



**VARSITY BOYS TEAM AT BETHWARE**—Pictured above is the boys varsity cage team at Bethware high school, of which Jeff Wells, left is coach. Players are, kneeling left to right, Bill Huffstickler, Richard Jarvis, Jack Harmon, Jake Dixon and Dean Huskey; standing, Ralph Hord, Jack Barrett, Ken Yarboro, Giles Bell, Bobby Canipe and Doyle

Burton, Huskey has moved to Tennessee, Jarvis has been ill and Dixon is out for the season with a sprained ankle so the Bethware quint took a 2-19 record into Tuesday's finale with Polkville at the Bethware court. Only Jarvis and Dixon are seniors, leaving the club's prospects bright for next season.

### Death Benefit Claims In State Up During 1953

North Carolina families received \$32,000,000 during 1953 in death claim payments from their life insurance companies, the Institute of Life Insurance reports. These payments were made under 28,270 policies.

The 1953 death claims were \$1,554,000 greater than the year

before, when they totaled \$30,446,000.

"The annual flow of death claim payments in this state has risen 98 percent in the past decade," the Institute commented. "In 1943, they amounted to \$16,155,000, under 19,793 policies. The increase has been primarily a reflection of the greater amount of life insurance owned and not a rise in death rates. Ownership of such protection in this state increased 163 percent between the start of 1943 and 1953. There has been a large gain in the family security provided through this channel, with many more families provided with the means of holding together and at a higher standard of living than ever before."

Of the 1953 death claim payments in this state, \$21,314,000 was under 7,508 ordinary life insurance policies; \$5,441,000 was under 3,046 group life insurance certificates; and \$5,245,000 was under 17,716 industrial insurance policies.

For the nation as a whole, the 1953 aggregate of death claim payments was \$1,989,361,000 under 1,567,215 policies, compared with \$1,833,464,000 under 1,509,397 policies the year before and \$1,098,186,000 under 1,180,304 policies in 1943. Last year's payments were made up of \$1,285,873,000 under 466,099 ordinary life insurance policies; \$447,122,000 under 200,036 group life insurance certificates; and \$256,866,000 under 910,080 industrial insurance policies.

### Methodist Rally Set At Gastonia On Wednesday

The board of evangelism of the Methodist church, under the leadership of Dr. J. C. Madison, chairman, is making plans for five evangelistic rallies which are to be held at strategic points over the Western Carolina Annual Conference.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell and his cabinet, which is composed of the district superintendents, are stressing the great importance of these rallies.

One of the most important evangelistic rallies will be held on Wednesday, February 24, at Main Street Methodist church, Gastonia at 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon is the host pastor, and lunch is to be served by the ladies of Main Street church. Members from the Charlotte and Gastonia districts are to attend.

Two of the most outstanding bishops of Methodism will speak at the morning hour, Bishop Ralph S. Cushman will bring a message in English, "The Present Challenge." Bishop Costen J. Harrell will speak on the subject, "What Christ Supplies."

In the afternoon, practical plans for local situations regarding the evangelistic program for the local church will be presented.

The district superintendents, the Rev. Frank Jordan, and the Rev. C. W. Kirby, will speak on the theme, "The Progress of Evangelism in Our District," and the district secretaries of evangelism, the Rev. W. A. Rollins of Charlotte and the Rev. R. M. Hardee of Gastonia will use as their subject, "What We Hope To Do This Conference Year."

The Rev. W. A. Rollins, pastor of the Belmont Park Methodist church, Charlotte, will highlight the afternoon session by bringing an important message, "The Western North Carolina Annual Conference Program of Evangelism and Its Progress." At the close of this message a consecration service will be held.

Some five hundred persons are expected to attend the Gastonia rally.

The Rev. Mr. Kirby, superintendent of the Gastonia district, reports that the ministers and leaders of the district have been majoring in evangelism during the past two years, having received 3,400 new members into the Methodist church during this period. He also stated that the district program for the conference year of 1953-54 has again put evangelism at the top of the list, and expects this year to far exceed all previous years in the number received into the church.

### Girl Scout News

The mothers of the Girl Scouts and Brownies met at Central Methodist church for the Brownie Investiture. The meeting was held February 11 at 3 o'clock in the church basement.

The co-leader, Mrs. Madge Rhea, received the pin from Mrs. Paul Hendricks.

Brownies who "flew up" are as follows: Judy Bridges, Phyllis Bumgardner, Carol Jean Goter, Brenda Gail Hamrick, Peggy Ware, Sandra Plonk, and Jo Moss.

Those who received pins were Regena Blanton, Sharon Castle, Elizabeth Hamrick, Joan Howard, Pattie Howard, Brenda Kelly, Ann Trott, and Mary Wright.

Those who received Brownie penants were Jackie Blanton, Janice Bridges, Nancy Craig, Sara Hendricks, Carey Shore, and



**REVIVAL SPEAKER** — Rev. W. T. Furr, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Shelby, will conduct a revival beginning Friday night at Eastside Baptist church on York Road, according to announcement this week by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Chaney. The revival services will begin each evening at 7 o'clock and will continue through February 28.

