

GAA Promotes Sports Interest In Local Group

With the purpose to interest girls in sports by a well rounded sports program, the local Girls Athletic Association, a state organization, is one of the most active groups in school.

All phases of sports are studied as well as the techniques of each game. The building of leadership and good sportsmanship in personal life is one aim of the club.

Thirty-five active members of the GAA's played volleyball last fall and are now playing basketball. Each spring, the club attends a Play Day held at the Woman's College in Greensboro, where they participate in games with representatives from all over the state.

Has Point System

The club has a point system and the members work for awards. The various awards given are the GAA shield, letters, stars, second stars, citations, and pins. Points are given for attendance, participation, intra-mural games, attending Play Days, refereeing in intra-mural games, group activities, such as dancing, hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding.

Officers of the club are Edwina Moore, president; Neva Taylor, vice-president; Janet Spain, secretary; Shirley Knowles, treasurer; Emily Ryals, point keeper. Evelyn Sellers is head of basketball and Martha Lane, volleyball. Mrs. Thelma Lundy is the advisor.

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Joyce Williams, Inez Booth, Martha Lamm, and Carolyn Willis engage in a game of basketball. This is only one of the many sports that G. A. A. members participate in during the school year.

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Coach Recalls Tournament; Game Won By Free Throw

"The game was over, but C. C. Daugthridge had a free throw coming. He made it! The final score was Rocky Mount 55-Durham 54," said Mr. C. V. "Bill" Lundy as he was recalling exciting games.

Mr. Lundy thinks all games are exciting, especially when he is coaching. He feels that a coach has more time to get excited, but recalls a high school tournament that had everyone on edge. He was on the team that reached the semi-finals of the state tournament with the Knoxville, Tenn. team. His school squad scored four points in the last fifteen seconds to beat.

When asked if there were any RMHS teams he had particularly liked, he said there was something good in all of them. The basketball squad two years ago stands out because of their size and strength.

Mr. Lundy, who was born in Erwin, Tennessee, and educated at Erwin High and East Tennessee State College, was an active participant in football, basketball, and tennis in high school and college.

After graduating from college, he returned to Erwin High for a teaching and coaching position and then to Arkansas A & M College. During the last World War, he served in the Navy for four years.

Mr. Lundy is married and his wife is the girl's health and physical education teacher here. The Lundy's have two sons.

GAA, Editor Pick Students-Of-Month

May Proctor, a likeable and dependable senior, is the GAA of the month. This is her second year in the organization, but she has participated in athletics since she was a freshman.

May participates in intra-mural games. She was captain of her homeroom softball team as a sophomore, captain of the basketball team during her junior and senior years, and volleyball captain this year.

May attended Playday at High Point in '51 and '52. She played on the softball team and participated in the softball throw. She has won her GAA shield.

Since May is interested in sports, she reads all sports magazines and plans to be a physical education teacher. State is her favorite team.

Sports Editor Picks Smokey

Joe "Smokey" Lancaster, the hard playing center of the RMHS basketball team, has been selected by the Sports Editor as the Bird-of-the-Month.

"Smokey", who has been on the varsity team for two years, is the leading scorer. He always plays a cool game and doesn't lose his head under pressure. Rebounding is handled very effectively by Lancaster and his floor shots and free throws are very accurate.

"Smokey's" favorite basketball team is State. He plans to enter Wake Forest after he graduates. He is a member of the BAFOS and was high salesman for the junior class in the recent magazine subscription campaign.

Newby Has Debut As Sports 'Caster Over Local Station

George Newby, former RMHS football star, has won another round in his fight against polio. George began the first in a series of weekly programs entitled "George Newby On Sports" January 18. The program will be heard over WCEC at five o'clock every Sunday.

Broadcasting from a rocking bed in a polio ward of the Medical College of Virginia, George is well equipped with radio earphones, television, and a tape recorder. He reads all available sports magazines and remembers the various sports stories he hears. Many outstanding sports figures have visited George and some of these will be interviewed in the future. The fifty dollars paid George for doing the program was turned over to the March of Dimes at his request.

Stricken Before Game

It was the day before the opening game of the 1950 football season and George Newby, a promising sophomore fullback, had been selected for the starting position. However, the night RMHS opened its season, George began his long fight against the crippling disease polio.

Now, this boy who was once unable to talk due to a paralyzed larynx, has embarked on what might become a career. Because of his continued interests in sports, George Newby certainly can qualify as a well informed sports commentator.

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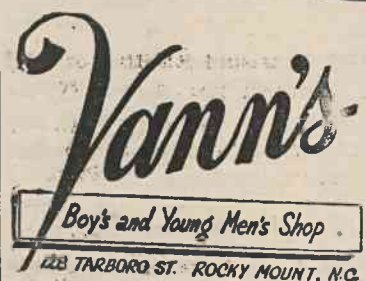
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