

# SPORTS

## Here and There



### W.C.T.C. Drops North State Championship In Last Game

#### Gudger And Olson Make All-Tourney Five

Coach Marion MacDonald's Western Carolina Teachers dropped a 53-51 thriller to the Elon Christians in the finals of the North State Conference tournament at High Point Wednesday, February 26, and thereby lost the conference championship.

With Clair Olson paving the way with 18 points, the Catamounts held the way until the last minutes when Jim Gudger and Howard Barnhorst fouled out. The Christians pulled up and tied the score twice before taking the lead in the closing seconds.

The Catamounts started out with a bang, rolling up a 17-3 advantage in the early minutes of the game. Burt Lane, WCTC set shot artist, dropped in two long shots and scored on the Catamounts wicked fast break while Olson's left hook and the combined efforts of the other Cats provided them with a 27-17 margin at halftime. But Elon clicked in the second half and eased up on the Cats until they won.

Western Carolina entered the tournament as an underdog but proved their ability to win by trouncing favored Catawba, 49-38, the first day. Gudger was the big gun with 18 points. Olson and Bob McGinn collected 11 and 10 respectively.

Top seeded Appalachian was surprised by last place Lenoir-Rhyne who edged out the Mountaineers, 44-43. Second seeded High Point bowed to Guilford and Elon knocked Atlantic Christian from the race.

In the semi-finals on Tuesday night the Catamounts fought their way to the finals by trampling Guilford 53-40. Gudger again was high man for the Cats with 15 points. Barnhorst hit 11 and McGinn collected 9. Elon came from behind to down Lenoir-Rhyne and win their way to the finals.

The Catamounts placed two men on the All-North State Conference team picked by the coaches of the conference teams. Jim Gudger was

### Catamounts Invited To National Tourney In Kansas City, Mo.

Because of their fine showing in the North State Conference tournament at High Point last week, the Catamounts of Western Carolina Teachers college were invited to enter the National Intercollegiate Basketball Association tournament in Kansas City, Missouri.

The tournament consists of 32 outstanding college teams in the United States. No universities are admitted. It is ranked as one of the major tournaments in America, the other two being the National Collegiate Athletic Association tourney and the Madison Square Garden Invitation Tournament.

Coach MacDonald was well pleased with his team's playing at High Point but made no comment on the Kansas City tournament.

Chosen at center along with Elon's Ronnie Cates, who led the North State scorers with 457 points. Gudger was second with 421. The other Catamount chosen was Clair Olson, captain of the Cats. Howard Barnhorst and Bob McGinn also received votes but not enough to place them on the team.

