

Webb Leads

Webb's Tire remains the leader by eight games this week in the Raeford Merchant Bowling action. Last week Webb's recapped the Barbers four games, McNeil's sacked Marks' three games to one, WSHB turned back the City of Raeford three games to one, Oakwood picked up four easy wins from Raeford Auto and Kermit's and Moore's was no contest.

The high 200 last week went to Tim Cannon for Webb's Tire, a 219 and a 203, and Tim also had the high series, a 596. Also hitting the 200 mark were James Nixon for Webb's, a 212, Ted Pulhamus for the City of Raeford, a 208, Waylon Fulk for Webb's, a 207, George McGilivray, a 203, Larry Woodcox for the City of Raeford, a 201, and James Farmer for McNeil's, a 201.

Standings	W	L
Webb's Tire	84½	43½
Oakwood Laundry	76½	51½
City of Raeford	74	54
Marks' Food	74	54
McNeil's	73	55
WSHB	72	56
Moore's	60	64
Kermit's	44	80
Raeford Auto	39	89
Hollingsworth	39	89

Top Ten Bowlers
 Jesse Taylor, 176; Thad Marks, 175; Mackie Carter, 175; James Nixon, 174; Harry Walters, 174; Charlie Smith, 173; Billy Posey, 172; Waylon Fulk, 172; James Gay, 171; Bob Canady, 171.
 This week's schedule: Oakwood tangles with WSHB, McNeil's battles the City of Raeford, Hollingsworth meets Marks' Food, Webb's faces Kermit's and Moore's vs Raeford Auto.

Eagles Win And Lose

Upchurch was shut out 11-0 by Jonesboro last Thursday with only two hits. Jonesboro collected 11 hits for their 11 runs.
 Eagles David Blue and David Horne collected the only Upchurch hits of the game. Blue was the losing pitcher while Holmes of Jonesboro got credit for the win.

The Eagles defeated Maxton Monday 11-4 in a game at Maxton.
 Upchurch's Jackson allowed only one hit for the game while Eagles batters got five.
 David Blue started the game with a double, Bob Jordan singled, Bruce Carroll got a double, Maurice Hurst and Leonard Everett singled.
 Upchurch plays Peachland today at 3:30 at Armory Park.

Hoke Highlights

by Terri Tucker

The S.A.E. student project was a big success Thursday and Friday. Each member seemed to have enjoyed the time they spent with the students and teachers. The members that had an eighth grade class were to inform the students of the rules of the high school and to give to the best of their ability a description of the high school.

It was a big experience for the S.A.E. members and we would like to thank the teachers and principals for making it possible. For the Seniors it was their last chance to be a part of the S.A.E.
 The Hoke County High School Dance band had their first concert Monday. This new organization did various songs

Junk Dogs Still Ahead

By Blanche Farmer

The Junk Yard Dogs junked the Stompers three games to one last week while the Fantastic Four worked wonders for four games to one over the Wrecking Crew.

The Rolling Stones hit the Intruders for a three game to one win and the Heat Waves lost to the Misfits three to one.

Standings	W	L
Intruders	39	17
Fantastic Four	32	24
Rolling Stones	32	24
Heat Waves	25	31
Misfits	25	31
Stompers	25	31
Junk Yard Dogs	25	31
Wrecking Crew	20	36

Top Bowlers Average	B. Monroe	180
	G. McKay	162
	C. Jackson	161
	S. Glines	156
	B. Elledge	155
	L. Woodcox	154
	L. Tyner	153
	R. Morgan	152
	J. Leggett	150
	L. Bruton	153
	Highest game of 226 and 215 were rolled by Bobby Monroe.	

featuring solos from instrumental and voice. The dance band holds practice at night and we hope this group will continue to be as successful as it has been this year.

Years ago, when the first striped bass were stocked in large lakes in North Carolina, only a handful of people had any idea what might eventually happen.

Stocking those strippers in such lakes as Kerr, Gaston and Roanoke Rapids — and later, in impoundments in the western Piedmont such as Lake Norman — proved to be a real bonanza. Pouring a bucket of striper fingerlings into Kerr Lake was like flinging Brer Rabbit into the Briar Patch.

Now, years later, some of the finest fishing in the state is available on these lakes. Strippers in the 20 - pound class are not unusual, and even larger fish are available.

