

Teams To Meet Monday Form Softball League

Members of all teams de- in the Waynesville softball league are re- tending a meeting at 7 o'clock Monday night, March 29, at the Loan office of the Davis loop presi- dent, Mr. Davis. The meeting is of importance and it is vital that all members be present for this first meeting of the league organized this season. Mr. Davis is chairman of the league and is listing names of officers, listing them for a schedule to be decided on at the meeting. He hopes that the league will have enough members will join the league so that two divisions of teams can be fielded, as were last summer.

Five teams played in the "A" division in 1947, when the Tannery won the pennant, and four battled in the "B" division, in which the High School copped the championship.

In addition the team sponsored an All-Star nine which played in the Smoky Mountain Softball league, managed by J. C. Burrell, and carried off the circuit flag.

The W-H teams played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights; and the All-Star games were held on Wednesday night.

PEARHEADING With SPORTS

ALL PROSPECTS for Hazelwood may not be as bright as they once were, but Business Manager George Eusta is not too pessimistic. In addition to selecting a pitcher, which will be left up to the players, George Eusta is uncovering some pitching talent. One prospect he is watching is Andrew Dempsey, who moved here during the winter from South Carolina.

THIS TIME there doesn't seem much chance of winning the league pennant, and Hazelwood looks to have a job staying in the first division. Eusta and Enka are currently doped as the big boys, and a good turnout of players Hazelwood can't be expected. In losing Green River the Industrial league is missing the third ranking team of last season. Champion Y has dropped out, some of the players have expressed interest in playing with Hazelwood, but at the league meeting Tuesday it was decided that only residents of this twin community are to be on the team. Incidentally, Sylvia's Mead was asked to enter the league, but was turned down. It would guarantee that only 40 per cent of its players would be plant employees.

CHANGES have taken place at the high school. The football light poles which stand in the field have come down, as one of the signs of the war between the playing field and bus sheds, a field has been leveled, sowed in grass by the agronomy department and given a backdrop of shrubbery. This is a drill field for the band, also as a football practice field.

WORKING GRID workouts are coming along good, and the numbers mean anything. Waynesville should have a team next fall. There were five teams running the league the other day when we dropped by for a look they look pretty light, as far as weight is concerned between now and September a lot of them will be in.

BASEBALL PLAY opens next Friday and we look for the players to be a little better than last season by the time they have had some experience. Three of their opponents hail from the Blue Ridge Conference, Brevard, Asheville School, and the champions of last year, Canton. With Clyde Miller leading the way again, the Black Bears should again be in the circuit. No one could touch Miller's and his pitching last spring. Waynesville's hopes will rest on Ammons, and if given the proper support he should be able to come for himself.

DELIGHT to the 4-H Club junior cage tournament last week was the big pleasure Coach W. P. received when his North Canton boys laid low the Pennsylvania Avenue team in the finals. They had defeated North Canton four times during the season in the graded school league, and we are glad that Coach Barbee was the happiest man when his quint walked off with the 4-H trophy.

HOME TOWN



Industrial Loop Opens Season 17th

WTHS Girls, Fines Creek Boys Take 4-H Trophies

Win Over Bethel And Canton In Tournament

Waynesville Routs Three Opponents in Taking 4-H Club Championship

The Waynesville girls and Fines Creek boys outgunned all foes to capture the Senior 4-H club basketball championship for Haywood county.

Ten teams competed during two days of elimination at the Waynesville Armory, and the finalists moved into the WTHS gymnasium to stage a pair of fast-scoring battles for the 4-H trophies Wednesday afternoon. Waynesville's sextet passed the title test by downing Bethel 22-19, and Fines Creek's boys wound up with a 57-40 decision over Canton.

Doing it the hard way, the WTHS lassies laid low three opponents along the route. Crabtree was the team's first victim, falling 25-13 as Peggy Noland put 10 points through the basket. Nancy Medford was Miss Deadeye the next two games, hooping in 21 points for Waynesville's 34-32 thriller with Fines Creek, and scoring 12 in the finals with Bethel.

