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"DRIBBIN' AROUND with 'By George'"

I can still hear them yelling — about umhundred of them, and about half of them still seem to be demanding the time left to play. Of course, I mean that game Tuesday night when the local High School lads almost, and I mean very much "almost" — beat that Rutherfordton-Spindale team. But they couldn't quite do it.

Those visitors had a pretty good team, despite that fact that they played the game on the center line. One fellow, Edwards by name, undoubtedly beats anything in the conference for scrap. Better players are seen sometimes, but never a harder fighter.

Willis, as usual, led the scoring for the locals, with seven points. The final score, broken just a minute and twenty seconds before the game ended, was 22-20. And (was, as I said before, a very, very, good game.

The girls were in fine shape, as the usual thing, in fact, some of them were even better than usual. Measmer hit the top, rang the bell,

and did several other things which we don't know any journalist or basket vernacular to describe. Anyway, the gal was all over the court, and piled up nine points for high score. Sargeant missed the rebounds and came out of the affray with five bell ringers. The score: 21-14, us.

King and Calvert led the scoring for the losing sextette, with six points each, leaving two to be divided between four other gals. We don't know who did them. The Calvert lass was something to behold, shooting from all over the court with one hand, over her shoulder, at that. One of the Kings Mountain gals did a shot like that one time, but it was so long ago that everybody in town has forgotten about it except me and the manager of the Sextette. We talk about it ever once in a while, when we get reminiscential or something.

Last Friday night in Shelby, the Sextette won again, and the Quintet lost again. The gals could overcome stiff opposition, and the boys could not overcome stiffer competition. Next Friday night they play Bessemer City again, and expect to win, or, versa. It's supposed to be their last home game.

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GROVER NEWS

(Mrs. A. Collins)

Grover, Feb. 20.—Mrs. J. H. Bridges entertained at a pretty dinner Sunday in honor of her mother, Mrs. M. J. Allen who was celebrating her 85th birthday. The dining room table was graced with a two-tiered birthday cake. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Bell of Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fraiser of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Keeter of Shelby. Birthday remembrances were presented to the honoree.

Miss Mamie Hambricht entered the Shelby hospital Saturday night for an operation for the removal of her appendix, and is getting along nicely following operation.

Miss Ruth Crisp is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. R. Fellers, in Columbia, S. C.

J. H. Fellers of New York spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. S. A. Crisp and Mr. Crisp.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Carroll of Kings Mountain spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert White spent the week end in Kings Creek, S. C. visiting Mr. and Mrs. Haskel White.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Turner and Miss Hazeline Turner of Earl were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Collins Sunday, parents of Mrs. Collins.

Mrs. Vernon Honeycutt a recent bride, was honored with a surprise miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. L. C. Hamrick Wednesday evening. Miss Anne Gray, gave a toast to the bride. Mrs. Hamrick, served fruits to the number present.

Pair Of Tongs Dropped Leads To Cold Finished Steel Industry

WASHINGTON.—Most everyone in America today has an automobile refrigerator, washing machine, or some other steel-containing article, but if a Pittsburg iron worker hadn't dropped a pair of tongs into a pair of huge rollers 81 years ago the price of such articles might today still be out of the reach of most pocketbooks.

The worker, although he didn't realize it at the time, had unwittingly started a new industry. The tongs he carelessly dropped into the rollers that day in 1859 made industrial history as they emerged from the rolls, flattened and distorted for they reappeared with a polished smoothness which had previously been acquired only by expensive machining and grinding. It taught iron makers that hard metals could be shaped even though they weren't red hot.

The scene of the historical accident was an iron works in old Brownsstown, Pa., now part of Pittsburgh's South Side. The story, handed down by steel men, is that the worker was feeding long fiery-red bars into a stand of rolls. The long handled pair of tongs he was using to guide the bars, so the story goes, moved too close to the turning rolls which, like the wringers of a washing machine, seized the tongs and drew them through the rolls.

Fearing that he might have ruined the rolls, the workman, who remains unidentified, said nothing. He found another pair of tongs and carried on his work.

A foreman, however, found the flattened tongs. What attracted him most was not their distorted shape but their gleaming smoothness. He was aware that they had passed through the rolls and immediately visualized the possibility of rolling cold bars of iron. Inspection showed the rolls had not been damaged, so the young foreman began considering experiments. He realized that bars that had lost their heat and attendant variations could be shaped to more exact specifications and could be smoothed and polished by the same operation.

The plant management, however, frowned on the experiments, fearing the rolls might be damaged by the cold iron bars. The foreman persisted, even declaring his willingness to assume responsibility for any damage. Reluctant permission for a test was finally given and word went out to the mill hands that they were going to roll iron that wasn't hot and soft. Old hands scoffed at the idea and one veteran is said to have remarked: "might as well try to knead a loaf of bread after it's baked."

On the day of the test the mill virtually was shut down as the young foreman began his experiment. All eyes focused on the exit side of the roll as the bar began to appear. To everyone's amazement (except that of the foreman, the bar appeared smooth and shiny.

After that day he was given a free hand at experiments. When he had further proved his theory he patented the process. There followed a boom in the industry, for new uses were found for the product because it could now be produced cheaper, making it available to more people.

When the age of iron gave way to the advance of steel, the same cold-finishing process was applied with success and the industry became one of the most important in the world.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor for the last will and testament of Vera Rawles, all persons having claims against the estate of Vera Rawles, deceased, will please file same with the undersigned on or before February 15th, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to her estate will please make immediate payment.

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C. F. Thomasson, Executor.
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