"Still, we don't know a whole lot about landlocked strippers," said Larry Birchfield, one of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's fisheries' biologists. "There are lots of things we need to know in order to manage these fine sportfish better."

Birchfield and his assistant, Frank

Season Opens For Softball

Slow pitch softball began Tuesday night at Armory Park, with a full crowd watching the opening three games.

Hoke Concrete won the first game, defeating Carolina Turf, 6-5. In the second, Lumbee Marvel downed Kenertys, 16-13, and Gentry's Tire took the third over McCain, 13-5.

Lonely Bucks Shut Out Dunn, 5-0

The Bucks shut out Dunn 5-0 in a game there Tuesday to keep a firm hold on the conference lead, but not a single Bucks fan watched the win.

The Bucks' coach, with a winning team and the conference leader, is hoping, however, to pick up team support for the contest tonight at Lumberton.

Dunn collected four hits but, after a touchy opening inning, did not threaten again.

Allen Thomas started on the mound

for the Bucks and ran into control problems. He walked the bases loaded in the first inning, but a squeeze play ended Dunn's scoring opportunity, and David McNeill took over in the fourth.

Hoke collected their first run in the third inning when Geno McAllister got on, on a walk, and then stole second and third bases. He came home on a single, hit by Eddie Ramsey.

In the fourth inning, Thomas singled to start things off and Curtis Jones was hit by a pitch. A single by McAllister drove in Thomas and then Ramsey

bounced a double off the deep right center field wall to score Jones and McAllister.

The last Hoke run came in the top of the seventh when Ramsey singled and went to second on a single by Mike Allen, pinch hitting for Mike Shaw. George Maynor drove in Ramsey with a single.

The Bucks collected 11 hits for the game and made two errors. Leading hitter, however, was Dunn's second baseman, Andy Sinclair, who batted three of the four hits for Dunn.

Ramsey, with three for three including a double and three RBIs, was Hoke's top hitter and Maynor went two for four.

Bucks' coach Terry Grier commented that he was pleased with the hitting. "I'm glad that some others on the team have started hitting the ball now. It's now a team effort."

Losing pitcher for Dunn was Dennis Pope and John Holecob caught. Noah Hendrix handled Hoke's duties behind the plate.

The Bucks play at 7:30 tonight at Lumberton in a game rescheduled from Friday to Thursday because of the Hoke Junior-Senior Prom. Grier is eager to attract a crowd for his team.

"I would really like to see a good crowd there," he urged. "If we win that, it will go a long way toward giving us the conference title."

"We didn't have a single fan at the Dunn game," he continued. "Of course, I know it's hard with people working to get away and go so far. But, it would really mean a lot to the boys. They kind of get the feeling that nobody cares whether they win or lose one. Of course, we try to get them out of feeling like that, but it still makes a difference."

League standings after the Tuesday game were Hoke 4-0; Pinecrest 2-1; Clinton 2-1; Lumberton 1-3 and Dunn 0-4. Pinecrest and Clinton were scheduled to play Wednesday night.



BY JIM DEAN

McBride, will soon begin a study of landlocked stiped bass populations.

"We hope to get started about the first of May, and we'll be concentrating our efforts in the head of Roanoke Rapids Lake below the Gaston Dam tailrace because that's the most convenient spot to Weldon Hatchery," said McBride. "We've already been talking to fishing clubs and other groups in the area to get their support, and they have been interested in the project and offered to help."

"We hope that this study will help us improve our management techniques and knowledge of landlocked strippers," added Birchfield. "We need the information in order to improve striper fishing at lakes throughout the state as well as at Roanoke Rapids."

Birchfield indicated that he hoped to accomplish several goals.

"We want to determine the age and growth rates of landlocked strippers here," said Birchfield, "and perfect the techniques for using electrofishing gear for sampling striped bass in the tailrace fisheries. Electrofishing is a technique being used in this and in many other states, and it does not harm the fish. In fact, it merely stuns them momentarily. We will also be using a few nets to sample fish."

"Although we'll release most of the fish unharmed after we've checked them

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Hoke Wins In Tennis

By Danny Norton

Hoke High defeated Clinton Friday 6-3 in tennis action. Henry Hostetler won again, making his singles record 7-1 for the year.

