

Scots Win SE3-A Conference Cage Title

Bucks Eliminated In Semifinal Round

Scotland (Laurinburg) High School claimed the Southeastern 3-A basketball tournament title Saturday night with an easy 83-68 victory over Clinton.

The Scots gained the finals by outscoring Hoke High's Bucks, 65-54, in Friday night's semifinals. Clinton beat Rockingham in the semifinals, 62-58. Raeford survived the opening round of play by defeating Pembroke, a newcomer to the conference, 66-52. Other first round scores were: Scotland 64, Lumberton 59; Clinton 61, Hamlet 57; Rockingham 71, Dunn 55.

Scotland will represent the conference in the state 3-A tournament Wednesday through Saturday at Durham High School. Experts give them small chance of winning the state title.

It was the first tournament in several years bringing together all teams of the conference. In recent years, the conference has had eastern and western division tournaments, with the winner of both tournaments qualifying for the state tournament. This year, the conference was permitted only one representative in the state playoffs.

The Bucks trailed the Scots by 15 points at halftime in the semifinals. They made a strong effort to make up the lost ground, but could close the gap no closer than 11 points.

Bill Senter was top scorer for the Bucks, netting 15 points, and was the only Raeford player with more than 10 points. Richard McNeill and Danny Walters hit nine points apiece and Willie McCoy and Butch Womble scored eight points each.

Mike Peele was tops for the Scots with 22 points.

Raeford eliminated Pembroke easily Thursday night, going ahead early in the first period, holding a 32-23 lead at halftime, and continuing to dominate the game in the final two quarters.

Senter collected 13 points, Richard McNeill and Walters had 12 apiece, Jeff McNeill scored nine, Tommy Baker had eight and Womble collected six. Substitutes Sammy Prince, Larry Baker and Willie McCoy netted two points each. The box scores:

FINALS

SCOTLAND (83) -- Fairley 34, Belcher 17, Peele 15, Stack 9, Malloy 5, Leviner 3, Calhoun 1, White, Lee, Greene, Ammons, Johnson, McMillan, Mitterer.

CLINTON (68) -- Johnson 18, Kitchin 15, Kirven 3, Packard 13, Bell 6, Shipp 6, Fann 1, Moore, Hill, Faison, Spell.

SEMIFINALS

RAEFORD (54) -- Senter 15, R. McNeill 9, Walters 9, McCoy 8, Womble 8, T. Baker 3, J. McNeill 2, Prince, L. Baker.

SCOTLAND (65) -- Peele 22, Stack 10, Belcher 8, Calhoun 8, Leviner 6, Fairley 5, Malloy 2, Lee 2, Mitterer, McMillan, Johnson, Greene, White.

ROCKINGHAM -- (58) -- Chalk 23, Rignin 12, Walters 11, Adams 6, Walker 6, McKenzie, Lampley, Welch.

CLINTON (62) -- Packard 20, Shipp 10, Kitchin 9, Kirvin 9, Johnson 6, Bell 6, Spell 2, Fann.

QUARTERFINALS

RAEFORD (66) -- Senter 13, R. McNeill 12, Walters 12, J. McNeill 9, T. Baker 8, Womble 6, Prince 2, L. Baker 2, McCoy 2, Frahm.

FEMEROKE (52) -- Maynor 17, C. Chavis 10, Hewington 7, G. Chavis 4, Jacobs 2, Graham 2, G. Sampson 1, Locklear, S. Sampson, C. Graham.

ROCKINGHAM (71) Chalk 22, Walker 17, Walters 13, Riggins 9, Adams 5, Brothers 3, Lampley, Welch.

