

# Lions Drop Series To Groves

(By George)  
The local Lions dropped their last game to Groves Threads Monday night to give the Gastonians the Gastonians the League Championship. The final score showed the visitors to be in the lead by two points, 35 to 33.

The local team won the second half Monday night March 13th, defeating Groves 39 to 30. The final series began last Saturday night at the Groves Gym, with the Lions being nosed. The last game, Monday night, was played here. Had the series gone another game it would have been played at the Armory in Gastonia. However, the Monday night game gave the Groves team the title with two out of three wins.

Little started for the locals, shooting 13 of the 33 points. LeGere, who has been the individual star in the majority of the last half games hung up only 4. Smart left the game on fouls in the last half with no score to his credit.

Joe Roth, long shot artist for the victors, left the game on fouls in the first half, after having shot four points. Bradshaw was the indi-

vidual star with 11 of the victors 35 points. Cromlish and Pasour were in second place with 8 points each. Chester Crowell, who usually forgets that he isn't playing football went on a scoring spree after Roth left the game. Throughout the semi-finals he had been heckled by the talkative Little Groves star who picked the bottom out of the basket with shots from all parts of the court. The referee was Falls.

## Fewer N. C. Deaths Reported By State Board

Raleigh, Mar. 21.—There were 373 fewer deaths in North Carolina in February, 1939, than in the corresponding month a year ago, figures just released by the State Board of Health's Division of Vital Statistics of which Dr. R. T. Stimpson is director, show. This, added to the 279 drop reported in January, gives a total decrease for the year, through the first two months of 643. The decrease in the number of births for the same period was 481.

There were 93 deaths reported from preventable accidents last month as compared with 104 in February, 1938. The State Board report shows, while homicides dropped 50 per cent, the February 1939, total being only 17 against 34 the same month last year, while suicides dropped from 37 to 25. There were also substantial decreases in deaths from these two causes in January.

Deaths among children under a year old in North Carolina in February, 1939, as reported to the State Board of Health, numbered 384, as compared with 419 the corresponding month last year, reducing the rate from 66.8 to 65.8 while there were 38 maternal deaths in February of each year, the rate being slightly higher this year, due to the decrease in the number of births.

## Mythical Farm Hasn't A Horse

Raleigh, Mar. 22.—North Carolina's mythical farm has a livestock population of one mule, one milk cow, four hogs and 33 chickens. These are the findings of S. M. Hines, farm census supervisor of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, who bases his information on the state-federal livestock report.

To be exact, the composite farm in the state wouldn't have but two-tenths of a horse and two-tenths of a sheep.

The January livestock report indicates a general increase of all farm animals except sheep. Compared with 1937, the cattle and swine population was up 4 per cent; cows and heifers kept for milk, up three per cent; horses and mules, up less than one per cent; chickens, up five per cent.

Incidentally, the composite farm in the state is composed of approximately 82 acres.

The present livestock population at present follows: Horses, 70,000; mules 310,000; cows and heifers, (2 years and over for milk) 381,000; Swine, 1,153,000; sheep, 60,000; chickens, 9,829,000; steers (1 year old and over) 24,000; bulls (one year old and over) 16,000.

There are approximately 301,000 farms in North Carolina, according to the latest census.

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(By The Tattlers)

Ye Gods! Again? Yep, here we are, and boy oboy, have we got the goods or have we got the goods? Well, don't mind our bubbling over, but we're naturally proud of the efficient snooping staff which we now have. For instance, who else but our chief snooper would have known that the reseda colored Ford (Julia calls it gray) was parked at a certain spot last Saturday night, and that Dot McGinnis was the premier passenger?

Yowsah, Yowsah. And who else expect one of our best snoopers could have reported that Edgar Cooper fell for Homer at the contest at Raleigh? Deah, deah, So be it.

That same snooper reports that Diddle Morrison mad quite a hit at the dance Friday night.

She wouldn't tell who those four couples were who had the roast out at the Lake Saturday night, but we believe that we could name seven of the guys and gals, and make a good guess as to the other.

Taking the Hurdles as we come to them: Wonder why so many people had flu at the same time? Are they so contagious? Ernest Mauney and Doris doing right well at Raleigh .... In one sense of the word .... Will Miss Wren ever figure out Red Harper's code for note writing? The Juniors enjoyed having one of them read the other day .... What will happen at the Pond Banquet Friday night, and on the Hay Ride .... Wal, just look for us next week to find out .... Good by.

## Lincoln Academy To Entertain Music Contest

The annual spring Music Contest which is held in several sections of the state at which time the winners of the various districts are chosen to represent those districts at Durham in April will be held at Lincoln Academy, near Kings Mountain on Friday, March 31st. There will be groups from many of the Negro High Schools in eight counties covering a radius of 75 miles.

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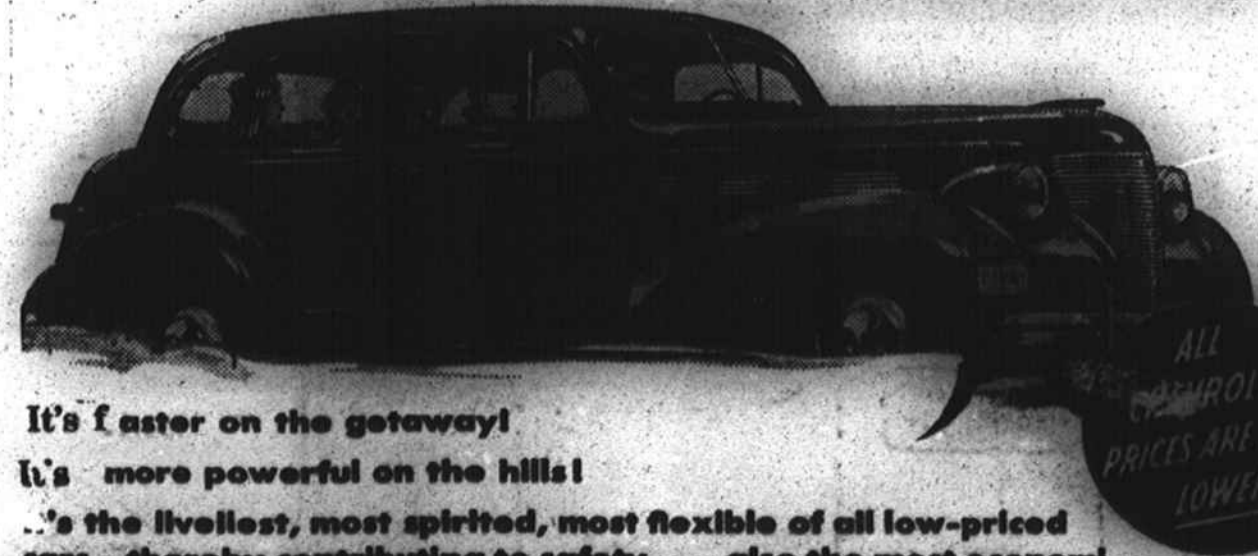
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