

Pigeon, Fines Creek Win Community Titles

Canton Gets 1950 State Softball Tourney

Second Straight Year
Set For
Of Aug. 21 At
Champion Park

For the second year the Land of the Sky host to the North Carolina softball championships. The annual North Carolina Softball Association tournament will be held in Canton from August 21-26. Teams, including the nine champions who will be play-offs during July and August, will compete for the state title.

Elimination brackets will start tournament Director Justice of the sponsoring Y.M.C.A. Men's Club. Organization sponsored the tournament last year, the first ever in the western part of the state.

The team took the title last year, this being Champion's first team managed by Justice. It was the first time for Canton although had been in the finals before. Canton went to the state at the Southeastern district tournament sites will be announced in the future.

North Carolina was the first State event last August.


Champion Y.M.C.A. All-Stars being their host team in the state crown.

Canton club automatically is 1950 tournament on two as host team and as defending champion.

Softball Commission officials on radar, war-development device, actually began back as 1932.

Telecast of a political convention was the Republican assembly in Philadelphia in June, 1940.

Santa Clara Coach



FORMER end coach of the professional Cleveland Browns football team, Dick Gallagher has been named head football coach at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, Calif. He has signed a three-year contract calling for salary of about \$12,000 annually. (International)

Following last year's playoffs declared it was one of the most successful on record. Capacity crowds from every corner of Haywood County jammed Champion Park day and night.

The players from the East responded enthusiastically to the Canton hospitality and the fans.

Observed one veteran of five tournament campaigns:

"The fans out here are the best bunch I've ever played for. If there are a better bunch of sports anywhere I'd like to see them."

The assignment of the 1950 event to Canton for the second straight year supports this Haywood town's unspoken claim of being the new capital of softball in North Carolina.

Justice, Manager Floyd (Flossie) DeWeese, and their fellow All-Stars, rated as the staunchest promoters of inter-state softball in the South, meanwhile, are looking ahead to the preliminary summer campaign when they'll meet — as usual — the South's finest teams.

Report For WTHS Baseball Practice Drills

Five hopefuls turned out for practice sessions went on for the Waynesville school baseball team.

Marshall Teague said he had definitely been chosen for the Mountaineer ball with two more contests tonight.

1950 squad, dominated by freshmen and sophomores, will begin season at the home field against Mars Hill High School.

Positions already have been definitely settled, Teague said, but the others are still in the choice.

First baseman's job apparently been clinched by Bobby Jones, a fast junior, James Fagate, another junior up as the first-string, catcher Jimmy Kuykendall, a junior, heads the promising corps which also includes right-hander Harold Mills, and Kenneth Smathers, and South-paw Jimmy Swift.

Among the outfield prospects are the only seniors on the squad — Charlie Womack, Bob Davis, and Bobby Owens, all football stars of the past season also.

Competition is going to be keen, all season, however, particularly among the youngsters.

Teague named Bo Moody, an eighth-grader, and Freshman Bobby Kuykendall among his top prospects for catcher.

Then there are Freshman Joel Burrell, son of the Hazelwood pro club's new manager; Little Grady Davis, another freshman whom Teague calls a "natural ball player."

Mark Hoaglen, a sophomore, and Carol Swanger, a junior, are others rated as highly promising. These will be good for infield spots.

All these youngsters, incidentally, also are going to be studied for their possibilities for the Haywood County American Legion Junior team.

Center Pigeon CDP Teams Gain County Finals

Center Pigeon teams gained championship matches of the Haywood County Community Development Program basketball tournament by Friday victories over the South Pigeon and the West Pigeon.

T. M. Gibson and Center West, with 19 and 17 points respectively, sparked the quarter to a crushing 66-27 victory in the first game but outclassed Clyde.

Four nine markers was the Clyde scoring efforts. Center Pigeon girls, with Rhinehart and Cotton Mathis leading the way, whipped their opponents from West Pigeon, 41-25. Mathis scored 10 points.

Clyde Lions Club Tourney All Set To Open Tuesday Night

Wide-Open Battles Seen For Titles In Class B Event

The 1949-50 basketball campaign will close in Haywood County this week in a blaze of color.

