

Drive Started To Raise Funds For Legion Team

Committees From 3 Posts Approve Plans For Haywood Junior Baseball Club

Representatives of Haywood County's three American Legion posts launched a campaign last Wednesday morning to raise funds to finance a county Legion Junior baseball team this season.

The action was taken after the baseball committees of the Waynesville, Hazelwood and Canton posts approved plans at a joint meeting here Tuesday night to field a team of Haywood boys.

The committee members will submit detailed plans to their respective posts next week for final endorsement.

The joint approval followed a bleak report by Floyd (Flossie) Dewese of his experiences managing the Canton American Legion Juniors in 1946.

"I don't want to be a wet blanket," the Champion YMCA softball star and ex-pro baseball player told the Legionnaires during their meeting at the Haywood Post 47 club room here, "but I don't want to see anyone go into this thing with their eyes shut—the way I did."

After hearing him explain the problems and headaches incident to operating a Legion team, the committee members thought it over, decided their eyes were open, then worked on plans for raising the expense money.

On consulting with Champion YMCA Athletic Director Jack Justice, who started campaigning for a 1950 Legion baseball team early this winter, and with Dewese, they set \$1,500 as the absolute minimum fund it would take for the initial season.

The decision was made in spite of the fact that the previous Canton venture and the earlier Hazelwood venture in Legion Junior baseball had subsided after single seasons.

Committee members pointed out, however, that in each case a single town post had attempted the project alone.

They agreed that their current attempt would have a better than even chance of success if all three Legion posts cooperated in a county-wide project of this kind.

They also agreed that they would work to make a Haywood County Legion Baseball team a permanent institution, and planned to profit from the experiences of other Western North Carolina ventures in this respect.

Under the plans adopted Tuesday night also, the team will be chartered officially as the "Haywood County American Legion Junior Baseball Team".

The nucleus of the current team is the already experienced Champion YMCA Junior squad which won the Western North Carolina Junior championship last season. Everyone of these boys, many of whom have had two seasons of experience, is still eligible to play Legion baseball.

The rules say a boy can play provided his 17th birthday is no sooner than January 1 of the year his team will compete.

Though Coach Justice can under the rules draw his talent from any county in this section that (See Baseball—Page 8)

Fines Creek Girls Seeking Second Title



Fresh from their triumph in the Mars Hill High School Basketball Tournament, these Fines Creek girls got off to a good start in their quest for the Asheville Tournament of Champions crown by crushing Micaville in the opener of the event Tuesday night. During the regular season they lost only two, tied one, and won 14 games. The girls kneeling in front make up the varsity starting lineup. Left to right are Guards Frona Ledford, Cenie Ferguson and Christine Ledford; and Forwards—Edith Rathbone, Regina Ferguson, and Betty Jo Russell. Middle row, left to right: Lillie Mae Evans, Mary Dean Rogers, Betty Rathbone, Phyllis Russell, and Merrill Ferguson. Back row, left to right: Juanita Trantham, Roslyn Messer, Mable Rathbone, Joyce Clark, and the girls' head coach, Mrs. James Carpenter. (Photo by Ingram's Studio.)

Fox Hunters To Name 1950 Officers

The members of the Haywood and Jackson County Fox Hunters Association will discuss legislation necessary to protect foxes and will elect their officers for 1950 on Saturday.

The occasion is the Association's annual meeting, which will open at 2 p.m. in the little court room of the Haywood County Court House.

President Frank M. Davis of Iron Duff, who made this announcement today, declared that both the Association and the interest in it are growing.

Several modern cabins already have been erected by the sportsmen in Haywood, where they are trying in their activities with the recreation phase of the county's Community Development Program.

Most of the Association's 200 members are expected to attend. Besides Mr. Davis, Secretary-Treasurer Floyd Cook of Canton and Vice-President James Medford of Ratcliffe Cove also will be there.

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Thickety Cagers Win Three Out Of Four In Community Cage Circuit

Thickety's Community Development cagers won three out of four of the contests they played last week-end and early this week.

On Saturday night, the Thickety boys walloped Morning Star, 47-23. But the girls lost a close 25-20 decision to the Morning Star sextet.

