

LOCAL BASKETEERS CONTINUE TO WIN

Blue Devils Defeat Newland for Sixth Victory, Will Play N. Wilkesboro Tuesday

Appalachian high school Blue Devils' smooth working five annexed its sixth consecutive conference victory last Tuesday by completely outclassing Newland high 30-13. The Blue Devils got off to a slow start, but managed to pile up a 19-6 lead at the intermission. In the third quarter the locals rang up 10 points, most of them by Beach and Coffey. Co-Captain Ira Bingham and Farthing Hayes continued to star on defense for the conference leaders. The game was marred by many fouls by both teams. The Blue Devils have defeated Newland six times in the last three years without suffering a defeat. The victory places the Blue Devils far in the lead in the conference standing.

Develettes Defeat Newland

Paced by Martha Hamby and Amie Lee Angel, the girls of Appalachian high rang up their third conference victory of the year by defeating Newland high 29-3 on Newland's court. The Blue Develettes defense was sensational, holding their opponents to only one field goal, that coming late in the game. The score at the half was 8-1 in favor of the Blue Develettes, Hamby and Angel hit the basket from all angles in the second half to ring up 21 points. The local girls have lost only to Cove Creek and Crossnore in the conference.

N. Wilkesboro vs. Appalachian

Tuesday night, January 23, is one night that every follower of Appalachian will want to reserve. On that night Coach Massey will bring his North Wilkesboro five to Boone to play the "Blue Devils." North Wilkesboro has one of the best teams in Wilkes county and should

prove a real test for the Blue Devils, who are undefeated in North Carolina competition. So far this year no state team has come within 11 points of Coach Wey's Blue Devils. The local five, led by Coffey and Beach, have scored an average of 15 points per game more than their opponents. Appalachian high boasts nine victories so far this season and will be out to make it ten against North Wilkesboro. The preliminary will be between the boys' "B" teams of the two schools.

Freshmen Win Over Cove Creek

The Baby Blue Devils or the "B" team of Appalachian, coached by Phil Cartwright, won a hotly contested battle 17-15 when they played the Cove Creek "B" team Friday afternoon on the local floor. There was some rapid playing for the first few minutes, but neither team was able to make a goal. J. D. Miller made the first basket for Boone. At the end of the first quarter the score was 4-4.

During the second quarter the Baby Devils fought hard but were unable to find the range, while Cove Creek found way for two baskets and two foul shots. At the half the score was 10-4 in favor of Cove Creek. In the second half the locals put up a good fight to overcome the deficit of six points. During this quarter Ragan made a long shot and a few minutes later he made an under-basket goal. The quarter ended with the score at 12-10. Finley Penick gave this quarter a rapid start and put pep into the team by making a goal, tying the score, 12-12. M. W. Greene made a basket and a foul shot while Cove Creek did the same. At the end of the game the score was tied, 15-15.

They played a three-minute extra time period and both teams fought hard but neither could score. It was then decided that the team making the next two points would win the game. Penick and a Cove Creek boy committed a double foul. Penick made his foul and later made another one, winning the game for Boone, 17-15.

Charlotte Here Feb. 7th

Don't forget February 7—Technical high of Charlotte, comes to Boone.

P. T. Barnum craved free publicity. When he was near death the Evening Sun of New York asked the great showman's publicity agent if Barnum would object to having his obituary published before he died. The agent said, "The old gentleman will be delighted." The next day Barnum read four columns about his own death, and he loved it.—Well-Known People.

Chinese had suspension bridges built of iron chains centuries ago.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE FARMERS

By H. M. HAMILTON, Jr. County Farm Agent.

Farmers throughout Watauga, as well as the state of North Carolina, have and are continuing to sell their good breeding beef bulls before they have given the bulls time to really prove their ability as herd improvers. This mistake is costing these farmers thousands of dollars every year. The sad part of this mistake is that after the farmers have discovered their error it is too late to correct it. One farmer said to me the other day, "The biggest mistake I ever made in the cattle business was when I traded my good two-year old bull off for a yearling bull, but, he said, "I have several of his bulls and they are really good and I am thankful that I have this much of the good bulls' blood left in my herd."

This farmer is not the only farmer who is suffering from regret, but on the other hand, he is a typical example of hundreds of farmers throughout this section of the country. Just because farmers have been making this serious mistake there is no reason why they should continue to make this mistake in the future. The few owners of bulls in this county who have allowed bulls to mature from six to 12 years of age before selling them have found that they could keep the bull to this age by fencing off a special lot and using this particular field or lot to keep the bull in. The extra cost and trouble of fencing a special field for the herd bull is far cheaper than selling and buying a bull every two or three years.

The purebred beef sires that have contributed the most to the improvement of the beef cattle in this county have been the sires that have been kept until they were from six to 12 years of age. Some of these have sired their most outstanding calves after reaching their sixth birthday.

Now, just think what a large number of these young bulls could have done for the improvement of the beef cattle business had they been allowed to remain in service for a longer period.

Another important point in favor of keeping the herd bulls longer is that farmers can afford to buy better bulls if they are going to use them for a longer period and if farmers buy better sires and use them longer the beef herds are going to improve faster and all of this will mean more profit from beef cattle in the future.

The county agent's office force is now ready to take applications for lime and phosphate on the 1941 agricultural conservation program, therefore, all farmers are urged to place their applications at once in order to get these materials to their farms at an early date than they did last year.

We hope that every farmer in the county will co-operate with the conservation program during 1941 because through this program farmers have a wonderful opportunity to build up the fertility of their soil, which in turn means higher crop yields, better pasture and more net profit from farming.

Farmers should spend more time in planning how they can best use phosphate and lime in their farming systems. In a number of cases it would be more profitable for farmers to take up their entire soil-building allowance in phosphate and then buy their lime in order to build up their land faster. We know from demonstrations throughout the county that where both lime and phosphate are applied that the results are much better than where no lime has been applied.

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Mountaineers Lick E. C. T. C., 66 to 49

Watson Holyfield, ace Appalachian forward, hit his stride in the second half here Saturday night and helped the Mountaineers to defeat East Carolina Teachers College, 66 to 49. He scored 21 points in the second semester for a total of 24 for the game. Danny Miller and Novotny each scored 15 points for the winners.

Peterson, E. C. T. C. forward, made 26 points and was high scorer of the game.

DR. GRAHAM NAMED "MAN OF THE YEAR"

For his leadership in furthering the agricultural research, teaching and extension programs of North Carolina State College, Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, was selected by the Progressive Farmer magazine as the "Man of the Year" in service to North Carolina agriculture.

It was the fourth such annual award made by the magazine, and Dr. Graham was the second person connected with N. C. State College to be honored. Dr. I. O. Schaub, dean of the school of agriculture and director of the extension service, was named the "Man of the Year" in 1938.

In announcing the selection for 1940, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, wrote: "By being made head of the consolidated University of North Carolina... President Frank P. Graham had an opportunity either to greatly discourage and diminish or to greatly encourage and enlarge our own North Carolina agricultural college. Because he was big enough of brain and heart to choose the latter course

—we honor him as 1940 'Man of the Year' in service to North Carolina agriculture."

Food produced on the farm for home use can make the difference between an excellent diet and one that is nutritionally unsafe, says Miss Ruth Current of State College.

Checking San Isabel national forest in Colorado, the U. S. forest service estimated there were 18,500 prairie dogs on 4,300 acres and 31,000 gophers on 6,800 acres.

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Pathfinder (weekly)	1 yr.
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