

Golden Belt Cage Tourney Gets Underway Today

First Round Games This Afternoon And Tonight

Macon and Creedmoor Teams Meet This Afternoon; Middleburg, Roanoke Rapids and Dunn Teams In Action Tonight.

First round play in the second annual Golden Belt basketball tournament got underway this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Henderson high gymnasium with Macon and Creedmoor teams meeting.

Tonight's contest will pit Roanoke Rapids girls against Middleburg girls, and the Roanoke Rapids boys will meet Dunn boys at 8:30 p. m.

Play will continue through the week with the finals on Friday night.

The Creedmoor girls are champions of Granville county, and the boys of that town hold the county title. The Roanoke Rapids boys who meet Dunn are the defending champions of the tournament, having copied the title last year.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings there will be three contests on top, this being necessary to clear the decks for Friday night's action. There will be one girls' and two boys' tests each evening.

Interest is high in the forthcoming games, and good crowds are expected to turn out.

The Henderson teams do not swing into action until Wednesday, when the girls meet Scottsboro, Va., at 4 o'clock and the boys tangle at 8:30 that evening with the winner of the Creedmoor-Macon contest.

The tourney winners will receive gold basketballs, and the runners-up will receive silver ones, gifts of the Henderson Chamber of Commerce and the Henderson Tobacco Market.

15 Games On State's Card

Raleigh, March 3.—Fifteen games are on the busy basketball schedule of North Carolina State College, which will be submitted to the Athletic Council for approval, Business Manager John VonGlenn announced today.

Three of the contests are with strong eastern foes—Cornell University, University of Pittsburgh and Springfield College, while a fourth is with St. John's of Annapolis, Md. Each will be played here. The other eleven games are with Southern conference foes.

As usual State and Wake Forest will meet in the annual Easter Monday intercollegiate classic on Freshman field here.

Two other games are scheduled with Wake Forest, but North Carolina, Duke and Davidson will be met only twice on a home-and-home basis. Other conference foes to be played are William and Mary and Washington and Lee.

Eleven of the 15 encounters are to be played in Raleigh, the Wolfpack traveling only to Davidson, Durham, Wake Forest and Chapel Hill all in North Carolina.

The team will be coached again this year by Williams (Doc) Newton, former International Leaguer who turned out the World's championship American Legion junior team at Gastonia in 1935. This is Coach Newton's second year with the baseballers. He has been coaching State football teams for four years.

The schedule:

March 19, Springfield here.
March 31, Cornell here.
April 4, William and Mary here.
April 5, Washington and Lee here.
April 8, Pittsburgh here.
April 14, (Easter Monday) Wake Forest here.
April 15, St. John's here.
April 16, Duke University, Durham.
April 22, North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
April 24, Davidson here.
May 3, Wake Forest, Wake Forest.
May 6, North Carolina here.
May 10, Wake Forest here.
May 15, Davidson, Davidson.

Citadel Wins Ring Laurels

Columbia, S. C., March 3.—(AP)—The Citadel won the Southern Conference boxing tournament Saturday night when Louis Lempesis, its classy 145-pound fighter, pounded out a decision over Hotsy Alperstein of Maryland.

Lempesis entered the ring with his team counting 15 points and needing only one final victory to put the championship on ice.

Lempesis started slowly and Alperstein gave him trouble at first but the Cadet, who was defending division title, tore into the Marylander in the final round with his fists flying wickedly. Alperstein couldn't stand up under the pounding and was on the canvas at the gong.

Team scores were: The Citadel 17, North Carolina 13, Virginia Tech 11, South Carolina 10, Maryland 8 and Clemson 5.

Duke Cagers Win Crown

Duke University, who about two weeks before the Southern Conference tournament had fans wondering if the Blue Devils would land a spot in the annual event, defeated South Carolina 53 to 30 in the finals Saturday night, and took the title.

The Blue Devils turned on the pressure in the second half, after leading at the end of the first half, 15 to 14.

Chuck Hollis was the leading point getter of the Dukes, with sixteen with Hap Spencer second with nine. Cy Valasek was third, with eight. Preston W. and the singing forward of South Carolina, tallied 19 points for his team.

Duke whipped North Carolina, 38-37 in the quarter-finals, topped William and Mary 37 to 43 in the semi-finals, and then routed the Gamecocks in that all important game in the title.

