

## 'New Enthusiasm', New Coaches Give Blue Devil Basketball Bright Outlook

A "new enthusiasm" is the most noticeable aspect among folks around the gymnasium at Mooresville Senior High School. And the folks are some 32 remaining aspirants who have been working hard since the opening of basketball practice on October 15 for area high school boys and girls teams.

The Blue Devil basketball program at Senior High will have a new look this season. The boys will be under the direction of Ernie Pope, first-year coach with varsity experience at East Carolina University.

Pope succeeds Gary Karraker, who assumed the athletic directorship and football head coach post at the beginning of this school year.

The girls' team will also have a new coach, though not a newcomer on the local coaching scene. Roy Thompson will direct the Devilettes this season, after coaching the boys' high school junior varsity basketball team for the past two seasons. Thompson has also served as assistant football coach and has had baseball coaching experience at Senior High.

Coach Pope says that he is not yet able to make an assessment of the relative strength of his program. He expects a large number of players to emerge from football to tryout after football season, including five or six lettermen from last year's squad.

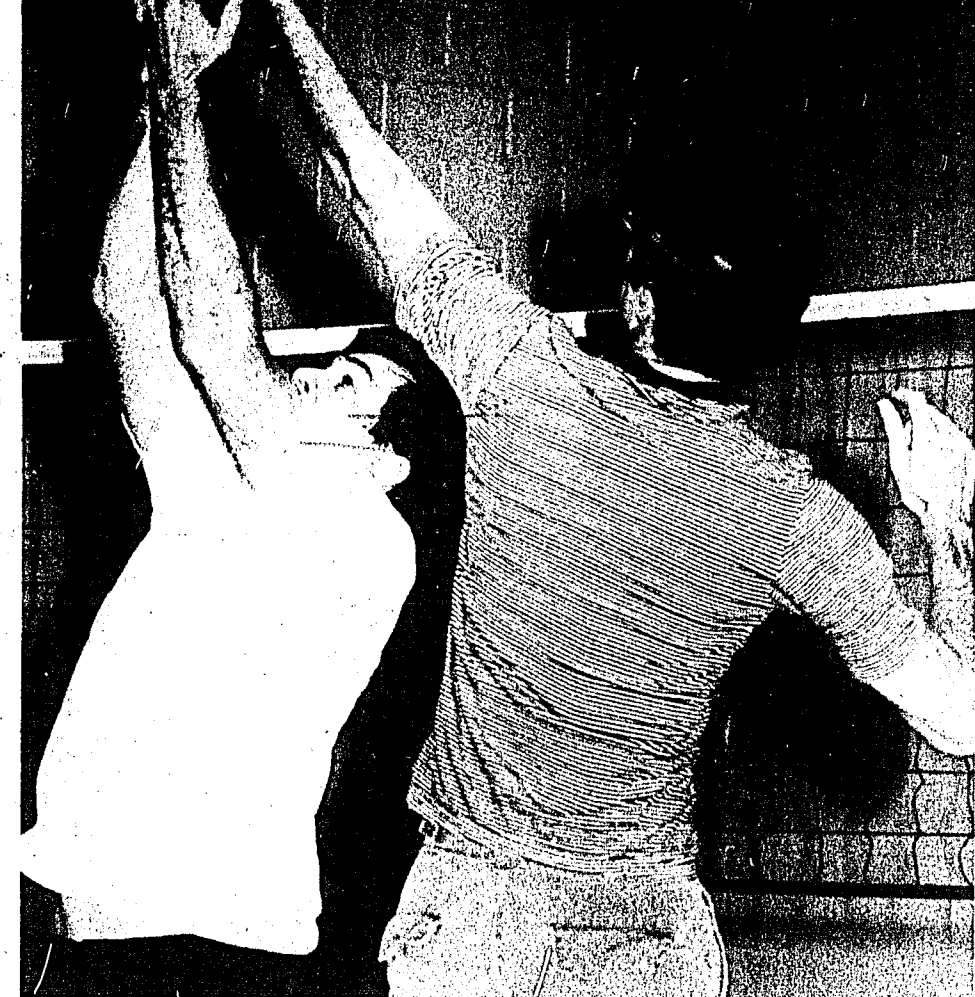
"But if numbers plus hustle and enthusiasm in practice is any indication," Pope said, "I'd say we'll do all right."

Over 40 boys came out for

the team and one cut has lowered the number to 20 that are now in their fourth week of practice. After the boys from the football team tryout, Pope will make a final cut and also pick a junior varsity squad.

The girls' team had 20 tryouts for the 12 spots on the squad. Those picked for the team are senior Clara Pinkston, juniors Cheryl Coggins, Kim Crouch and Marsha Rodgers and sophomores Pat Johnston, Barbara Wilson, Becky Morrow, Karen Thompson, Karen Popp, Patti Tyler, Tammy Williams and Cindy Wilson. Managers selected for the 1973-74 squad are Sharon Gregory, Blaine Bowles and Deborah Sloan.

