

# A. H. S., Blowing Rock Close Play With Split

**By BILL FARTHING**

The Blue Devils and Devilettes closed play for the holidays with a split with Blowing Rock's Rockets and Rockettes, the Blowing Rock girls winning and the Appalachian boys winning. The boys score on the wintery evening of December 20 was 54-40, and the girls score was 48-19.

Pacing the Blowing Rock scorers was Linda Greene with 33 points, ten from field goals, 13 from free throws. Jane Sudderth followed Greene with 8 points, Wanda Cook 3 points, and Holdaway and Greene, 2 points each. Guards were Brenda Holdaway, Luttrell, Greene, Coffey, Ashley, Buxton, Castle, and Greene was another forward who played but failed to score.

Ala Sue McGuire aced the Appalachian girls with 8 points to score high for the night, six of the eight coming from field goals, two from free throws. Glenda Austin followed with 4 points, Ann West Carolyn with 3 each, and Sallie Miller with 1 point. Kathryn Mast played forward but failed to score. Guards were Geraldine Wilcox, Jerel Dean Johnson, Bobbie McGuire, Carolyn Hoover and Peggy Cook.

"Big" Bob Matheson charged through the Blowing Rock defense to be top man for the victorious Blue Devils with 17 points, just three away from scoring half of the final points Blowing Rock scored. Benny Austin followed

Matheson with 13 points, staying in the top scoring bracket as usual. Jerry Henson knocked in 10 points. Gese Howell 3, King Triplet 3, Frank Hagaman, John Shrake, and Tommy Taylor 2 points each, and Bill Greer, 1 point. Andy Stallings, Johnny Taylor, and Max Fletcher played but failed to score.

Rogers McCroskey paced the losers with 14 points. Paul E. Ford followed McCroskey with 9 points, Ronnie Burns with 8, M. Ford with 4, E. Isaacs and R. Edmisten with 2 each, and S. Young rounded out the losers scoring with 1 point.

The App boys led all the way except for one time right at the first when Blowing Rock took the lead 3-2. The Devils soon overcame that to stay ahead the entire game.

Next game for the Devils and Devilettes will come after the holidays on January 6 in their first District 7 AA conference for the year. The game will be played at Mt. Airy with a very strong team, one of the tops in the conference, North Surry. North Surry is one of the three teams which is expected to be extra strong in the conference. The trio of strong teams of course being North Surry, North Wilkes, and Appalachian.

The next home game for the Devils will be January 13 with North Wilkes. January 10 the Devils will play Ashe Central at Ashe Central.

# Comment On Sports

**By PETE FRITCHIE**

Washington, D. C.—Ray Robinson must be given credit for making the big comeback try even though he failed to unseat Gene Fullmer in their recent middleweight go.

In spite of two successive beatings by Paul Pender, Sugar Ray had some great moments in the December fight. It was a split decision and close all the way, though under the scoring system used, Fullmer came out with more points, even though, officially, it was a draw.

Fullmer is a tough battler. He was a game champion to give Robinson a crack at the crown. He won Sugar's old title and then lost it when Robinson knocked him out. Then Robinson lost it and Fullmer came back.

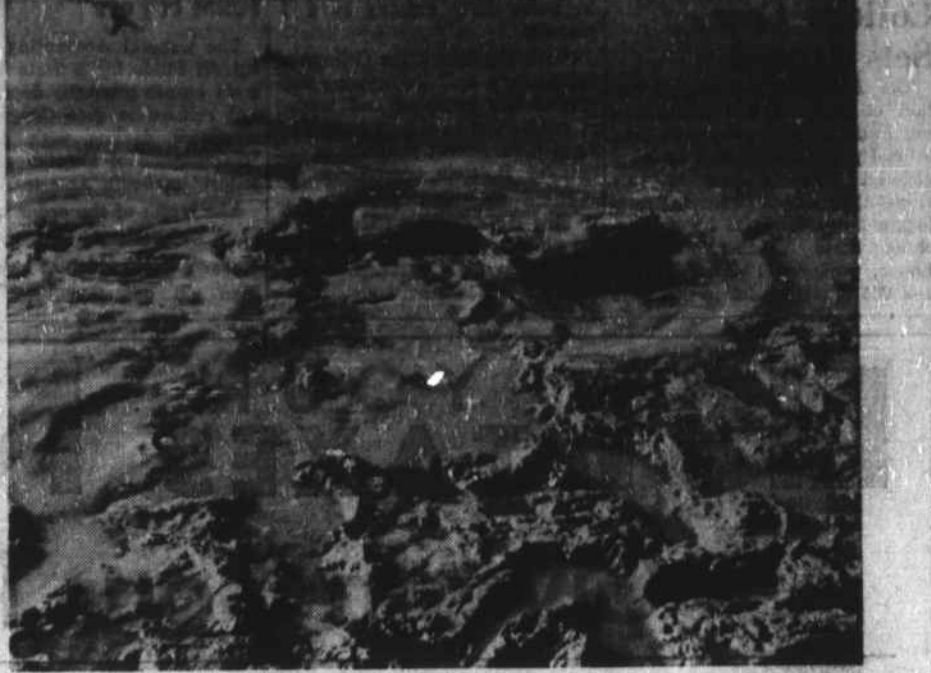
Since Robinson is not getting any younger, he is probably now over the hill, but he came very close to an amazing comeback—after so many other amazing comebacks. In the record books and in the book of boxing experts, Robinson is probably the greatest fighter, pound for pound, of the era.

