

Ladies' League

Jaycees Hold Lead

By Pat Scott

In Tuesday's first round action in the Ladies Softball League, Hollingsworth-Top Sound Music edged Rosa's Grill-McMillan's Grocery 7-6.

It was 3-0 game in favor of Hollingsworth-Top Sound until the fourth inning when Rosa's-McMillan's rallied for three runs, giving up one to Hollingsworth-Top Sound. With the score 4-3, Hollingsworth-Top Sound came up with one run in the fifth and two big ones in the sixth to hold the fighting efforts of Rosa's-McMillan's to three runs in the fifth and a one-run loss.

Leading the hitting for Rosa's-McMillan's were W. Riggins and N. Kershaw, who were each 2-3 at bat.

In the nightcap game, the Hoke Jaycees defeated Rose's Aviation 12-0 after four and one half innings of play. Leading the hitting for Rose's was E. Langdon, 2-3. G. Murchison of the Jaycees was 2-2 with two runs.

Not only do the Jaycees have power hitters, the team plays good defense. Rose's has improved a lot, but needs to get more hits.

The Jaycees started the action in Thursday's opener with three homers in the first inning. B. Campbell hit a three-run homer, followed by solos from D. Little and K. Little. The Hollingsworth-Top Sound team came to bat trailing by five runs and couldn't seem to put the hits together. J. Bratcher scored their only run. Final score was 6-1 for the Jaycees. Leading hitters for

the Jaycees were G. Murchison and K. Little, each 2-2. Hollingsworth-Top Sound's only run came after an error charged to the pitcher and a hit by J. Bease.

The Rosa-McMillan combination came up with a big third inning scoring 19 runs to defeat Rose's 22-11 after five innings.

Sandra Hasty, 5-5 at bat, led Rosa's-McMillan's, along with D. Pleasant and B. Purcell, who were 3-5. Rose's K. Taylor and E. Langdon were 2-3 each, scoring four of the team's runs.

STANDINGS

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Jaycees	4	0
Hollingsworth-Top Sound	2	2
Rosa's-McMillan's	2	2
Rose's	0	4

Hoke Highlights

by Barry Ellis

Well, exams and graduation are over and school's finally over for the year. Today (Thursday) is the students' last day and even though it was a great year for everybody, we're all ready for three months of vacation. It's been a long year of hard work for most, but also one of having a lot of fun. With clubs, concerts, floats, sports and even studying, it's been great for everybody working together for something we really want and especially in making Hoke High even better than it already is.

Sunday, May 30, was the big day for the 1976 Senior Class as it was finally time for graduation. The senior luncheon was given Sunday by the junior class in honor of the graduating class of 1976. Frank Kicklighter was master of ceremonies for the luncheon. After the lunch was served, the senior members of the Hoke High Chorale sang in honor of their class three songs including "The Way We Were", "Down the Road", and "You and Yours", dedicated to the faculty. Many awards were given to deserving seniors for the hard work they have done throughout the year, including the Principal's Awards to Glendia Black and Ken MacDonald. But it was four o'clock that all the seniors had been waiting for. The rain held up and 305 seniors and adult education graduates received their diplomas. Dudley Flood, assistant state superintendent was the speaker, and gave a very good talk to the graduates. Several awards and scholarships were announced during the graduation ceremonies, highlighted by the announcement of Dwan Upchurch, salutatorian, and Margaret Postel, valedictorian, of the 1976 Senior Class.

Congratulations to all the Seniors!

I've really enjoyed writing Hoke Highlights this year, and hope that I have given at least a little insight as to what has been going on at Hoke High this year. I hope everybody has a great summer! See you next year!

High School Library out

The Hoke High summer library program will not operate this summer because the new library will not be ready until June 28.

The rest of the school libraries will operate during the summer as scheduled.

3 Hoke Starters Aid 12-5 Win

Sandhills Legion Team Whips Sanford

The Sandhills American Legion Baseball Team, coached by Hoke High Coach Terry Grier and manned by four players from Hoke County and other area school players, blasted the Sanford American Legion team, who finished fourth in the nation last summer by a 12-5 score last week at Pinecrest High School.

David McNeill was the winning pitcher for the Sandhills (Post 350) team as he hurled five and 2/3 innings of no-hit ball.

McNeill also helped himself in the win as he got two hits in three trips to the plate.

Mark Wood and Stanley Cummings, two other starters from Hoke County were 2-4 and 3-4 respectively.

Ernie Pecora is another player from Hoke County on the team.

Grier said the Sandhills team would play 15 league games and other games with various Legion teams in the area.

He said the league consisted of six teams including Laurinburg,

Dunn, Hope Mills, Hamlet, and Sanford along with Sandhills.

Grier said the Sandhills team consisted of players from Hoke High School, Pinecrest, Union Pines, North Moore, and East Montgomery High Schools.

He said he thought Hamlet (Richmond County) and Sanford would be the teams to beat, and looked for stiff competition from Hope Mills, coached by Cal Koonce, former pitcher for the Chicago Cubs.

