

County Court Tourney Will Begin Next Week

Annual Contest Will Open In Local Gym Wednesday Evening

Large Crowds Expected From All Over The County This Year

The annual Martin County Basketball Tournament will open in the local gym next Wednesday night. There will be two girls' games and one boys' game on the opening night with Jamesville against Williamston girls; Farm Life against Bear Grass girls, and Robersonville against Williamston boys.

On Thursday night, the feature attraction will be the Farm Life-Bear Grass boys game, and the strong Robersonville girls playing the winner of the Farm Life-Bear Grass game. The Jamesville boys will also play the winner of the Robersonville-Williamston game.

The finals will come Friday night in both boys and girls divisions.

Last year the Jamesville boys and girls won the new trophies that were presented for the first time. The trophies will be returned this year on the final night to be presented to the winners with their names engraved to the list thereon.

Hack Gaylord, of Windsor, and Sam Edwards, of Williamston, will be the officials for the contests. The first game each night will begin at 7:30 daylight saving time.

Climaxing the sports schedule in the county schools, the tourney is certain to attract large crowds from all over the county. While there are the favorites, the tournament opens with every team possessing a chance even though the chance is admittedly a slim one for one or two of the squads.

Clover
A promising new recruit in the Food-for-Victory campaign is the new high-yielding disease-resistant Midland red clover, introduced last year by several State experiment stations.

The Navy's women nurses are not allowed in combat zones but are replaced by male nurses trained by them.

Marines' Top Man



Elevated to rank of lieutenant general, Thomas Holcomb becomes the highest ranking commandant ever to head the U. S. Marine Corps. Formerly a major general, he not only was raised in rank but became commandant of the corps instead of major general commandant.

All-Out War Effort Brings Big Changes

America's all-out effort works vast changes throughout the whole geography of the nation. A case in point is Arkansas. Known as the principal U. S. source of bauxite (ore of aluminum) for more than a half-century, the Razorback state has never achieved a plant for making aluminum, nor one for making alumina, the intermediate step in the conversion of bauxite to metal. You see, it takes nine pounds of other materials, and more than 10,000 watts of electric power to make a pound of aluminum; and Arkansas is rather far removed from sources of the other materials and never has had sufficient cheap hydro-electric power to make aluminum production commercially feasible in peacetime. But the country's war-time need for aluminum outweighs the economic disadvantages, and when new government plants are completed, Arkansas will become the first state to produce "all three"—bauxite, alumina and aluminum.

Local High Teams Drop Double Bill To Robersonville

The Williamston High School basketball teams lost both ends of a doubleheader with Robersonville last Tuesday evening.

The local girls team was defeated by a score of 18 to 7. During the first half the Williamston girls failed to score, while their opponents rolled up a 14-point lead. In the second half, the local girls held the Robersonville lasses to only four points, while chalking up seven themselves.

The Williamston boys went down in defeat by a count of 14 to 8. In the first half, the Robersonville team led Williamston by a score of 5-2. The second half found the Robersonville team taking the offensive again. An additional nine points were added to their score, while Williamston scored only six.

The boys:

Girls Game			
Robersonville	G	F	T
Everett, f	4	0	8
James, f	0	0	0
Everett, f	2	0	4
Parrish, f	0	0	0
Keel, c	3	0	6
Everett, c	0	0	0
Edmonton, c	0	0	0
Johnson, g	0	0	0
Andrews, g	0	0	0
Totals	9	0	18
Williamston	G	F	T
Moore, f	2	0	4
Roberson, f	1	0	2
Hardison, f	0	0	0
Perry, c	0	1	1
Gurganus, g	0	0	0
Mobley, g	0	0	0
Ward, g	0	0	0
Totals	3	1	7

Boys Game			
Robersonville	G	F	T
Bullock, f	3	0	6
Ross, f	1	0	2
Johnson, c	1	1	3
Taylor, g	0	1	1
Roberson, g	1	0	2
Totals	6	2	14
Williamston	G	F	T
Cunningham, f	1	2	4
Griffin, f	0	0	0
Jones, f	0	0	0
Hardison, c	0	0	0
Sullivan, g	1	0	2
Peele, g	1	0	2
Peele, g	0	0	0
Totals	3	2	8

426,475 Barrels Of Beer Are Consumed

Raleigh — North Carolina's consumption of 426,475 barrels of beer in 1941 netted the federal, state and local governments \$4,934,959.55 in taxes.

This represents an increase of \$1,810,476.76 over the tax yield of \$3,124,482.79 for the calendar year of 1940, according to figures compiled by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors committee.

Consumption increased from 299,191 barrels in 1940 to 426,475 barrels for the 12-month period ended December 31st. Sales for every month last year were larger than the volume for the corresponding periods of 1940. October and September accounted for more than one-fourth of the year's sales.

