

# Jamesville Ranks As Favorite In Tourney

## Three Exhibitions Slated for Opening Round Wednesday

### Robersonville Girls and Bear Grass Boys Rated In No. 2 Slots

In the opening round of the annual Martin County High School Basketball Tournament tomorrow night a large crowd is expected to see the fast-stepping lassies from Jamesville, champions last year, in action against the Williamston sextet in the first exhibition of the opening round. The second game of Wednesday evening will find the Farm Life and Bear Grass girls battling it out for a spot in the semi-finals, and the final battle of the first evening's play pits the Robersonville boys against the local Green Wave boys.

Both of Jamesville's teams rank in the top spots of their respective groups in the pre-tourney dope, although several squads are given an excellent chance to cope top honors. Winning in both divisions last year, the Jamesville teams have quite an impressive season which just ended. The boys have won seven games and lost one, while the girls have won five, lost one and tied one during the current season.

Jamesville's boys lone defeat came at the hands of a strong Bear Grass quint here last week in a battle which went into extra periods before the outcome was decided. In the other meeting of these two teams an extra period had to be played.

Also given a chance to capture championship honors in the boys' division will be Farm Life's hard-working though inexperienced quint.

Rating close behind the Jamesville girls, with a fine chance to knock the champs out of the running will be the young ladies from Robersonville. This sextet has displayed unusual scoring ability and defensive tactics at times and will probably be considered the greatest obstacle by the Jamesville followers and team.

## Zero at Sea



The man in the mask is seaman Harold Lindquist, logged out in his special cold weather garb, including face protector. He is shown on the top deck of the "Eagle 57," flagship of the inshore patrol that keeps an alert on activities around Puget Sound.

## Happenings In The Oak City Schools

On Monday, Feb. 9th, school opened at 9:30 Daylight Saving Time. The school schedule is now organized on the Daylight Saving Time and is going smoothly.

A blackout for Oak City and its vicinity was held Monday night, Feb. 9th.

The defense course in health, first aid and physical education is now well underway. Everyone seems anxious to cooperate and make this program a success.

At the regular chapel program Mr. Furlow and his senior class in chemistry presented a program on Chemistry, consisting of experiments from their classes.

The Victory Garden Campaign is underway in this community and is making progress. The book campaign, to serve books for the men in the armed forces, has been started in this school with Miss Meads as chairman. Pupils are urged to bring books of the types requested.

The seniors are discussing a trip to be taken in the early spring.

So, all in all, it looks as though the best tournament in several years will get underway here tomorrow evening with large crowds expected at every game.

The schedule for the tournament is as follows, with the first game starting promptly at 7:30 Wartime each night:

**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
Jamesville vs. Williamston girls.  
Farm Life vs. Bear Grass girls.  
Robersonville vs. Williamston boys.

**Thursday Night, Feb. 12**  
Farm Life vs. Bear Grass boys.  
Robersonville girls vs. winner of Farm Life-Bear Grass tilt.

Jamesville boys vs. winner of Robersonville-Williamston game.

**Friday Night, Feb. 13**  
The finals in each division.

## POSTPONED

Deciding at the last minute that it would be unwise to attempt to play two basketball games during a blackout period, the faculty and students of the local high school will meet tonight in their annual clash.

The first exhibition, between the Learned Ladies and the Learning Lassies, will begin at 7:45 o'clock Wartime. The finale between the professors and local high school boys' team will get underway immediately after the girls' game.

A large crowd is expected at the high school gym to watch the local teachers battle it out on the court with their students.

## Sodium Nitrate Is Being Rationed By Government

Fertilizer manufacturers, as well as other users of sodium nitrate, are now receiving supplies of the fertilizer under a complete allocations system which went into effect on February 1st, according to G. Tom Scott, of State College, chairman of the State USDA War Board. In addition to being used as a fertilizer, sodium nitrate is also used for the manufacture of explosives, nitric acid, potassium nitrate and glass, and in the curing and preserving of meat. A shortage of shipping space has resulted in the rationing of this material, which is imported largely from South America.

