

Blue Ridge Conference Tournney Ready Today

Fines Creek Girls, Canton Boys Win Gold Medal Cage Tournney

He's a Tower of Strength



AP Newsfeatures

BIMINI, Bahamas—Bonafish Sammy Ellis stands only five-feet-five and weighs 160 pounds but people here regard him as a tower of strength. Not only that but he is a much sought after guide when it comes to bonafishing. He can spot a bonafish school many miles away.

The 31-year-old guide was encouraged by G. A. Lyon of Detroit, one of the nation's top deep sea anglers. He got Sammy to chin himself 30 times a day, not with two hands but with one hand. Thus, the muscles on Bimini's bonafish guide.

Bookmobile Schedule

Tuesday, February 27th
CLYDE

Clyde School	9:15-10:15
Sam Jackson	10:30-10:45
P. C. Mann	11:00-11:15
Mrs. Henry Osborne	11:30-11:35
Mrs. Frank Stamey	11:40-11:50
Clyde Town Hall	12:00-1:00
Mrs. Virginia Sanford	1:15-1:30
O. S. Sizemore	1:45-2:00

Wednesday, Feb. 28th
ALLEN CREEK & BALSAM RD.

Allen Creek School	9:10-9:30
Mrs. E. K. Chambers	9:35-9:50
Kay Allen	10:00-10:10
Mrs. E. Middleton	10:15-10:25
Franklin Home Groc.	10:30-10:40
O. J. Beck and Saunook School	10:45-11:45
Ensley Valley Groc.	12:00-12:15

Friday, March 2nd
LAKE JUNALUSKA and RATCLIFFE COVE

Lake Junaluska Sch.	9:15-10:15
Mrs. F. O. Dryman	10:30-10:45
Mrs. Ollie Mack	11:00-11:15
Reeves Service Ctr.	11:30-11:45
Mrs. Roy Meador	12:00-12:15
Ratcliffe Cove Groc.	12:30-12:45
Mn. Experiment Sta.	1:00-1:15

Locksmiths date back to Biblical times.

age—Bill Sutton, Waynesville and Doris Hyatt, Bethel.
Free Throw Contest: Marjorie Cogdill, 22 out of 25; Connie Allison, 24 out of 25.

(Girls' Consolation)

Canton (31)	Bethel (28)
F. McCrory (10)	Hyatt (11)
F. Parton (13)	Jones (13)
F. Johnson (2)	Peek (2)
G. Ford	Clark (2)
G. Bentley	Mease (2)
G. Brank	Frizzell
Subs: Canton—Messer 2, Barlow 4, Bethel—Russell, Rhoradmer 2, McCracken.	
Halftime: 19-19 tie.	

(Boys' Consolation)

Waynesville (51)	Bethel (49)
F. Kuykendall (10)	Jones (16)
F. Boyd (8)	Gibson (3)
C. Sutton (18)	Owen (20)
G. R. Jenkins (4)	Fore (4)
G. Swanger (4)	Green (4)
Subs: Waynesville—Cable 7, Bethel—Stamey, Gorrell, Terrell 2.	
Halftime: Bethel 24-22.	
Officials: Lovingood, Henson.	

(Girls' Championship)

Fines Creek (43)	Waynesville (35)
F. E. Rathbone (14)	Cogdill (25)
F. Ferguson (21)	Farmer (3)
F. Clark (8)	M. Sparks (7)
G. Ledford	Leopard
G. Messer	Green
G. Rogers	Creamsman
Subs: Fines Creek—Russell, J. Trantham, M. Trantham, Waynesville: Davis, B. Sparks.	
Halftime: Fines Creek 21-20.	

(Boys' Championship)

Canton (38)	Etowah (31)
F. Wells (2)	Allison (7)
E. Poindexter (8)	Owen (2)
C. Alexander (8)	Chas. Capps (6)
G. Hall (5)	Gossett (3)
G. Moore (15)	Wilson (13)
Subs: Canton—Coman, Parker, Etowah—Cliff Capps, Steppe.	
Halftime: Canton 16-15.	
Officials: Lovingood, Henson.	

There is a strong possibility that a prep school may claim the basketball championship of the Blue Ridge Conference for the first time in history when the loop's annual tournament is played at Hendersonville on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Asheville School Blues coached by Hop Arbogast, are the prep quint determined to end the hardwood domination that has been exercised by the high school of the conference.

They were runners-up last year, and with virtually the same team back they have compiled the greatest schoolboy record in all Western Carolina this season.

