

# Cage Games Set Friday Night On Four County Courts



DOING AN ENCORE on the basketball floor at Waynesville High this season will be co-captains Carroll Hoper (left) and Tom Sparks, who also captured the 1956 Mountaineer football squad this season. Flanked by his senior forwards is Head Coach Bill Swift. (Mountaineer Photo).

## All Teams In Action But Canton

Four Haywood County teams will be in action tomorrow night on county courts, and a fifth will be on the road.

Crabtree-Iron Duff will play host to Waynesville, and Bethel will entertain Fines Creek. Clyde will open its season Friday night with a doubleheader at Walnut.

The county's sixth team, Canton, will not open its season for another week yet, due to the participation of the Black Bears in the state Class-AA football playoffs. Cage practice will start this Monday for the Paper City teams.

The Waynesville Mountaineers, with a 1-1 record compiled on a loss to Murphy and a victory over Fines Creek, will attempt to get on the credit side of the ledger against the Crabtree boys, who lost in their last game Tuesday night at Walnut.

The Waynesville girls won over Murphy, 54-40, but were tied by the unbeaten Fines Creek Fillies, 23-23.

The Fines Creek boys, who have beaten only St. John's while losing to Crabtree twice and Biltmore and Waynesville once, will be out for an upset over the Bethel Blue Demons, who lost in their opener with Erwin Tuesday night.

In the girls' game, the Bethel Belles, perennial county and Blue Ridge champions, may find the undefeated Fines Creek Fillies to be one of their strongest opponents this season.

Because of the postponement of the Clyde-Canton game set for Tuesday night, fans have not yet had a chance to see Clyde in action, but Coach H. B. Griffin is optimistic with a number of letter-men back for both teams.



FISHING was better than usual for these Hazelwood fishermen over the weekend. On Saturday they hauled in 11 bass, and on Sunday caught these 24 by 2 p.m. The string weighed 42½ pounds, with the largest weighing 4½ pounds.

On the left is "Skipper" Franklin, Doug, 10, and Haze Franklin. The fish were caught in Fontana. They entered at the Greasy Branch boat dock. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Crabtree-ID Drops Pair At Walnut

Crabtree-Iron Duff lost both ends of a doubleheader in an invasion of the Walnut gym Tuesday night.

The Madison girls team won 53-45, and the boys triumphed in a close contest, 35-34.

McDevitt paced the Walnut girls with 24 points, while Rector was high for the Crabtree sextet with 22.

Walnut led at the half, 22-18. In the boys' game, Gahagan was the top scorer for the Walnut quintet with 15 points, while Hoglen scored 13 for Crabtree-Iron Duff.

The winners were ahead at the half, 18-15.

The next game for Crabtree will be at home Friday night against Waynesville.

Girls' lineup: Crabtree-I.D. (45) (53) Walnut F—Rector (22) (24) McDevitt F—Jones (16) (17) Henderson F—McElroy (7) (12) Goldsmith G—King Roberts G—Stevenson Fullman G—James Gosnell Subs: C-I—S. McElroy, Kinland, Walnut—Johnson, Lunford, Ramsey, Fortner.

Boys' lineup: Crabtree-I.D. (34) (35) Walnut F—Hoglen (13) (15) Gahagan F—H. Parks (5) Freeman C—Clark (5) (3) B. Roberts G—Hannah (6) (8) Farmer G—Hill (2) (4) W. Crawford Subs: C-I—J. Parks 2, Crawford 6, Rogers, Walnut—Stein. Officials: Kaylor and Pycha.

—Rifkin, Gilbert, Collins, Klausman 2, Tomson 6, Schyer, and Callahan.

## Mountaineer Boys Win, As Girls Tie At Fines Creek

After getting tripped up last Saturday night in their opener against Murphy, the Waynesville Mountaineers found the right formula at Fines Creek Tuesday night and won over the White Hornets, 55-33.

The Waynesville girls, however, had to settle for a 23-23 tie in a close defensive battle.

In the boy's contest, Fines Creek jumped off to an 8-0 lead before Waynesville broke the ice. However, the Mountaineers got moving in time to go ahead at the end of the first quarter, 13-10, and then widen their lead at the half, 32-22. The count at the end of the third quarter was 48-29.

Co-captain Tom Sparks led the Mountaineer attack with a fine 23-point performance. The team's other co-captain, Carroll Hooper, contributed 13 more points to the WTHS cause. Again the high scorer for Fines Creek was diminutive Ronald Fish with 17 points.

