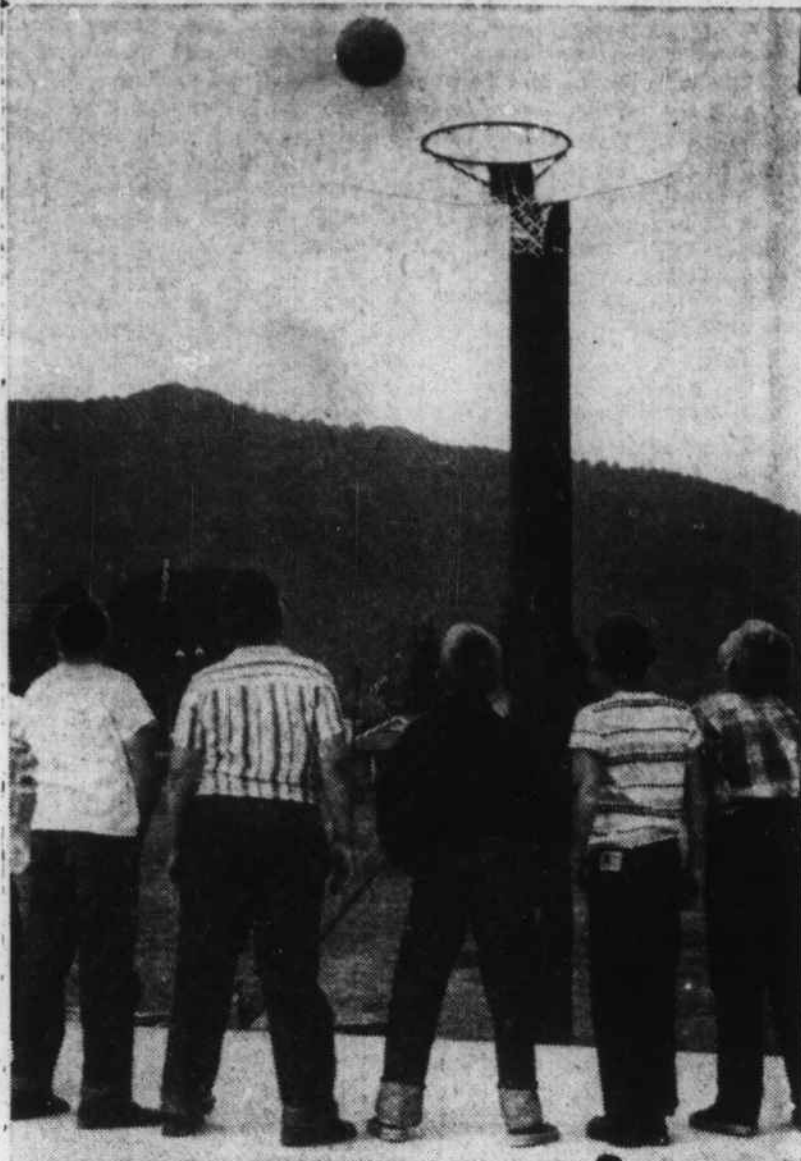


## Hazelwood's New, Large Playground Already Center Of Much Activity



A ONE HANDER—goes into the basketball hoop on the Hazelwood playground. This is one of the projects just completed through the Parent and Teacher Association, as part of a Finer Carolina project.

### A Project Of Finer Carolina

Recreation center of Hazelwood for youngsters is the spacious, well-equipped playground, which has been adopted as a Finer Carolina project by the Hazelwood School PTA.

Total size of the playground is 3½ acres. On one end is a ball field used by Mountaineer Little League baseball teams in the summer and by the Mountaineer Midget football team in the fall.

On the other end of the playground, behind Hazelwood school, is a new slick-finished concrete area, measuring 110 by 120 feet. Because of its finish, the concrete is ideally adapted to roller skating and attracts skaters each afternoon and during the week-ends. It is believed to be the only arena of its kind in Western North Carolina.

Eight basketball goals have been erected on the concrete court, and backstops are to be put up soon for tennis. Shuffleboard and volley ball facilities will be added later.

Counting other school playground equipment—such as climbing bars and a merry-go-round—more than \$4,000 has been spent by the Hazelwood PTA on the new play area.

Already the fame of the playground has spread, and recently a delegation from an elementary school at Brevard visited Hazelwood to inspect the modern facilities.