At the Waynesville High School gym this afternoon, the county's boys and girls will open play for the annual championships of the Haywood County Senior 4-H Club Basketball Tournament.

At Clyde, tomorrow, crack independent teams from throughout the Smoky Mountain region will start competition in the first Western North Carolina Invitational Tournament, being sponsored by the Clyde Lions Club.

Sixteen teams are entered in this big event, most of them veteran campaigners of Western North Carolina's hot Class B semi-pro campaigns.

One of the top contenders for the first title in this new event will be the Dayton Rubber quintet from Hazelwood, champions of the Haywood County Basketball League.

However, it will be rough sledding for everybody, from the leaders of the lineup.

Underwood's of Waynesville, which dropped a close decision to Dayton in the Haywood finals will be back again for another crack at another title.

Center Pigeon's boys, one of the top contenders for the male championship of the current Haywood County Community Development Program tournament is also entered.

Others figured to give any pre-tournament favorites a lot of trouble include Buchanan's of Canton, Service Paint of Asheville, Cherokee, Fines Creek, the host Clyde All-Stars, and several more combinations.

Also in the field are the Junaluska All-Stars, the Waynesville All-Stars, New Bridge Shell of Asheville, the Latter Day Saints of Cherokee, Morgan Brothers Candy of Asheville, Spring Creek, and Candler Independents.

The first round pairings:

Tuesday

6 p.m.—Clyde All-Stars vs Candler Independents.

7 p.m.—Morgan Brothers vs Spring Creek.

8 p.m.—Service Paint vs Junaluska.

9 p.m.—Cherokee vs Waynesville.

Wednesday

6 p.m.—Buchanan's vs Fines Creek.

7 p.m.—Latter Day Saints vs C. Pigeon.

8 p.m.—New Bridge vs Dayton.

9 p.m.—Underwood's vs Candler All-Stars.

Ghost towns in the west sometimes come to life through new discoveries, tourist trade or winter sports.

Wellco No. 2 Boosts Lead In Bowling

Wellco No. 2 won two games out of three from Southern Bell to gain a firmer hold on first place, while Wellco No. 1 team won two and lost one to the Independent team.

Wilma Gordon (Wellco No. 1) had the high individual game for the evening with 184 pins. Dorothy Phillips (Wellco No. 2) had second high game with 163 and Lillian Sawyer (Wellco No. 1) was a close third with 161 pins. Lillian Sawyer had the high three games series with games of 138-148-161 for a total of 447 pins. Dorothy Phillips had second high series with games of 121-142-163 for a total of 426 pins.

Wellco No. 2 had the high team series of 719-699-816 for a total of 2234 pins, again setting a new season's record by eclipsing their previous record of 2230 pins made last week.

Standings:

	W	L	Pct.
Wellco No. 2	9	3	.750
Independents	7	5	.583
Wellco No. 1	5	7	.417
Southern Bell	3	9	.250

Schedule Monday, March 27th.
 Independents vs Southern Bell.
 Wellco No. 2 vs Wellco No. 1.

Forty yards of material are used in the skirt of the Greek national costume, the ballerina-like kilt, worn by the army's elite corps, the Evzones, notes the National Geographic Magazine.

MARSE JOE - - - - - **By Alan Maver**



JOE MCCARTHY GETTING READY FOR HIS 3RD SEASON AS BOSTON RED SOX BOSS, NORSE HIS CHARGES SHUN THEIR RUNNER-UP ROLE THIS YEAR!

IT DOESN'T FIGURE

IN 1949 THE SOX HAD THE LEAGUE'S 2 WINNINGEST PITCHERS (PARRELL AND KINDER) WON HALF OF THE TEAM'S 96 VICTORIES) AND THE 2 TOP HOMER AND R.B.I. MEN (WILLIAMS AND STEPHENS)

1950 AT HOME
 W. L. 61 16
ABROAD
 W. L. 35 42

TRAVEL IS FLATTENING

PENNANTS WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IF THE SOX PLAYED MORE GAMES AT HOME — THEY'VE HAD THE LEAGUE'S BEST AT HOME AVERAGE FOR THE PAST 2 SEASONS!

