

High Times

By STUART ARRINGTON

Basketball took over the spotlight and the conversation last week. Everywhere you turned someone would pop up with "Who do you reckon will win the boys championship?" or "Who will go home with the sportsmanship trophy?" All of these questions were answered between Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Maybe the Southport team was

not so lucky this year, but not too many of the present players will graduate, so there's going to be a lot of good material left for next basketball season. As long as that Southport school spirit stays around, we're bound to win some games, and we feel sure that the other county teams are going to be up against some stiff competition when they meet Southport next year.

One figure who will really be missed at the future games is Bernice Phelps. She's been one of our faithful cheer leaders ever since she's been in high school, and she's always been ready to cheer for us, win or lose. We think both basketball teams will join with us to say how much

we appreciate her loyalty. There is a good example of the real school spirit.

Last Wednesday night we chartered a bus and set out for Waccamaw. The trip was a rather loud one. There were about 20 different school songs being sung at one time, but presently everyone hushed to listen to Mr. Sanders sing "Carolina Moon." When we reached Waccamaw we were all in a good mood and eager to play.

Both games were good even if we did lose both of them. The Shallotte six beat our girls team by scoring two points in the last few seconds of the game, and the Shallotte boys got on the

ball in the last quarter, and beat our boys. Our high hopes were a little crushed, but we believe we heard such murmurs as "You just wait until next year"—so we wish you a lot of luck. That trophy case needs a few more trophies in it. How about filling it up?

The physics class has given two good shows, free for the whole school. One was about the mining and refining of ore, and the other was on copper. Everyone enjoyed seeing them and we are looking forward to seeing some other soon. Did we hear Mr. Ford say Alan Ladd was in the next one? Sounds good!

Mrs. Willis presented her second grade in their version of "The Sleeping Beauty." It was a clever operetta that the entire school enjoyed seeing. We believe Mr. Pittenger has some good voices to look forward to in about six years.

Seen Around: Latitia Hickman and Janice Trunnell making candy . . . Bernice Phelps looking for breathing room at Waccamaw . . . Patricia Adams, Karen Shaw, Harriett Corlett and Mary Ann Loughlin, cheering for us Wednesday night . . . Agnew Fulcher getting his stories mixed up . . . Billy Williams going the wrong way out at lunch time . . . Lee Keister acting like Gene Kelly . . . Trudy McNeil calling to her mother to unlock the front door . . . Jerry Spencer acting as a chauffeur . . . Loraine Whitley getting excited at the ball game . . . Jacque Larson getting a box full of free mail . . . Libby Caster missing school because of the flu. Get well soon . . . Richie Dasher looking at wallers . . . Glenn Stanley winding an electric clock . . . A lot of pupils participating in the REA program.

Production Is Goal Of Farm

Farmers Home Administration Is Laying Stress Upon Increased Production This Year

Greater production than ever before is the goal of farmers cooperating with the Farmers Home Administration this year, Ivey C. Brown, a FHA supervisor for Brunswick and Columbus counties said today.

To achieve the new record, agency borrowers are planning better balance crop and livestock programs, analyzing ways to keep families more fully employed, adopting systems for better land use and more productive or "bigger acres," increasing farm efficiency through proper machinery and equipment, and improving inadequate housing.

In this area special stress will be put on raising more hogs,

corn, soybeans.

The aim of higher yields from present land and labor is a part of the national production campaign for 1952, in which all farmers and agricultural agencies are participating.

The Farmers Home Administration makes supervised loans to qualified applicants, unable to obtain suitable loans elsewhere, to own, improve or operate farms, or acquire better houses and farm buildings. Approximately 58 families, including 17 veterans, are now on the program in Brunswick county.

"Because of the general shortage of manpower," Mr. Brown pointed out, "numerous farmers they can make a fuller use of

are coming to us to learn how unemployed labor in their families. Systems followed on many small farms in this locality as well as elsewhere, give employment only part of the year, and should be improved. The problem can often be handled by converting from cash crops alone to a sound combination of livestock and feed crops."

Mr. Brown added that a number of local farmers are requesting engagement and development loans to enlarge or improve

DIES IN SAVANNAH

Capt. E. W. Davis, retired dredgeboat master, died at his home in Savannah, Ga., on February 16. He was a native of the


Marshallburg community in Carteret county and was a brother of D. M. Davis of Southport. Mr. Davis attended the funeral, which was held in Savannah on the 18th. Captain Davis often visited in Southport.

VISITORS HERE

Elwood Mintz, secretary of the Benson Chamber of Commerce and Glen White of Dunn were here Monday on business. Mr. Mintz is the son of Mrs. H. L. Mintz of Shallotte.

STUDENT VISITORS
Misses Sue Williamson and Iris Rabon, student at East Carolina College, spent the week-end at home with their families.

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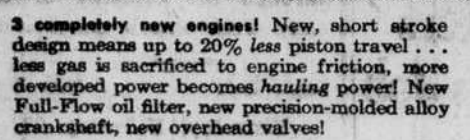
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