In the girls' game, Waynesville

seconds to go, but Anna Jean Ledford of Fines Creek hit a free throw then dumped in a quick lay-up to tie up the score.

State regulations give coaches of girls' teams the choice of playing off a tie or agreeing to let the deadlock stand. Both coaches declined to send the game into an overtime.

The tie probably can be attributed to the fact that Waynesville's high scorer, Agnes Roberson, who often hits in the 30's, was held to only eight points Tuesday night—the lowest total in her three years of varsity play.

Diekie Nichols' 10 points was the highest in the WTHS column, while Lois Hunter was tops for the Fillies with eight.

Waynesville's next game is Friday night at Crabtree-Iron Duff. The same night, Fines Creek will go to Bethel.

Girls' lineup:

Waynesville (23) (23) Fines Cr. F—Roberson (8) (6) Ferguson F—Nichols (5) (8) Hunter F—Davis (10) (5) Ledford G—A. Nichols Parkins G—Styles B. Ferguson G—Turner Rogers Subs: W'ville—M. Davis, L. Brock, Norris, Sutton, Leatherwood, Browning, Fines Creek—Kirkpatrick, Haynes, Price, Pressnell 4, Bradshaw.

Boys' lineup: Waynesville (55) (33) Fines Cr. F—T. Sparks (23) (2) Fisher F—Holder (4) (3) Rathbone C—Davis (6) (4) Ferguson G—Hooper (13) (17) Fish G—Wright (2) (5) Rogers Subs: W'ville—Henshaw, Green, Jenkins 7, Trull, Messer, Carswell, Gibson, Lance, Arnold, Green, Fines Creek—Clark 2, Trantham, Justice.

## An Industrial Lift

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California's Division of Industrial Safety this winter for the first time will make regular field inspections of ski lifts in the Sierra winter sports areas under regulations governing "aerial passenger tramways."

## Bowling

### CHRISTMAS SWEEPSTAKES LEADERS AT WAYNESVILLE BOWLING CENTER

Table with columns for Men's and Women's High Game and High Series scores, listing names like Bob Fowler, Paul Clark, Bill Montague, and Cecil Elliott.

## 535-Pound Bear Brought In By Haywood Hunters

The famous Plott hounds and seven Waynesville area hunters teamed up last Monday with four other men from Macon County to bring down a 535-pound bear—believed to be one of the largest bears killed in North Carolina in the last 10 years.

Led by one of the Plott hounds, a female named "Roxie," the hunting party tracked the bear for one hour before making their kill with four shots—three by Harold Hogged of Macon County and one by Harold Boring of this area. The section where they finally bagged the big bruin is south of Franklin

## St. John's Captures Pair From St. Francis Squads

The St. John's High School basketball teams won two more games Monday night by scoring a clean sweep over St. Francis of Asheville on the Bethel court.

The Crusader varsity won over St. Francis, 45-36, after the jayvees had triumphed 25-18.

Rubial was the top scorer for the Green and White in the varsity game with 11 points, while Sprinkle and Redmond chipped in nine each. Reed was high for St. Francis with 12 points.

In the junior varsity contest, Bob Henry paced St. John's with 10 points, while Tomson was top for St. Francis with 6.

The varsity lineups: St. John's (45) St. Francis (36) F—Rubial (11) Whitley (8) F—Greene (6) Irwin (2) C—J. Plemons (2) Reynolds G—Sprinkle (9) Dixon G—Kirkpatrick (8) Reed (12) Subs: St. John's—B. Henry, R.

near the Georgia line. Carl Parker of Macon, who led the dog but had no gun, had to take to a tree before Hogged and Boring came up with their rifles. One member of the party said that the bear, nicknamed "Big Sid," measured about nine feet in height. Other members of the group were Vaughn Plott, Bonner Rabb, Louis Lance, Homer Green, Ralph Blaney, Charlie Birchfield, and Donald Birchfield of Haywood County, and Seth Patterson and Cline Moss of Macon.



ANOTHER VICTIM of the Plott hounds' renowned tracking ability was this 535-pound bear, believed to be between 12 and 15 years old which was killed south of Franklin near the Georgia state line last Monday. Showing off the bear here are two Waynesville area members of the hunting party—Vaughn Plott (left) and Bonner Rabb.

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