ALAN MAVER

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Community Tournament Trophies Given To Titlists, Best Sports

The Center Pigeon girls and the Fines Creek boys last Saturday night were awarded the gold-toned trophies symbolic of the championships of the first annual Haywood County Community Development Program basketball tournament.

But six other teams got awards equal in value. These were for demonstrating the highest qualities of sportsmanship during the course of the week-long tournament.

The Rev. Mrs. C. O. Newell of Crabtree, County Program chairman, presented the championship trophies to the winners of the finals which had just ended. These prizes were donated by David Underwood of Waynesville.

Then she presented sportsmanship trophies each to a boys' team and a girls' team in each of the three sections in which the first round of the tournament was played.

In the Waynesville section, the Saunook girls and the Francis Cove boys were judged tops in sportsmanship. The girls' trophy was donated by the Farmers Federation, and the Champion YMCA of Canton donated the boys' prize.

In the Fines Creek section, the best sports were the Lower Crabtree girls and the Upper Crabtree boys. The trophy to Lower Crabtree was donated by Zimrey Messer of Ratcliffe Cove. The boys' trophy was given by Rogers Electric Company and Mountain Supply, both of Waynesville.

The Canton section trophies, both donated by Champion "Y", were presented to the Cruso girls and the Thickety boys.

Jack Justice, Champion athletic director and chairman of the Community Development Program basketball committee, supervised the tournament finals.

The tournament officials and members of the Program basketball committee selected by vote the teams which were to receive the sportsmanship awards.

Saunook Girls, Fines Creek Boys Win Tests In CDP Sectional Finals

The Saunook girls and the Fines Creek boys Friday night went into the finals of the first Haywood County Community Development Program basketball tournament.

But both had to come from behind of their games to do it.

The Saunook sextet in a tight defensive battle defeated the Lower Crabtree girls, 28-19, in the first game of the Waynesville-Fines Creek section double-header at the Crabtree-Iron Duff High School gym.

The Fines Creek boys had to make an uphill fight through most of the first half, but gathered steam as they went and defeated a fighting Ratcliffe Cove quintet, 46-22.

The character of the contest was illustrated in the fact that Max Rogers and his buddies scored 27 of their total points in the second half.

The girls' game was so tight defensively that both teams lost five players between them on personal fouls, though these athletic sins were of the milder sort.

Mrs. J. R. McCracken, Jr., whose given name was Edith Metcalf, was held down by close Lower Crabtree guarding for the better part of three periods. This largely was through the work of Pauline Bishop, finest guard on the floor that night.

But when the pressure was on in the final stages, the former Bethel High School and Enka scoring act warmed up and sank 10 of her 21 points in the last five minutes of the ball game.

Aside from Mrs. McCracken's general all-around ball-handling and scoring performances, however, the guards on the opposing teams took the honors.

The Saunook trio of Ruth and Dot Phillips and Bobbie Sparks limited the Lower Crabtree scoring offensive to four field goals, all but one of them from a considerable distance beyond the basket.

On the other hand, however, Pauline and her two teammates, P. James, Dot Noland, Miss Cogdill and Miss Kinsland, yielded only ten shots from the floor to the usually high-scoring Saunook combination. About half of these were hooks and set shots from beyond the foul circle.

Both teams, showing the tension of playing in the sectional finals, missed several scoring opportunities each, early in the game, but loosened up late in the second period and hit their stride in the last half.

The score at the end of the first period was 3-2, with Saunook leading. At half time it was 10-7, Saunook. In the third quarter, it was 17-14, favor of Saunook again. (Continued on Page 6)

Mrs. Mathis, Max Rogers Score High In Victories

The Center Pigeon girls and the Fines Creek boys today hold the champions' trophies of the first Haywood County Community Development Program Basketball Tournament.

A capacity crowd of 400 fans saw the girls from the Pigeon Valley lick the Saunook girls, 43-21, and the Fines Creek boys roll over a fighting Center Pigeon quintet, 74-49, in the tournament finals at the Waynesville Township High School gym Saturday night.

Both the new champions, however, had to fight through the first half before working up their winning margins.

Carline (Cotton) Mathis and Edith Cook, who made up the big differences between the Canton section winners and the Waynesville-Fines Creek champions, broke the girls' game open shortly after the third quarter started.