STATE'S TRACK CARD HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Raleigh, March 3.—Five dual meets and two championship tournaments are on the state track schedule which will be submitted to North Carolina State's athletic council, according to Coach Herman Hickman.

New foe is University of South Carolina, while the program calls for renewals of old rivals with Catawba College of the North State conference and Virginia Tech, University of Richmond and Davidson, like South Carolina members of the Southern conference.

The Carolina A. A. C. and Southern conference meets also are on the schedule.

BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM PLANNED AT FORT JACKSON

Fort Jackson, S. C., March 3.—Now that the \$17,000,000 construction program here has entered its final phase, plans are being completed to make this post one of the most attractive in the army.

The construction quartermaster, Captain Alvin R. Moore, recently announced that Hugh H. Green, Greensboro, N. C., well-known landscape expert has been retained to beautify Fort Jackson.

Harris has surveyed the post and announced that plans are being drawn up to put out decorative native plants and shrubbery. The guiding principle of the plans is to take full advantage of the natural beauty of Fort Jackson where 32,000 troops from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri and New Jersey are in training.

Harris' schedule calls first for the beautification of the post headquarters grounds and then those of the 8th and 39th Division headquarters. Next will come the beautification of regimental areas.

Before any regimental area is landscaped, the commander of that regiment will be called into conference with Harris to determine what methods and plans of landscaping will best please the soldiers living in the area.

Pine Pruning Recommended

College Station, Raleigh, March 3.—A new idea in forest management—that of "pruning pines"—is being tried out by farmers this year, R. W. Graeber, extension forester of N. C. State College, reported today. It is being done to grow clear lumber, Graeber explained.

The forester is suggesting that farmers prune selected pines in open stands where limbs are not shedding naturally. "It is desirable," he said, "to prune pines where the diameter of the tree at breast height is less than six inches. Size from three to six inches are best to prune."

Graeber stated that pruning will confine future knots to the center of the tree, and will make possible a higher grade of lumber when the tree is cut and saved. The Extension foresters have given a number of demonstrations, and two farmers have ordered special pruning equipment.



Hedy Lamarr in "Come Live With Me" at the Embassy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

AMUSING INCIDENTS ARE REPORTED FROM ARMY OF SELECTEES

Fort Jackson, S. C., March 3.—With 30,000 selective service men in training here a bumper crop of amusing incidents are being reported.

For example there is the selectee from Tennessee who on seeing the Army flag-lowering formation for the first time ask what it was all about. "That's retreat," his sergeant explained.

"Retreat," exclaimed the new man in surprise. "I thought this was the one army in the world that didn't."

Then there is the selective service man who was told by a captain to run an errand.

"I'd be glad to, captain," said the selectee. "But I'd better get permission from my sergeant first."

But the favorite selectee story here is the one about a new man who had just received his first lecture in military courtesy. It seems he was walking back to his quarters when he saw two officers approaching. The selectee hesitated, thought a minute, and then when the two officers arrived within the prescribed distance, the selectee saluted with both hands.

BILL MAY RE-CREATE REAL ESTATE BOARD

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY LYNN NISBET.

Raleigh, March 3.—The 1941 legislative session is to be rather commission-minded as contrasted with the 1939 session which seemed determined to get rid of most of them. Governor Brantley has indicated at any time that he is opposed to a new commission which would give the department additional appointive offices, although he has not gone to that point in the legislative proposals. All signs are pointing to saying that the proposal to reconstitute the Real Estate Board, rescinded out by the supreme court, may find favor.

The high court ruled out the old board on the ground that it was not actually state-wide in scope, about half the counties having been exempted from its jurisdiction. Representative Moore of Guilford has a bill pending in the house that would set up another board with virtually the same duties as the former group had. It will mean some more executive appointments and one or two well paid private jobs. The temper of this assembly is such that the bill has a chance.

Stocks Travel Lower Trail

New York, March 3.—(AP)—A little more nervousness over international affairs prevented the principal blame for a downward slant in the stock market.

Steels and rails were among the first to back away after an early effort to bolster the list met with opposition.

