

South Toe Basketball News Report

By Chris Chrisawn
The South Toe girls lost a tough one to the Micaville girls 20-9. The Wildcats 1-2 scoring punch was just not there at this game. The girls from South Toe still had a good effort from Teresa Bartlett, Sue Wilson and

Fam Biddix with 5, 3, and 1 point respectively. The Micaville fast break offense was led in scoring by Debbie Norris and Cindy Tipton with 6, 4 points for Johnnie Gilley; also Rena Styles and Donna Ray with two. Micaville substituted frequently though. This makes South Toe's record 1-4 up to date.

Notice

The Yancey Merchants Association is now accepting sealed bids for the frame building located on the west side of the Town Square. Bids will be accepted until March 1. Building to be removed from the Town Square within 10 days of purchase. The Yancey Merchants Association reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

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The South Toe boys had a come-from-behind victory over the Micaville boys 38-36. At one time the Wildcats were behind 30-19. At this time the Wildcats decided to play ball. Pretty soon the score was 30-29. Then the Redskins came back to life, but the Wildcats were still red hot. With 9 seconds to go

the score was 36-36. Wade Biddix shot from the foul line and missed. Darryl Huskins got the rebound and put it up with five seconds to go and missed. With one second to go, Wade Biddix aimed and hit. The buzzer sounded and the game was over. Again, Darryl Huskins led the balanced scoring attack for the Wildcats with 12 points. Wade Biddix and Chris Chrisawn had 9 and Scot Westall had 8. The Micaville scoring was led by Ricky Forbes with 13 points, Sammy Ray with 9, Greg Styles contributed 6, Danny Gurley and Darryl Woody, 4 apiece. This made South Toe 5-0 on the year; Micaville 3-2.

Yancey Health Dept.

Feb. 25, Monday Immunization Clinic 8:30 - 11:30
Nurse Screening 1:00 - 3:00
Feb. 26, Tuesday Child Health, Dr. Pope 8:30 - 3:30
Feb. 27, Wednesday Orthopedic Clinic,
Dr. Galloway 8:30 - 10:00
Family Planning Clinic, 8:30 - 12:00
Dr. Webb
Feb. 28, Thursday Maternal Nurse, 4:30 - 7:00
Miss Kingham

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:
As a group of concerned parents, we would like to pose several questions to our fellow citizens.
Again we are out of gas before the end of the month. So many of us have curtailed much of our driving. We suppose a vague remembrance of the '40's may hang over us. But what truly upsets us is the fact that our tax money goes to provide transportation for school children. For reasons we cannot fathom, our future leaders are so selfish they seem not to be able to consider those whose livelihood depends on availability of gas sources, and they drive cars to school daily. Has anyone else considered how much gas is being consumed this way? We are not asking our teenagers to hike to school several miles like some of us did. All we are asking is some respect for others. A little self restraint on the part of the teenagers, and some help toward a better economy for this area.
While we are fighting the daily hassle of "forced busing" by making OUR teenagers ride the bus, we feel maybe other parents would join us in encouraging their teenage sons and daughter to do likewise.
Concerned parents,

Folk-Ways and Folk-Speech

of SOUTHERN APPALACHIA
with Rogers Whitener

Readers may recall that in a recent column I noted examples of folklore in a brief novel, *No Pigs Would Die*. In a discussion with friends later I mentioned a very poignant moment in the life of the main character when he must hold the ears of his pet while his father cuts its throat. (The pig, destined to become a brood sow, has proved fallow and must be sacrificed to family food needs.)

Dr. Cratis Williams, now acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Appalachian, recalled a Kentucky farmer who had his sons drive his porcine victims between his legs as he administered the coup de grace with a sledge hammer. His neighbor scoffed at this procedure, saying that it excited the animals and caused the meat to be strong.

The neighbor's technique, according to Dr. Williams, was to take away the chosen animal's food for a couple of days prior to the execution in order to empty the intestines. Then on the appointed day com was scattered for the pig, and while he was gobbling in contentment the neighbor eased a 22-rifle against the back of his head. "Kill 'em happy and they make the sweetest meat a man can find," he proclaimed.