He said he hoped to get some

home games scheduled in Raeford before the season was over.

"We were really happy to win this one. The young players from Hoke County have a chance to make a name for themselves," he said.

The games are nine innings and are played under National League rules. Sanford

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Library News

'Thank You'

It's been a busy, busy first five months of 1976 in the library and we've already gone too long before thanking again so many of our county people and patrons for all contributions and help of all kinds toward the library. Many memorials and donations have been given and we are very grateful. All of these will be used toward a permanent memorial, the new library. Again, we would like to thank The News-Journal staff for all the help they have given through the years. Just knowing you are right down the street makes us feel like part of a family. Some of the nice folks and accommodations we have here will seem far away, although we will only be a few blocks over. We'll miss running over to the post office every time we have something to mail. We'll also miss dashing across the street and down to the bank on payday, although we all know walking a little farther won't hurt us a bit.

Have you seen the new library? It has been shaping up right along and we're sure you will enjoy looking around inside. The work room has its cabinets, the baths are almost complete, and you will appreciate the wonderful skylight that allows so much light even when its cloudy outside. It's almost unbelievable to look out into all the space in there. Maybe all of us can work without getting into each others way. Sure will be nice.

Some of us on the library staff have signed papers donating our eyes to the N.C. Eye and Human Tissue Bank, Inc. This is a wonderful service your N.C. Blind Association is offering to those who need eyes or possibly other tissues. There is a great need for eye donors and there is no problem with this donation for you or your family. You can get necessary information from the local Lions Club.

Another service you can find out about at your local library is the Robert S. Laubach Literacy Council. This program gives anyone who would like to teach another how to read a very rewarding experience. One of our librarians is working with a Laubach student who is 92 years old. You have to admire a person who is willing to learn at that age. We mentioned before you can get the material here at the library for your student or the student can come in for his own.

Bookmobile Schedule

Montrose - June 7
Josephine Parks, Katie Cameron, Elizabeth Lide, James McLaughlin, Lenora Thompson, Carole Brown, Venetia Walters, Rita Baker, Donald Wilson, Gaston Shaw, Doris McAllister, Valerie Hollmond
Ashley Heights - June 9
Linda Soper, Prison, Mamie McNair, Linda Schuchard, Margaret Inman, Jean Vanhoy, Lillian Smith, Diane Williams, Sue Hagin, Kathy Shields, Linda Simmons, Ethel Carroll, Gail Ellis.

Church Revival

The Church of God on Green St. will begin a revival Monday with the Rev. Paul Keator of Cumberland.

Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS - These Hoke youngsters were among 13 local competitors to receive medals at the Special Olympics last month in Raleigh. Left to right are shown Elijah Bridges (gold medal for high jump), Darryl McPhatter (bronze medal for 440 yard dash), and Barbara Page (gold medal for 50 yard dash).

Special Olympics

Thirteen Receive Medals

Thirteen county youngsters enrolled in the exceptional children's programs received medals at the State Special Olympics competition in Raleigh last month.

Over 1,000 school children participated in the meet which is designed for disabled children. This is the first year the Hoke schools sent competitors under the direction of Rhenda Cameron, exceptional children's coordinator.

The local winners were:
First place - Timothy Billinger, (Scurlock School), 50 yard dash, 8-9 year-old boys; Elijah Bridges,

(West Hoke School), high jump, 18-19 year-olds; Earlene Gupton (Scurlock, softball throw, 8-9 year-old girls; Evelyn Douglas, (Upchurch School), 50 yard dash, 14-15 year-old girls; Barbara Page, (Hoke High), 50 yard dash, 16-17 year-old girls; Ruby Wall, (South Hoke School), standing long jump, 10-11 year-old girls; and Jimmy Jackson, (South Hoke School), softball throw, 10-11 year old boys.

Second place - Norman Johnson, (South Hoke School), 50 yard dash, 10-11 year-old boys; James McNair, (Upchurch School), softball

throw, 14-15 year-old boys; and Norman Johnson (South Hoke School) standing long jump, 10-11 year-old boys.

Third place - Gwen Locklear, (South Hoke School), running broad jump, 8-9 year-old girls; Emma Purcell (Upchurch School), 220 yard dash, 14-15 year-old girls; and Darryl McPhatter, (Hoke High), 440 yard dash, 16-17 year-old boys.

Wanda Locklear of McLaughlin School, Phillip Ray of Scurlock School and Kenneth Locklear of McLaughlin School received ribbons.



MEDALIST - Norman Johnson of South Hoke School is shown accepting one of two medals he won at the Special Olympics games in Raleigh last month.



OLYMPIC AWARDS - Hoke High student Barbara Page (center) won the gold medal for the 50 yard dash for 16-17 year-old girls at the Special Olympics state competition in Raleigh last month. The annual track and field events are for exceptional children who won awards at the regional level of competition.

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