The Fines Creek quint, drawing a first round bye, met only two foes. But this gave Max Rogers, their flashy center, time enough to riddle the basket with 28 points as the team downed Crabtree 41-19, and another 25 in turning back Canton. Roy Noland rendered some valuable scoring assistance, firing 20 counters in the championship event, plus six against Crabtree.

This first of what may be an annual club tournament was reeled off under the general supervision of Joe Cline, assistant county agent.

Monday the Canton boys notched a 38-33 verdict over Bethel, and Crabtree's five eliminated Waynesville 36-18, with Beasley scoring 22 for the winners. Crabtree met its Waterloo the following afternoon against Fines Creek, and the victors went on to the finals. Canton's Coman and Wells made it close, but weren't able to match Rogers and Noland.

Bethel's girls pulled a close one from Canton, 25-24, as the tourney opened, and Waynesville started its victory march by beating Crabtree. In Tuesday's lead-swapping scrap with Fines Creek's girls, Medford duelled with Kirkpatrick (20 points) before Waynesville came out 2-points better. Gorrell led for Bethel, with 11 points, in the nip and tuck championship game.

Box Scores

GIRLS' DIVISION

Pos. Bethel (25) Canton (24)
 F. Blalock (14) Parham (11)
 F. Gorrell (3) Jord (6)
 F. Trull (4) McCreary (2)
 G. Harkins Robinson
 G. Rhinehart B. Tatham
 G. Ruby Trull (4) N. Tatham (5)
 Subs: Bethel — Stevenson, Z. Rhinehart, Donaldson, Poston; Canton — Carver, Anderson.

Pos. Wayville (25) Crabtree (13)
 F. Noland (10) Wells
 F. Medford (7) Nolan (6)
 F. J. Leopard (8) Chambers (7)
 G. Francis Bishop
 G. McClure James
 G. Fisher Massie
 Subs: Waynesville — Grasty; Crabtree — Caldwell.

Pos. Wayville (34) Fines Creek (32)
 F. Noland (4) Russell (2)
 F. Medford (21) Kirkpatrick (20)
 F. Leopard (8) McElroy (2)
 G. Francis (1) Jenkins
 G. McClure Trantham (4)
 G. Fisher Reitor
 Subs: Waynesville — Grasty; Fines Creek — Rathbone 4, Messer.

FINALS

Pos. Waynesville (22) Bethel (19)
 F. Noland (9) Blalock (7)
 F. Medford (12) Gorrell (11)
 F. Leopard (1) Ruth Trull (1)
 G. Francis Harkins
 G. McClure K. Rhinehart
 G. Fisher Ruby Trull
 Subs: Waynesville — Grasty; Bethel — Stevenson, Poston, Z. Rhinehart.

BOYS' DIVISION

Pos. Canton (38) Bethel (33)
 F. Coman (13) Wells (11)
 F. Wells (10) Stevenson (1)
 C. Mann (3) Trull (0)
 G. Moore (8) Henderson (6)
 G. Clansett (4) Henson (4)
 Subs: Canton — Henson; Bethel — Henderson 1, Gibson Buchanan.

TEAM MATES

AP Newfeatures
 These athletic couples have teamed up in life. Baba Didrikson, great woman athlete, is wed to former wrestler and now Denver fight promoter George Zaharias. Mrs. Kovacs, wife of the pro net star, Virginia Wolfenden, also a Virginia tennis player. Hank Greenberg, Pittsburgh hitting star, last year wed Carol Gimbel, horsewoman who has won many championships.



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High School Nine Getting Ready

Mountaineer Baseball Team Working To Prepare For Test Next Friday

With the schedule to open a week from today, Waynesville high's baseball hopefuls began practice sessions Monday afternoon under the tutelage of Coach C. E. Weatherby.