The combination of Tommy Shores and Dick Martin at forwards, Dave Clovis at center and Larry Bernstein and E. C. Smith at guards, has won 19 out of 20 games. Their only loss was at the hands of the Lenoir-Rhyne college freshmen after a string of 17 consecutive victories.

The chief dissenters to Asheville School's bid for the conference crown will be Ted Carter's Hendersonville Bearcats, who have held the laurels for the past three years and don't intend to relinquish them without a struggle.

Sparked by Tommy Smith and Bobby Fleming, the Bearcats have also had a great season and they will have the advantage of playing on their home court.

The Blues and the Bearcats have not met this year, but a round-about comparison can be made via Canton's Black Bears. The Bearcats and the Black Bears have broken even in a pair of games, while the Blues edged the Black Bears in both their games by mar-points.

Of course, Buck Barkby's Canton quint and Carl Ratcliffe's Waynesville Mountaineers have their own ideas about who will wear the conference crown when the smoke of the finals clears away next Wednesday night.

Built around Canton's Bobby Moore and Waynesville's Bill Sutton, these two teams also have excellent records for the season and either is capable of knocking off the best of the schoolboy quints when they are clicking.

Asheville School appears to have the best of the breaks in the pairings for the tournament. They should have smooth sailing into the finals, for the chief competition in their bracket will come from Christ School and they have already beaten the Greens very handsly twice this season.

The other bracket, however, stacks up as a battle royal Hendersonville, Canton, Waynesville and Wallace Hyde's darkhorse Mars Hill quint will be staging a cut-throat feud for the other finals berth.

This year the tournament carries double honors in the boy's division. The top ranking high school team will automatically advance to the Class AA state championship playoff at Spindale.

In the girls' division all indications point to a two team struggle for the 1951 title. Six teams are entered, but Waynesville and Mars Hill have been head and shoulders above the field all season — and should meet in the finals.

Both sextets possess a pair of deadly sharpshooters — Marjorie Cogdill and Hazel Farmer for Waynesville, and Carol Ponder and Toledo Whitt for Mars Hill.

Waynesville has been barely able to edge Mars Hill in a pair of regular season games, by one point and four points. So, if they hook up again in the tournney finals it should be an all-out thriller.

Play begins on the Hendersonville High School gym floor tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

First round play will send the Brevard and Tryon boys against one another at 3 o'clock; the Canton and Brevard girls clash at 4 o'clock; Asheville School and Ben Lippen boys meet at 5 o'clock; Canton and Waynesville boys meet at 6 o'clock; Hendersonville's boys meet the Mars Hill boys at 8 o'clock; and at 9 o'clock the Christ School boys meet the winners of the Brevard-Tryon game.

Episcopal Lenten

Services Begin First

The Lenten Evening Service at Grace Episcopal Church will be held this week on Thursday at 7:30, instead of on Wednesday as previously announced.

The change has been made so that members of the congregation may attend the Symphony Concert scheduled for Wednesday night.

The forest products industries in the United States directly or indirectly provide 3 million jobs.

Proposed Law Would Free Animals, Birds Now Used To Attract Tourist Trade

A bill hibernating in the cubby holes of the Senate Wildlife Resources Commission would let the chained bears of Western North Carolina's roadside maneries go home to hibernate in their caves.

The tourists who travel to Western North Carolina to glory in its natural beauty; the State Wildlife Resources Commission, sportsmen, nature lovers — and apparently everybody else except a few mountain filling station operators — contend the bill should pass.

Unfortunately for the bears, the filling station operators seem to have the bill as tightly tied as they have their animals.

Mrs. J. L. von Glahn, a Raleigh woman who has made a career of fighting for the rights of bears, sea turtles, birds and the like, yesterday said she had high hopes that the Legislature would give the measure a telling vote of approval.

She said she could not believe North Carolinians would tolerate the treatment of the bears if they knew the facts. At a hearing last week, the Senate Wildlife Resources Committee heard similar arguments from Director Clyde Patton of the Wildlife Resources Commission and other public officers.

Patton told the Committee the Commission and he were opposed to keeping any wild animals or wild bird in captivity. He explained the practice amounts to setting a bounty on the head of bears, other animals and birds, and weakens the entire structure of wildlife protection. He urged the committee to give a favorable report to the bill and permit Chapter 113, Article 7, to be amended.

If passed, the bill would make it unlawful for "any person to keep any wild animals or wild birds in captivity for public exhibition in connection with any business and for the purpose of attracting trade."

