

Middleburg Meets Henderson On Court Tuesday Night

Twin Bill Will Draw Season's Best Crowds

Girls' Game to Be Ellington vs. Houghtaling; Boys Will Be Evenly Matched In Important Game In County Title Race

Middleburg meets Henderson high school here tomorrow night in the local gym at 7:30 o'clock in two basketball games that will go a long way toward deciding the county cage title.

The Middleburg girls, champions last year, are out to repeat their performance this season. They are undefeated in high school circles, and will take on the local lassies, who boast of an undefeated record against high school teams.

Henderson and Middleburg contested for the title last year with Middleburg coming out on top.

The doubleheader will be the first games for Henderson against Vance county teams in regular season's play.

The visiting girls are headed by Miss Ellington, who has been an outstanding forward on the team for the past two years, and Miss Hendricks, who has stamped herself as a capable assistant to Miss Ellington in the point guarding department.

Henderson girls pin their hopes on the ability of Miss Mary Florence Houghtaling to continue her goal shooting activities. It has been Miss Houghtaling's work that has kept Henderson out front against high school teams thus far this season.

The game promises to be one that will be bitterly contested from the opening whistle, the victory going to the one which produces the best defense.

Middleburg boys are not as strong this year as they have been in past seasons, but Coach Yates has a team that will give Henderson a busy evening if the locals get a victory.

One of the season's largest crowds is expected to witness the doubleheader that will be packed with thrills from the opening whistle.

1933—Adolf Hitler made German chancellor.

PHYSICAL ED CLASS CHANGES ITS DATES

The men's physical education class, which meets regularly on Tuesday and Thursday evening, will meet this week on Wednesday and Thursday evening, due to the Henderson-Middleburg basketball game Tuesday night. Members were requested to note the change in the date of meeting.

Ocean Fishing Here Liked By Sportsmen

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Ocean sport fishing along the North Carolina coast is attracting more and more attention in the northern and eastern states, according to Raymond Camp, rod and gun editor of the New York Times and outdoor commentator for the National Broadcasting Company network.

Camp, with Walt Willis, hunting and fishing commentator for radio station WHN in New York City, have been hunting in Wayne county.

"During the past year my broadcasts have contained an increasing amount of material about outdoor sports in North Carolina," Camp said. "We think North Carolina's campaign to promote more sport fishing is one of the best in the country and the responses of sportsmen have been very good. Sport fishing off your coast is undoubtedly going to be a major industry within the next few years, provided the sportsmen are attracted your way. They are already traveling across several other states to come all the way to North Carolina for surf casting and sea fishing, due to the fact that several intermediate states have not been as alert as North Carolina in giving publicity to their coastal fishing."

Camp's hunting and fishing broadcasts are sent out over a network of 23 NEC stations.

Willis also reaches a very large radio audience. He asked the news bureau of the advertising division here to tell him just when the drum or channel bass and blue fishing starts next spring.

"The first night I broadcast the news that the drum and blues are running off the North Carolina coast, I will get hundreds of requests for additional information," he said. "Last year he sent hundreds of sports fishermen to Manteo, Ocracoke, Morehead City, Beaufort, Wilmington, Southport and other points. It is already getting so that when fishermen think of drum they think of North Carolina."

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Diversion Battle Holds Spotlight In Assembly

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dumped onto the floor of House and Senate.

Plans for Showdown.
Today both diversionists and anti- are making final adjustments in their battle lines, reviewing and checking on strategic moves, all the while continuing a hot artillery duel of statement and counter-statement, charge and counter-charge, insinuation and innuendo.

To clarify the situation for innocent and unbiased bystanders, if any, here is the text of the good roads bill:

"It shall be the policy of this General Assembly of North Carolina that all revenue derived from gasoline taxes and automobile license fees shall be exclusively spent for the construction and maintenance and administration of an adequate and dependable primary and secondary highway

system within the State, and for the payment of the highway debt obligations, and there shall be no transfer of such funds to the general fund of the State of North Carolina.

In Ranks of Anti's.

Arrayed behind this resolution is the anti-diversion army made up of a diversified group of organizations and individuals, who contend vehemently that special funds collected from a specific group for specified purposes should be kept intact and spent wholly for those purposes.

Efforts have been made by the diversionists to impeach the motives of their foe by reiteration of the charge that the anti-diversion cause is fathered by the "petroleum interests."

