

Owen Will Close Season Next Week

Owen High eagles will renew the court wars with North Buncombe Friday evening when they travel to Weaverville for a doubleheader starting at 7:30. In their first meeting of the year the Owen girls pounded out a victory over the NB ladies in a game which was classified as a rematch of the Buncombe county finals last year. The North Buncombe six will be out Friday evening to prove that their defeat here was all a mistake. Coach Ned Straehla's boys have been improving and may give the Hawks some rough going during the evening.

Owen will close the regular season next week by playing Leicester here on Tuesday night and going to Blittmore Friday. Last week at Irwin the Owen boys lost a 69 to 44 decision, after having held the favored home team to a 20-all halftime deadlock. In the nightcap the Owen Warriors pulled away in the second half to gain a 53 to 37 victory. Osteen led the winners with 27 points. For the Owen boys Tony Gardner continued to roll with Buncombe county's best

Tuesday evening a near capacity crowd watched as the locals split with Enka here. Owen's girls staged off a determined Enka rally in the last quarter to eke out a 45-43 win while the Enka boys won from Owen, 66 to 47. Osteen again paced the girls with 27 while Tony Gardner, 6-6 Owen center, was the only Warhorse to hit with any consistency. He scored 36 of the Owen points.

Old Fort News Letter

Mary Adams

Going My Way?
A salesman for a wholesale house in Asheville was only trying to be kind, but he shivers when he thinks about what might have happened.

One morning this past week, as he was leaving the city limits of Asheville, he picked up a hitchhiker who was standing beside the road, and who appeared to be lightly clad for such cold weather. The "thumber" wore a white shirt and blue trousers. The salesman remarked that his garb was not appropriate for weather, and the hitchhiker replied that he had on another shirt under his white one. The men chatted all the way

The salesman learned that his guest was a cook in a bakery, at Memphis and that he had received word that his mother was desperately ill at their home near Hickory, and that he had left Memphis hurriedly without collecting his wages. Feeling sorry for the man, the salesman gave the man \$5.00 when they reached Old Fort and bought him some coffee.

Later, the salesman went into Charles Restaurant for breakfast, and picked up the morning paper to glance at the headlines. Imagine how he felt when he realized that his "guest" had been a convict who had escaped from a Transylvania county prison camp. Deputy Sheriff Paul Allison came into the cafe and heard the story. He and Chief of Police Bill Autrey hurried out to see if they could locate the fugitive. They learned that he had gone to the H. & W. store, purchased a jacket and then to Griffin's drug store where he asked for a bus ticket to Hickory. The bus had already left Old Fort. The officers phoned to Hickory authorities to be on the lookout, but he never arrived there.

The salesman left the cafe vowing that he hoped his wife never heard of the episode, as she had warned him repeatedly that his habit of picking up hitchhikers was going to get him in trouble. Hughes Attend Show. Mr. and Mrs. Vann Hughes attended the showing of spring merchandise in Charlotte the first of this week. Mrs. Hughes is buyer and manager of the ladies' ready-

Harmon's Hand Injured.
Jack Harmon, electrician at the rayon finishing plant here received a severely wrenched and lacerated right thumb and hand when the hand caught in a belt on a machine. Quick thinking on the part of Donnie Gibbs saved him worse injury according to Harmon. He said that Gibbs stopped the motor immediately. His wound was treated by Dr. J. B. Johnson, plant physician.

Sauiline Players Give Two Performances.
The Sauiline Players who have been giving professional performances in public schools for years presented two plays at Old Fort on Tuesday. "Davy Crockett" was given for the children, and in the evening "Spooks That Walk" a mystery drama was played for the general public.

Mrs. Early Hostess to HD Club.
Mrs. Roy Early was hostess to the Old Fort Home Demonstration Club at the January meeting. Leaders elected to serve for the various projects were: Foods, Home Beautification and Recreation, Mrs. B. C. Miller; Home Gardens, Mrs. J. W. Hogan; home poultry, education, Mrs. W. W. Porter; home furnishings, Mrs. Roy Early; home dairy, Mrs. E. L. Tison; arts and crafts, Mrs. J. L. Camp; clothing, Mrs. S. G. Hayes; family life, citizenship and civics, Mrs. P. W. Greer; community, Mrs. P. S. Sallie Finley; Four-H club leader, home management, health safety, and loan fund, Mrs. E. B. McEntire.

Hay You Seen Flo?
A dog bit Flo on the leg, and she jumped into the creek and went over the dam. Kokomo can't find Flo anywhere. She had been reported seen in various spots along Mill Creek, but now she has disappeared completely.

Flo is a little white duck who makes her home along with her mate, Kokomo, on the Mill Pond near the outskirts of Old Fort. The two were very happy until the pup bit the hen, injuring one leg, and this week's high water swept her over the dam. If you see her please let the folks in West Fort know, they are anxious to restore her to her home on the dam with Kokomo.