Between them they sank seven field goals and a free throw in rapid succession to put the game on ice, while Guards Blanche Henson, Shirley Rhinehart, and Margaret Hill were holding the Saunook offense without a point.

Up to that time it had been close.

Trailing 11-4 going into the second frame, the Saunook girls, led by Edith McCracken, cut it down to 15-11 by half time.

The Center Pigeon girls, however, smoothed out their game and clinched it in their scoring spree that started in the third.

Mrs. McCracken led the losers with 16 points, while Mrs. Mathis took individual scoring honors with 27.

The Fines Creek boys had to stage an uphill fight through the first period and most of the second before they started connecting with deadly accuracy to clinch the game.

Superior height all around and amazing long-shooting performances spelled the difference between champion and runnerup.

Max Rogers, held scoreless through the first period mainly by the efforts of Center Pigeon's Manager and Center Fred West, broke loose in the next three to rack up 26 points.

But it took a general all-around polished offensive to lick the best team in the Pigeon Valley.

Three other Fines Creek performers, all of whom were stars, scored 10 points or better: Forward Burton McElroy, 14, principally on a spectacular long-range push shot; R. L. Ledford, 19, all but one of them on layups or set shots; and Guard S. T. Swanger, 10.

Forward Ernest Mathis, connecting with monotonous regularity through the first half, led the losers with 15 points. But the best all-around man on the floor, until he went out on fouls with four minutes to go, was West.

Though slowed down by an injured leg he suffered in childhood, West managed to be at the right spot at the right time consistently through the game. Seven times he stole the ball in mid-air as a Fines Creek boy took a shot at the hoop. The sportswriter led track of the number of times he broke up beautifully — executed Fines Creek pass plays.

But State College or Bradley U. couldn't have beaten Fines Creek that night.

In the last three periods, the champions scored 69 per cent of their field goal attempts.

The first period, however, belonged to Center Pigeon.

Forward T. M. Gibson sank a beautiful shot to give the Pigeon boys a 2-0 lead ten seconds after the game opened. Swanger tied it

Yale Tanker Points For More Titles



JOHN MARSHALL
 Broke Three World Marks

By LOU BLACK
 AP Newfeatures

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—His eyes are on the National AAU indoor swimming championships to be held in Yale's swanky natatorium March 31-April 1.

The eyes of the world's swimming experts are on him. Many of them predict he'll rewrite the record. (Continued on Page 6)

Ward's Leading In WNC Bowling Event

The Waynesville Invitational Bowling Tournament got underway last week end with 14 of the 17 teams entered seeing action.

The Ward's Esso Team (Waynesville) took a commanding lead in the tournament and are now in first place in the standings. The three remaining teams, who have not been in action, will compete this coming Friday, but it is doubtful if any of the three will surpass the performance of the local team.

The Pisgah Motor Court team is in second place, while the W.B.C. (Waynesville Bowling Center) is in third place. The Standard Supply (Asheville) team is in fourth place at present.

Fourteen teams consisting of five men to the team (70 bowlers) have competed so far and several high scores have been turned in. Nine games of over 200 have been bowled in the team bowling matches, so far. The tournament will be resumed this coming Friday when the other three teams compete. The doubles and singles matches are also scheduled to start Friday night.

Many visitors and spectators witnessed some of the finest Bowling ever done in Haywood County, and will have the opportunity to see more this week end. There is no admission charge and all persons interested in Bowling are invited to see the matches.

The tournament is conducted on a handicap basis and the scores below include the handicaps for each team:

	T. Pins
Ward's Esso	2923
Pisgah Motor Court (Brevard)	2739
W.B.C.	2716
Standard Supply (Asheville)	2701
Allied Van Lines (Asheville)	2691
Allen Transfer (Asheville)	2678
Asheville Sporting Goods	2659
Life Ins. Co. of Va. (W'ville)	2647
Biltmore-Plaza (Biltmore)	2641
Life Ins. Co. of Va. (Asheville)	2632
Champion Y.M.C.A. (Canton)	2620
Silver Dollar (Asheville)	2608
Allen Transfer (Asheville)	2607
Allen Asheville Transfer & Storage	2491

Schedule For March 31st
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 Biltmore Dairy (Asheville).
 Enka "C" Spinners (Enka).

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