Coach Thompson reports that his girls have put in a lot of hard work and we're confident that it's going to pay off," Thompson said. "Even though we don't have a large number of juniors and seniors of the squad, the ones we have all have a lot of varsity experience. And the players from junior high have



Church Volleyball League Begins Play

Ed Lewis, left, and Walt Jones team up to get the ball over the net during last week's opening round of matches in the church volleyball league. Seven churches make up the league that plays in the War Memorial gymnasium each Monday night. Six of the teams are in action each week, and each plays a best-of-three-games match. Other churches taking part in the recreational program are First Baptist, Associate Reformed Pres-

## Senior High's Cage Schedule Released

Mooresville Senior High School's cage schedule will play 20 twin-bills during the upcoming basketball season, according to a schedule released today by school officials.

This year, the local girls' team will be coached by Roy Thompson, Jr., while the boys' team will be directed by Coach Ernie Pope.

In addition to the regular season twin-bills, the boys' team likely will participate in a county-wide Christmas tournament in Statesville, when the boys' teams from the four high schools in the county—Mooresville, Statesville, South Iredell and North Iredell—complete for the county cage championship.

Mooresville High School's schedule as released by school officials is as follows:

Nov. 3—Statesville at Statesville.  
Dec. 4—Statesville at Mooresville.  
Dec. 7—Davie County at Mooresville.  
Dec. 11—North Davidson at North Davidson.  
Dec. 14—West Rowan at West Rowan.  
Dec. 18—South Iredell at Mooresville.  
Jan. 4—South Rowan at Mooresville.  
Jan. 8—North Iredell at North Iredell.  
Jan. 11—North Rowan at North Rowan.  
Jan. 15—East Rowan at Mooresville.  
Jan. 19—North Stanly at Mooresville.  
Jan. 22—Davie County at Davie County.  
Jan. 25—North Davidson at Mooresville.  
Jan. 29—West Rowan at Mooresville.  
Feb. 1—South Iredell at South Iredell.  
Feb. 5—South Rowan at South Rowan.  
Feb. 8—North Iredell at Mooresville.  
Feb. 12—North Rowan at Mooresville.  
Feb. 15—East Rowan at East Rowan.  
Feb. 19—North Stanly at North Stanly.

Mark Steven Lackey of Mooresville, route 1, captured the first-place award of \$7 in last week's football contest that is being sponsored weekly during the grid season by Mooresville merchants and the Mooresville Tribune.

Lackey had 11 correct guesses out of a possible 12. With 10 correct guesses out of a possible 12, A. W. Mathey of 347 Patterson Avenue in Mooresville won the second-place prize of \$4.

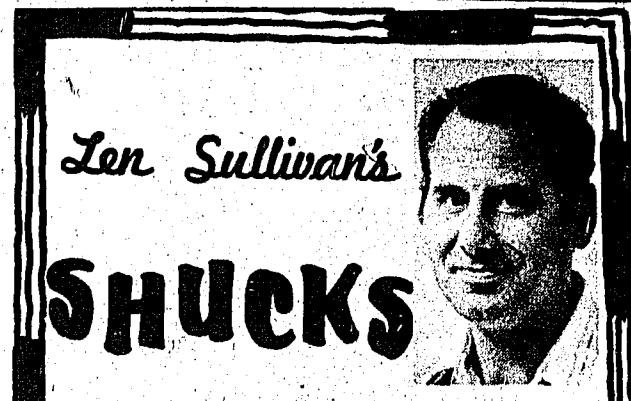
Three contestants had nine correct guesses out of a possible 12. Therefore, the third-place prize was decided by the total points scored in the tie-breaking game at 40, was closest to the correct total score and took the third-place prize of \$3. Miss Donaldson is a resident of 121 Manor Circle in Mooresville.

Tara J. Winders of Mooresville, route 2, guessed the exact score of the Mooresville-South Iredell game, 21-0 in favor of Mooresville. She won a can of STP from Wilson Auto Parts, a free pass to the State Theatre, four tires balanced and rotated at Brothers Tire Sales, and a \$5 gift certificate from Macks Variety Store.

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## Proctor Funeral Sunday



Howard Abernathy Proctor, 63-year-old resident of 444 West Center Avenue, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Davis Hospital in Statesville. He was seized with the fatal attack while at the hospital to visit his wife, who was a patient there.

Born in Lincoln County on July 14, 1910, Mr. Proctor was a son of the late Dwight and Connie Howard Proctor. He had been employed for 36 years by Cascade Mills in Mooresville.

