

Green Waves Take Two Over Oak City

Boys Surprise By Getting A Wider Lead Than Girls

Davis Top Scorer for Boys, Coltrain Leads Girls With 17 Points

Although the early part of both games was played on fairly even terms as the lead changed hands and ties developed often, the Williamston High School teams finished strong to take a double victory over Oak City High in the Williamston gym Tuesday night. The girls moved into the lead in the second quarter and remained ahead to win 26 to 15 while the boys did not move out front until after the half but won by a wider margin, 37 to 21.

In an extremely cold gym that made playing difficult for the two teams and watching painful for the fans, the Williamston girls got behind early in the game when Joyce Harrell dropped in a field goal after Alice Peaks had missed a free throw for Williamston, but Darnette Bailey tied the count on a field goal and both teams missed free throws. Williamston moved out front on a field goal and free throw by Edna Coltrain but Harrell tied it up at 5-all on a free throw and field goal before Coltrain put Williamston out front to stay with a field goal at the close of the quarter.

Briley got Oak City off to a good start with two free throws early in the boys game but foul shots by Watson McKeel and Raymond Davis knotted the count. The

Jamesville Stars Still Winning

Although they held Spit Martin to his lowest score of the season, the Plymouth Stars found that two others were hitting the hoops also and lost to Jamesville's All Stars 55 to 37 at Plymouth Monday night. It was the fifth in a row for Jamesville.

Tied with Spit Martin at 17 was E. L. Martin while Billy Brewer accounted for 15. Henderson Mizelle made 4 and Buddy Gardner and E. E. Brown 1 each. Vaughn was high man for the losers with 12 points. Alexander got 9 and Tugwell 7.

The game was played on pretty even terms during the first two quarters but after the intermission Jamesville pulled away and won by a good margin.

Green Wave moved out front by one point on a free throw by Dav- is but Briley hit from the floor to move his team ahead again and the lead changed hands several times before the end of the half, at which point the count was tied up at 10-all with both teams playing cautious ball. Williamston's lead moved out front to stay shortly after the second half opened on shots by McKeel, Davis and Reginald Coltrain while High and Briley hit the hoops to keep Oak City in contention.

The boys' teams showed lack of experience, Oak City having but two veterans on its squad while Williamston had one. It was the first game of the season for Williamston and Oak City has not played many. Briley was the offensive leader for Oak City with 12 points while Raymond Davis was top man for the winners with 15. Williamston's entire team played well on defense while for Oak City big McLawhorn was the defensive tower of strength and Briley handled the ball well. In the scoring behind Davis for Williamston were Reg Coltrain 7, John Rogers and Watson McKeel 5 each, Everett 4, and Edwards 1. Behind Briley for Oak City were

High with 5, McLawhorn 3 and Etheridge 1.

In the girls game more experience on both teams was apparent but the cold made it difficult for them to handle the ball. Williamston started a veteran team with the exception of one forward while Oak City had but one or two inexperienced player in the starting six.

Edna Coltrain led Williamston's girls with 17 points, the highest for any player in the doubleheader. Alice Peaks made 6 and Darnette Bailey 3. Joyce Harrell with 8 and M. Bland with 7 did all the scoring for the visitors. Hutchinson was outstanding as a guard for Oak City while Jean Bailey along with Priscilla Roberson and Verle Leggette did good work for the Green Wave on defense. Substitutes for Williamston included Rhoda Faye Peel and Louise Corey at forwards, Patricia Wynn at guard. For Oak City Bullock was the third starter at forward, Hopkins, Bunting and Hutchinson at guard with D. Bryant as a substitute. Others listed on the score included M. Hopkins.

By quarters the girls from Williamston got 7 in the first, 5 in the second, 11 in the third and 3 in the fourth. Oak City scored 5 in the first 0 in the second, 7 in the third and 3 in the fourth.

In the boys game Williamston score 6 in the first quarter, 4 in the second 12 in the third and 15 in the fourth while Oak City got 4 in the first 6 in the second, 8 in the third and 3 in the fourth.

Starting for Williamston were Harrell Everett and Reginald Coltrain at forward, Raymond Davis at center and Watson McKeel and John Rogers at guard. James Coltrain saw action early as a guard substitute while late in the game Gloyd Stewart, Billy Harris and Jack Edwards saw action for Williamston. Oak City started Hyman and Briley at forward, McLawhorn at center, High and Etheridge at guards. The visitors substituted frequently, Hopewell, Smith, Manning and Bland getting into action. Others listed on the roster included Edmondson, Hollis and Edwards.