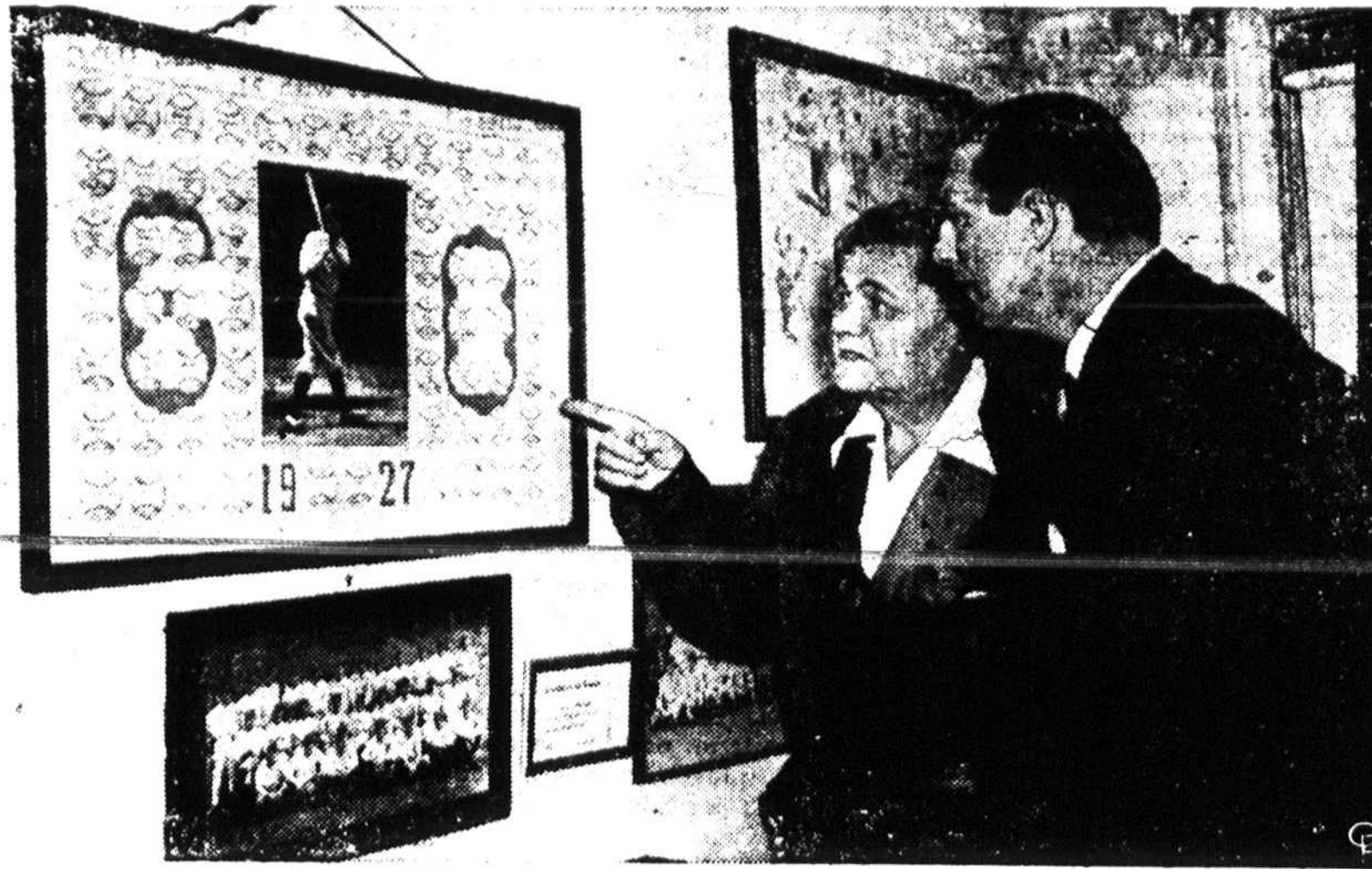
The line-ups for tournament:

First game:  
WCTC (49) CATAWBA (38)  
F—Olson (11) Feimster (10)—F  
C—McGinn (10) Van Hoy (6)—F  
C—Gudger (18) Hanley (5)—F  
C—Rhodes (4) Walsler (2)—F  
G—Barnhorst (2) Marklin (8)—C  
G—Lane Richardson (5)—G  
G—Tate (4) Speacht (2)—G

Free throws missed: Olson 2, McGinn, Gudger 4, Rhodes 2, Tate, Hanley, Marklin, Richardson 3, Speacht 3.

Second game (semi-finals):  
WCTC (53) GUILFORD (40)  
F—Olson (3) I. Leonard—F  
F—Claxton (4) Hall (6)—F  
F—McGinn (9) Chatham (8)—F  
F—Silcox (1) Hansard (1)—F  
C—Gudger (15) W. Leonard (9)—C  
C—Rhodes (7) Inman (4)—C

### STRIKES OUT ILLS RECALLING HOME RUN DAYS



THE GREATEST HOME RUN HITTER OF THEM ALL, Babe Ruth points to a photo, made at the conclusion of the 1927 baseball season—a year in which he made his all-time record of 60. He is showing the photo to Hank Greenberg, during the present-day slugger's visit to the Ruth home in New York, where the "King of Swat" is now convalescing from his recent serious neck operation. (International Exclusive)

### National President Of Woman's Society Will Be Radio Hour Speaker

Mrs. J. D. Bragg, National President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, St. Louis, Missouri, will be the speaker on The Methodist Hour, March 9th at 8:30 a. m. EST.

