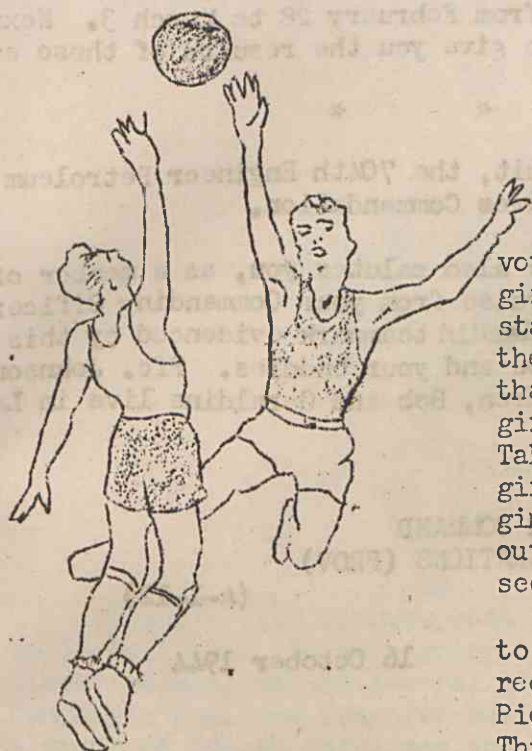


SPORTS

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In the January issue of the Hoover Rail we devoted some attention to what the Piedmont boys and girls were doing on the basketball court. At that stage of the game the girls had lost one contest to the Grover sextet. The Piedmont boys had not, at that time, lost a game. Recently both the boys and girls have engaged in some very thrilling games. Take the game with the Number Three School. With the girls the affair was a nip-and-tuck one from the beginning to the end. Finally, the Number 3 girls eked out a one-point-margin victory. Our boys took the second game of the doubleheader rather easily.

About ten days ago Fallston came over to Piedmont to engage our boys and girls in a doubleheader. You recall, no doubt, that a game between Fallston and Piedmont always attracts a good deal of attention.

This game usually draws our largest crowd of the year.

And that is the way it was the other night. A splendid crowd was on hand to cheer the respective favorites. Piedmont won the first game from Fallston lassies. Then came the boys' game. From time immemorial the boys from Fallston have seemed a Jonah to the Piedmont boys. Three times last year it appeared that Piedmont might defeat Fallston. Our boys would run up rather impressive leads during the early stages of the contests. But in each case these leads would be overcome during the final quarters of the three games referred to above. It didn't seem to be in the books for our boys to win over the Fallston quintet. It may not happen again, but; mirabile dictu, Piedmont defeated Fallston in a doubleheader the other night in the Piedmont gymnasium. Sometimes history reverses itself. In the game the other night the Fallston lads were leading at the end of the first half. And at the end of the third quarter the score was still 13 to 16 in favor of Fallston. This time our boys splurged in the final quarter. The game ended with a score of 25 to 16 in Piedmont's favor.

Just after the game with Fallston the Piedmont teams paid a visit to Casar to tangle with Mr. Dodd's boys and girls. It was in this Piedmont-Casar game that the boys from Piedmont tasted defeat for the first time this school year. Both the boys' and girls' contests were thrillers. At the conclusion of the girls' game the score was tied. The tie was not played off. When the smoke of battle had cleared at the end of the boys' melee it was found that Casar had defeated Piedmont by the narrow margin of one point.

A few nights ago the Piedmont boys went over to Charlotte to play a game with the Charlotte Tech High. In the game with Charlotte Tech the following boys started for Piedmont: Guards, Harvey Bowen and Hugh Gantt; center, Hugh Towery; forwards, Clyde Scism and Billy Norman. Tech scored first after two minutes of play. Piedmont took the ball up the court, worked it under the basket and evened the count at two all. At this point Tech got busy and racked up four more points in short order. Time was called by Piedmont. As play was resumed Piedmont scored a field goal just as the first quarter ended. The score then stood 6 to 4 in favor of Tech. During the second quarter Piedmont scored four points while holding Tech to one lone point. The score at the end of the first half was Piedmont 8 and Tech 7. The third quarter was all Tech's. The score at the end of this quarter was 19 to 9 in favor of Tech. During the final quarter the teams appeared to be pretty evenly matched. Final score: Tech 29, Piedmont 17.

In closing we should like to let you know that Piedmont's teams have accepted invitations to play in the Valdese Tournament which gets under way February 15th. Also,
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