Quotations at 2 p. m.:

American Radiator	6
American Telephone	100 1/2
American Tobacco	69 1/8
Atlantic Refining	21 1/8
Pendix Aviation	24 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	77
Chrysler	65 1/4
Columbia Gas & Elec Co.	4
Commercial Solvents	9 1/2
Consolidated Oil Co.	5 3/8
Curtis Wright	8
DuPont	144 1/4
General Electric	32 3/8
General Motors	42 5/8
Liggett & Myers B.	90 1/2
Montgomery Ward & Co.	36 1/4
Reynolds Tobacco B.	32 1/4
Southern Railway	11 3/4
Standard Oil Co. N. J.	25 3/4
U. S. Steel	57 1/8

Cotton Prices Are Lower

New York, March 3.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 2 to 3 lower.

Mid-month values were 1 higher to 1 lower, March 10-12, July 10-12, October 9-12.

Around noon the list was 1 to 3 points lower, March 19-41, May 19-38, October 9-14.

NOAH NUMSKULL

IT MUST BE OLD AGE, CREEPIN' UP ON ME!!

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DEAR NOAH—CAN YOU GET WELL SEASONED UNDER A PEPPER TREE? SUE SANDALL LA MESA, CALIF.

DEAR NOAH—IS A PIECE OF BEEF STEAK LIKE A LOCOMOTIVE, IT'S NO GOOD WITHOUT ITS TENDER? H. W. BROOKS MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

DEAR NOAH—IS A RECORD LIKE A STORY BECAUSE IT HAS TWO SIDES TO IT? DONALD WISEMAN SUDBURY, CHIC.

554 Drivers Lose Licenses

Raleigh, March 3.—A total of 554 drivers were removed from North Carolina highways during the month of February, 456 of them through revocation of their drivers' licenses and 98 through suspension of their licenses, the Highway Safety Division reported today.

The 456 revocations included 369 for driving drunk, 31 for drunken driving in combination with other violations, five for manslaughter, three for driving after revoked, and three for hit-and-run driving. Twenty-five drivers had their North Carolina licenses revoked for driving drunk in other states. Forty-six of the 456 persons whose licenses were revoked last month were repeat offenders.

Guilford led the state with 31 revocations, followed by Cumberland's 27, Moore's 23, Rowan's 19, Forsyth's 17, Mecklenburg's 16, Johnston's 15, and Robeson's 13.

The 456 February revocations brought to 32,803 the grand total since 1935.

The 98 suspensions last month included 71 for transportation of illegal liquor, and 14 pending the outcome of appeals from convictions for drunken driving. They made a total of 7,721 suspensions since 1935.

BULLETIN AVAILABLE ON LETTUCE GROWING

College Station, Raleigh, March 3.—In the search of North Carolina farmers for new resources of agricultural income, Robert Schmidt, associate horticulturist at N. C. State College, suggests that there is a great opportunity for developing a good home market for lettuce in this area. To aid in this development he has written a publication entitled "Lettuce Growing in North Carolina."

Copies of this booklet may be obtained free, postpaid, by writing the Agricultural Editor at N. C. State College for Extension Circular No. 248.

UNIVERSITY MEN TO DEFENSE WORK

Chapel Hill, March 3.—Prof. Harold D. Meyer, chairman of the University of North Carolina Sociology Department, has just been appointed by J. W. Studebaker, director of the United States, consultant on recreation to cooperate with the National Defense Commission, it was announced here today.

The office of education is working with the Defense Commission and other government agencies training personnel for defense programs in the fields of engineering, mechanics, nursing and recreation.

The best philosopher is the one who thinks most simply.

Jesse Jones Gets Rebuke

Cabinet Member Censured by President for Statement Concerning War.

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist.

Washington, March 3.—Jesse Jones, commerce secretary (also federal loan administrator and export-import bank director) is the hardest hit official in Washington just now to extract an interview from.



Jesse Jones

DEFENSE CLINIC AT CHARLOTTE

Washington, March 3.—(AP)—Jesse Jones' popular verdict is that, while maybe he didn't refer to his commerce secretary especially, he certainly must have intended to include him.

Plenty of isolationist representatives and senators made remarks substantially the same as Jesse's in the course of congressional debate relative to the lease-lend plan. They undoubtedly were prepared to be presidentially characterized as mere "meaningless" moutherers.

It struck listeners-in, however, as rather different thing to have the chief executive so designate one of his own cabinet members.

As applied to the isolationist lawmakers, it was an observation which the capital was inclined to interpret as simply an answer to their anti-administrative utterances.

Rebuke From the Boss?

In Jesse's case it sounded to most hearers like a rebuke from the boss to an indiscreet subordinate—and a dam scorching one.