In 1941, the Federal government collected \$2,671,037.96, the State \$2,111,371.59 and local units \$152,550. The collections for 1940 consisted of \$1,657,333.42 by the federal government; \$1,321,024.37 by the state and \$146,125 by the local units.

Beer taxes have become an important source of revenue for the State. The State collected only \$183,103.37 in taxes in 1933, the first year beer was permitted to be sold under the Francis Act of 1933.

Bear Grass And Jamesville In Twin Bill Thriller Wednesday

The Jamesville and Bear Grass basketball teams divided a thrilling twin bill on the local gym court last Wednesday evening when the young ladies from down Jamesville turned their opponents back with a lone point to spare and when the Bear Grass lads carried their battle into an extra period to top the Jamesville lads. The games were almost a duplicate of a previous engagement, and the players attracted attention as possible strong bidders for championship titles in the annual county basketball tournament opening here next week.

Despite able work on the part of the Bear Grass guards, the Jamesville girls, led by Mizelle, forged ahead to win 20 to 19.

After trailing 10 to 7 at the half, the Jamesville boys turned on all the power they had to tie the count at 21-all at the end of regular play in their game with the Bear Grass lads. Professor Hickman's boys took charge in that extra period and scored four points to leave the count standing at 25-23. Earl Roberson figured in four-fifths of the scoring for the victorious Bear Grass boys, and Ange played best for Jamesville.

These teams will likely be meeting one another in the annual tournament next week when some real fun is almost certain to fly.

Claims to be 131



Egyptian-born Said Mehrem, a naturalized American citizen of Chicago, has passed another milestone, celebrating what he calls his 131st birthday. Coming to the United States with an Egyptian party in 1893 to attend the Chicago exposition, he remained, taking out citizenship papers in 1899. Happy Birthday!

Interesting Bits Of Business In The U.S.

Quick-frozen foods, due to get a further popularity push from the tin can curtailment, already have been making giant strides. Installation of some 4,500 freezer-locker plants has doubled consumption of that type of food, with plants in nearly every state serving at least a million families.

Home sewing's comeback as a war economy trend is reflected in sewing machine sales gains for 1941.

Freeport Sulphur Company has renewed its pledge of a year ago not to increase its base price of sulphur for delivery this year, an action applauded by OPA Chief Henderson as exemplary (this product is a primary industrial raw material particularly vital to war industries) . . . Spring fashion notes, a la WPB: Skirts will be shorter and have fewer flared effects, women's coats and suits will have trim, non-balloon sleeves, "inside" rather than "patch" pockets, and scantier linings.

Eagles Finally Win Game On The Court

Williamston's Eagles finally won another basketball game when they turned back the Robersonville All-Stars here last night by a 37-29 count. The locals went ahead in the early moments of the game on Cook's only field goal of the night, and from then on they stayed in the van, using practically two teams alternately.

The Eagles held a 18-10 lead at half time, and moved this lead to 29-15 by the end of the third period. But in the fourth quarter the visitors rallied against loose guarding and scored 16 points to come within eight points of tying the game.

Leading the All-Stars were Bullock, flashy forward, who scored 15 points, and was high scorer for the night, and Wichard, the other forward with eight. Shorty Corey was again high man, both literally and figuratively, for the locals and he scored 13 points during his sojourn in the affair, and he was followed by Crofton, Cobb and Earp. Three forwards, each with six points.

Another meeting between these two teams has been set for this coming Sunday afternoon at 3:00 in the local gym. The Robersonville management states they will have a stronger club then, so this looks like a pretty evenly matched game. Of course there will be no admission charge, and all are invited to attend.

The box			
Eagles	G	F	T
Crofton, f	3	0	6
Cobb, f	3	0	6
Earp, f	3	0	6
Mears, f-g	1	0	2
Ward, c-f	0	2	2
Corey, c	6	1	13
Rose, g	0	0	0
Fitzgerald, g	0	0	0
Cooke, g	1	0	2
Page, g	0	0	0
Totals	17	3	37
Robersonville	G	F	T
Wichard, f	4	0	8
Bullock, f	7	1	15
James, c	3	0	6
Roberson, g	0	0	0
K. Roberson, g	0	0	0
Totals	14	1	29

Education Program For Nation's Youth

This time 14 workers are needed at home to maintain every soldier at war. So America must train 3,000,000 civilians for war industries this year. A nation-wide training program, already 17 months old, has turned out 1,776,000 skilled craftsmen, and most vocational schools are now on a 24-hour basis. Most far-reaching, but probably least-known among training projects is the U. S. Office of Education's \$15,000,000 program for "out-of-school" youth.

The Coast Guard now operates under the Secretary of the Navy.

Learning about the scheduled test blackout for next Monday night, the teachers quickly retorted that it would make possible a much-needed rest period for them, so the games will be played.

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