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SOUTHERN PINES BASKETBALL

Blue Knights Beat Highfalls, Robbins; Girls Drop Contests With Both Teams

By RONALD MCCRIMMON

The Southern Pines girls' team was defeated by an overpowering Highfalls team 75-48 Friday night. Highfalls had the advantage in height and playing on their home court, taking the lead early in the first quarter and keeping it throughout the entire game, although the Southern Pines girls tried to overcome the lead with a good team effort.

Mary Chappell was high scorer for Southern Pines with 17 points. Others playing were Joan Grover 13, Peggy Worth 9, Susan Huntley 9, Julia McMillan and Brenda Watkins. The guards were Clara Harper, Janie Gehweiler, Delinda Michaels and Nancy Rowe.

The Southern Pines boys took home an easy 77-52 victory over the Highfalls boys. The height and speed of the Southern Pines team easily overpowered their opponents. The boys played their best game of the season and showed their true ability.

Mashburn and Shields led the Highfalls team with 21 points each. Maness 4, Green 4 and Cavness 2 were other scorers.

Tuesday night Southern Pines was host to Robbins. The local girls lost their third straight game, 64-47. Once again they were matched with a strong team and were unable to keep up with the Robbins girls.

Peggy Worth was high scorer for Southern Pines with 24 points. Others playing were Susan Huntley 14, Joan Grover 7, Janie Gehweiler 2, and Mary Chappell. The guards were Clara Harper, Janie Gehweiler, and Delinda Michaels, and Nancy Rowe.

Baxter was high scorer of the game with 26 points for Robbins. Kennedy had 4, Williams 23, Garner 11, Maness 1 and Johnson 1.

Reports on games of Friday and Tuesday nights are in another story in today's Pilot.

The guards were Brady, Key, and Northcitt. The Southern Pines boys again came out the victors with a 52-49 win over Robbins. The boys led throughout the entire game, but in the last quarter Robbins pulled within two points of the locals but were held off.

Harold Williford was high scorer of the game with 20 points. Dick Seymour had 6, Eddie McKenzie 16, Wally Wallace 2, Johnny Bristow 8, and Robert McCrimmon 1.

The Robbins team was led by Monroe with 16 points with Freeman 4, Corbin 15, Steed 6, Kennedy 8, and Buff 2.

The Southern Pines JV's lost their first game of the season to Carthage. The boys lost 36-33. Hal Hassenfelt scored 12, Lynn Daeke 8, Harry Webb 6, Harmon 2, and George Curry 5. The girls lost 13-12. The only scorers for the Southern Pines girls were Joyce Williford 4 and Carolyn Niles 8.

(Wednesday night games are reported in a separate story today.)

Decorations by Garden Club Seen In Town Library

Decorations placed in the town library by a committee of the Southern Pines Garden Club add a bright Christmas touch to the building, inside and out.

On the portico, flanked by the large front pillars, are two big red candle reproductions, standing about four feet high and surrounded by sprays of magnolia and pine. The front of the building is flooded at night.

Inside, the most noticeable item is a tree-shaped decoration on the chimney above the fireplace at the south end of the main library room. Against a background of thickly twined cedar, topped with a large gold star, clumps of gold-painted berries are placed. The decoration is effectively lighted by a spotlight on the floor, at one side, casting a shadow across the chimney wall.

Display Windows in Vacant Building Brighten Town

Ten staring, vacant store windows—all in one building on a main street—would be enough to discourage the business people of any community, especially with Christmas shoppers walking past them all day long.

Yet that's what the Southern Pines business section faced with the former Patch Department Store building, now owned by a new corporation that is attempting to find a tenant for the structure.

Most local business people have enough faith in the future of this community to think that the former Patch building will not be empty long—yet even some of the strongest rosters for Southern Pines were discouraged as they looked at the empty building.

The other window exhibits, starting on Broad St. and running around the corner, west on New Hampshire, are:

A warm and cozy living room corner arranged by Colonial Furniture Co., with modern chests, an old-fashioned rocker, an upholstered straight chair and carpeting on the floor.

An exhibit placed by the Southern National Bank of Lumberton, soon to open a branch here, showing little singing angels against a pointed bank of organ pipes which, in turn, has a background of snowy greenery in which little golden angel figures have been placed.

Going around the corner, the first window on New Hampshire was taken by Welch's Gift Shop. Displayed against a gold paper backdrop are many gift items. A long rope of Holly down one side of the window, at the front, adds another Christmas touch.

Next comes a large window taken jointly by the Allie McIntosh Antique Shop and Henry H. Turner, photographer and picture framer, whose shops adjoin also on S. W. Broad St. In the background are hung an oil portrait by Beth Turner, Mr. Turner's daughter, and an old print from Miss McIntosh's shop.

The Southern Pines Information Center window comes next, displaying many photos and post cards of scenes in this area, along with maps, brochures, information sheets and other material on Southern Pines, the Sandhills and the entire state.

A colorful, lively poster featuring this year's theme for the nation-wide sale of Christmas seals ("Protect the family circle") is featured in the window decorated by the Moore County Tuberculosis Association.

To set off a framed copy of their charter, the Southern Pines Board of Realtors has placed in its window sprays of red berries and a white merry-go-round contrivance in which white deer take the place of the usual horses on which children ride.

Tots' Toggery has the last window at the west end of the building. Prominent in the display of garments and play things for infants are two locally manufactured items—a baby bath and a high chair, both constructed of metal and plastic and made at the Trimble Products, Inc., plant here.

After seeing the exhibits, some folks have asked: why not do this with all vacant store windows in town, until the buildings have tenants? The suggestion has merit, for obvious reasons.

Especially at this Christmas season, the window decorations described have added warmth, brightness and even music to the downtown scene, a notable contrast to the darkened vacant spots that would otherwise have been there.

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Theatre-in-Pines Commended For Play But Lack of Support by Public Felt

Sidney Howard's mordant and whimsical comedy, "The Late Christopher Bean," ably produced by the Theatre-in-the-Pines at the Pinehurst Playhouse last week, should have had much bigger audiences than it did.

During the first two nights the audiences were scarcely three or four times larger than the cast of amateurs from Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Fort Bragg.

But those few had a fine time, showing their appreciation with applause amounting to an ovation.

Conflicts inevitable at this time of year could hardly be blamed for the scanty audiences. The play—leisurely paced, subtle in wit and message, dependent on characterization for its punch—is one of intellectual rather than mass appeal.

Yet the nine amateur players, directed by Richard Castle, handled it well and the characters stood forth distinctly—particularly the one who wasn't there, the artist Christopher Bean, whose posthumous fame caused all the ruckus.

Honors for most colorful characters, livening things up whenever they were onstage, go to Tom Connolly and Karl Stuart as the wily crooks determined to secure through any means the lost treasure trove; also to Douglas Kelly, who in his first appearance on any stage, as a distinguished art critic, gave perhaps the smoothest characterization of them all.

Karl Stuart's setting was superb. The production benefited in many ways from the help of a real "pro," Gene Lafferty, of the Pinehurst Playhouse, who just happened to be around at the time and lent a hand.

Theatre-in-the-Pines deserves commendation for its work, and more support than it received this time. It also needs a strong ticket-selling committee.

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