

Sports

Upchurch Boys Win Conference

Upchurch Jr. High ended the regular basketball season with a 14-0 record and won the first Southeastern Jr. High Tournament to finish with a 16-0 record.

In the first round the Eagles defeated Hamlet 56 to 40. In the tournament final Upchurch defeated Anson County 39 to 35.

The Eagles have ended the season undefeated six out of the last seven years.

The girls are coached by Pat Scott who has a 91 wins and 9 losses career record. The boys are coached by Stan Callendar who has a career record of 131 wins and 14 losses.

Lady Eagles Win Championship

The Lady Eagles defeated Anson 38-18 last Tuesday and Hamlet 55-28 Thursday to take the championship for their division with a 14-0 record.

K. Bronson led the Eagles in Anson's defeat with 21 points followed by N. Singletary with 15 points. J. Locklear added 2 points for the Eagles 38-18 decision with numerous defensive plays that aided the Eagles triumph.

Balanced scoring and great defensive effort by the Eagles upset the Hamlet scoring efforts.

K. Bronson led the Eagles with 17 points; Y. Maynor scored 15 points with a beautiful job off the offensive board. N. Singletary scored 12 points keeping the team composed. B. Morrisey had two points for the Eagles 55-28 decision over Hamlet.

9th Grade Girls Win Conference

The Hoke High ninth grade girls' basketball team took the conference title Wednesday night as they defeated Anson Junior High School 60-49.

The young lady Bucks finished the season with an unblemished 15-0 record.

"It has been a total team effort all year," Head Coach Spence Sampson said.

Sampson also credited Teresa Kelton and Thelma Watkins as be-

ing the "dominant players" for this year's Buck team.

"The rest of the team has filled the roles of playmakers, rebounders and defense to make up a total team," Sampson said.

"This has been a great season for us. They have been a fine group of players to work with," he added.

Kelton was high scorer during the championship game with 26 points. Watkins added 20 for the night.

Merchants Bowling League

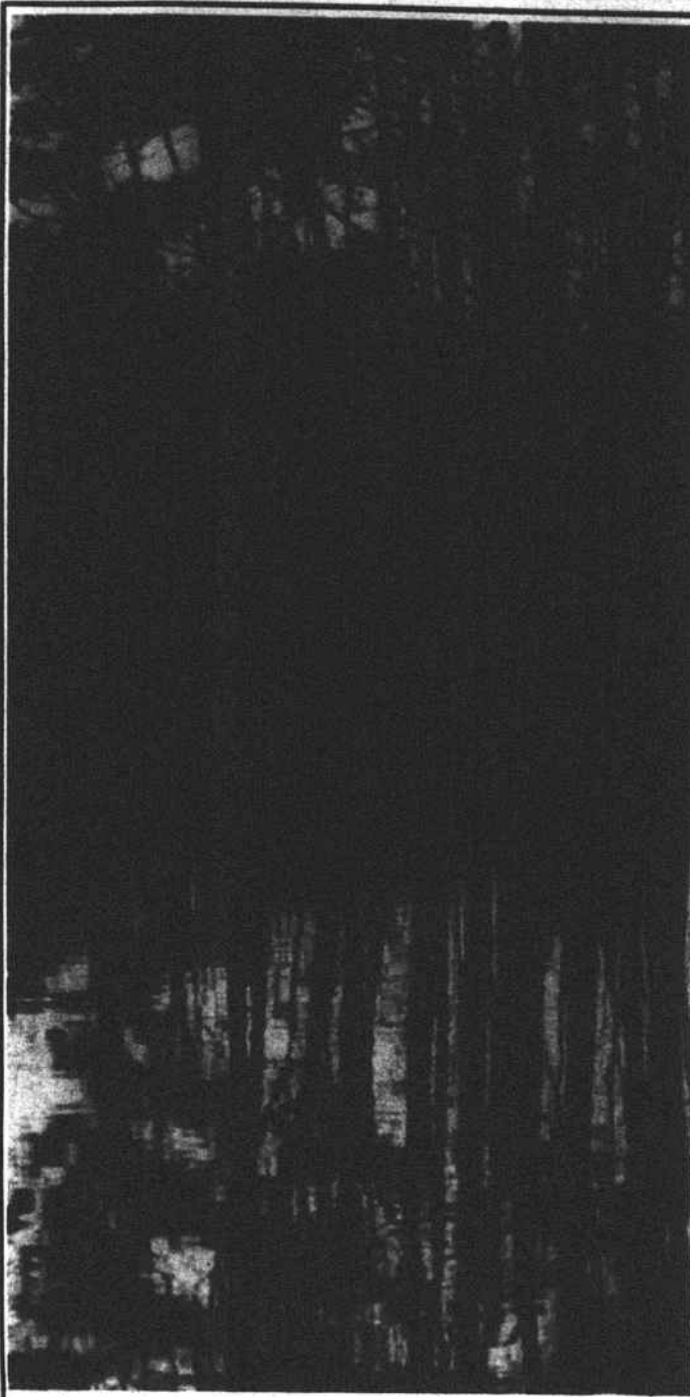
TOP BOWLERS		Foursome 0	
James Nixon	171	Auto Parts 3	Seventy Five 1
Luther Taylor	167		
Larry McDonald	165		
Zeke Wiggins	161		
James Singletary	160		

FEB. 16 SCHEDULE			
Seventy Five vs. Towne Barber Shop			
Hollingsworth Bus Co. vs. Auto Parts			
Foursome vs. Strikers			

200+ AND HIGH SERIES			
George McKoy - 200			
Willie Morrison - 220			
Larry McDonald - 200			
Ardell Southerland - 203			
James Singletary - 206			
James Nixon - 229 — 569 Series			

RESULTS			
Towne Barber Shop 2	Strikers 2		
Hollingsworth Bus Co. 4			

STANDINGS			
Auto Parts	64	24	
Towne Barber Shop	56½	31½	
Hollingsworth Bus Co.	51½	36½	
Strikers	44	44	
Foursome	24	64	
Seventy-Five	23	65	



Fishing weather
This tranquil Arabia area pond seems like an inviting spot to wet a hook, as a recent warm spell made February seem like spring fishing weather.