# Dawse Cooke Shines As Eagles Defeat Robersonville Sunday

## Will Play Farm Life Independent Team There This Evening

Williamston's Eagles extended their latest "winning streak" to two games by defeating the Robersonville All-Stars here Sunday afternoon.

The locals triumphed 32-25 over an improved Robersonville team, after holding a 16-12 lead at the half. The visitors presented a stronger team than the one seen here on their last appearance, and the locals were hard pushed throughout. However, under a barrage of field goals by one Dawse Cooke and Shorty Corey, the Eagles eked out their fourth win of the season.

Pacing the visitors offensively was J. Bullock, who scored 10 points, eight in the second half, from his guard position, and W. Bullock with five. The locals were led in a big way by J. Dawse Cooke, right guard, who was in "top shape" and dropped in seven field goals for 14 points, and high scoring honors for the game. Shorty Corey, with eight, and Little Man Earp, with six, were the other scoring leaders.

Tonight the Eagles will play the Farm Life Independents in the new gym there, the game beginning at 8:30 p. m. "Wartime."

In three previous meetings of these two clubs, the Independents have won twice, while the hapless

## Bonds for U-Boats



Any navy crew that sinks a U-boat off the Atlantic coast will receive a prize of \$200 in defense bonds from Ralph M. Levey, New York manufacturer. The offer has full approval of Rear Admiral Adolphus Andrews, Commandant of the Third Naval District. Levey is holding a thousand dollars worth of bonds.

Eagles managed to salvage only one win, that being in the first encounter. However the locals are counting on evening the standings up in tonight's battle, as they will endeavor to extend their victory string to three straight.

Team	G	F	T
Eagles	3	0	6
Earp, f			

# Pruning Pines New Forestry Practice

Pruning shrubs and fruit trees has long been recognized as a valuable practice, and now comes the suggestion from R. W. Graeber, extension forester of N. C. State College, that North Carolina farmers prune their pine trees. The idea has been tried out for the past two years, but now it is beyond the experimental stage, says Graeber.

The extension forester has obtained a supply of a new U. S. Department of Agriculture publication, entitled "Pruning Southern Pines." He has placed a quantity of these booklets in the hands of county farm agents of the extension service. They are free upon request for Farmers' Bulletin No. 1892. Copies also will be sent free from the Extension Forest

Player	G	F	T
Crofton, J.	0	0	0
Roberson, J.	0	0	0
Ward, E.	2	0	4
Cook, E.	4	0	3
Cooke, J.	7	0	14
Ray, G.	0	0	0
McDonald, G.	0	0	0

Team	G	F	T
Robersonville	16	0	32
Ward, E.	1	0	2
Barnhill, J.	1	0	2
Bullock, W. J.	2	1	5
Clark, J.	0	0	0
James, E.	2	0	4
Bullock, J. G.	5	0	10
Pats, G.	0	0	0
Roberson, J.	1	0	2
Total	12	1	25

# 4-H Club Members Collect Scrap Metal As Club Project

To aid the war program, 4-H club members of Sampson County, are collecting scrap metal as a club project, reports J. P. Stovall, assistant farm agent.

To encourage growers to produce more eggs, the Canadian government has offered a bonus of 3 cents a dozen for all Grade A eggs purchased for export to Great Britain.

The growing of pines as a crop on the farm is well on its way as one of the South's most profitable developments," Graeber stated. The only drawback, he says, is that the bulk of the pine timber in the South is growing in understocked stands, where there are too few trees per acre.

The result is that such uncrowded trees generally grow rapidly in diameter and branch freely. The trunk tapers sharply and have a high percentage of sapwood and many knots. "Proper pruning of young trees practically guarantees high quality timber," the Extension worker declared. "Knots constitute the only common defect in second-growth Southern pine timber."

Graeber says that there is little demand for very knotty pines or poles, and even the pulp mills refuse to take too much knotty wood. Clear saw logs are worth two or three times as much as knotty logs. Where pines grow in well stocked stands they will prune themselves, but where open growth is found, pruning is necessary.

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