As president of the woman's work of the Methodist Church, Mrs. Bragg represents 1,317,732 women who are organized into 27,065 societies. These women during 1945 raised \$4,850,000 to support home and foreign missionary endeavors of their church. With home mission work in every part of the United States and missionary activity in every mission field allotted to The Methodist Church the women of this church carry on an active program of education and social service. An indication of the work they support is this: they support 535 foreign missionaries who are teachers, doctors, nurses, evangelists, Bible teachers and workers in these foreign fields.

Mrs. Bragg will speak on "O' Such is the Kingdom" on this radio network of 52 independent stations which extend from Baltimore Maryland to Carlsbad, New Mexico and from Miami, Florida to Kansas City, Missouri.

These programs are a part of the broadcasting program of the Southern Religious Radio Conference and originates in the studios of Religious Radio Center, Atlanta, Ga.

### North Carolina Polio Quota Oversubscribed

Dr. Ralph McDonald, state chairman, and Mrs. Phillips Russell, director of organization, of the North Carolina Polio Fund Drive announced this week that North Carolina had exceeded the quota set for the 1947 drive. The report was based on the 79 counties that had turned in their report. Twenty-one counties have not yet announced the amounts secured in the drive.

North Carolina's quota for this year was \$363,411 against \$350,000 for last year. Indications are that the total collected for last year will be equalled or exceeded in the fund drive for 1947.

### BETA NEWS

Friends of Mrs. Ben Ray will be glad to know that she has returned home following an operation in a Winston-Salem hospital.

Mrs. Billy Ray is home after recovering from an operation at the C. J. Harris hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frizzell spent the week-end with Mrs. Frizzell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berry Ensley.

Miss Willanell Melton is quite

G—Barnhorst (11) Rolls (3)—G  
G—Presley (3) Lawth'rne (5)—G  
G—Lane Byatt (2)—G  
G—Tate Scholldopt (2)—G

Free throws missed: Olson, Gudger, Rhodes 2, Lane, I. Leonard 2, Hansard 3, W. Leonard, Rolls, Lawthorne 2, Scholldopt.

Third game (finals):  
WCTC (51) ELON (53)  
F—Olson (18) Burns (8)—F  
F—McGinn (8) Pope—F  
C—Gudger (10) Drew (13)—F  
C—Rhodes Cates (15)—C  
G—Barnhorst (6) Andrews (4)—C  
G—Lane (9) Savini (1)—G  
G—Tate Claton (2)—G

Free throws missed: Olson 2, McGinn, Gudger 2, Rhodes, Barnhorst, Burns, Drew, Cates 2, An-

### Successful Loss of Vision



Daisy Smith, junior at Western Carolina Teachers College, is making an outstanding record in scholastic and extra curricula despite the handicap of total blindness. Her college life differs very little from that of her schoolmates with the exception that Daisy has one friend and companion that never deserts her—her Leader Dog, Ace, and another friend, Blythe Hampton, who is her reader.

Daisy has made high grades throughout her college work and takes an active part in the social and club activities of the school. She is a resident of Moore dormitory and, while pets are not an accepted thing in college dormitories, Ace goes right along to school and in the dormitory with his mistress. She met him in Rochester, N. Y. where she spent a six-weeks training period with him.

Daisy, a neat blonde, is a musician, an accomplished typist, can operate a stenotype, and has instructed in Braille, the written language of the blind. Her early education was received in Raleigh and at the completion of her work at WCTC she will enter the University of North Carolina, where she will do work preparatory to a career in social welfare.

