Coaching Parson came to the Durham school directly from pastoral work in Newport, Delaware and studied at Temple and Yale Universities. His previous coaching experiences were in the Parochial School System of New Orleans and Lincoln University of Pennsylvania. At Lincoln he studied Theology as he succeeded the great Jerome "Brud" Holland as the assistant coach in football and Head Coach of boxing. He develop the 1943 C.I.A.A. Boxing Championship Team.



NELSON HIGGINS, JR. better citizens."

At Hillside where he coached three major sports, his overall record shows 85 wins, 17 losses, and 2 ties in football; 145 victories and 62 losses in basketball; and 4 state championships in basketball, with three consecutive which include 1952, 1954, and 1955.

The Bike Web Co. which originated The Sports Trail Century Club has awarded the Coaching Parson membership in the club for having contributed "fine competitive spirit and appreciation of fair play in young men which will make

The 1954-55 athletic season is by far his biggest all round years where the spectators saw his football team go through an undefeated regular season of ten straight losing only a 19-20 decision in the championship play off; his basketball team ran an almost unbelievable record of 23-4, with 15 straights and a capture of the Bull City Tourney for the 7th consecutive year. In track, his team, the thin-clad Hillside Hornets, have been undefeated in their last 19 meets to win three consecutive state titles.

In addition to his coaching

at Hillside, the Durham school boasts one of the strongest Intramural Programs in the state. This program was organized and totally run by the famous ONE-TWO PUNCH, Nelson Higgins and Carl Easterling. Both Higgins and Easterling came to Hillside during September of '47, and the youthful mentors have added three interscholastic competitive sports, TRACK, TENNIS, and Baseball, and is the only school in North Carolina that carries five sports for interscholastic sports.

Higgins will attend the University of California—Los Angeles, to study toward the Doctorate as of June 20. In addition to his studies, he plans to devote the greater portion of his time to the ministry.

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