

### Preparedness Can Reduce Damage From Windstorms

Experience of recent years shows that windstorms can occur at almost any time of the year. Many parts of the country have stormy seasons, but the "out of season" storm is not uncommon.

Protection against windstorm damage has become an increasing concern of property owners. Windstorm damage can to a large degree be prevented, just as property can be safeguarded from fire, the National Board of Fire Underwriters says.

One of the important factors concerns building construction. The less engineering and architectural supervision a building has had in its erection, the more likely the building is to be damaged by windstorms, according to the National Board.

Another factor is the preparedness of the property owner himself. Residents of the "hurricane belt" in the Gulf States and Florida have learned by experience that precautions taken after the first storm warning will safeguard lives and prevent much property damage.

Place all loose objects and

### El-Bethel-Bethware News

(Mrs. Leonard Gamble)

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. W. L. McSwain taught a Y. W. A. study course at David's Baptist church. A good crowd was present.

Monday night the group met at the home of Mrs. McSwain's movable objects, such as boards, garbage cans, porch furniture, etc where there is no danger of their being lifted and blown against a building or through a window.

2. Movable awnings should be raised and securely tied, or removed entirely.

3. Shutters should be firmly and securely attached.

4. Temporary lighting, preferably flashlights, should be arranged in case electric current is cut off.

5. Large doors such as garage doors should be securely braced against movement in or out.

6. Keep hammer, saw, nails and boards handy in house for emergency use.

7. Cut down dead trees or branches near buildings. Brace small trees or shrubs.

to observe "The Week of Prayer." An interesting program was given after which Mrs. McSwain served nice refreshments.

Saturday night the Juniors of Bethware High School sponsored a play, "This Ghost Business." Proceeds will be used for the Junior - Senior banquet. The play was crammed full of laughter and suspense.

J. H. Rudisill is able to be back on his post as principal of Bethware school after an operation in a Charlotte Hospital.

Mrs. Ed Reynolds was taken to the Kings Mountain Hospital Saturday. She underwent an operation Sunday night.

Saturday night at 7 p. m. Mrs. Robert Swofford and Mrs. Edna Gantt entertained a group of friends at a miscellaneous show.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, pickles and hot chocolate were served. Mrs. Swofford received many nice gifts.

Bethware girls and boys played a practice basketball game Tuesday night at Tryon. Friday night they will play Mooresboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker McSwain of Lincolnton were visitors in the community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Moore were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wehnt.

## SPORT SHOTS

By CHARLES CARPENTER

The state's school superintendents are now getting into the football-bowl-de-emphasis act.

At a meeting in High Point last week, the public school bosses drew up a 22-point recommendation for regulating interscholastic sports for presentation to the State Board of Education with a request that they become effective July 1, 1952.

At least they did better than the Southern Conference presidents—they set a future effective date—and dumped the program into the laps of the state board. The Southern college heads did not have a like group to do so.

Most of the regulations have been on the books, or have become practice, of most conferences for some time, with the biggest slap taken at the bowls.

Covered in the 22-point program (taken from an AP report of this meeting): Banning of all post-season games, except county conference or state playoffs.

No regional or state championship games for girls will be allowed.

Practice in any sport may not start before August 15 or two weeks prior to the opening of the regular school term.

A player must have been a resident in attendance at an approved school at least 60 percent of the previous term.

A player must make passing grades on at least three courses each term, one of these an academic course. Physical education would not constitute an academic subject.

Any student appearing in all-star game would be excluded from further participation in that sport.

No more than one regularly scheduled football, two basketball and two baseball games, two tennis and two golf matches, could be played in any one week. It was "strongly recommended" that girls basketball games be limited to one game each week.

Seasons would be limited to 10 games in football, including practice games or scrimmages with other schools; 20 basketball games after Dec. 1; and 20 baseball games.

Coaches must be bona fide members of the school faculty, certified teachers or practice teachers.