Recreation Bits

Cage League Action Continues

In the opening action of the Mens' Basketball League on February 6, the All Stars defeated the Bullets, 77-68. G. Maynor led the All Stars with 46 points followed by R. Maynor with 10, and L. Southerland with 9 points. The Bullets were spurred by W. Blue with 23 points, R. Ross - 15, and Blue and H. McGregor added 10 points apiece.

The second game of the night went to Hollingsworth Bus Company as they edged the Scurlock Tigers to a 72-69 victory. L. McBryde pumped in 22 points, K. McDonald had 14, and J. Carthens and J. McDonald had 13 each to lead Hollingsworth in scoring. N. McKoy threw in 20 points, N. McNeill added 18 and K. Jones had 16 points to lead the Tiger's scoring attack.

Competition continued February 8, as Hollingsworth Bus Company defeated the Bullets, 93-51. K. McDonald with 23 points, J. Carthens - 20, and L. McDonald with 17 points were the high scorers for Hollingsworth. W. Blue pumped in 18 points, J. Porter had 12, and G. Baldwin added 11 more points to lead the Bullets in scoring.

The night's closing game went to the Suns as they downed Park's Grocery, 80-73. R. McNeill scored 33 points, W. Love pumped in 18, and L. Black scored 12 to lead the scoring attack for the Suns. G. Drawhorne threw in 20 points, and V. McDougald added 11, to lead Park's Grocery in scoring.

Standings	W	L
1. Hollingsworth Bus Company	9	3
2. All Stars	8	3
3. Suns	7	4
4. TIE - Park's Grocery	5	6
Scurlock Tigers	5	6
6. Bullets	0	12

Karate

For those interested in learning the martial arts, classes are currently being held in the room above Howell's Drug Store on Main Street. Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per month for instruction plus insurance fee. (\$5.00 for ages 6-18, \$10.00 for ages 19-up. Insurance is good for one year from date paid, and needs to be turned in at the recreation office). For more information, please call 5-5603.

Motivational Recreation Program

The following gyms will be available for free play basketball and other structured gym activities. Gyms will be open on weekends until Sunday, March 4 (8 weeks) for those between 10-17 years of age. A gym supervisor will be on duty at all times.

1. J.W. Turlington Gym: Saturday, 9:00-5:00 noon, Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m.
2. Upchurch Gym: Saturday, 1:00-8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
3. South Hoke Gym: Tuesday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 1:00-8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Men's Liniment Basketball

February 7: Raeford Methodist 35 Presbyterian 31
Team statistics: Raeford Methodist: Howell - 15, McGougan - 10, Blankenship - 6, Houston - 2, and Russell - 2.
Presbyterian: D. Williamson - 10, Koonce - 9, F. Williamson - 4, McPhaul - 4, and Teal - 4.

A.M.E. Zion 65 Christy Oil 57
Team statistics: A.M.E. Zion: McLaughlin - 30, McDougald - 23, Singletary - 6, Black - 4, and Rush - 2.
Christy Oil: Cherry - 22, Frahm - 20, Long - 9, Sports - 4, and Taylor - 3.

Standings	W	L
1. A.M.E. Zion	4	0
2. Christy Oil	2	2
3. TIE - Presbyterian	1	3
Raeford Methodist	1	3

Midget Basketball League

January 7: 76ers 23 Nicks 20
Team statistics: 76ers: Carpenter - 9, Patterson - 4, Billinger - 3, Copeland - 3, Walker - 2, and McKaster - 2.
Nicks: McGregor - 8, Ferguson - 6, Graham - 4, and Melvin - 2.

Bucks 21 Celtics 20
Team statistics: Bucks: Baldwin - 9, Shaw - 8, Ray - 2, and Edwards - 2. Celtics: J. Huffman - 14, and E. Huffman - 6.

Standings	W	L
1. 76ers	2	0
2. TIE: Bucks	1	1
Celtics	1	1
4. Nicks	0	2

Junior Basketball League

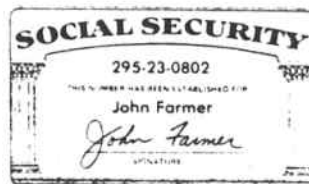
February 8: Hawks 34 Rockets 23
Team statistics: Hawks: Monroe - 13, McMillian - 7, Day - 6, McDuffie - 4, and McGregor - 4. Rockets: Thompson - 8, McDonald - 8, Southerland - 2, McLean - 2, Thomas - 2, and Maynor - 1.

Sonics 34 Bullets 29
Team statistics: Sonics: Andrews - 12, Kelly - 12, Virgil - 4, McLean - 4, and Gibson - 2.

Bullets: Patterson - 8, Daniels - 6, McDonald - 6, Murchinson - 6, and Craigmiles - 3.

February 9: Nuggets 42 Lakers 33
Team statistics: Nuggets: L. McLaughlin - 18, Holmes - 7, Carthens - 4, Johnson - 4, McLean - 3, Ray - 2, Billinger - 2 and M. McLaughlin - 2.
Lakers: Melvin - 16, Jones - 13, McNeill - 2, and Morrison - 2.

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