With the score at 22-20 in favor of Williamston shortly after the third quarter opened the Green Wave boys made their move, Harrell Everett dropped in a basket. Coltrain followed with two in a row on close-in jump shots and then Rogers and McKeel hit from the forecourt for 10 points in a row and a moment later Rogers added another basket and Coltrain again connected for a field goal that put the game out of the reach of Oak City. Jack Edwards scored the final point of the game when he made good on one of two free throws.

This was the only game scheduled for Williamston prior to the Christmas holidays and it is not likely that any other county high school teams will play again before the first of the year. Farm Life comes to Williamston January 2 and then goes to Bear Grass on the 5th while Williamston is at Robersonville on the 5th.

Woodland Here For Cage Game

The Woodland All Stars are playing the Williamston Martins in the Williamston gym Wednesday (tonight) in a Goover Belt League game starting at 8:15.

Williamston has a record of two victories and two defeats this year. Woodland has lost a game to Conway but is understood to be undefeated this year otherwise. Bob Gantt, former Carolina star, and Paul Sharpe are teaming with the Woodland Parker boys to give the visitors a strong quint this season.

Bobby Taylor and Jerry Forehand are leading point makers for Williamston so far this season but capable help has been provided by Junie Peel, C. T. Roberson and Charles Siceloff with Rush Bandurant and Landy Griffin helping during the holidays. David Carson is also one of the steady performers and manager of the team.

Farm Life Ends Play 'til January

The basketball teams of Farm Life High School closed their 1950 play Monday night by splitting a doubleheader with Bath High of Beaufort County. The Farm Life boys won 49 to 31 but the girls dropped their game by one point, 49-48.

The game with Bath was the third of the fall for Farm Life's teams. The girls previously had lost to Robersonville, 36 to 21, and to Jamesville, 81 to 44. The boys were defeated by Robersonville, 36-29, and by Jamesville, 19-14.



Alexis Smith, frontier entertainer, is cornered by Howard Da Silva, center, and Jed Barney, two members of a train robbery gang, in this action scene from Universal-International's Technicolor "Wyoming Mail," co-starring Miss Smith and Stephen McNally. "Wyoming Mail" was adapted for the screen from the illustrious career of General George Armstrong, "The father of the United States Railway Mail Service." The film is showing at the Watts Theatre Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 27, 28, and 29.

CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

Raleigh, N. C., Dec.—Another year has passed and here it is Christmas again—the season of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

With things the way they are, it's a little hard to sit down and write about political double-dealing in Raleigh and North Carolina. Many folks will have an empty chair at the Christmas dinner table—either for a son killed in Korea or for one headed that way.

Five years ago we foolishly thought we had settled things for a while—for at least the usual 25 years between wars. It looked as though 39 months in the Marine Corps might have helped accomplish something. But right now it just looks like 39 wasted months. Unfortunately, there is no peace—and very little good will. Some folks talk about "when" or "if" we get into another war. They should tell that to the boys being shot at in Korea, nursing frozen feet and frostbitten fingers as they kill to keep from being killed. The fighting may be "contained" in Korea right now, but if this ain't war, then I don't figure very straight.

So, there is no peace. Good will? Look at folks snarling at each other in the Christmas shopping rush. The anti-Scott administration folks aren't exactly playing patty-cake—and the all-out supporters of the Governor do not exactly show brotherly love to their opponents. The Republicans think anything goes so long as it discredits the national administration and President Truman. The president writes nasty notes. The Russians—or at least their leaders—greedily eye world conquest, and freedom seems to dwindle in the world as we call each other names and bicker over matters that in the overall picture are so infinitely small as to be ridiculous.

Used to be that folks sat down at Thanksgiving Day and thanked God for their blessings. A month later they would sing carols, read again the wonderful story of the birth of our Lord, and rededicate themselves to making a better world at they celebrated his birthday—Christmas.

Now Thanksgiving seems to be mainly a football date and a signal for a high-pressure Christmas present sale campaign. The ads tell you that no child can be happy without a \$50 cowboy suit or a \$100 train set. They even changed the name of the day from "Christmas" to "Xmas", because it would take up less space in the advertisements. They should have changed it to "\$mas", it would have been more appropriate.

Before Christmas turned into a time of the gimmes, folks used to help their neighbors when they were in trouble. Now so-called social service agencies time their fund-raising campaigns to take advantage of the "Christmas spirit". Give us a donation they say, and free your conscience. You have to worry about the poor, the sick, the weary in mind and spirit. We'll do it for you, they say. Yes, for a cash donation you can save your conscience. When folks need help, instead of a heart-guided helping hand they can get—if they're lucky—a hand-out from a soulless agency expert with one eye on the budget. And, don't forget, you can subtract that donation from your income tax return.