All players must receive a medical examination within 30 days prior to the beginning of practice in any sport.

**Pro Baseball Rule**  
And Branch Rickey, a long a prominent figure in pro baseball has come up with a proposal to get the high school rule of baseball changed.

The rule now forbids a manager from even talking business with a high school student until he graduates, or in the case of a

player not in school, until his class graduates.

Rickey says the rule is being violated—and often.

He is to introduce a proposal at the minor leagues meeting now underway to enable a manager to sign a high school youth to a contract, to become effective when he graduates.

**Gastonia Baseball**  
Also attending the minor league meeting are two prominent Gastonia baseball men.

J. K. (Buddy) Lewis, former major league player, and J. R. Bradshaw, former minor star, are attending the annual affair representing Gastonia interests who are seeking to re-enter the pro ranks.

The Spindle City crowd stands a chance of entering the Tri-State, Class B loop, picking up the Greenwood, S. C., franchise.

The Gastonia pair produced a very successful American Legion team here in 1950 and Bradshaw had a good year as Kings Mountain's mentor this past season.

Both have recently married, in case you haven't heard.

**Shrine Bowl**  
Biggest crowd in history saw last week's Shrine Bowl game at Charlotte, with a full house at the stadium and whoknowsho-many looking in on TV.

Many Kings Mountain citizens made the annual trek over to witness the star schoolboys from NC and SC perform. Bruce Thorburn, Coach Jack Sink and yours truly sat in the top-of-the-horse-shoe, almost behind the Kings Mountain band. Coach Don Parker chattered the musicians and had a ring-side seat.

Lots of good hard blocking and tackling on both sides, with the usual quantity of mistakes and thrills which makes the game so exciting. Several performers looked out-of-place, with 4-year single wing replacements sitting it out for the most part.

With Jack on one side "scouting" and Bruce on the other "officiating", the afternoon was quite enjoyable. Coach Sink was the chief Kings Mountain high scout and Referee Thorburn worked some 25 high school, junior college and college games. They just couldn't get out of their habits. (Looked for my reporters scorebook a couple of times myself.)

Bruce was scheduled to work the Kings Mountain - Gastonia game that was rained out and not re-scheduled. He was happy about that, as seemingly was everybody else connected with the two schools.

**Coach Black**  
Houston Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Black, was an assistant coach and chief scout for the powerful Rockingham grid-ders this year. The Rockets started out like a house-afire, leading the state in scoring at one time. Houston, who schooled under Earl Ruth at Catawba, is head basketball coach at the school. Au revoir.

**Remind Parents To Demand Safety In Children's Toys**

Some Christmas toys may be dangerous, the National Board of Fire Underwriters stated today.

Adults should insist that all toys their children receive be incapable of causing fire, shock, or explosion.

To do this, parents should follow this check list:

1. Look for a "U. L." label on all electrical toys. This means that the toy has been checked by Underwriters Laboratories for fire and shock hazards.

2. Take care in buying a chemical set for children. Toys requiring alcohol, kerosene, gasoline or candle lamps may be hazardous in juvenile hands.

3. Parents should supervise any play with electrical toys or toys involving fuels and chemicals.

4. Do not dress children in flimsy, flammable costumes or buy like material for doll clothing.

**Negro News**  
**SHOWER GIVEN**  
A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Miss B. Jackson by Mrs. Pearl Miller at her home on Watterson street last Thursday night at 7:00 p. m. The shower was quite a success. The bride-to-be received a collection of valuable gifts from friends present and from friends who were absent and sent gifts. After games were played and prizes given, refreshments of fruit, cold-ain mold, boiled ham sandwiches, chocolate pie with walnut ice cream, and Russian tea with crackers were served. Everything was well-planned and everyone present had a most enjoyable time.

**DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL**  
The regular meeting of the Davidson school P-T. A. will be held Tuesday, December 11th at 7:30 p. m. in the school library. Everyone is urged to be present and on time. This will be our last meeting during the year.

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