

SPEARHEADING

With

SPORTS

By ED SPEARS

WAYNESVILLE and Canton will meet together here next Friday in a basketball session, which will prove pretty interesting. . . . has arranged a schedule of basketball games for the month of February competition. . . . the high schools will compete in a schedule around February and start preparing for tournaments which follow afterwards.

MARCH 31st is the final day of hunting in North Carolina as for rabbit, which is the end of the shooting for all practical purposes. . . . of game in Haywood, being pretty acute, is partly due to some hunters to the fact that run loose over the territory the young rabbit, etc. More strict provisions thought needed, with

closer regulation of dogs and bearing down on season-jumping hunters. . . . FISHERMEN might keep an eye on what is happening at the meeting being held by Smokey Mountain Park officials along at this time of year. The W.N.C. Associated Communities, in a proposal designed by a sub-committee headed by Charles Ray, is urging the Park to expand operation of the Smoke-mont fish hatchery to produce more trout for Park streams. Also to open more of the streams to fishermen. Since fishing is one of the main attractions of this area from a tourist angle, and a primary enjoyment of a large percentage of the folks who live here, it is important that the people in Western North Carolina keep an eye on the future of our streams and lakes and support long range plans to keep up the reputation of this being a good fishing country.

ONE WRITER says the number of rattles on a rattlesnake has nothing whatever to do with its size or age. Rattles shed their "bells" or lose them sliding through the brush. A rattler three feet long may have twelve rattles, while one five feet or more may have six or eight. The width of the rattles however, is one indication of the snake's size, if you care to get close enough to one to investigate.

Dayton Will Meet Beacon Mills Here Sat. Night

Sylva VFW Downs Daytonites 42-26 In Return Engagement Monday

Dayton Rubber company's quint, losers 42 to 26 to the Sylva VFW in a return engagement there Monday night, meet a new foe on the W.T.H.S. court Saturday night in Beacon Mills. The visitors have a good record so far this season, with prospects for a good game. There will be no preliminary, and the match will get under way at 7:30 o'clock.

The centers of both teams were high scorers Monday, B. Phillips sinking 22 points for Sylva and Boone dropping in 9 for Dayton. In the first meeting between the two teams Dayton had beaten Sylva 44-36.

Pos. Sylva VFW (42)—Dayton (26)
F. R. Phillips Messenger (6)
F. J. Fisher (6) Gardner (1)
C. B. Phillips (22) Boone (9)
G. H. Battles (2) Carvalho (6)
G. Rector (5) Griffin (4)
Subs: Sylva — McClure 7, T. Fisher, Dayton—Arrington, Troutman.

Likes Pro Golf



BETTY JAMESON, the San Antonio girl who won the national women's amateur links championships in 1939 and 1940, says she finds playing professional golf much less nerve-racking than competing as an amateur and that "I'm getting more fun out of playing now than I ever did before."

Fines Creek Wins Over Cherokee Cage Teams

Both Crabtree Teams Were Beaten By Fines Creek Last Friday

Fines Creek defeated both Crabtree teams in last Friday night's games on their home court, instead of losing one game as reported Tuesday. McCreary and Woody led the girls to a 18-9 win over their neighboring rivals, while R. L. Ledford, McElroy and Jack Green were the big point makers when the boys downed Crabtree 45 to 21.

Tuesday night they piled up another pair of one-sided wins when playing at Cherokee. The Indians will attempt a comeback tonight at Fines Creek, with the games starting at 7:30.

Ruth Woody and Kirkpatrick were high scorers in the Tuesday opener, when the Cherokee lasses were unable to score the first half. Some of the Fines Creek third stringers got to see action before the final whistle blew, with the score 30 to 5.

Green and McElroy paced the boys in their 26 to 12 win. Neither of the Fines Creek guards, nor the Cherokee forwards were able to make a point. Walker stood out for the losers.

Girls' line-up:
Pos. F. Creek (18)—Crabtree (9)
F. McCreary (8) Chambers (3)
F. Woody (6) Wells (3)
F. Rathbone (4) Hogan (3)
G. Walker Ledford (4)
G. Jenkins Bishop (4)
G. Davis Crawford (4)
Subs: Fines Creek—M. Ferguson, C. Ferguson, Kirkpatrick.

Boys' line-up:
Pos. F. Creek (45)—Crabtree (21)
F. Ledford (15) Rogers (7)
F. McElroy (12) Best (5)
C. Greene (10) McCracken (2)
G. Swanger (2) Milnes (6)
G. Russell (2) Hayney (1)
Subs: Fines Creek — James 2, Noland, Rogers 2, H. Green, D. Green, Taylor, Justice, Crabtree—Caldwell.

Girls' line-up:
Pos. F. Creek (30)—Cherokee (5)
F. Rathbone (6) Tubby (3)
F. McCreary (3) Cheltisky (3)
F. Woody (10) Saunooke (2)
G. Walker Bradley (2)
G. Jenkins Lambert (2)
G. Davis Parker (2)
Subs: Kirkpatrick 9, M. Ferguson 2, Haynes, Ferguson, Price, Ledford, Kinsland, Justice, Cherokee—Sneed, Craig.