Fire Destroys Hurt Home.
A fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the new home on the Sugar Hill road belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hurt Monday evening about 6:30 o'clock. The Old Fort fire department responded to the alarm, but were called too late to save the structure.

Mr. Hurt was at his job at the rayon finishing plant in Old Fort, and Mrs. Hurt and their several small children had gone to see the new television set acquired by a neighbor. The roof of the house was falling in when the fire was discovered. The loss is reported to have been covered by insurance, but money cannot always replace articles which have a sentimental value and a personal meaning to the owner.

Mrs. Kanipe Suffers Fall.
Mrs. Gladys Kanipe slipped and fell on the steep hill near the Baptist church on Saturday afternoon and broke her left leg between the ankle and knee. Mrs. Kanipe said that she knew her leg was broken because she heard the bone snap.

She was taken to a hospital for X-rays which confirmed the physician's diagnosis. She is recuperating at her home on Church street.

Mrs. Kanipe is a popular member of the Old Fort school faculty, which makes her misfortune a double hardship, especially with four more school months left of this year.

Personals.
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hendricks of Asheville were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alec D. Quinn on Spring street. Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Quinn are sisters.

The condition of Dillon Ricks who is a patient in a hospital is reported to be critical. Dillon Ricks is the husband of Mrs. Leslie Swann's daughter, Louise.

Mrs. Bertie L. Robinson was hostess to a Stanley party Thursday evening at her home on Old Highway 70.

Mrs. Will Williams is ill at her home in West Fort.

Razing of the "Aunt Sue Sandlin" house on Main street has been completed, and earth moving machines are lowering the lot level with the street for the service station which will be erected there.

Mr. Marvin McEntire had a rush the last few days she listed taxes. So many of us postponed our listing until the last minute. Did you know that if you have a dog and list it for taxes that you have to tell it's name? Mrs. McEntire said she heard some amusing ones. She said only one person admitted that he had a "first class" cow. All the rest were second or third class.

MISS BURGESS—

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How did she happen to come to Black Mountain to make her home? Long time ago when she and her brother Walter (well-known member of our community) came to school in Western North Carolina. Harriet attended Fassifern, a Girl's Finishing school over at Hendersonville and Walter was enrolled at Blue Ridge school, a boys school there. They both loved this part of the country with its mountains and occasional snows. Their home was in Florida at Daytona Beach. "Walt" was the first of the two to return here to make his home. Following the death of their father, Harriet and her mother decided to move here and they built their home on Laurel circle. They have lived in Black Mountain for about five years. When Harriet first came she took a job with the Mountain Retreat association at Montreat and later joined the staff at Black Mountain Lumber company when Nancy Willis left her job as bookkeeper.

As our talk verged on the subject of hobbies, Harriet got that mischievous twinkle familiar to her friends. "My chief hobby is hunting," she said. It's a hobby that is somewhat unusual for women, you know—generally speaking. And Harriet is a little thing. To picture her tramping around in hunting clothes and carrying guns—well—you can imagine. Naturally, I asked her how she happened to become a Diana. "I've been hunting since I could tag along with mother and daddy," she smiled. "Just about from the time I could walk." She told me one of her very favorite places for hunting is Ocala National Forest down in Florida. There she enjoys hunting deer, quail, and squirrel. She used a 20 gauge shotgun and a 30-30 rifle for deer hunting. I asked her what her game record is but she was blushingly reluctant to tell, "nothing to brag about" she said, but she did tell me proudly about her mother and her aunt. Mrs. Burgess has eight deer to her credit, and Harriet's aunt, Mrs. Lydia Milton, has a record of 15. Mrs. Milton has a cabin that Harriet and her friends have the privilege of using when they go down hunting.

I was jotting down notes when I heard a chuckle from Harriet. She said she was recalling one of her first hunting experiences. There is an old hunting custom prevalent in Florida and perhaps elsewhere, that is new to me (one of the uninitiated). It seems that if you miss your Buck you get your shirt-tail cut. And of course Harriet was wearing a brand new shirt on her first deer hunt. But she was forcibly made a member of the shirt-tail club and being a good sport she had fun out of it.

A less active hobby of hers is reading but she gets plenty of action in her books. She prefers stories of adventure and exploration. Some of her favorites are "Lost Trails, Lost Cities" by Col. P. H. Fawcett, "Journey To The Far Amazon" by Alain Gheerbrandt, "Savage Mountain" by Charles Houston, "The Rivers Run East" by Leonard Clark, and "The Blue Continent" by Tolco Quibici. Just to read these titles stirs the blood. They sound like good company in front of a fire on a cold winter night.