Several of the regulars on the 1947 team are back with the diamond squad, so there is more to

start with now than last spring, when baseball was put back on the varsity sport calendar after a wintertime absence.

Although Coach Weatherby is as offensive minded in baseball as football, believing that it takes a hard hitting crew to win in high school circuits, he is happy to have two of his best pitchers from last year back as well as his regular receiver, Sammy Wiggins. In right-hander Jack Ammons and southpaw Boyce Brock, the Mountaineer hurling department offers a pair of tossers who can control the apple, if lacking in the power that Leonard Messer was able to put behind it when switched in for relief duty during several of the '47 games.

Dick Powers and Ervin Shook, who played Industrial League as well as high school ball last year, make up two old hands for the infield, and the heavy-slugging Bob and Bill Owens are at their former stand in the outfield. Several others who fitted into the lineup last year are working out with the squad again, as are a number of first-time tryouts. All are getting the chance to show their stuff, and with the exception of pitchers and catchers, no position labels have yet been handed out.

All dates for games have not yet been decided on, but Coach Weatherby plans to have at least seven, meeting Franklin, Canton and Brevard twice, and Asheville School once. Games last year were played on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Overactivity of the thyroid gland is one of the causes of heart trouble.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
 Central Press Writer

IN SHANGHAI today an ordinary restaurant meal costs \$250,000 in Chinese money. And, of course, there's an additional 10 per cent of that as a tip to the waiter.

Scientists wonder if vegetable matter grows on Mars. If it turns out to be spinach Junior is going to lose his interest in astronomy.

Who said the "man with the hoe" could never be organized? In Cuba the gambling casino croUPIERS have formed a union.

General Dwight Eisenhower has had his picture taken wearing his new civilian hat. His

friends think he looks fine in it but it would look even finer to them in the presidential campaign ring.

If the government decides to mint that sought-for seven-and-a-half cent coin Central is going to find it tough to return change on a five-cent phone call.

A 60-year-old Jap advertised for a wife and received 2,100 applications. He shouldn't have been surprised — isn't this Leap Year?

One of the applicants was a wealthy woman of 55 with 500,000 yen. That last yen is, of course, a yen to get married.

Hazelwood Players Are Asked To Report Today

The Western North Carolina Industrial baseball league was organized with a "new look" Tuesday night, as two of the old member teams, Champion Y of Canton and Green River Mills of Tuxedo, withdrew and were replaced by Berkeley Mills of Balfour and Clearwater Bayon Finishing corporation of Old Fort.

In addition to the newcomers, teams which will open a 21 game season on April 17 are Hazelwood, last year's champion, Enka, Martel Mills, Sayles, Brevard, Eusta, and Beason. As in the past, games will be played on Saturday afternoon, with the season to end the last week in August.

George Bishoff, business manager of the Hazelwood club, asks that all candidates for the team to report to the high school field at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Practice will be held regularly, weather permitting, between now and the season opening.

A manager will be elected and player list prepared before the next league meeting, set for Wednesday, April 8, at the Asheville Army Store at 7:30 p.m.

Team representatives elected Bobby Higgs of Asheville, former player with the Tourists, to the presidency of the Industrial loop. He succeeds Jimmy Williamson of Canton, who was named honorary advisor as long as the league exists. The retiring president had served as league secretary for four years, and is now working on the 1948 schedule.

Wilson Ayers of Enka was re-elected secretary treasurer of the circuit.

Only three of the 1947 managers are back in business again, Mark Ferguson of the second-ranking Beason nine, Joe Alexander of Eusta, and Bob Crayton, Sayles. Newcomers include Sam Patton, Enka; B. J. Horne, Martel; Gene B. Helmeyer, Berkeley; and John Padgham, Old Fort.

The Champion Y team resigned due to discontinuance of their baseball program, and Green River gave their reason as inability to round up regular members of the 1947 approximation.

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