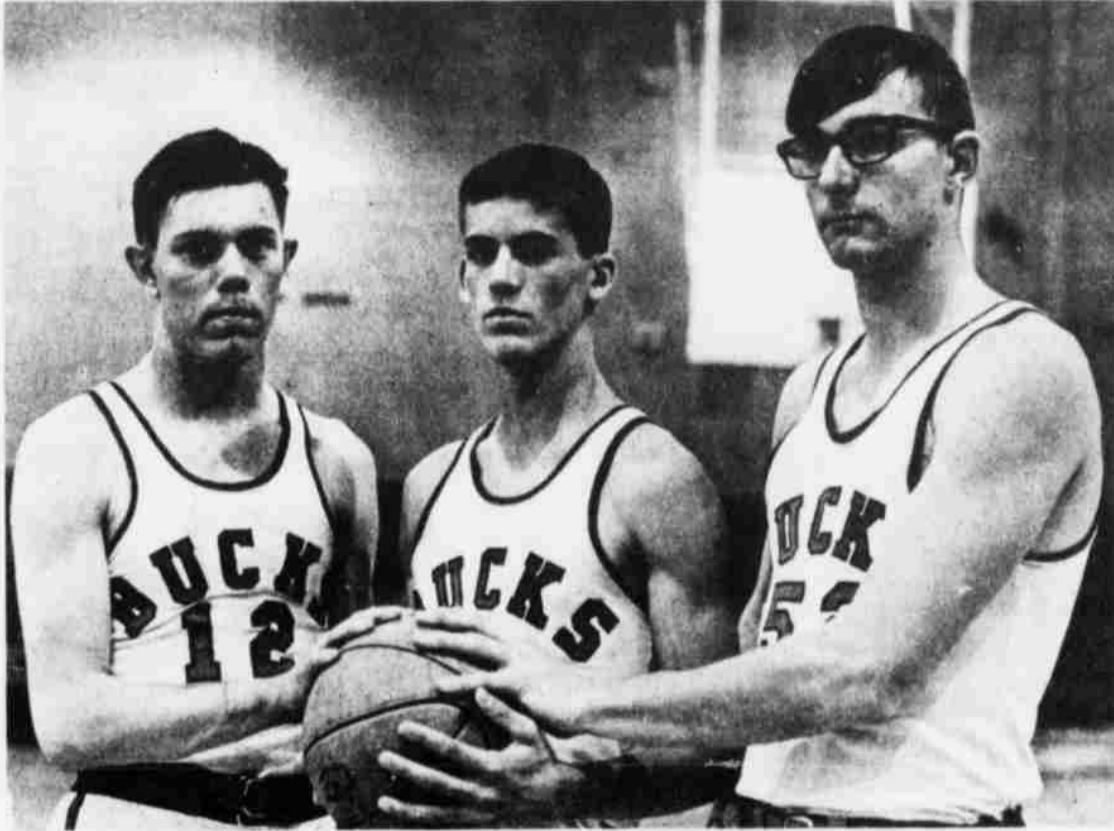
DUNN (55) -- Ennis 14, Butler 11, Byrd 7, Whitman 6, Raynor 6, Rose 4, Lawrence 3, Strickland 2, Stephens 2, McArthur, Bureh, Henry, Snipes.

HAMLET (57) -- Winchester 15, Rasette 14, Quinn 12, Adiey 8, Cooke 8, Knopp.

CLINTON (61) -- Packard 17, Johnson 15, Kitchin 13, Kirven 9, Bell 4, Shipp 3, Parsons.

LUMBERTON (59) -- Driscoll 25, A. Bullock 9, Willoughby 8, Blanton 8, Gane 5, Britt 4, Price, Lovette, M. Bullock.

SCOTLAND (64) -- Belcher 20, Peele 17, Fairley 16, Laviner 10, Calhoun 1, Stack.



PLAY LAST GAMES -- These three Hoke High School basketball players ended their high school careers last week when the Bucks competed in the Southeastern 3-A Tournament at Lumberton. Co-captains of the 1967-68 team, they are, left

to right, Tommy Baker, Bill Senter and Butch Womble. Other seniors on the squad included Larry Baker, Danny Walters and Willie McCoy.

Hoke Team Wins Title

Raeford Gunners, a team of local young basketball players, has won the regular season championship in the Men's Industrial Basketball League of Fayetteville.

