

# SPORT SHOTS

BY CHARLES CARPENTER

Still can't get off the topic of football, even though the regular schedule is over. With so many 'bowl' classics coming up it's almost like another year. And it is—that is Wednesday the First is—going to be just like another football Saturday with lots of games on the air for local fans to tune in on and lots of places to go get a look alone of the various bowl games.

Sugar Bowl tickets are scarce as hen teeth for the "Battle of the Charlies" but our guess is that Kings Mountain will be represented in the New Orleans classic.

And down Orlando way where the first Tangerine affair will be recited off before a shirt-sleeved crowd, Jimmy Diekey, at a starting guard position, will be backed up in the stands by Mrs. Bessie Diekey, his mother, and probably his wife, among others. Judging by her comments, Jimmy's mother isn't inclined to agree with

with birds faster than a growing army of hunters can shoot them out of it.")

**POSSIBILITIES** — Looking into possibilities that might occur if every duck hunter heeded that appeal. "Outdoor Life" says:

"There are some 2 million duck hunters this season. Not too many of them ever will get the chance to shoot their daily limit, so let's suppose that in the course of the season each of them kills just two ducks less than he could kill. In that case 4 million additional ducks would fly northward in the spring. If nesting conditions were near normal, those 4 million ducks would produce and raise to maturity about 1 million 'new' ducks—and next fall there would be 5 million more ducks flying northward than there would be if every hunter shot all the ducks the law allows, or all the ducks he could shoot, this year.

"Those 5 million ducks wouldn't bring our waterfowl population up to its level of a couple of years ago, but it would help a lot."

**LET'S TRY IT**—Killing a little less than we could kill of some other popular species of game would have even more spectacular results. "Outdoor

# Central Basketball Card Lists 14 Conference Games

With conference opponents numbering seven for a fourteen-game schedule already lined up, Kings Mountain high school basketball teams continued their busy practice sessions this week in preparation for their pre-conference opener practice games, expected to begin next Thursday night.

The 'card' of contests was prepared at a meeting of coaches and school authorities held last Tuesday night in Hickory.

The boys' cage squad, with last year's combination of Bill Cashion, Bob Neill, Bill Dettmar, expected to be on the starting five, is fast shaping up on their court-play and a guess at the starting team would include the three from last year's outfit, along with tall Jim Black, '44 letterman, and probal'y Jake Harry, Grover flash, with other candidates pushing all five hard for the starting spots.

**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**  
Jan. 14—Cliffside—here.  
Jan. 17—Cherryville—here.  
Jan. 21—Ruth-Spindale—there.  
Jan. 24—Charlotte (Tech)—here.  
Jan. 27—Lincolnton—there.  
Jan. 28—Caroleen (Tri Hi)—here.  
Jan. 31—Shelby—there.  
Feb. 4—Charlotte (Tech)—there.  
Feb. 7—OPEN.  
Feb. 11—Ruth-Spindale—here.  
Feb. 14—Caroleen (Tri Hi)—there.  
Feb. 18—Cliffside—there.  
Feb. 20—Cherryville—there.  
Feb. 23—Lincolnton—here.  
Feb. 28—Shelby—here.  
\*—Boys' game only. All other games are twin-bills (boys and girls.)  
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And down in the 'Gator Bowl' plenty of local followers of the Wolfpack are expected to be on hand to see George Allen and Jim Gibson in action with Beattie Feathers' powerful squad. Opposition is Coach Jim Tatum's rough and ready Sooners, and the game should rank high among the reall-

that each of the 8 1/2 million hunters who are afield this season called halt before he had his limit. Without getting all messed up with figures—which would be debatable as well as astronomical. It's a good bet that the increase of that spared game would go a long way toward washing out the wildlife crisis."

ful of lettermen returning, is hard at work under their coach, Miss Mabel Goodman and are expecting to field a winning combination.

With the schedule of practice games to be released next week, Coach Clyde Canipe yesterday released the following conference schedule:

It is our guess that among the major 'bowl' games, the Sugar and the 'Gator, along with the Orange, will hold local radio rooters' attention. The Gen. (coach Bob Neyland of Tennessee) is leary of Jess Neely's 'trap plays and it is our guess that when the final whistle is heard, his tears will have been justified.

With high school football going the 'All' way of their graduate class collegiate teammates this year, we're sitting tight this week for the Western conference All-Conference team, to be picked in Hickory Tuesday night.

Already announced, in last Saturday's Charlotte News, is the All-State high school team for North Carolina, on which three local players were given honorable mention.

**BILL DETTMAR**, rangy left end of the 1946 Mountaineer squad, was listed in the honorable mention for end candidates on the All-State dream team.

**BOB NEILL**, big and rough Mountaineer tackle of the past season, was picked in the honored group of tackles.

**BRUISER BILL CASHION**, piston-legged line-plunger of the Canipe-men this year, was in the honorable mention section that included the top backs in the state.


Hats off to these three stars—and may they each remember the part played by their teammates in helping them make the headlines.

We don't know how they pick these 'all' teams but it would suit us if the officials and coaches in the Western loop decide to pick two men at each position this year. To our mind that's the best way yet to get a representative squad.

to preserve the sport of hunting. As "Outdoor Life" puts it: "Leave some game for the future. Every hunter should take a helpful hint—take only what you can use—don't aim for the bag limit as a goal. Leave some game for the future."

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Hunters beware — as Tom Walker puts it in his Rod and Gun column on the state's banner year in 1946 during which an estimated increase of hunters is one-third more than last year, and with dwindling game in the fields—

**"TIME TO LOOK OUT**—Maybe hunters should be happy about the whole thing. After all, a hunter goes out to get something, and if he does not bring back something, time's a-wasting.

"Maybe it should make hunters happy to hear that bear hunters are bringing back a lot of bear, that deer hunters are bringing back a lot of deer. They certainly are doing that. If good kills are being made, chances for a successful hunting trip look better, don't they?"

"Maybe we all should be pleased. Maybe.

"But maybe the hunter should be uneasy; maybe he should ask himself a few questions. What about next year, or the year after, if the heavy kill continues? It wouldn't take many 'big' seasons to do all but finish off the sport.

"The problem is not North Carolina alone. Other states are up against a similar combination of circumstances which are making several species of game dwindle; unfavorable breeding seasons, the mysterious cycle of certain species of game, man's taking over of game habitat, predation, and sharply increased hunting pressure.

"In a report on the hunting season, "Outdoor Life" magazine says the nation faces a wildlife crisis because of the terrific pressure hunters and fishermen will put on wildlife during the next few years—a crisis which may, "unless we hold down the total take," cut into the seed stock which must always be safeguarded as assure future sport.

"Following through, "Outdoor Life" made an appeal to sportsmen to line up behind a suggestion that will do a lot to help us safely through the present crisis"—until the states can plug the gap with their long-range conservation programs. (Continued on page 1.)



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