Boys' line-up:
Pos. F. Creek (26)—Cherokee (12)
F. Ledford (4) J. Bradley (2)
F. McElroy (10) B. Larch (2)
C. Greene (12) Smith (4)
G. Swanger Maney (2)
G. Russell Walker (6)

St. John's Loses To Crabtree, Will Play At Belmont

Locals to Meet Belmont Abbey, Sacred Heart Academy Teams Tonight

The St. John's basketball team will play at Belmont tonight. Opposing the girls will be the Sacred Heart Academy team, and the boys will meet the Belmont Abbey quintet.

Crabtree's caters won a double victory over St. John's on their home floor Tuesday night. Hogan, with 12 points to her credit, was high scorer as the girls fought a 27-17 verdict, while their tall center, McCracken, led the Crabtree quint to a decisive 36-3 victory.

Girls' line-up:
St. John's (17) Crabtree (27)
Pos. P. Potts Hogan (4)
P. Boyd Wells (3)
P. Morris Noland (2)
G. Martel Ledford (2)
G. Mormino James (2)
G. Kirkpatrick Massie (2)

Boys' line-up:
St. John's (3) Crabtree (36)
Pos. F. Ward Rogers (4)
F. Willis Best (2)
C. Rhea McCracken (2)
G. Ray Caldwell (2)
G. Feichter Hayney (2)

Rod and Gun

By TOM WALKER

NEW ARMY . . . As tremendous as rod and gun pressure already has become during the postwar period, the nation's fields and streams have yet to see the peak of the load, in the opinion of Albert M. Day, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Peace can be harder on wildlife than war," Day declared in the Service's annual report to Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug, and it will take "the most careful planning and the most unremitting effort" to prevent "serious and irremediable damage" to wildlife.

Adding up to the overwhelming threat to wildlife resources are a peacetime army of hunters and fishermen which already outnumber the nation's wartime military forces, greater availability of gasoline, tires, jeeps, and civilian planes to make wilderness areas accessible, and vast engineering developments under way on the nation's rivers, the report said.

Pointing to the sharp increase in the number of licenses issued to hunters and fishermen even before the end of the war, Day predicted that the number of sportsmen soon will double the prewar figure.

FIRST IN LINE . . . Waterfowl were among the first game species to show the effects of too much hunting, Day said. The heavy bag of ducks and geese during the 1944 and 1945 seasons, coupled with drought on the nesting grounds, has brought about an alarming decline in the population of waterfowl.

Fish and Wildlife Service estimates of the 1946 populations of waterfowl showed only about 80 million of these birds in the entire continent, compared with 125 million two years earlier, the report declared.

On a continent-wide basis, all species of game ducks except the black duck and the blue-winged teal were on the decline when the Service made its 1946 checks of winter areas, nesting grounds, and favorite resting places during migration.

Maine politicians said they may propose that the legislature make it a law to wear red clothing in the woods, or conduct examinations for men seeking hunting licenses.

In Massachusetts, one hunter was killed and another wounded critically when they mistook each other for deer and fired almost simultaneously.

hatcheries furnished 7.6 million fish in 1945—enough for 13,276 individual plantings.

FEDERAL AID . . . Cooperative projects for the restoration of wildlife were financed by a \$1,000,000 appropriation during the fiscal year 1946, the report said. Money for these projects comes from an excise tax on firearms and ammunition, Congressional appropriations from this fund being supplemented by a state appropriation of 25 percent of the cost of each project.

HELPING HAND . . . Action of the Cumberland County Wildlife Club a few days ago in pitching in with the law enforcement section of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries to obtain conviction of deer poachers is in line with the same sort of helpful action taken in the past few months by other clubs.

In the Cumberland case, the Wildlife Club employed private counsel to help with the prosecution of two men charged with killing deer illegally. The two hunters were arrested one night by Sgt. W. F. Bailey of the State Highway Patrol and Rural Policeman Derb Carter because their speeding car failed to halt in response to Sgt. Bailey's siren. The arrests came after a chase on the Dunn-Fayetteville highway which, the officers said, went along at a clip of 80 to 85 miles an hour and which ended five miles from the start with both cars in a ditch after a sideswipe

Leaves Pirates



WILLIAM BENSCHWANGER, president of the Pittsburgh National League baseball club for the past 14 years, found himself without a job when the Pirates were sold to Frank E. McKinney and his associates. He rose from treasurer of the club to president at the death of his father-in-law, Barney Dreyfuss. "I was the only man in the family," he related, "and literally got dumped into baseball."

Clyde Boys Win, Girls Lose In Tilts With Canton

Canton's girls team won the initial game of a doubleheader at Clyde High school Tuesday night 36 to 16, with Taylor the high scoring forward in the contest. The Clyde boys then repeated what they had done previously on the Black Bear court, trimming Canton 40 to 29. Rogers accounted for 13 points for scoring honors.