Of course, we have all of the coming back after the holidays. Farm Life will travel to Williams- ton for a county game.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

With reports yet to come from two of the most dangerous weeks in the year for highway travel, the accident toll already stands at a shocking figure for 1950. The only consolation in the figures is the decreased number of deaths. It's been a long time when someone didn't lose his life on the highways in this county at Christmas time.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

50th Week				
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge	
1950	6	1	0	\$ 1,700
1949	2	0	0	450
Comparisons To Date				
1950	188	81	3	\$41,240
1949	135	60	7	29,675

government agencies that help us be impersonal about being our "brother's keeper." Just let the legislature—or congress—vote them a share of our tax money and they do the job. We don't have to worry ourselves with the insane, the tubercular patient, the jailbird. No, we just have to watch very carefully that they don't vote too big a slice of our tax money, because otherwise they might have to raise taxes—and that would be terrible, even though folks are starving or dying of some preventable illness.

Perhaps typical of the attitude of many of us is the story told the other day by Evangelist Billy Graham. According to him, a Los Angeles woman was downtown shopping and happened to walk by a store window which had on display the Christmas Scene of Christ's birth. "Can you imagine that," she exploded, "even the Church is trying to muscle in our Christmas."

Yes, things are in such shape that you wonder sometimes if even the Lord Jesus is getting a little discouraged with us, perhaps feeling that He wasted His time coming to earth some nineteen hundred and fifty years ago.

But, being at heart an optimist, it seems to me that we still can do something about the situation. First: We can remember "united we stand, divided we fall". Republicans, Democrats, Dixiecrats, conservatives, liberals, big business, labor, all can remember that we are Americans first and need desperately to work together to get our country ready to meet its worst threaten since its formation. Get the job done, then go back to our bickering among ourselves, if we must.

Second: We must convince the peoples of the world that we have no quarrel with them; that we respect the individual; that we want to live in peace; that we really have only "good will" for them. Of the two, the first job is the easier. We always have been able to put our efforts together and fight off outside threats, saving our family scraps until the common enemy has been defeated.

The second part is harder. People who have been trampled for generations, as they have in Europe and Asia, do not easily believe that you want to help rather than exploit them. But convince them we must, and after convincing them—if we can—we must help them to a better way of life. That's a continuing job, not just one of showing them the

way with a short-term loan. There's a best-selling Book that pretty well points the way—even though too many folks have forgotten it lately. It's the Bible. It tells us to love our neighbors. It tells us to treat other folks the same we'd like them to treat us. And it tells us to fight evil. The way is clear. It's up to us—and it's later, much later, than you think.

Meantime, things are about like you'd expect. The State Health Department is looking for a building site. They have the money and the building plans. And they have money on Caswell Square for the new building. But they don't want to put it there, because they think a new building would be right next to some of Raleigh's worst slums. Isn't that something? An agency that's designed to help the unhealthy, who, incidentally, usually are poor and usually live in slums, doesn't want to be close to them. In other words, the unhealthy are annoying to the very agency that's supposed to help them.

Can you think of a better location for a health building? Seems as though it should be close to the folks it's supposed to help. Perhaps that would give some of the healthy, well-paid, well-fed health

department executives a better picture of their job.

Or, perhaps it would be better for the legislature to take the money that is appropriated for the gleaming glass, metal and stone health building and use it to clean up those "offensive" slums.

Our North Carolina senators and representatives practically all have been singing the same song lately—"pull the boys out of Korea". Most Tar Heels I've talked to seem to feel that, now that we're in the fight we've got to keep going.

But the way things are going, our representatives and senators probably will get their wish. Except that instead of being "pulled out" our magnificent fighting men may get "chased" by the overwhelming Chinese Red hordes.

It's no tea party, and it's not a fight we can quit. It's a fight for our life or death, and we'd better quit trying to be nice. We'd better fight with everything we have, A-Bomb, H-Bomb, anything else on hand. You don't see Marquis of Queensbury rules when you're fighting for survival.

It's nigh on the time for the General Assembly to convene, and all of the activity shows it. Folks are scrambling around, cooking

up things they want to get across. Others are lining up opposition to things they think will come up.


For example, the North Carolina Merchants Association recently sent out a letter advising merchants that the State Administration would request the legislature to remove all exemptions to the sales tax. Same letter calls on merchants to work on their representatives if they are opposed to removal of exemptions. The automobile dealers also are getting set to wage quite a campaign against lifting the \$15 sales tax limit on a single item. They would be the hardest hit by such a move.

Many legislators are going on public record as being opposed to "any increase in either taxes or expenditures." They are being naive. It may be possible to keep from raising taxes. But expenditures either will have to go up—what with the rising cost of everything—or else services will have to be cut. Rising costs likely will bring more income from our same taxes so that the budget can be balanced, but anyone who doesn't think State government the next two years is just a little will be more expensive during the next two years is just a little on the silly side.

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