ONE, TWO, THREE AND YOU'RE OUT at the old ball game as the Hazelwood Junior Industrial team goes into action. The team is sponsored by the Hazelwood Lions Club. The Lions won the Western North Carolina pennant this year.



WORK STARTS on the playground. Much of the time was donated by interested citizens. This shows dirt being hauled into the area.

### Girl Scouts, And Brownies Have Active Program All Year In Hazelwood Area

#### LITTLE LEAGUE

One of the most successful programs carried on annually at Hazelwood is the Mountaineer Little League baseball program, which was supervised by a full-time director, Rock Powers, last year.

The program includes three leagues—the Pony, Little, and Midget divisions—with four teams in each league.

New stands have been erected recently at the Little League ball park, and new lights are to be put up—possibly by next season.

The Little League program is made possible by sponsoring merchants and industries.

Five active troops with a membership of between seventy-five and one hundred girls make up the Girl Scout organization of Hazelwood. Three troops are Brownie Scouts and two are Intermediate Girl Scouts. All are active throughout the year.

Brownie Troop 1 is led by Mrs. Edward Boss with Mrs. Richard Blake as assistant leader and Mrs. Herb Singletary as head of the mothers' committee.

Mrs. Charles Beck is leader of Brownie Troop 2 with Miss Merita Plott as assistant leader.

Troop 3 is led by Mrs. Tom Davis with the following mothers' committee: Mrs. William Ray, Mrs. Baile Hicks, Mrs. Joe Tate, and Mrs. Charles McCall.

Mrs. Dwight Beatty is leader of Intermediate Troop No. 59 and Mrs. Richard Inman is leader of Troop No. 65. The mothers' committee of No. 65 is composed of Mrs. Paul Bryson, Mrs. E. W. McCracken, and Mrs. Riggins.

Volunteers are needed to fill the vacancies of assistant leaders and committee members.

Mrs. Clyde Fisher is Hazelwood Neighborhood chairman of the Girl Scout organization.



SKATING is a popular pastime for scores of Hazelwood children on the newly constructed playground, which is a "Finer Carolina" project, and just completed this year.

### Scout Program Is Active In Hazelwood Area

Outstanding Boy Scout work is being accomplished by boys and their leaders in two Hazelwood troops.

The Explorer Troop, organized in 1954 has Rudolph Carswell as Scoutmaster and has already produced two Eagle Scouts—Johnny Carswell and Johnny Mac Farmer.

Boyce (Rock) Powers is Scoutmaster of the regular Boy Scout Troop. These boys meet regularly at The Hut and once each month take an overnight hike in the mountains. There are six Life Scouts among the members.

The boys and their leaders have a special project under way at the present. They plan to take the old paint off The Hut and put on a fresh coat. The Hut, located on the school grounds, is also used by Girl Scouts and Brownies.

The Scouts have been sponsored by the Boosters Club since the first troop was organized in 1937.

Milburn Ballance serves as explorer advisor.

The Boy Scouts under the leadership of Scoutmaster Powers, take at least one overnight trip a month. They usually go to Wolf Pen camping area, Eagles Nest or to Camp Daniel Boone in Pisgah. The boys study their nature projects on the trips, as well as camping and outdoor life.

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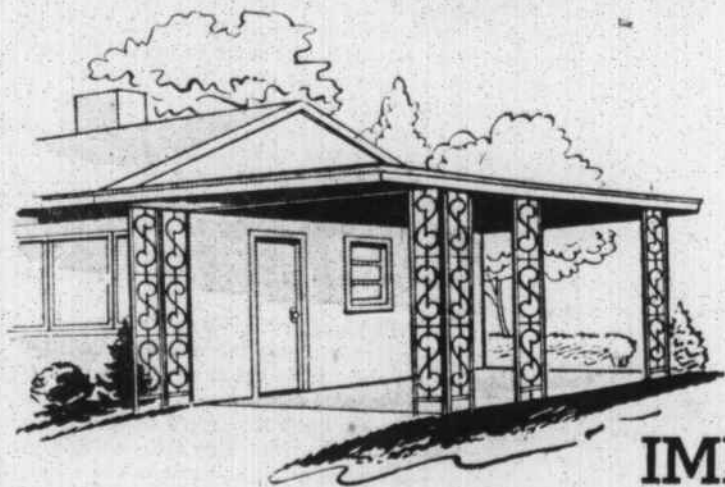
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