Sledding is another of Harriet's active hobbies. Being a native Floridian, she never has enough of snow. She is always thrilled when the weather cooperates. Last year when we had our big snow she took part of her vacation and guess where she spent it. Right up there at Blue Ridge, on a sled, morning, noon, and night.

Speaking of vacations, she had a most unusual vacation which was a birthday present from her brother, "Walt." This was in 1946 and Walt was in the Royal Canadian Air Force. But at the time he was back from overseas on leave in Canada.

He invited Harriet to meet him and spend her vacation at Lake Louise in Alberta. There they enjoyed fishing, horseback riding, and other out-of-door sports. They were guests at the Temple Chalet at Lake Louise. One of the most unusual occurrences during their stay was a snowstorm—in August!

The people there said it was the worst in years but it came suddenly and lasted briefly. However, when it came Harriet and Walt were out on the lake fishing. They nearly froze and when they finally managed to get back to shore and the haven of the chalet they were undressed, warmed and put to bed. Fortunately they suffered no ill effects and so could enjoy the experience in retrospect.

"Another funny thing that happened," said Harriet, "was our wonderful fishing luck. Just for fun one day we decided to go fishing with home-made rods. We cut our fishing poles from a tree, got some string—and we did use a

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Feb. 10—Betty Babb, Gertrude Allen, L. H. Gregory, Richard Early, Mrs. Viola Copeland, Martha Mitchell, Jannette Rogers, Kerlee Williams, Joy Edwards, Harold McIntosh.

Feb. 11—Jack Brown, Mary Ida Tipton, Betty Stepp, Nancy Wrenn, Sanchez Mott, Jennie Stepp, Perry Alexander Jr., Diane Robertson, Kenneth Atkins, Wade Kuykendall, Betty Stephenson.

Feb. 12—Martha T. Perley, Natalie Calloway, C. S. Betts, Mrs. Paul Turner, Mrs. Clyde A. Stubbs, Mrs. W. H. Holman, William Quinn, Henrietta Leland, Stan Smolton.

Feb. 13—Robert Byrd Jr., G. B. Field, Evelyn Bumgarner, Ruby Nodine.

Feb. 14—Brenda Sue Verner, Earl B. Swann, Barbara Helgreen, Myrtle Stephenson, Sarah Bumgarner, Joan Biddix, Walter Allison, Betty Ball, Teresa Buckner, Patricia Dees, Hartsel Blankenship.

Feb. 15—Mrs. Glenn Stafford, Leroy Verner, Michael Alan Candler, Mrs. A. R. Rudisill, Sheila Ann Goodman, Thelma L. Richardson, G. B. Quesinberry, Bobby Hensley, Burgin Edwards, Fred Mason.

Feb. 16—William Metcalf, Claude Brooks, Charles Michael Sobol, George C. Joyner Jr., Richard F. Gauthier, J. H. Sneed.

regular fly—but in an hour's time we caught eight trout! Our fellow anglers, who had spent hundreds of dollars on the finest fishing tackle, didn't do nearly so well. They were quite chagrined!

Incidentally Harriet and Walt introduced fried fish to the swanky chalet. Fish was usually broiled, Harriet said, and the Southern fried fish made a real hit.

When I went to interview Harriet she said there wasn't anything to tell. I'm afraid we've proven modest Harriet wrong! Just look at her now.

—By Clara Crawford.

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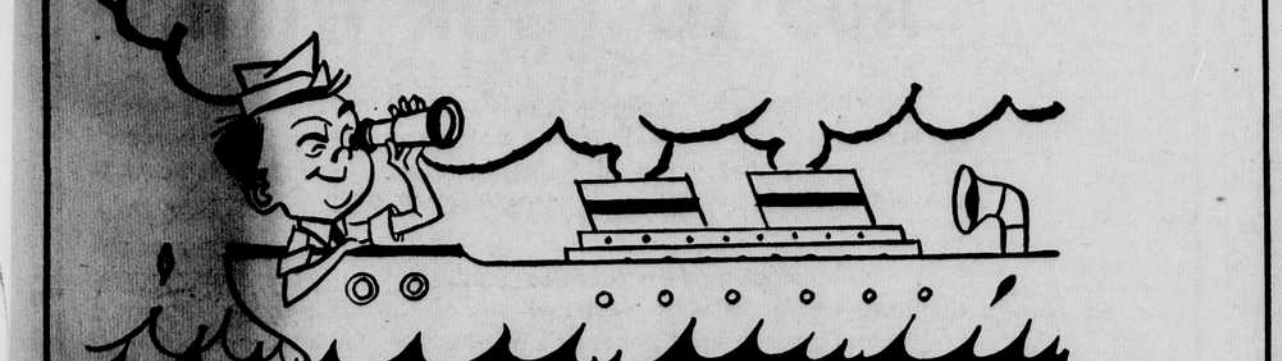


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