Survivors include: the widow, Mrs. Beryl Thompson Proctor; one daughter, Mrs. David Beam of Mooresville; one son, Rodney Proctor, with the U. S. Army in Belgium; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Cline and Mrs. Yates Brotherton, both of Denver; and one brother, Clarence Proctor of Denver, route 1. Three grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Proctor were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of the Cavin Funeral Home, with the Rev. S. Edwin Lewis, pastor of Mooresville's First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Glenwood Memorial Park cemetery.

## Chicken Pot Pie Supper At South

Sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association of South School, a chicken pot pie supper will be held at the school Tuesday, November 13.

Serving will get underway at 4 p.m. and continue in full swing until 7 p.m.

Plates will be \$1.75 each, and take out boxes will be available. The benefit meal will be served in the school's cafeteria.

The patronage of the public will be greatly appreciated, a spokesman for the sponsoring organization stressed in announcing the supper.

## Major Barker Completes Staff Officer Course

Army Reserve Chaplain Major Dwight L. Barker, who resides with his wife, Mary, at Mount Mourne, has completed the final phase of the Command and General Staff Officer course at the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The course is organized into nine phases and given over a five-year period either by correspondence or through the U. S. Army Reserve School System. The final two-week phase is conducted at Fort Leavenworth.

The training is designed to prepare selected officers for responsible positions at Division and Support Command levels. It also provides them with an understanding of the duties of corps and field Army general staff officers, and of Army participating in joint and combined operations.

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**You Still Get The Message**

It's an occupational hazard, I suppose. Reading proof all these years causes me to look for typos everywhere. This sign at Mooresville's Hardie's is a copy editor's nightmare and a typo-hunter's delight. We wouldn't say the sign painter was under the influence of "alcoholic" beverages when he was on the "premises," but the "expence" of his work perhaps should have been reduced in accordance with his violations of Noah's (Webster) law.

**You're As Young As Your Mind**

Sullivans go down, or up, or over or whatever to Murfreesboro during the weekend to visit No. 1 son Lynn and to take part in parents day activities at Chowan College. Good time. Boys tossing footballs all over the campus. Naturally the Sullivan boys quickly get into pickup games. The oldest included. Mistake. Rare back to throw the bomb, feel searing flash across the middle, like unto a white-hot poker poked into the belly. Make my way to the sidelines. Hang it up for the day. Get no respect.

"When are you going to realize," Lou chides, "that you are not an 18-year-old kid. You are, Lord help me, a 40-year-old kid. Even if your mind won't accept this, your body does."

Ouch. It only hurts when I laugh. I walk around doubled over for a spell. Then the amazing healing processes of my magnificent 40-year-old body take over and work a full recovery—I think.

Just the other day, I saw where some guy said that life after 40 is just one big maintenance problem. Who wants that? Not me. Not Loren Edwards.

Loren and his boys are into motorbikes. Mark is 11 and Scott is eight, and Loren is older than most kids. The younger boys are winning heats or rallies or whatever you call bike races. Like, Saturday, Mark took first place in the 100 cc class in Columbia, and another first Sunday in Atlanta in the 80 cc class, and Scott finished in the top five in the 80 both days.

Loren? His doctor let him go back to work Wednesday after something like six weeks. The old man was showing the kids the basics of motorbike riding. Broken arm, mild concussion.

"He's just a kid too," said Loren's wife, Pat, "he won't admit both boys are better riders than he is."

Ouch.

Reading is a docile pursuit. See where the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports says that 55 per cent of adults over 22 years of age exercise regularly. Of 60 million exercisers, 44 million are walkers. Big deal. Players of two-hands-below-the-waist tag and no-holds-barred half-court are not listed. Neither are their survivors.

**Some Good From Everything**

Coming in from Down East Sunday night. Stop for petrol in Ramseur. Pleasant chap comes out to the pumps, and as the 46-cent-a-gallon staff of automotive life hums through his hose, he chats.

"By the by, you didn't see any wrecks back up the road, did you?"

"Nope. Lot of traffic, but no accidents."

"Darn. Got this brand-new wrecker. Got excited a while ago. Thought I heard a siren go-by."

**Let's Get On With The Show**

You need the Mooresville Community Theatre needs you. You enjoyed it last year, didn't you? I mean, if you saw the shows, or if you were in the shows, you had much fun, right?

Bill Robie, the spark who ignited theatre here, has departed these parts, but others are determined to keep the show on the boards, or whatever it is in show biz. Men such as Gil Nelson, Clayton Davidson, Charles Shipman, for example. They want the South Iredell public to realize community theatre means exactly that. There's something in it for everyone. You don't have to be an experienced emcee, singer or anything. You can contribute, and you will get a bang out of it. So get behind your homegrown entertainment.

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