On Monday night, both Thickety squads landed in the victory column with a double win over the South Clyde cagers.

The Thickety boys squeezed by the Clyde quint, 27-24, while the Thickety girls had a considerably easier time, winning by 43-11.

Miss Rhodarmar took the scoring laurels Saturday night, hitting the hoop for 18 points in leading the Morning Star cagers to their win, while Betty Ford and Margaret Trantham led the losers with seven each.

In the boys' game, Teams' 18 points for Thickety was the top individual mark of the game. Treway of Morning Star led the losers with eight.

In Monday night's contest, Miss Trantham scored 16 points and Jennie Mae Early added 14 to pace the winning Thickety sextet.

Miss Stamey led South Clyde with six points.

For the boys, it was Elkins who took scoring honors, contributing 14 points to the winners' total, while Green's nine points was best for South Clyde.

Thickety's boys and girls will meet Iron Duff's cagers Saturday night in a double-header set for the Clyde gym.

The first game is set for a 7 o'clock start.

Girls' lineup:
S. Clyde (11) Thickety (42)
F.—S. Stamey (6) B. Ford (7)
F.—E. Jackson M. Trantham (16)
F.—E. Osborne (3) J. Early (14)
G.—V. Allen F. Rogers (2)
G.—J. Scott L. Trantham
G.—L. Osborne L. Ford
Subs: Thickety: J. Trantham 2, Eller 2, Williamson, Tatham, Parham.

Boys' lineup:
S. Clyde (24) Thickety (27)
F.—Hardin (3) Elkins (14)
F.—Green (9) Rogers (4)
C.—N. Jackson (6) Sorrells (8)
G.—Allen Young
G.—D. Jackson (2) Early (3)
Subs: S. Clyde: Evans (4), Thickety: Ford.

Girls' lineup:
Morning Star (25) Thickety (20)
F.—Rhodarmar (18) Trantham (7)
F.—Parton (7) J. Early (6)
F.—Burnett B. Ford (7)
G.—Cathy L. Trantham
G.—Anderson L. Ford
G.—Chambers F. Rogers
Subs: M. Star: R. Parton, Rhinehart, Thickety: Tatham, Williamson, J. Trantham.

Boys' lineup:
Morning Star (23) Thickety (47)
F.—Henderson (6) Dodson (8)
F.—Hannah (6) Teams (18)
C.—Higgins (2) Rogers (7)
G.—Tredway (8) Elkins (8)
G.—Fowler Young
Subs: M. Star: J. Hannah, 1, Thickety: Barley 4, Sorrells 2, Fletcher, Ford, S. Parham.

Careful Trout, Careful Bass Wildlife Club Approves Plans For Fish Contest

The members of the rejuvenated Haywood County Wildlife Club last Monday night approved plans for a seasonal fishing contest at a meeting which drew 83 sportsmen to the little court-room of the Haywood County Court House here.

Before the session closed, the Club signed up 15 new members from the audience—more than half as many as the organization had on its rolls when it was reorganized last January.

The exact current membership could not be learned officially, but it has been growing steadily ever since the club launched its drive for 250 candidates.

The news of the proposed fishing contest, good as it was to the county's sportsmen, was not the only factor that accounted for this tremendous turnout.

Another feature that had something to do with it was Nash Motor Company's films showing how sportsmen hunt and fish in Alaska. Wilson Elliott of Waynesville was at the projector.

The fishing contest for bass will open April 1 and continue until September 1, simultaneous with the closing date of the trout season.

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The trout season will open April 15, though the trout season in the streams don't start until April 15, trout will count if the anglers catch them before then in lakes.

The game laws on trout concerning a season date violations apply only to fishing in running streams.

The trout season will open April 15. The sportsmen will compete for separate prizes in two divisions—trout and bass.

The catches will be officially recorded as the fishermen bring them in at any one of four checking stations. These will be at the Gulf Service Station, Firestone, and Parkman's Hardware, all on Main Street in Waynesville; and Charlie's place near the intersection of Main and the Asheville highway.