The team posted a 10-2 regular season mark to edge out two others with 9-3 slates in the nine team league.

Raeford Turkey Farms, only other Hoke County team in the league, was one of the teams tied for second place.

The league tournament will begin tonight, with the Gunners drawing a bye because of their regular season standings.

Members of the squad include Tim McCoy, James Roper, Lenzie Morrison, Irrett (cq) Hollingsworth, James Pierre, Joe McKinnon, Johnny Long and Henry Blue.



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All-Stars Score 4 Victories

An all-star team selected at the end of the regular season some weeks ago in Raeford Church Boys Basketball League is undefeated in post-season competition with teams from other towns, a league spokesman has announced.

Included in the four-game winning streak are three victories over the Red Springs team and a single win over Lumberton.

The most recent victory was that over Lumberton, scored February 28 at Lumberton. David Wood was high scorer with 17 points, followed by Russell Davis with 15.

Final game of the season will be between Raeford and Lumberton here Friday night.

Members of the all-star aggregation include Jerry Tucker, Anderson Hostetler, Russell Davis, Frank Williamson, David Wood, Donnie Smith, Bill Poole, Mack McNeill, Benny Walters, Sammy Young and Sam Homewood.

Coaches are Tom Richer, Dewey Andrews, Dave Russell and Chan Roberts.

Hoke Students On Deans' Lists

Several Hoke County students in colleges and universities have been named to the dean's list of distinguished students at their respective institutions.

They include Richard Neeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Neeley, Highway 401 north, a sophomore at Davidson College. At Pembroke State College, these students from Hoke were on the dean's list:

Mrs. Christine A. Gothran, Alice C. Rowland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rowland of Raeford; Mrs. Odell Ann Womble, Raeford; Mrs. Bettie B. Wright, Raeford.

Hoke 4-H's Meet March 22

Achievement program for 4-H's will be held Friday, March 22, at the Hoke Civic Center, Mrs. Ellen Willis, home agent, has announced.

Parents of the boys and girls also are invited to attend the meeting.

Project winners will be announced and awards will be given.

The annual 4-H dress revue has been planned for Friday, April 19. There will be separate categories for girls 9-11, girls 11-13, and girls 14-19. The younger group will make aprons, and skirts and plain dresses. Older seamstresses will model skirts dresses with sleeves and blouses, as well as suits.



WHAT'S WHAT at HOKE HIGH

BY GWEN ANDERSON

Basketball is completely over for everyone at HHS. Practice for track and baseball will soon begin.

The J. V.s finished with a really fine record. Last Monday night, they played their first game in the tournaments. The Lumberton J. V. was overcome by our J. V. 42-36. Tuesday, the Baby Bucks returned to Clinton to take part in the semifinals. The boys fell to the Dunn Green Waves, 48-41.

Last Thursday, the Raeford Bucks slaughtered the Pembroke Eagles, 66-52. Friday night they returned to Lumberton to challenge the Scots of Scotland High School. The

Bucks fell, 65-54. Students at HHS really did their best to push the Bucks to the top. Thursday was acclaimed as "Red and White Day." The whole student body seemed to be a sea of reds and white. Mr. Autry had announced that anyone not wearing reds and white would be fined a very stiff fine, one nickel. It was really great.

This Friday, approximately 50 members of the Hoke County High School Mixed Chorus will trek to Wilmington to compete. This year the chorus will enter in the highest class of competition.

School News

WEST HOKE
By Mrs. G. R. Jones

The West Hoke drill team presented an inspiring assembly program during a recent assembly. Boys and girls performed many activities that were in keeping with the physical fitness requirements for Presidential Fitness Certificate. Calvin McNeill, a local student, gave some information regarding the aims of good physical fitness activities.

At this school are given daily activities that provide enjoyment as well as develop the body.

The school drama club, under the able direction of Mrs. M. G. Johnson, rendered several enjoyable selections including "Gen Cathedral," "Rise Up, O In Of God," "Blue Moon," and "Around the World."

