

Jackson Named All Conference

Hoke High placed a player on the Southeastern 4-A Girl's All Conference Basketball team for 1975-76.

Tondea Jackson, senior, was named to the squad last week and was the only Hoke player to make the team.

The members of the team were chosen by coaches in the conference. Coaches could not vote for a player on their own team.

She served as co-captain of the team both her junior and senior year and made all conference last year.

Jackson averaged 15.5 points per game for the season and scored a total of 326 points for the year.

Jackson, who plans to attend East Carolina University in the fall, scored 24 points against Sanford for her season high.

Upchurch Teams Win

by Pat Scott

The Upchurch Eagles' baseball and softball teams posted wins last week.

The Eagles' baseball team downed Maxton and Elizabethtown here last week for their first two wins of the season, while the girl's softball team posted their second win without a loss against a tough Wicker team.

The baseball Eagles were led by the pitching of David Blue and Perry Worley, who combined for 16 strikeouts in the 9-5 win over Maxton.

Worley fanned 13 batters for the Eagles in their 18-5 win over Elizabethtown and was aided by the hitting of D. Lomack, M. Hurst, and M. McDonald, who were 2-3, and D. Blue 3-5.

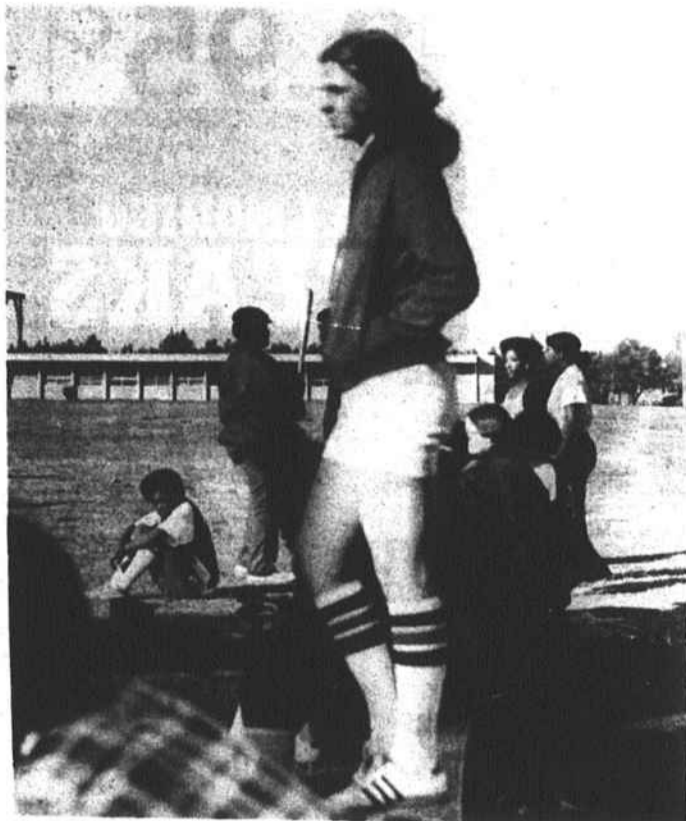
The softball team went into extra innings against Wicker and finally defeated them by a 10-7 score here Monday.

The Eagles had a 5-0 lead until the bottom of the sixth inning, when they allowed five runs to start a new game.

The Eagles grabbed three runs in the eighth to cap the victory for Upchurch.

The leading hitters for the Eagles were Brenda Graham 2-5, Sharon McMillan 2-5, and Marion Monroe 2-4.

Both Upchurch teams travel to Maxton today (Thursday).



IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY - Audrey Long, coach of the Hoke High girl's softball team, looks on as her team takes on Scotland County in a conference softball game here last Friday. The Bucks lost the game by a 15-8 score.

Sunday School Lesson

If you go to Jerusalem today, they will show where it is believed that Jesus stood with Pilate before the crowd. Called "The Pavement," it is the place where people of the Holy City made a fateful choice for Barabbas in place of Jesus.

I have stood on that spot and closed my eyes so that in my imagination, I might see those sights and hear those sounds. I have reassured myself that I would not have been found among those who rejected the kingship of Jesus and bestowed pardon on a murderer and robber!

Yet, who knows what one would do in certain circumstances? It is so easy to make the right choice after almost two thousand years of hindsight!

The picture we get of Pilate is a familiar one. He might be a public official today. He has an obvious sympathy for Jesus and seems desirous of letting him go, but he is too much the politician to let himself be guided by these inclinations. He is reluctant to make a choice and shifts it over on to the crowd.

Without realizing it, Pilate makes a choice for Barabbas: instead of letting his sense of right and wrong guide him, he "plays it safe" and puts Jesus' life in the hands of the emotional crowd.

Pilate's behavior is not so different from the actions of people in our world today. They are inclined to do the right things, but they are too fearful or too ambitious to make the right choices. They make the choice that is likely to do them the most good or cause them the least trouble. Thus, the Barabbas choice is often the choice we make to save our own skins at the expense of our souls. It is the choice of the opportunist, the coward, and the man who "didn't mean any harm."