In singles:
 Hostetler (H) defeated Kephart 6-2, 6-1.
 Roy Wood (H) defeated Guerrero 4-6, 6-0, 7-6.

Leon Miller (H) defeated Moritz 6-2, 7-5.

Prestage (C) defeated Bill Hood (H) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Danny Lee (H) defeated Kaleel 6-3, 6-4.
 Martin (C) defeated Terry McInnis by default.

In doubles:
 Hostetler and Miller (H) defeated Prestage and Moritz 8-0.

Kephart and Guerrero defeated Lee and Wood (H) 8-3.

Hood and Tony Epps (H) defeated Packer and Holmes 8-1.

briefly, we'll be taking a few to the Weldon Hatchery to determine whether these fish are capable of reproducing," added Birchfield.

Many local anglers have already offered to help in the study by showing Birchfield their catches.

"We'd like to inspect any catches briefly," said Birchfield. "Fishermen will be able to recognize us easily. We'll be working out of a 17 - foot Boston Whaler with a "Wildlife" sign on the side, and if you have caught some fish, we'd appreciate an opportunity to look at them, take a scale sample, and perhaps weigh them."

Birchfield and McBride indicated that they would be doing most of their study during May because that is the time when these fish would normally be trying to spawn.

Insurance Is Considered

By Henry Oxendine

This session of North Carolina General Assembly is now well under way. Perhaps the most interesting committee to which I am assigned is the Insurance Committee. We are in the process of debating several very important pieces of legislation pertaining insurance, and these bills could have far - reaching implications and could make some major changes in the present laws.

I am on a sub committee that has considered a bill which would end age discrimination in automobile insurance. Presently a single male pays a rate for his liability insurance, which is more than three times the standard rate for the over - 25 drivers. Parents are required to pay an additional rate for having a son under the age of 25 listed as a driver of an automobile. Many people have said that it appears unfair to charge the under - 25 driver the higher rate, when his driving record may be perfectly safe.

Now if a teenager is licensed at the age of 16, he pays this high rate of insurance until he reaches the age of 25, or until he gets married, a period of nine years during which he pays an increased rate. It is interesting to note that the present laws do not discriminate against a female driver under age 25. We would be interested to know how you feel if you have a teenage son and you have to pay high rates for his insurance.

The most controversial bill we are considering in the Insurance Committee at this time is House Bill No. 369. This bill would prohibit lending institutions from selling fire and casualty insurance. This bill is endorsed by representatives of the insurance industry, particularly the independent agents. The insurance companies say that lending institutions use their leverage of credit to coerce borrowers into taking out their fire and

casualty insurance with the lender. We have had persons come before our committee and say that they went before Savings and Loan Companies to obtain a loan to purchase a house, and that pressure was applied to them to purchase their insurance from the Savings & Loan Associations or from the bank. Insurance companies say that this is an unfair advantage that the lending institutions have. The lending institutions say that they are able to provide coverage at the same rates as the insurance agents and should not be prohibited from continuing to do so. My position has been all along -- and still is, that if I become convinced that this type practice is against the public's interest, then I would vote for HB 369. We are having hearings on it presently, and it should come to a vote within a week or ten days. We have not heard all the arguments on both sides yet. I would welcome your opinion on any of these matters as they affect the practice of insurance in the state.

I am finding this session of the General Assembly much more enjoyable than the previous one. One of the reasons is that now I am on several committees and am working in those areas of my interest. I am interested in the insurance industry as insurance affects all of us. All car owners in this state are required by law to have insurance on that car. If you are a homeowner you are required in almost every instance to have fire insurance if you have financed that home. We have insurance on much of our property and just about every individual is affected in some way by the insurance laws of this state. I am concerned about seeing that insurance is available at a profit to the companies since the companies have to make a profit to stay in business. At the same time I am interested in seeing that it is made available at a reasonable price to the consuming public.

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CLEAN UP - Stonewall 4-H'ers picked up litter along the roadside near the Stonewall community house last week. Some of the youngsters who helped are Sally Lynn Maxwell, Kathy Bishop, Charles McGougan, Tammy McMillian, Vance McGougan, Jamie Hayes, Teresa Bryan, Ellen Maxwell (back to camera) and Len Shook.