Each of these checking stations will carry a running account of the contest through posters displaying the results from day to day.

The bass will be judged by weight only and the trout by length.

But records will be kept on both weights and lengths of each type of fish, for use only in case ties occur among the contestants.

Then, if there is a tie in the trout competition, the fish weighing the most will win. In the case of bass, the length of the fish will decide the winner.

There's only one rule about bait, lure, or tackle: All fish must be caught with a hook and line.

The simple rules governing the contest also declare that only fish caught in Western North Carolina waters are eligible; and that fish

St. John's Edges Clyde Cagers, 30-25

St. John's High School's cagers of Waynesville edged Clyde, 30-25, in a close battle at the Waynesville Armory Tuesday afternoon.

The St. John's boys took the lead in the second period and held on the rest of the way.

After trailing, 17-10, at half time, the Clyde lads whittled the margin down to 24-21 in the final period.

But then the locals spurred ahead and sewed up the ball game. Clyde took the lead shortly after the game opened and kept it by a small margin until shortly before the first period ended when St. John's tied it up at 7-7.

Guard Gene Hall, with eight points, and Forward Hallett Ward, Jr., with seven and a fine floor game, led the winners.

The high-scoring honors for the contest went to McClure of Clyde who connected for 11 points.

The lineup:
Clyde (25) St. John's (30)
F.—Morgan (2) Ward (7)
F.—Stevenson (2) Eckstein (4)
C.—Henline (8) McCrary (5)
G.—Caldwell (2) F. Lane (6)
G.—McClure (11) Hall (8)
St. John's subs: T. Lane, Jeter.

Withdrawn

Panther Creek community won't compete in the Haywood County Community Development Program basketball tournament the week of March 20.

Assistant County Agent Turner Cathey today announced that Panther Creek athletic officials had said they would have to withdraw the entries of the community's girls' and boys' teams.

Originally, Panther Creek's cagers were scheduled to play White Oak in the opening round of the Fines Creek sectional playoffs the night of March 20.

Cathey said the Panther Creek withdrawal gives White Oak an automatic bye into the sectional quarter finals set for Wednesday night.

White Oak's girls and boys will meet the winners of the Fines Creek community-Upper Crabtree contests.

The withdrawal of the Panther Creek teams still leaves a large field of 38 outfits for the tournament.

must be entered at a checking station within three days after it is caught. Otherwise it won't count in the competition, even if it sets a new world record.

The contest is limited to members of the Wildlife Club.

Tournament Set For Clubs In County Cage Loop

The boys of the Haywood County Basketball League wind up their regular schedule this week but the tournament that draws the curtain on the independents' season is still ahead.

Play will open Tuesday night at the Champion YMCA gym, and the Canton VFW will meet Dayton in the curtain-raiser at 6:30 p.m.

Underwood's of Waynesville and the Clyde boys will take the floor at 7:30 in the second game.

After that, Buchanan's, current second-half season leader, will meet Candler at 8:30 p.m. in the nightcap.

Crabtree, the first-half leaders, went all the way into the semifinals on a bye.

They'll meet the winner of the Clyde-Underwood's contest, and the winner of the Buchanan's-Candler tussel will play the winner of the VFW-Dayton scrap in the Wednesday night semi-finals.

The championship match is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Enka Event To Open Monday

Waynesville's girls will open defense of their Enka Invitational basketball title Tuesday afternoon at the Enka gym.

The lady Mountaineers, who've so far successfully defended two of the three championships they won last year, will play their first-round game against the Flat Creek girls.

The contest is scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m., opening the second day of play.

The Waynesville girls and the Canton boys are seeded first in their respective divisions.

The Black Bears, winners of the Canton Gold Medal Tournament and runnersup for the Blue Ridge Conference crown, will play Crabtree at 4:30 p.m. Monday, the opening day of the Enka event.

The Waynesville boys will make their first bid for the Enka title Tuesday afternoon against Edneyville at 4:30 o'clock.

The strong Clyde girls and the Barnardville sextet will open the tournament in their contest at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

The powerful Mars Hill boys face Clyde's quintet in the second game.