The 4th District P.T.A. was postponed because of bad weather. It will be announced later when the program will be held. The second grade class, under the direction of their teacher and interested parents, boarded a train at Parkton, and went to Fayetteville. This was an interesting trip for all the children. They had never ridden a train. The excursion was a part of their unit on "trains."

Mrs. Agnes Page, along with several West Hoke teachers, visited Fayetteville city schools to observe reading practices, plus other language arts areas. We believe such visits taken by our teachers will help them become more able to improve the educational program at this school. We also invite others to visit this school to observe the many activities we use to meet the needs of our pupils.

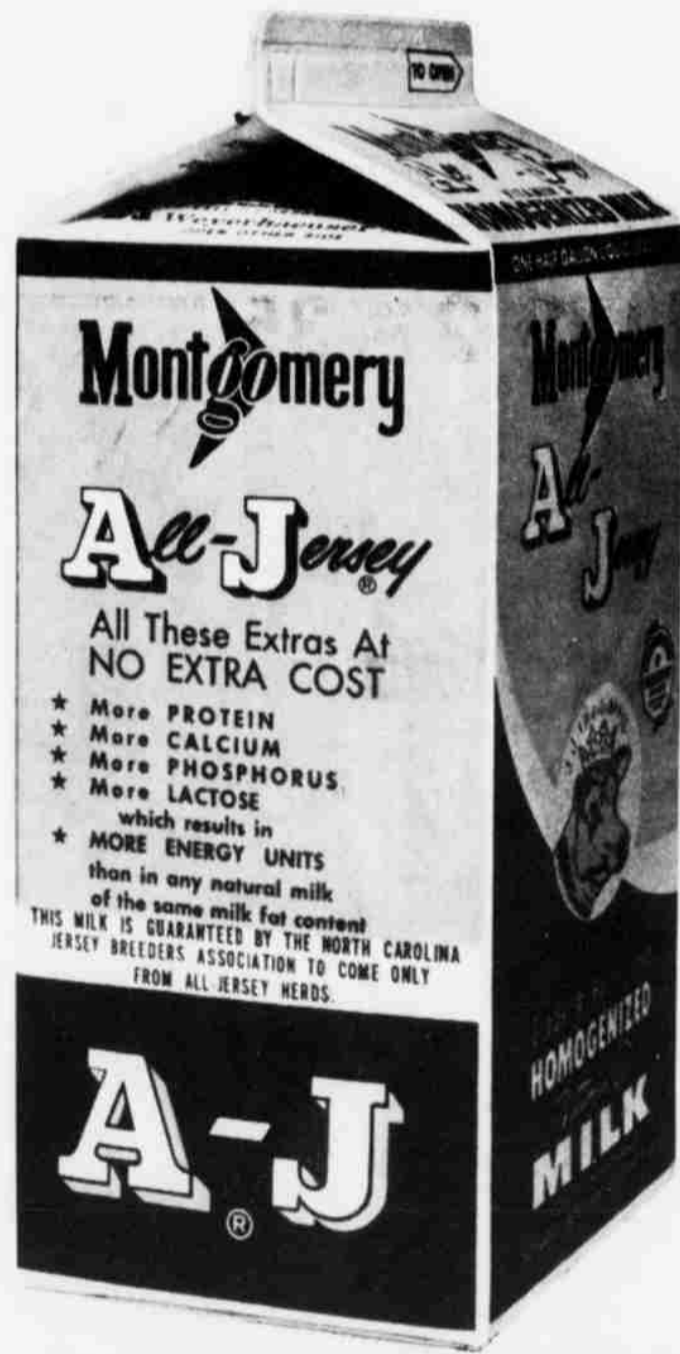
Our general F. T. A. met Monday, March 4, for an open house. Parents were invited to visit their children's rooms to discuss teacher-parent relations concerning their child's progress, etc. It was highlighted by an address by the Rev. Leroy Hershey, who spoke to the parents after the open house.

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