Jesse evidently knew he'd committed something awful the minute he'd said what he did to the banking committee, for he hastily told the committee's stenographer to omit it from his notes, so it didn't go into the official record.

Seemingly, it didn't occur to him, though, to warn newspaper reporters at the hearing not to quote him. Or, perhaps, as a newspaper publisher himself, he realized that he'd

Truck Crop News Service Inaugurated

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY LYNN NISBET.

Raleigh, March 3.—A truck crop news service, based on current information "helpful" to growers in marketing their crops, will be furnished free to farmers by the State Department of Agriculture, beginning sometime during this month and continuing throughout the growing season.

This truck crop news bulletin will be supplied to any farmer upon request, according to Russell Handy, junior statistician of the department. The information will be furnished by the State-Federal crop reporting service and will be released twice each month.

Among the things embraced in the service will be authoritative information on: time and progress of planting operations; significant shifts in acreage and introduction of new varieties; progress of crops, including weather, insect and disease damage; probable rate of shipments to central markets; harvesting dates and the relation to their areas offering the same crop for market; volume of shipments and probable closing dates of markets, etc.

Conditional status of North Carolina crops with similar crops in other states will also be a feature.

This new service will be supplemental to the existing crop reporting service maintained by the department. It was initiated last year on a smaller scale and met instant favor. The wider use made of it will be to the advantage of all interests involved in vegetable and truck production and marketing, and the department will be glad to add to its mailing list any grower, carrier or dealer who desires the bulletin.

First Lady's View

Washington, March 3.—(AP)—Mrs. Roosevelt's opinion of a talk Mrs. F. D. R. made a few days ago before Hunter College's alumnae, faculty and students.

The first lady's address hasn't been published—not in the capital's press, at any rate.

First Lady's View.

However, it has appeared in print that, answering questions from her coterie audience, she stated that, while opposing war, there are "some things worth dying for."

That, of course, wasn't the same thing as saying that "we're nearly in the war," as Jesse Jones put it.

Still, query the correspondents, didn't it verge on it?

Nobody has had the nerve to put this question up to the White House directly; it would be pretty sassy; but there's a lot of wondering about it.

What Mrs. Roosevelt said appeared in the same issues of the same newspapers as the story of President Roosevelt's job at "meaningless" moutherings. It's natural that there's considerable paralleling of the two yarns.

Mrs. Roosevelt said she was opposed to war. Well, Jesse Jones didn't say he was in favor of it. All he said was that "we're nearly in it." Neither did he say that there are "some things worth dying for." That was stronger than anything he said.

But Jesse got spanked. There's no news that Mrs. F. D. R. was even reprimanded.

STATE D. A. R. MEET TUESDAY AT WILSON

Wilson, March 3.—(AP)—The 41st annual convention of the North Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution will open at the First Methodist church here Tuesday afternoon. Sessions will last through Thursday.

SCHOLARSHIP

Chapel Hill, March 3.—A second Herbert Worth Jackson scholarship valued at \$2000 and covering a four-year tenure—will be awarded this spring by the University of North Carolina to a member of next fall's freshman class at Chapel Hill.

The new scholarship becomes available through the gift of endowment funds by Herbert W. Jackson, Jr., of Richmond, Va., in whose father's memory the first Jackson scholarship was established and awarded in the spring of 1938.

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CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

"I'M GLAD you got down this morning," Eve told Joel. "I want to get up to the schoolhouse. One of the mountain men is going to repair the roof, and I ought to be up there to see that he does it properly."

"I tell you what let's do," Joel suggested. "Let's drive up in my car, and then stop for yours afterwards."

"Are you sure you can spare the time?" said Eve.

"Time is plentiful with me nowadays," Joel laughed. "Besides, I'm supposed to be on my vacation."

"I think it would be fun," Eve said. "But we can't get back in time for lunch."

"Then we'll have lunch at my place—if you'll put up with scrambled egg lunches two days in succession."

"No, I have a better idea!" Eve said. She turned to her mother. "Darling, now about fixing up a picnic snack? We can eat it while I sit and watch the man mend the roof."

"Of course I can fix up something," said Mrs. Allgood. She went bustling off toward the house, calling back: "I've some ham for sandwiches, and it won't take any time at all to hard-boil some eggs."

"Put in some of those dill pickles, too," Eve said. "Most men like pickles."