State Forester, W. K. Belcher, who stressed he spoke not as a State official but as a North Carolinian, agreed with Patton. He said, "I have seen many cases of wild animals and birds confined to attraqa trade in the mountain section. I'm against it."

Mrs. von Glahn, chairman of the cruelty investigation committee of the SPCA, said she had received complaints from people throughout the nation protesting the chaining of wild bears.

"I have, since 1938, when the chapter was organized, received letters from as far away as California, protesting the sight of these wild animals and birds, chained and confined in filthy condition, many with no protection from weather."

"These people protest that when they have been invited to come to North Carolina to see the beautiful scenery, their impression is not enhanced by the sight of animals suffering."

She cited two complaints: A California's letter: "In the hot sun, in a small cage, a black bear was confined, nearby was a crow in a cage not more than two feet square. In still another cage, not much larger, was a raccoon. The water supply for each animal was filthy and inadequate. All these animals seemed poorly cared for."

A West Virginian's letter, passed to Mrs. von Glahn through the Secretary of the Interior: "In front of a store is a young bear chained to a stake. It paces frantically and constantly, and is one of the most pitiful sights I have ever seen. I was informed that every day, regardless of the weather, even on the hottest days in the summer, the bear stands chained to this stake, constantly pacing. A large number of people with whom I talked expressed concern that such a situation be allowed to exist and remarked that it is particularly bad right next to a place like the Smoky Mountains National Park, where it is brought to the attention of every visitor that wild life is protected."

A columnist for the Chattanooga, Tenn. Times, was also disgusted. After visiting the pageant, "Unto These Hills," last September, Alfred Mynders returned to the paper and wrote:

"There is a great thrill in seeing these bears (that roam the mountain area) in the rough. It is no thrill at all, however, in seeing the bears which are kept in crates at some of the filling stations on the North Carolina side. They beat themselves against the wiring, suffering agonies in cramped quarters

C. D. Basketball Tournament Set

The Community Development Program basketball tournament is scheduled from March 12 to March 17. All coaches and managers must have a list of the players into the County Agent's office by March 1.

Pairings of games and schedules will be announced later.

Ratcliffe Cove Hears Bowles

MRS. CARL JONES
Mountaineer Reporter

In observance of Laymen's Day throughout the Methodist churches in the nation, Mr. M. H. Bowles, Layman from the First Methodist Church, Waynesville, was the speaker at the 11:00 service Sunday at Elizabeth Chapel Methodist Church in Ratcliffe Cove. Mr. Hugh Ratcliffe was in charge of the service and introduced Mr. Bowles, who brought to the congregation an inspiring and challenging message on "Learning to Live a Christian Life."

Mr. Bowles stated that no one realizes more than the school teachers what Christian homes and Christian parents mean to the children of our land. Religion must become a part of our children; and it is our individual responsibility as parents, businessmen, and teachers. We have been depending too much on our preachers to do the job. We must all be laymen for Jesus. In closing, Mr. Bowles used the "Last Prayer" by Helen Hunt Jackson.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Elizabeth Chapel Church will meet Thursday night, 7:30 p.m., March 1st, at the home of Mrs. Paul Bryson.

Miss Nancy Medford from Brevard College spent the weekend at home. She had as her guest her classmate, Miss Betty Lignberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Brantlett Stone and daughters, spent the week end visiting relatives in South Carolina.

Mr. Joe Gaddy who has been a patient in an Asheville hospital has returned home.

About 20 members of the Ratcliffe Cove Baptist Church and Elizabeth Chapel Methodist church met at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon to get instructions for making the canvass of the community in cooperation with the community-wide religious census.

The group divided up in committees of two and went to work with the hope that the information obtained will prove beneficial in getting a large percentage of our residents attending church.

The Ratcliffe Cove Community basketball team will meet the South Clyde Community teams in a doubleheader game at the Clyde High School gym tonight. 'Girls' game will start at 7:30 and the boys at 8:30.

Marines Have Display In Strand Theatre; To Push For Enlistments

Marine movie "Halls of Montezuma" which will play here at the Strand Theatre today and tomorrow, is receiving additional local attention through a colorful Marine Corps display in the lobby of the Strand Theatre.

The display which is sponsored by the Marine Recruiting Office in Asheville, includes an assortment of combat weapons.

Mr. Tutor, manager of the Strand Theatre, is offering a two week pass to any local man accepted for enlistment by the Asheville Marine Recruiters through the 27th February, and a free "Halls of Montezuma" pass to the families of men accepted during this period.

By next spring these captive bears should be freed."