Unfortunately, the killing is the least part of the job, according to Mrs. Sue Murray, a longtime resident of Valle Crucis, North Carolina. She remembers as a young girl being left alone by her father to cut up a hog which he had killed early

one morning. "I got along all right," she laughed, "until I got to the head. Then I could not figure out what to do with the ears and eyes. So I carried the head to the chop block, grabbed an axe, and began chopping off the ears. Each blow sent the head rolling into the wood chips and dirt. By the time I got to the eyes that hog's head looked like a cross between a frazzled tree stump and an overgrown porcupine! Fortunately, my father was an understanding man."

Readers continue to request words for the songs of yesteryear. Perhaps the lyrics most often asked for recently are those to *Just Before the Battle, Mother*. A letter and an enclosure from Mrs. Pansy Crouch Comer of Marion, North Carolina, help us to take care of the problem. She writes:

"I am glad to share one of the songs you asked for. Would be glad to see it printed in the local paper since so many would like to have a copy. I was born near Jonesboro, Tenn. I came to Marion some thirty years ago. Hope to see this song in print."

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, MOTHER
Just before the battle, mother,
I am thinking most of you;
While upon the field I'm watching,
With the enemy in view,
Comrades brave are 'round me lying,
Filled with thoughts of home and God,
For well they know that on the morrow
Some must sleep beneath the sod.
CHORUS:
Farewell, mother, you may never

Press me to your heart again;
But oh, you'll not forget me, mother,
If I'm numbered with the slain,
Oh, I long to see you, mother,
And the loving ones at home,
But I'll never leave our banner,
Till in honor I can come,
Tell the traitors all round you
That their cruel words we know,
In every battle kill our soldiers
By the help they give the foe.

Hark, I hear the bugle sounding,
'Tis the signal for the fight;
Now may God protect us, mother,
As he ever does the right,
'Tis the Battle Cry of Freedom-
How it swells upon the air,
Oh, we'll rally 'neath the standard,
Or we'll perish nobly there.



Carolyn Shepherd Celebrates Birthday
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Never Use Aspirin On Toothache

I paid an all too infrequent visit to my dentist the other day (yes, we pharmacists visit dentists, too!), and he suggested an idea for an editorial. "For goodness sake," he said, "tell the people that placing an aspirin tablet directly on an aching tooth to relieve pain is strictly taboo!" To begin with, aspirin is an acetylsalicylic acid which can literally burn holes in the gum causing even worse irritation than the toothache. This is why peptic ulcer patients have to steer clear of aspirin for their already tender stomach conditions.

If you must use aspirin for pain relief, swallow it. Never apply it directly.

The above comments appear each week to air thoughts, opinions, and information we believe to be important to our friends and customers — your comments are welcomed.

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BOOK CORNER
BY Mrs. Gladys Coletta

The White Dawn by James Houston, 1971. Pp. 275. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., N. Y.

The White Dawn, an Eskimo saga by James Houston, is based on a true story of three New England sailors who were shipwrecked in the icy Arctic sea and were saved and nursed back to health by the friendly Eskimos. The author is well qualified for his task, since he lived for twelve years in the Canadian Arctic where he served as Civil Administrator of West Baffin Island, and thereby heard tales that led him eventually to write this novel.

Blending fact with fiction, and romance with adventure, Mr. Houston has written a story of stark realism in which he spares no one. Gratitude on the part of the sailors prevails at first, as they mingle and adjust to the simple, humble mode of life of the peaceful Eskimos. But during the long cruel Arctic winter, the sailors become arrogant and proud, ignoring and disdain the customs and traditions of this naive and child-like people. Distrust and greed develop, replacing the love and friendship kindled by the many acts of kindness by both the sailors and the Eskimos. Humiliated and rejected by his peers, the Eskimo chieftain elects suicide. Violence and murder follow, putting an end to a tender love story of an Eskimo maiden and one of the sailors. The conclusion leaves the reader stunned and shocked.

Mr. Houston provides much food for thought in *The White Dawn*. The reader will long ponder who was right and who was wrong--what was a blessing and what was a curse--in this dramatic episode among the Eskimos.

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