So Pilate makes his Barabbas choice and so does the crowd. And their choice is somewhat different from Pilate's. They must choose between the man who taught that love is the measure of all things and a man who feverently believed that only armed insurrection could meet their needs.

In retrospect it seems to us an easy choice-it usually is. In retrospect! But today when we are faced with that choice, we are as likely to choose wrongly as they did. In church on a Sunday morning we read this incident and are incredulous, but throughout the remainder of the week as we are confronted with choices for either Christ or Barabbas, we approach them with the same insensitivity that influenced the crowd that day in Jerusalem. We choose violence and coercion, injustice and political gain, prejudice and cynicism, little realizing that in doing so we are rejecting the kingship of Christ and choosing Barabbas instead.



THAT'S GOT TO BE A STRIKE - Hoke High softball pitcher Elizabeth Baldwin releases a pitch to a Scotland batter during their game here Friday. Scotland won the game by a 15-8 score. The Bucks are now 2-4 in league play.

Merchant Bowling

Oakwood Wraps It Up

By Larry Long

Oakwood Laundry wrapped up the Raeford Merchant Bowling Championship last Thursday night by taking three games from the National Guard.

The Moose Lodge split four games with the Barbers. There remains a battle for the 3rd spot in the league standings between Webb's Tire, Hunt's Bonding, Webb's Tire lost three games last week to Gentry's Tire, Kennerty's stopped Hunt's Bonding three games to one and Earl's Electric and McNeill's split their four games.

The high 200 last week went to Harry Walters for Webb's a 210, and also the high series, a 547. Others hitting the 200 mark included Bill Hendrix a 209, George Hendrix a 205, and John Canady a 204.



Read Acts 17:10-15

Open my eyes, that I may contemplate the wonders of Thy law. (Psalm 119:18, Berkeley)

Some Christians feel that being open to the Bible means doing no thinking when reading it--as if the Lord had asked that the mind be thrown away when He asked for the allegiance of the heart.

On the contrary, our brainpower and willpower are required during the reading of the scriptures. It is the open Bible read by open minds that sets the stage for beautiful and meaningful lives in every age.

The early Christians in the city of Thessalonica set a good pattern. Each day they searched the scriptures. They applied searching minds to the contents of the written word of God. We would do well to follow their example.

This practice will assure us vistas of learning and fellowship that will be both exciting and rewarding. We will learn much about our Creator and His provisions and plans for us. We will also learn many things about ourselves.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
With an open mind, we will seek the truths God has for us in the scriptures.

STANDINGS		
	Won	Lost
Oakwood Laundry	79	37
Moose Lodge	72	44
Webb's Tire	65	51
Hunt's Bonding	63	53
Hollingsworth	56	60
Earl's Electric	55	61
Kennerty's	54	62
McNeill's	52	64
Gentry's Tire	50	66
National Guard	34	82

In the final round of action this week, Hunt's meets Earl's, Webb's Tire tangles with McNeill's, Oakwood vs Kennerty's, Gentry's Tire vs the Moose Lodge, and Hollingsworth battles the National Guard. The Bowler's award dinner will be April 24 at the Southern Restaurant in Raeford. Make plans to attend now.

TOP TEN BOWLERS	
Jesse Taylor	178
Mackie Carter	175
Leo Schulenburg	172
Ted Pulhamus	172
Harold Campbell	172
Bob Canady	171
John Canady	170
James Gay	170
Thad Marks	169
James Nixon	169
Charlie Smith	169
Bill Hendrix	169
Howard Hendrix	169
Everett Bowen	169



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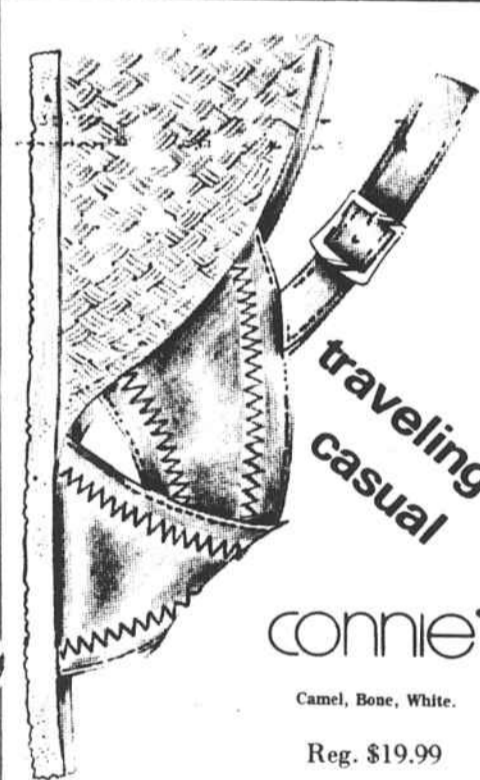


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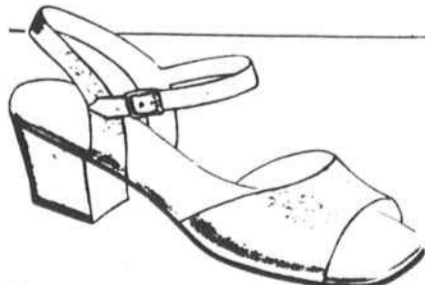
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