Friends of Diversion.
These efforts, however, are refuted by a list of organizations which have openly announced their opposition to diversion, many of these being disconnected with or even inimical to the petroleum group. A partial list includes the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the North

Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, the Portland Cement Association, the Travelers Protective Association, the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, the North Carolina Truck Owners Association and the Associated General Contractors.

Oil Interests Helping.
The petroleum interests have undoubtedly contributed heavily to financing the anti-diversion campaign, but Capus Wayne, former highway chairman and now High Point Enterprise editor, wrote of the battle: "It is a fight in which every road user and road taxpayer is interested."

Hoey Leads Diversionists.
Lined up on the other side, favoring diversion, is the powerful State administration, commanded by eloquent and popular Governor Clyde R. Hoey.

This group contends that gasoline should no more be exempted from the State sales tax than any other product; insists that no real diversion is threatened beyond the application of

this tax to gasoline and transfer of the resulting funds to the general fund in case of need; and lays great emphasis on the danger of shutting off the general fund from any highway fund aid in case of emergency.

Its leaders have frankly admitted, however, that the entire budget policy for the next biennium is based on an estimated need to transfer \$7,000,000 from highway to general fund.

Opponents point to this as flagrant and open diversion in view of the fact that there is now no contention or pretense of an emergency which might justify taking money from the road funds.

Fervish Activity.
Both sides have been almost feverish in their activities for the last week. Legislators have been flooded with letters and telegrams from "back home" urging them to oppose all highway fund transfers. Practically every night the air has been filled with the lurid oratory of radio speakers opposing diversion. House and Senate members have been checked and re-checked, button holed and re-button holed.

On the other side, the governor has lost not one opportunity to hammer away at the anti-diversionists and to state and re-state his position. In at least two public addresses last week, one to a civic club in Burlington, the other on the dedication of a new news paper building in Asheville, he made it the principal item of his speeches.

And that's the background of the hearing which will be held Tuesday as the final stage of the diversion battle begins.

How long the fight will last and what the ultimate result will be cannot be predicted.

Big Crowd for Hearing.
There are certain things which are abundantly clear, however. For instance, that the Tuesday hearing will be attended by a large, and perhaps tumultuous, crowd. Anti-diversionists are using every means in their power to whip up enthusiasm for the occasion.

Publicly they have made no predictions as to the size of the crowd expected, but in private conversations they give sincere, if a trifle optimistic, indications that they expect at least 5,000 to invade Raleigh and are hopeful the figure will go twice that high. They admit that weather conditions may be a deciding factor on that count, and accordingly are making no open boasts.

Governor Has Final Say.
After all this tumult and shouting have died, Governor Hoey will go before the Assembly, and on the air, in an effort to counteract all the accumulated effect of anti-diversion arguments before and during the hearing. He is expected to re-state the position he has so often stated already, that there is nothing sacred about gasoline taxes, that they should be subject to sales tax as other products, that there need be no fear of transfers in excess of the sales tax amounts that care of the State's highway system is safe in his hands, and that the only way to balance the State's budget

is to authorize the \$7,000,000 transfers in case of necessity.

And when all is said and done, that final argument is likely to be decisive of the outcome, for it is completely obvious and needs no argument that if the good roads bill is adopted, the legislators will be faced with the stern necessity of (1) raising revenue from new sources, or (2) cutting appropriations or (3) both.

Anti-diversionists contend this is what the law-makers ought to do and brand the taking of highway funds as rather spineless following of the line of least resistance.

Employees Of State Back Huge Lobby

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Adverting to charges that the "petroleum interests" are financing the lobby against diversion of highway funds, an anti-diversionist yesterday cited the roll of the various groups, associations and clubs which have resolute or programmed against diversion, and then asked:

"Who is financing the pro-diversion campaign?"

He went on to explain that the burden of the diversion fight is being borne by State officials and employees, whose salaries are paid out of public funds, which in turn have been collected largely from the very same groups which are supporting the anti-diversion idea.

Led by the Highway Users Conference, composed largely of the industries operating large fleets of trucks, which are the identical industries contributing the major part of the revenue taxes, the anti-diversionists contend that they are being forced to finance both sides of the argument. Then, too, such groups as the Grange, the Rural Letter Carriers, motor clubs, etc., are made up of the people who pay millions in sales taxes, all of which goes into the general fund out of which salaries of the pro-diversionists are paid.

This may be "begging the question," but it is at least something to think about while driving along burning gasoline the tax on which started all the fuss.

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