And the era includes some great ones. Rocky Marciano and Joe Louis are among them. But in his prime Robinson could easily take on any contender and even after he passed it, he was able to stay ahead of the pack for a long time.

In between it all he delved in pink cars, dancing and singing and acting. Yet when he came back for a fight he usually won or came so close that he confounded his critics. He won the title back several times and now, at the fortyish mark, he is still one of the best in the business.

Altogether, it's quite a remarkable record. Robinson had the natural ability and the heart of a great fighter and made a long career of it, whereas most fighters reach a short peak and then go in to decline.

Perhaps Floyd Patterson is wondering about this these days. The heavyweight champion is still young and he is relatively light and agile for a heavy. Could be—if he's like Robinson—that he'll be on top of the pile for a number of years to come.



# Carolina Stuck With Eel, Like It Or Not.

North Carolina is stuck with the eel, and we might as well learn to like him, says a Wildlife Resources Commission fisheries biologist. Darrell E. Louder, Lumberton, writes about the eel in the January issue of the commission's monthly magazine, Wildlife in North Carolina.

Louder, a district fisheries biologist, says that the eel lives out his murky existence under a shroud of misinformation. He points out that some people consider him a snake, others call the eel a male catfish, and most fishermen simply ignore the eel as far as fishing is concerned.

The eel is a true fish, Louder says in the article, and is found all over the eastern United States. Spawning grounds for the snake-like fish are far to the south, in the Sargasso Sea between Puerto Rico and Bermuda, he writes.

Louder describes the long one-way journey for adult eels, and the arduous return trip for young eels. Dams and other obstructions that block the way for young eels are bypassed on damp nights, he says, when they slither through wet grass to reach the waters above.

The biologist says that the role of the eel in fresh-water streams and ponds isn't completely understood, but says that they can't be condemned as real trouble-makers. Even though they can be

# Champion Grapplers Open Season Tuesday

**By BILL FARTHING**

Appalachian High's four-time state champion grapplers opened their season, Tuesday, December 20, in a wintery evening by defeating Wilkes Central at Wilkes Central 34-16.

The Blue Devils, coached by Steve Gabriel and Jack W. Groce posted one former state champ on their roster, Doug Carson, and several second and third place winners such as Ford King, Bill Cook. Returnees in the line-up for this match included Mack Critcher, Jerry Watson, Casey Carroll, Wendel Hampton, Baker Edmisten, Ronnie Wilson, Reid Cottrell, and Jack Thomas.

**Results**

95 lb. class—Critcher (A) won by forfeit.

103 lb. class—Mink (WC) dec. Carroll, 2-1.

112 lb. class—Hall (WC) pinned Watson (A), 0:23, 3rd period.

120 lb. class—Carroll (A) pinned Owens (WC), 1:43, 3rd period.

127 lb. class—Necessary (WC)

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When the tension disappears the body often rids itself of excess water with a consequent loss of weight.

It is true that certain personality types eat unnecessary food during periods of worry and tension. This is an unconscious effort to find relief. The large amount of food in the stomach draw blood away from other parts of the body, the brain included, to aid in digestion. Thus, the worried person finds himself in a somewhat dulled state.

The old expression "fat and happy" is misleading.

Face-lifting operations can help people who can afford the expense of such surgery to appear younger. However, the effect is not long-lasting and should never be done on anyone with signs of emotional instability.

The best results come in removing excess skin on the upper neck and eyelids. The least success results from trying to remove horizontal forehead lines and perpendicular lines on the lips. Complete success in removing wrinkles on the cheeks is not possible. The improvement lasts about five years.

Far too many patients fall into the hands of quacks.

Dollar shortage termed critical in Cuba.

# FALSE TEETH FOR COWS

Dallas, Texas—A good set of false teeth may be all old bossy needs to add a few more useful years to her life.

Dr. Nelson Cruz Arias, a dentist from Cali, Colombia, said that "by wearing false teeth, a cow can start gaining weight again and have several more years of useful life." He had fitted a number of cattle with false teeth in Colombia and in one case a 15-year-old cow gained 45 pounds after getting the teeth.

The doctor made this statement in Dallas, Texas while attending the Pan-American Livestock Show. He hopes to get a patent in the United States for a device that will keep the cow's mouth open while being fitted for false teeth.

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