Mrs. von Glahn hopes the Legislature agrees.

Improvements Made At Cruso School Building

White Oak And Francis Cove In Twin Cage Games

MRS. GEORGE BORING
(Mountaineer Reporter)

The White Oak and Francis Cove Community Development Program teams split in a double header at the Fines Creek gym Saturday night, with the White Oak girls winning their game with a score of 35-13. The boys' team lost to the Francis Cove boys, the score being 36-26.

F. Williams was high scorer for the White Oak girls with her 19 points, and three Francis Cove girls tied, with F. Franklin, F. Boone and F. Pressnell each scoring 4 points.

On the boys' winning team F. Edwards was high scorer with his 15 points, while J. Messer scored 14 on the losing team.

(Girls)
White Oak (35) Francis Cove (13)
F. Williams (19) Franklin (4)
F. Derrick (4) Boone (4)
F. Ledford (6) Pressnell (4)
G. Galyon Franklin (1)
G. James Pressnell
G. Bramlett Hollingsworth
Sub: White Oak—Lowe (6).

(Boys)
White Oak (26) Francis Cove (36)
F. Ledford Sutton (5)
F. Bramlett (4) Edwards (15)
C. J. Messer (14) D. Sutton (13)
G. Y. Messer (3) Franklin (3)
G. Fisher (3) Caldwell (3)
Subs: White Oak—T. Williams (2), Francis Cove—T. Franklin, K. Kerkpatrick and Ledford.

Thickety Group Plan To Modernize Mail Boxes

By MRS. DAVID BURCH
Mountaineer Reporter

The Thickety community held its monthly Community Development meeting at the Rockwood Methodist Church, Feb. 22 at 7:30.

J. H. Clark, chairman, presided, assisted by Mrs. Gladys Burrell. The devotional was led by Rev. A. M. Wyatt, pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist Church. Business was discussed and plans for marking side roads and mail boxes were made. A house-to-house survey is to be conducted by James T. Smith to see how many are willing to cooperate in fixing their mailboxes. This survey is to be completed by the March meeting.

Frieda Robinson gave a poem "The Cherry Pie," and Nancy Harris, "My First Day at School." These were enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Meunch led the group in singing both folk songs and hymns.

Refreshments were served in the church recreation room by Mrs. George Wright, Mrs. Gaston Rhinehart, Mrs. Jennings Robinson, Mrs. Jarrett Williamson and Mrs. David Burch. The next meeting will be held March 29 at the Oak Grove Baptist church.

yellow paint job in their kitchen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCants have moved to Clyde.

Mrs. Will Hipps has returned home after a month's visit in Atlanta.

Miss Violet Mann is attending the district Union Training in Durham.

The Good Will Club of Burnette Cove Church is doing good work, and at present have 18 members. The president of the club is Mrs. C. C. Burnette, with Mrs. Grady Wiggins, secretary.

The group meets the second Wednesday of every month, and at present they have a project of making a quilt, which they hope will net \$100.

The Cruso school has had its face lifted—that is, the auditorium painted. One has to visit the school to really see what fine improvements have been made during the past few weeks.

The patrons of the school are working hard to make the school standard in every respect.

The library has been enlarged, and several other projects for improvements are underway.

The pre-school clinic will be held Tuesday, February 27, at ten o'clock at the school. This is for all school children who will enter school next year for the first time. Parents are urged to bring all the children for this clinic, and see a comical movie, and get a free lunch.

The monthly meeting of the Community Development group will meet Wednesday, February 28 at the school. Everyone please come and see what your community is planning for this coming year.

Your reporter is also taking subscriptions to The Mountaineer, see her at the meeting.

The sides of Lake Geneva, Switzerland are steep rock.

Many Visiting In Hominy Section

MRS. LLOYD R. JONES
Mountaineer Reporter

Mrs. Lewis Shields, and daughter of Buena Vista, Va., spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Couch Holland.

James L. Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fonzo H. Mann is in training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shields of Hominy were called to Buena Vista, Va., on account of the death of his aunt Mrs. Goobsy.

Little Shirley Shields of Buena Vista, Va., is spending the summer with her grandmother, Mrs. Couch Holland.

Bill Morris is spending two weeks' vacation in Houston, Texas, with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Morris.

Mrs. Joseph R. Justice and children of Candler, are visiting Mrs. John Gibson.

Mrs. Owen Parham is making her home with her brother, Zeb Parton, while her husband is overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Liner have added a new room to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Holland are finishing up a new green and

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