After that, the Flat Rock Girls meet the Mars Hill sextet, Black Mountain and Blitmore tangle in another girls' game, the Candler boys play Valley Springs, and the Sand Hill girls meet Crabtree, and the Black Mountain boys play Grace, in that order.

The Black Mountain-Blitmore game will be the first of the Monday evening contests.

Other first-round games set for Tuesday after the Waynesville-Flat Creek tussle:

2:30 p.m.—West Buncombe boys vs Etowah; 3:30 p.m.—Edneyville girls vs Red Oak; 4:30—Waynesville boys vs Edneyville;

7 p.m.—Leicester girls vs Bethel; 8 p.m.—Sand Hill boys vs Barnardville; 9 p.m.—Candler girls vs Valley Springs; and 10 p.m.—Blitmore vs Weaverville.

White Oak Boys, Cruso Girls Win CDP Cage Tests

By MRS. GEORGE BORING (Mountaineer Correspondent)

Last Saturday night at Fines Creek gymnasium the White Oak Cagers downed the Cruso boys by a score of 32 to 27, in an exciting basketball game, Bob Williams, forward, scored tops for White Oak and Layman for Cruso.

The girls' game, however, had a different ending. The Cruso girls doubled the one of their opponents, White Oak, with a score of 42 to 21. The two piling up the most points were Layman for Cruso and F. Williams for White Oak.

The lineups:
GIRLS
White Oak (21) Cruso (42)
F.—F. Williams Rogers
F.—M. Gallyon Fullbright
F.—P. Davis Layman
G.—M. Fish Styles
G.—B. Lowe Burress
G.—E. Teague Norris
White Oak subs: K. Ledford, L. Ledford, Cruso subs: Trull, B. Rogers.

BOYS
White Oak (32) Cruso (27)
F.—B. Williams Fullbright
F.—R. Fisher Grogan
C.—J. Messer Layman
G.—S. Teague Crawford
G.—Y. Messer Frizzell
White Oak sub: J. Bramlett, Cruso sub: Burress.

Haywood Junior 4-H Cage Event To Open Monday

Haywood County's Junior 4-H Clubbers will start competing Monday afternoon in their 1950 basketball tournament.

The Waynesville Junior 4-H girls will meet the Canton Junior sextet at 2 P. M. to open the event which will be staged in the gym of the Champion YMCA.

The Fines Creek girls and the North Canton boys will be the defending champions.

But neither will have any resemblance to the 1949 teams that took the title.

Like the rest of the teams in the event, virtually every first stringer will be a newcomer, since the boys and girls who played the 1949 event have gone into their school's senior clubs.

The Junior Clubbers are made up of elementary grade students.

The boys' competition will open at 3 P. M. Monday in the contest between the Waynesville and Canton quintets.

The quarterfinals are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, with the semifinals set for Saturday night.

The championship contests will be reeled off on Monday afternoon, starting at 3 o'clock.

The pairings, announced by Assistant County Agent Joe Cline, county 4-H club work leader, are as follows:

MONDAY
2 P. M.—Waynesville vs Canton (girls)
3 P. M.—Waynesville vs Canton (boys)
4 P. M.—East Waynesville vs Morning Star (girls).
5 P. M.—East Waynesville vs Morning Star (boys)

TUESDAY
2 P. M. and 3 P. M.—Lake Junaluska vs Cruso, girls' game first, boys' next
4 P. M. and 5 P. M.—Patton vs Fines Creek (girls first)

WEDNESDAY
2 P. M. and 3 P. M.—Penn Ave. vs Clyde (girls first)
4 P. M. and 5 P. M.—Bethel vs North Canton (girls first)

THURSDAY
2 P. M. and 3 P. M.—Beaverdam vs Crabtree (girls first)
4 P. M.—Quarterfinals; winner Waynesville-Canton girls vs winner E. Waynesville-Morning Star.
5 P. M.—Quarterfinals—Boys' winners from same groups.

FRIDAY
2 P. M.—Quarterfinals—winner Junaluska-Cruso girls vs winner Patton-Fines Creek girls.
3 P. M.—winners boys' in same groups.
4 P. M.—winner Penn. Ave.—Clyde girls vs winner Bethel—N. Canton.
5 P. M.—boys' winners in same groups.