Girls' line-up:
Pos. Clyde (16) Canton (36)
F. Evans (10) Taylor (15)
F. Fish (2) Griffin (4)
F. Stamey Hendrix (7)
G. Medford Robinson (2)
G. Collins Reno (2)
G. Pressley Tatham (2)
Subs: Clyde—Mann, Jones 4, Smith, Morgan, Canton—Haney 4, Ingle 4, Woodruff, Carver, Burrell.

Boys' line-up:
Pos. Clyde (40) Canton (29)
F. Rogers (13) J. Smathers (12)
F. Leatherwood (8) C. Miller (2)
C. Limbo (8) M. Stiles (11)
G. Brown (4) J. Miller (2)
G. Cullen (7) D. Stiles (2)
Subs: Clyde—Graham, Hardin, Sizemore, Morgan, McClure, Canton—Hendrix, Matthews, S. Smathers, McCheve 4, Sharp.

found three freshly killed doe deer, a .22 calibre rifle equipped with a silencer, and a portable spotlight. The two were turned over to Oscar Chadwick, fish and game protector, who charged them with killing doe deer, hunting deer at night with artificial light, and using a firearm with a silencer. In court, the hunters were fined \$300 and costs each, and the driver of their car, in addition was ordered to pay \$800 for damage to the officers' car.

A somewhat similar case, in which a highway patrolman also led a band in an automobile chase, came up in Surry County early in December. In this, the Surry County Club had private counsel help with prosecution of eight men, in two parties, charged with attempted night-lighting of deer after arrest by Division Supervisor Robert F. Logan and Protectors Frank Mackie, Hugh Robertson, and William White. The eight pleaded guilty and paid fines of \$100 and costs each.

Just prior to opening of the deer season, the Richmond County Club employed private counsel to help in a case of attempted night-lighting brought against two men by Protectors Jack Rivers and Walter Bray. This also resulted in fines of \$100 and costs for each of the defendants.

FISHERIES IN PARK . . . Two representatives of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries went to Gatlinburg, Tenn., this week to talk with U. S. Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service officials about the fisheries program in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. The Division's representatives were Dr. Willis King, supervisor of Fish resources, and Randolph Shields, associate fisheries biologist.

During World War II, psychiatrists found more mental illness among troops led by poor officers than among those led by good officers.

Waynesville Cagers Win Over Cullowhee; Play At Crabtree Tonight

Girls Win 42-17, Boys Take 31-28 Victory in Tuesday Night Tilts

Waynesville high school took a pair of wins Tuesday night at Cullowhee, and will meet the Crabtree teams tonight there, starting at 7:30 o'clock. Crabtree was defeated Dec. 6 by the locals in their first game this season. With Seates absent from the line-up Tuesday, Ensley was shifted to forward and shared high scoring honors with McCracken in the opening match at Cullowhee, which the girls won easily 42-17. The Mountaineers had a tighter match with the Cullowhee quintet, with Robinson and Shook the leading scorers as they notched up a 31-28 victory.

Girls' line-up:
Cullowhee (17)—Waynesville (42)
Pos. F. Bryson (7) Powers (4)
F. Taylor (6) Caldwell (2)
C. L. Norton (10) Robinson (10)
G. L. Norton (3) Messer (2)
G. Simpson (2) Shook (9)
Subs: Cullowhee—Tilley, Waynesville—Griff 4.

Black Bears Trim Greenies 43-37

The Black Bears took the measure of Christ School Wednesday afternoon at Canton, coming from a 22-22 tie at the half to defeat the Greenies 43-37. Clyde Miller shot 17 points for the winners, and Duffy was high man, with 14 points, for Christ School.

Pos. Canton (43) C. School (37)
F. Miller (17) Duffy (14)
F. McClure (10) Kirby (5)
C. M. Stiles (9) Holmes (9)
G. J. Miller Mebane (9)
G. Smathers (10) Shuford (1)
Subs: Canton—Sharp, B. Stiles, Matthews.

Boys' line-up:
Cullowhee (28)—Waynesville (31)
Pos. F. Bryson (7) Powers (4)
F. Taylor (6) Caldwell (2)
C. L. Norton (10) Robinson (10)
G. L. Norton (3) Messer (2)
G. Simpson (2) Shook (9)
Subs: Cullowhee—Tilley, Waynesville—Griff 4.

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Games This Week

Friday, January 17
Waynesville at Crabtree
St. John's at Belmont
Sand Hill at Bethel
Cherokee at Fines Creek
Canton at Sylva

Saturday, January 18
Beacon Mills at Dayton
Tuesday, January 21
Clyde at Fines Creek
Hunting at Mars Hill.

HUNTING MISHAPS IRK MAINE LEGISLATURE
AP Newsfeatures
BOSTON — Twenty-seven persons were killed and 57 others wounded in New England hunting accidents up to the first week in December. Maine authorities said 13 of the 17 hunters shot to death there were mistaken for deer. Maine showed the heaviest toll of all six New England states and the Maine legislature may do something about

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