### Know Selection Of Rain Apparel

Sometimes the "Sunny South" isn't so sunny. Most sections of North Carolina seem to be falling to the not-so-sunny category with unexpected rains coming and going.

It's a good time now to start thinking in terms of raincoats, galoshes and umbrellas since spring and its April showers aren't far away.

Shopping for new rain apparel can be pretty confusing — particularly if you are not exactly straight as to what some of the terms mean. "Water repellent" and "water proof" are two terms commonly used interchangeably. But Julia Melver, State College extension specialist in textiles and clothing, says these are two entirely different terms and the meaning should be clarified.

"Water repellent" materials are those in which the yarn is coated before it is woven, making the fabric resistant to moisture. Some fabrics are permanently water repellent — others are not. When looking at water repellent garments, read the labels and learn as much as you can about the particular fabric before investing.

"Water proof" is a term referring to coating a fabric to prevent the passage of moisture or air through it. But again, read the labels to see what the characteristics of the fabric are.

Janie Trammell. We sang the Brownie songs. The meeting was turned over to Mrs. Helen Hamrick and Miss Mozelle Masters for the Girl Scout portion of the program.

The North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station have a total of 265 bulletins and pamphlets available free upon request.

### Gaston Players Give Comedy Hit Thursday, Friday

**GASTONIA** — A gay Broadway comedy hit dealing with the always hotly debated topic of women's rebellion against masculine domination has been chosen by the Gastonia Little Theatre as their next attraction. This is "Strange Bedfellows," by Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements, which will be presented at Wray Junior high school on Thursday, and Friday nights, February 18 and 19, at 8:15 p. m.

Set against the picturesque and colorful background of San Francisco in 1896, "Strange Bedfellows" tells the story of a suffragist leader who marries a young Congressman whose party loyalty requires that he oppose women's suffrage, and this raises the general question — as topical today in McKinley's time — whether a bride must give up her own opinions along with her maiden name and accept her husband's convictions along with the wedding ring.

The comedy's complications rise out of the fact that each had pledged, upon their marriage, to respect the other's independence of thought, but actually the young husband finds it unthinkable that his wife should not obediently share his views, and the wife finds it outrageous that she should not continue her freedom of opinion.

The authors of "Strange Bedfellows" write they have dealt with this serious topic with the broadest humor, considering it too explosive to handle in all seriousness. When it was launched on its six-month run on Broadway, New York critics called it "a gasty and colorful comedy," "vastly entertaining," and "great good fun."

Starring in the Gastonia presentation will be Roger Grier as Senator Cromwell, Mrs. Gertrude Clinton as the Senator's wife; Muriel Ashe as Clarissa Blynn Cromwell and Roland Bradley as her husband, Congressman Matthew Cromwell.

State Income Tax returns may be filed on the new short form if income consisted of salaries, wages, commissions, dividends and interest.

### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred by that certain Deed of Trust executed by Oliver Falls and wife to D. C. Mauney, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Cleveland County, North Carolina, in Book 378, at Page 304, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby, the undersigned Trustee, will, at the request and demand of the legal owner and seller of said indebtedness, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the County Courthouse in the City of Shelby, North Carolina, at 12 O'clock Noon on Monday, March 8th, 1954, all those certain pieces, parcels and lots of land lying and being in the City of Kings Mountain, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots Nos. 59, 60, 61 and 62, according to a blue print of same which is recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Cleveland County in Plat Book No. 3, at Page 3, and being the same lots conveyed by the Town of Kings Mountain to C. F. Thomason by deed dated 26th of September, 1940, as will appear on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County in Book 5-A, at Page 1. Being the same land conveyed by Ruth C. Thomason, Widow, and George B. Thomason by deed dated 11th of March, 1949, as will appear on record to C. F. Thomason, Jr.

Said sale will remain open ten days for raised bids as by Statute provided.

This the 1st day of February, 1954.

E. A. Harrill, Trustee.

1-4-25-H.

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### NOTICE OF RESALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in an order made by E. A. Houser, Clerk of the Superior Court for Cleveland County in the special proceedings entitled, "Mrs. Mae Blackburn, widow, et al vs. G. S. Blackburn, Administrator for the estate of W. L. Blackburn, deceased, et al", I will resell for cash on the premises of the lots hereinafter described at public auction on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1954 at 10:00 o'clock a. m. or within legal hours, the following described real estate:

All of lots 1 through 17 in Block A, lots 1 through 19 in Block B, lots 1 through 11 in Block C and lots 1 through 20 in Block D as shown on map or plat made by L. B. Falls, Surveyor in May, 1953, as will appear on record in the Register of Deeds Office for Cleveland County.

All of the above described lots compose the W. L. Blackburn estate consisting of 17 acres located about 1 mile West of Grover on the Grover - Shelby Highway, said 17 acre tract has been surveyed and cut into suitable building lots.

There is also located on the above lots two nice dwelling houses, a splendid barn and a good garage.

The above property is being sold to settle the W. L. Blackburn estate.

The bidding will begin at \$9000.00. 10% will be required of the successful bidder.

This the 2nd day of February, 1954.

G. S. Blackburn, Commissioner

Davis and White, Attorneys

2-4-18-D

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**SOUTHWEST**  
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