"I'll do that," Mrs. Allgood said. "And some of my watermelon rind preserves."

"Thanks, darling," Eve said. "That'll be grand."

Joel watched her. What a vital person she was he thought. So eager, so full of interest. She was one of those rare people who are able to make a picnic lunch sound like the most thrilling and exciting thing in all the world.

"You do like pickles, don't you, Joel?" Eve asked.

"Dote on 'em," said Joel.

"You sit here and have a smoke," Eve said, "while I go get into something besides these slacks." She laughed softly. "The mountain women disapprove of women wearing pants. I won't be gone long."

Less than half an hour later they were on their way to the schoolhouse. The lunch Mrs. Allgood had prepared for them was neatly packed in the basket, and the basket carefully tucked down between them to keep it from bouncing about too much.

"It certainly seems to me to be a awfully out-of-the-way place for a schoolhouse," Joel remarked, as he reached his car along an extremely narrow road—one that was nothing more nor less than a shelf cut into a mountainside.

"How do your pupils ever find it?"

"They find it all right," Eve replied. "They like to come, too. They come up trails and down trails—and mountaineers have lived so long in isolated places they know trails and short cuts you and I would never even suspect existed."

"How did you ever come to know about the teaching job?"

"Oh, a state organization of women was responsible. They knew my dad, and how interested he was in having everyone in the state educated." She shrugged. "So it was handed me on a silver platter, so to speak."

"I suppose the mountaineers built the schoolhouse themselves," said Joel.

"Yes, they did. . . . They loved doing it, and it's one of them who is going to make repairs today."

Eve watched the expert manner in which Joel managed the car, and liked the strong, slender brownness of his hands. She also liked the dark good looks that were Joel's—a darkness that contrasted so strikingly with his cousin's blondness. Not good looking in the same way Bill Latham was, she thought. And maybe not at all good looking in the opinion of others. But she liked Joel's looks. Strong, virile—thoroughly masculine. Bill Latham wants to see the school also. I told him he might describe it in one of his stories, and give us some free publicity."

"Did he like the idea?" Joel asked.

"Yes, he seemed to. . . . After all, his books and stories are read by a lot of people, and reference to the Sunset school might arouse some interest. People might even send in some contributions. We could certainly use them—as you couldn't!"

"Maybe I can help also," said Joel.

"That would be sweet of you," Eve said. "But how do you mean?"

"I mean financially. Down in the Rancall mills we have a fund—a little cash we keep in reserve to give to worthy causes."

"You mean you really think my school is a worthy cause?"

"So far it sounds like one," said Joel. "Certainly a cause that interests you so sincerely MUST be a good one."

"Thank you, Joel. That's an awfully nice thing to say." Eve leaned back, went on talking about the school. "And I do so want a piano," she said. "I'm terribly interested in trying to catch some of the mountain tunes, set them to music—I mean, write them down. And they are so darned elusive."

"You play?"

"I used to. But that was when a piano was just another piece of furniture, and not a luxury."

"I think you might be able to get a piano all right," said Joel. "Anyway, I'm going to keep your school in mind. . . ." He slowed down a bit. "Which way from here?"

"Turn down there where the brook crosses the road," Eve directed. "The road we take is little more than a trail, but wide enough for a car. . . . Anyway, I've driven mine along it."

"Without landing in a garden?"

"Yes," said Eve. "I do hope your garden wasn't damaged beyond repair."

"It'll be all right after a bit of hoeing and spading," said Joel. "I got your car out of the collars early this morning, and left Bill directions for shining it up."

"I can't seem to picture Bill Latham shining a car!"

"No?" said Joel. "But you can picture me doing it, can't you?"

"As a matter of fact, Joel, I can," said Eve. "You're the sort of person who's delightfully capable. I mean, I think of you as the sort of person who takes hold—goes after things, gets them done right on the dot."

"And Bill?"

"He gets them done also," said Eve. "But I think he considers a lot of the things he does inconsequential, and that his thoughts are always wandering off to what he wants to do."

Joel laughed. "Yes," he said, "and I rather imagine Bill's thoughts are wandering as he shines your car—wandering down to Hickory Gap. He would probably jump into the car and drive down there if he weren't afraid he might miss us."

Eve leaned forward in order to peer through the overhanging trees.

"The clearing is just around the bend," she said. "We'll be there in no time now."

And then they reached the schoolhouse.

(To Be Continued)