Her buoyant personality and cheerful disposition are attested by her popularity among fellow students and teachers. It was an accident at the age of three that deprived her of her sight. One eye was injured and during the following years she gradually lost the vision of the other. But the loss of her vision gave Daisy a determination to excel in the life she has chosen for herself and this she has done quite successfully. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith of Sylva.

ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Ensley.

Mrs. Guy Ensley and son are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards of Asheville.

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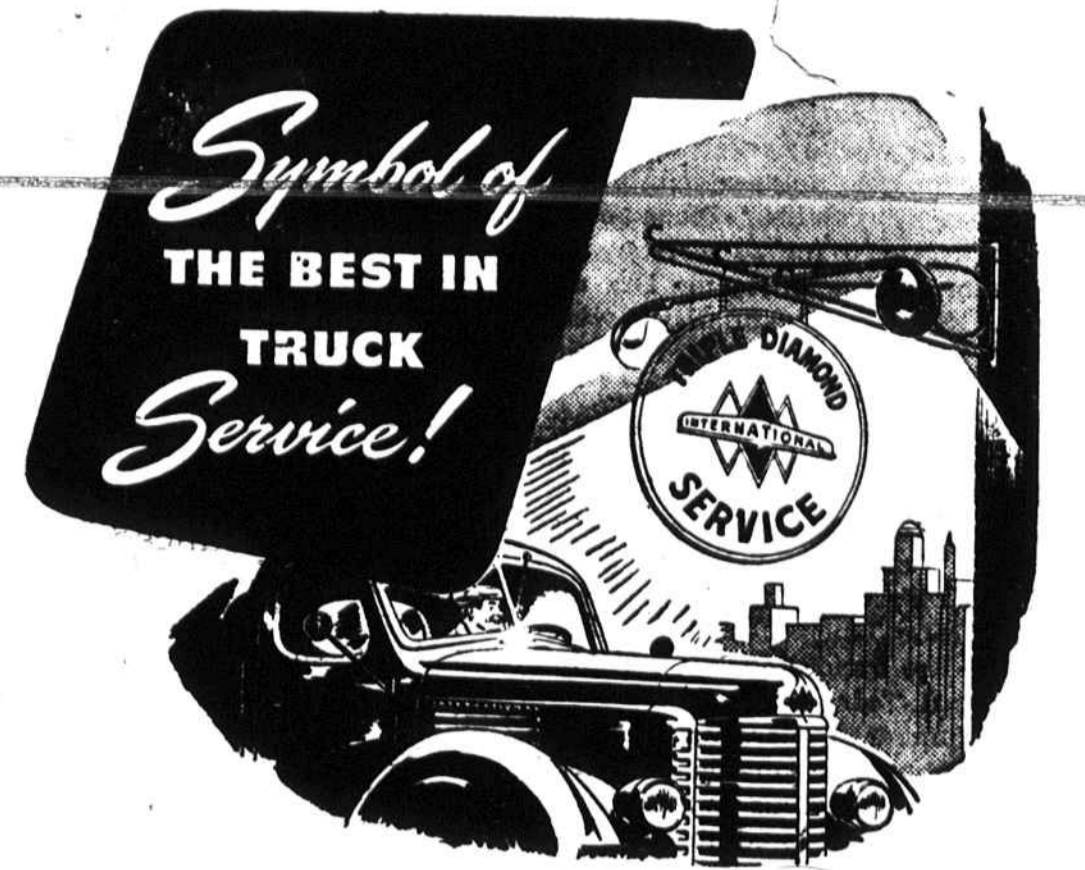


### Local Methodist Attend Greensboro Conference

Rev. and Mrs. W. Q. Grigg, Mrs. Harry Hastings, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Sylva Methodist church, Mrs. W. O. Soderquist of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Sylva, Mrs. Frank H. Brown, president of the Cullowhee group and Mrs. D. H. Dennis, wife of the pastor at Cherokee, left Tuesday for Greensboro to attend the annual

meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina conference.

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