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on
SPORTS
By
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Mountaineers And Clyde Divide Two

Bethel Trounces Fines Creek In Double Attraction

Basketball is hitting its stride all over the country as well as in this community, but football continues to break into the routine. Last week the football squad of the Waynesville high school presented Coach Weatherby with a coach's trophy. This is the first time that we can remember that such a procedure has taken place here, and it is a symbol of what the 1940 football squad thought of their coach.

The trophy was a mounted bronze affair that pictured a coach giving instructions to his team. It has been the custom for several years to give the coach a present of some description, but never a trophy of this nature. The trophy is highly prized by Coach Weatherby, and in return he made the statement that it has been a long time since he has had as pleasant a group of boys to work with.

We wonder what happened to the bowling league that was started here some time ago. It started off with a bang and ended as far as we can find out also with a bang. Bowling could be worked out to be one of the leading sports in this community. We still believe that if the clubs would get together and properly organize the league could be worked to perfection, but without organization there is little hope for it to last very long.

Bowling is coming to the front as a winter sport, more and more towns and cities are taking bowling serious, and if this community is to have a bowling league now is the time to start. Next year may be too late and there is no time like the present. Bowling is one of the best forms of recreation that any town can put before its people.

Bethel took a double header from Fines Creek last Tuesday night, January 14th, on the Bethel court. The Bethel girls won over the Fines Creek girls by a score of 36 to 20, a margin of 16 points. Long was the high scorer for Bethel with a total of 17 points to her credit. For Fines Creek Frances Rogers was high scorer with a total of 10 points. The Bethel boys won over the Fines Creek boys with a total of 30 to 17. M. Rogers was the high scorer for Bethel with a total of 10 points. For Fines Creek Kirk came through with a total of 11 points.

Score of the girls:
Fines Creek Bethel
F—D. Rogers (5) Long (7)
F—F. Rogers (10) M. Mease (6)
F—M. Parton (3) Wells (8)
G—McCrary (2) Powell (3)
G—Fish L. Mease (2)
G—L. C. Rogers F. Wells
Sub: Fines Creek, Sparks, E. Rogers; Bethel: Cogburn, Buckner, Cathey.

Line up for boys:
Fines Creek Bethel
F—Kirk (Capt. 11) Sales (2)
F—Messer Smathers
C—James R. Rogers, Capt (6)
G—McElroy (6) Long (2)
G—McElroy M. Rogers (10)
Sub: Fines Creek, Green, Teague, Bethel: Cathey (6) Hardin (4), Grant.

and there are enough clubs and civic organizations to have several teams each and make a large league. Think the matter over and then lets have action.

There is another sport that is open to some of the younger set and that is boxing. The Golden Glove Tournament will open soon in Asheville, and the chances are that there will not be an entry from this community. Some people do not approve of the fistie pastime, but taking it from all angles it is not as bad as it seems, and there are plenty of youngsters that can handle their "dukes" in this community. Canton has several fine boxers and many prospects coming on, why shouldn't Waynesville? Of course there is the question of a place to work-out and to practice. We believe this could be worked out if enough interest is shown in the sport.

The local basketballers have started off with vim and vigor this year, with the local lassies having won three games in a row and the boys just the opposite. It is believed that both teams will improve as the season progresses.

Local Girls Win; Clyde Boys Victors In Two Hard Fought Contests

The Waynesville Mountaineers divided two close cage games here last Friday night with Clyde; with the local girls taking their game 25 to 19, while the local boys went down in defeat to the tune of 17 to 15. These two games were the closest games played so far this season, and the fans were in an uproar the whole of the time.

The local lassies were in the trailing position until the last period when McElroy began finding the basket to sink 6 field goals or 12 points to cinch the game for the Mountaineers. McElroy led the girls in scoring, totaling 20 points to her credit. Donaldson, of Clyde, came in second place with 7 points.

The boy's game was filled with thrills from start to finish with the ead changing hands numerous times, but when the final whistle ended the game the visitors had a two point lead to win 17 to 15. Henry, of the locals, and Brown, of the visitors, tied for scoring honors with 6 points each.

The girl's lineup:
Pos—Waynesville (25) Clyde (19)
F—McElroy (20) Rogers
F—Goodson (5) Robinson (5)
F—R. Messer Donaldson (7)
G—Ledford Hall
G—Plott Jones
G—Trout Robinson
Subs—Waynesville, Sheehar, Messer, Bryson, Clyde: Henson (7)

Boy's lineup:
Pos—Waynesville (15) Clyde (17)
F—Yount (1) King
F—Crawford (2) Lowe (5)
C—Milner (4) Dotson (2)
G—Henry (6) Hill (3)
G—Inman Brown (6)
Subs—Waynesville: Ledford, Wyatt (2). Clyde: Sizemore.

Junius Allison Talks To Patrons Of Four Elementary Schools

Junius Allison, of Asheville and Swannanoa, was the guest speaker at the PTA meeting of Central Elementary school on Monday night, with the teachers and patrons from the Hazelwood, East Waynesville and Lake Junaluska schools as special guests.

Mr. Allison spoke on Federal Aid for Schools, and discussed the bill pending now in Congress. He compared the advantages of the pupils ready for college from schools now receiving aid to those who do not enjoy this privilege. He also pointed out how Federal aid would assist schools in carrying out the defense program.

He urged his audience to study the bill and ask their representatives to endorse it.

Election Bet!



Braving freezing weather, Michael Venezia, of Revere, Mass., pays off an election bet by plunging off the Charleston Bridge in Boston into the icy waters off the Charles River forty feet below.

FILLS SOX' NEEDS - - By Jack Sords



A LOT OF BOSTON'S ILLS IN RECENT YEARS WERE CHARGED AGAINST THE CATCHING DEPARTMENT

FRANK PYTLAK, BOSTON RED SOX, NEW CATCHER.

Mountaineers And Sylva Meet Friday

New Yale Coach



Emerson W. (Spike) Nelson, pictured in New Haven, Conn., recovering from an attack of grippe, is new head coach of Yale football, first non-Yale man to get the job. He is a former University of Iowa grid star and succeeds Raymond (Ducky) Fend.

The Waynesville Mountaineers will meet their first team outside of the county Friday night at 7:30 on the local court when they meet the strong Sylva cagers in a double attraction. The game is expected to be close with both teams rather evenly matched.

The Mountaineer lassies have yet to go down in defeat this season out of three games and they are determined to keep the slate clean against Sylva.

The local lads have not been so fortunate as the girls, but they are improving and before the season is over great things are expected.

Both teams are getting straightened out after the long vacation at Christmas time, with both Coach Weatherby and Coach Queen putting the team through their paces. The attendance at the games so far this season has not been up to expectations, but it is hoped it will pick up as the season progresses.

British Study U. S. Reclamation
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