SATURDAY
Semifinals games at 2, 3, 4, and 5 P. M.
Monday, March 20—Finals, 2 P. M. and 3 P. M.

Stamey Cove Cagers To Meet Center Pigeon

By MRS. MARTIN ROGERS (Mountaineer Correspondent)

Stamey Cove's boys' and girls' basketball teams will meet the strong Center Pigeon community cagers in a doubleheader at the Champion YMCA in Canton on Monday night.

The first game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

The Stamey Cove athletes picked a couple of toughies to help them make their debut into the Community Development court campaign: both Center Pigeon teams are undefeated in 16 games.

The Center Pigeon boys, however, will have their hands full to keep their slate clean, if Stamey Cove's best talent can appear on the floor.

Four of the five starts, on the Fullam's quintet of the Western North Carolina Industrial League are substantial citizens of Stamey Cove. They include Center Bill Trull, one of Fullam's top scoring aces.

Saunook, West Pigeon Split CDP Double Header

By MRS. JEAN SPARKS (Mountaineer Correspondent)

The Saunook Community Development basketball teams broke even this week in a doubleheader with West Pigeon's cagers.

The Saunook boys, with Jimmy Hooper sinking 15 points for scoring honors, edged the West Pigeon quintet, 30-28, in a thriller, while the West Pigeon girls came through with a 33-25 victory over the Saunook team.

Miss Wyatt of the winners was the evening's high scorer with 26 points, while Miss McCracken was tops for the losers with 20.

We Weren't A Bit Surprised

Fines Creek Girls Advance In Asheville Tournament

The girls from Fines Creek High helped open Asheville's Tournament of Champions Tuesday night by clearing their first hurdle in the way of the title by an easy six feet.

With Edith Rathbone and Regina Ferguson connecting consistently, Margaret Green Carpenter's somewhat short girls smothered under a 42-13 score a Micaville sextet that never had a chance after the first two minutes of the game were gone.

Miss Silver put Micaville ahead, 2-0, with her field goal as the contest opened.

But from then on it was no contest for the Haywood ladies, fresh from their triumph in last week's Mars Hill High School Tournament.

The Fines Creek girls promptly tied the score, then racked up 15 more points while Guards Cenie Ferguson and Christine and Frona Ledford harried the Micaville forwards in their characteristic fashion so thoroughly they couldn't make a point for the rest of the period.

The Haywood delegation kept pouring it on through the second period while the Micaville ladies couldn't make better than a single point out of Cenie and her friends.

At half time it was 29-3. Then Mrs. Carpenter sent in her next year's varsity prospects for a good workout for the next two periods, with Chief Reserve Forward Merrill Ferguson taking charge of the scoring.

Edith took high scoring honors with 17 points, Regina sank 14 to take the runnerup post, Betty Jo Russell, who devoted much of her time to feeding her two teammates, sank six points, and Merrill didn't do so bad either. Five, as a matter

of fact. Like all the other ones found all season, the Micaville work of Mrs. C's energetic girls entirely too confusing for a normal person to stand.

In general, it was the thing that gave the Fines girls Haywood County's best record during the tournament—14 victories against a loss only to brilliant Waynesville and Bethel, and that with Waynesville early in the season.

They hit a slump in the Gold Medal event. But North Carolina has had nights like that.

Bumped out only by a fourth-period Bethel rally in quarterfinals, they took a beating from Clyde in the consolation event with the consistently lent Miss Rathbone out of the up.

However, Edith came back that, everybody perked up without so much as a thought for an unpounded they proceeded to sweep the Hill Tournament like a pup in a frankfurter factory.

Any coach or intelligent brought up in these days of sky-scrapers would dream that these girls are getting short to be winning championships. After all, Cenie, talking on the squad, stands only five-foot eight in her right shoes.

But there's a little bug by all the rules of aerobics absolutely nothing to fly with bug, of course, doesn't know. So he just goes ahead anyway.

The Fines Creek girls come (See Fines Creek—Page 8)

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