

# Speaking Of Golf

By JOE MAPLES

Eight local players went to Morganton on Wednesday afternoon for a game, and seeing the boys in action brings to mind an interesting subject. That of consistency. A case in point, Roger Thomas, Roger played at Tanglewood Tuesday and had one of his better rounds, a 78. At Morganton the very next day, seeing him play, one might think he had never broken eighty. Then consider Estel Wagner, he gets caught in the same trap on occasions, shooting in the mid and high eighties, yet he takes one club and shots 78. Austin Adams shoots 31 on the front nine recently, playing very good, but on the back side, he doesn't break 40. I had occasion to score in the mid eighties in our recent match with Wilkesboro, then the very next time, out, shoot 69 on a tougher course. This is a problem that all golfers have to contend with. One day we are ready to play in the National Open then without any reason whatsoever we plunge to the depths of frustration and play terribly.

If someone could come up with the answer to this problem, he could make a fortune. All we can do is speculate. It doesn't seem to be so much the ability of a person but rather something less tangible. That is mental attitude and even less tangible, the sense of feel. On some days a player can tee it up and knock without any doubt whatsoever that he is going to play well and by the same token there are days where you know you will play bad.

There is one course a player can follow that will decrease

this inconsistency without any doubt and that is constant practice and regular playing. Regardless of the caliber of golf a person plays, be he a ninety shooter or a seventy shooter, regular play and practice, will make him or her a more consistent player regardless of mental attitude or physical feeling.

Another partial answer to this problem is to work harder at the game every time you play. When a player's game is going well he has a tendency to let up so to speak and play loose, then when a tough day comes around he is not prepared to "bear-down" and play hard. So work hard at the game even when you are having a good day, then when a bad day comes around, you will be better prepared and can salvage a respectable score out of what would ordinarily be disaster.

The psychology and intangibles of the game of golf are such that no player will ever become a true master at it. Only those who are willing to work and sacrifice both mentally and physically will ever approach proficiency in a game that always has and always will be frustrating to the vast majority of players. After all, if we were all masters, the game would lose much of the challenge and perhaps that is what makes it so great.

### URBAN EXPANSION

By 1960, say experts in urban affairs, expanding communities of the Atlantic seaboard may be merged all the way from Bangor, Maine, to Miami.



J. W. WELBORN AND MIKE RAYBON

## Welborn, Raybon Are Star ASTC Wrestlers

By DALE GADDDY

With a combined total of 13 years of wrestling experience behind them, Appalachian State co-captains J. W. Welborn and Mike Raybon face the 1962-63 year with optimism and caution.

"They're good boys," Coach Dutch Meyer said one afternoon before the Christmas holidays. "Both of them were practicing way back early in the football season. And both of them helped me a great deal with the pre-season planning."

Welborn is a third year student at ASTC, returning this year after a four year hitch with the Army. "We have a good team this year," he said in his native Watauga accent. "We are somewhat hampered by injuries, but I think we can win all our matches."

A 1956 graduate of Appalachian High School, where he wrestled for four years, Welborn first entered college at the University of North Carolina where he wrestled for two seasons. He added four more years of mat experience while in the Army and posted a 15-2 record last year while at Washington state's Ft. Lewis.

A physical education major, Welborn is married to the former Miss Christa Brundl of Munich, Germany. The Welborns have one child, a son who was born about three months ago.

Welborn plans to teach and coach wrestling in North Carolina after graduation in 1964. Raybon, a native of Newton, is a 1959 graduate of Brandys High School where he was active as a football and baseball player, a member of the Key Club, and a member of the Monogram Club. His first wrestling experience came his freshman year at ASTC.

At ASTC, in addition to wrestling, Raybon is president of the Wesley Foundation (Methodist), is a member of the Men's "A" Club and of the Collegiate Civics Club, and was named to this year's Who's Who Among Students in American

### Universities and Colleges.

He has been active in intramural basketball and baseball throughout his college career.

As a wrestler he has seen action in about 25 meets and has an overall record of 11 wins and 14 losses. "Virginia Military Institute will be our roughest match this year," the short red head stated. "That should be the only match which will give us any sizable trouble."

Raybon continued, "As a team, we will be better this year. We have six starting freshmen, all of whom are good. The team has a lot of potential and could develop into one of Appalachian's finest in recent years."

The physical education and social studies major sees his first year of wrestling at ASTC as his best season so far—"not so much from the win-loss angle. It's just that I didn't expect to wrestle that soon."

Like Welborn, Raybon hopes to coach a high school wrestling team in North Carolina.

### MILITARY BUDGET

The military budget for the next fiscal year again is expected to emphasize conventional weapons and organization. Chances of a new division for the Army appear, at this time, to be slim.

Speculation is that the overall military budget request for fiscal 1964 may show an increase of \$2,000,000,000 or more over the \$48,200,000,000 for the current year.



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## Basketeers To Meet S. C. Team In Opening Round

The basketball team of Appalachian State Teachers College meets Erskine College of Due West, South Carolina in the opening round of the fifth annual Spindale Tournament, held by the Spindale Rotary Club next Friday and Saturday, December 28 and 29. Other teams in the four team affair are Western Carolina and Campbell College.

Appalachian, on the basis of a 5-1 pre-holiday record, enters the tournament as one of the favorites although Western Carolina is considered the team to beat on its record as defending champion of last year's classic. The Catamounts were recent winners of their own holiday tournament played in Cullowhee.

The Mountaineers of Appalachian will be entering the tournament after a two year absence. The Apps won the first tournament, lost out defending their crown the second year, and did not participate during the last two events. Their record for four games in the Spindale Tournament played thus far is three wins and one loss.

Leading the Apps of coach Bib Light into the event will be forwards Wayne Duncan and Jim Richardson. The two together sport a scoring punch of 33.1 points per game and 22 rebounds per contest. Duncan

is the scoring leader with a 20.1 game average.

Sparkplug of the Appalachian scoring offense is guard Jack Lytton, junior from Surgoinsville, Tennessee. The little playmaker (5'8") owns a 12.3 scoring average and is considered a top guard on defense.

Worthy of note is the fact that the Mountaineers will not be starting a single senior in the tournament. There are only two seniors on the squad—Lonnie Thomas and Larry Shrader—and neither are on the starting five.

### Tournament Starters

- Wayne Duncan, 6-4 sophomore, Danville, Va.
- Jim Richardson, 6-3 junior, North Wilkesboro.
- Joe Hailey, 6-5 sophomore, Charlotte.
- Jack Lytton, 5-8 junior, Surgoinsville, Tenn.
- Doug Wall, 6-0 junior, Winston-Salem.

### A 57-YEAR RECORD

Jonesboro, Ark.—W. B. Langford, 91, has attended Sunday school at a local church without missing a Sunday in 57 years. About 40 years ago he was carried to the First Baptist Church on a cot to keep his record perfect.

Henra Fonda to appear in a French film.

### ON AIR POLLUTION

As a result of the recent deaths attributed to smog in London, President Kennedy has called for national action against air pollution.

He said such pollution "continues to jeopardize the economic vitality of our nation and the health of millions of our citizens."

### FEBRUARY DRAFT

The Pentagon has announced a February draft quota of 4,000 men and said all will be assigned to the Army.

It is expected that higher calls will probably start in March. The February figure is the same as the one quoted for January.



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