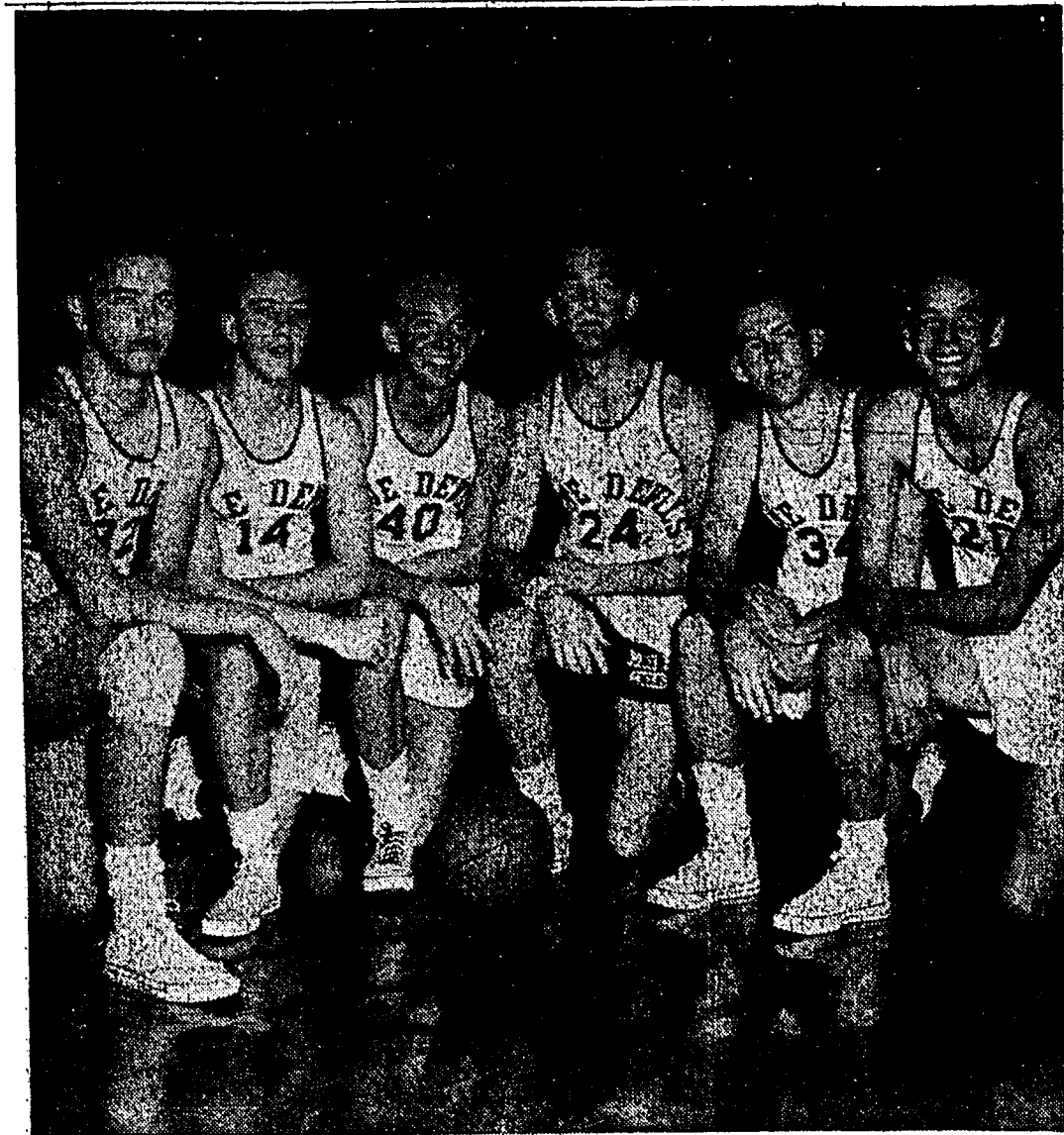


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BLUE DEVIL NUCLEUS — Harlan Bowman, Senior High basketball coach, expects trojan duty from these boys during the season that begins Friday night, December 6, when the locals meet Odell here. Late last week, the coach was unwilling to name a starting unit, preferring to call this group six of his top seven players. From left are senior forward Tim Roach, junior guard Mike Robinson, junior center Johnny Cabe, senior forward Johnny Barriar, junior guard Tommy Deal and junior forward Tony Hastings. The first-line boy missing from the picture is Eddie Barnette, junior forward.

Devil Cagers, Odell Battle Here Friday

Mooreville's Senior High basketball team will begin its 1963-64 season in a twin-bill here Friday night. Odell will be the opposition in the contests slated to begin at 7:00 p. m. in the Senior High Gym.

Coaches Harlan Bowman of the Devil Five and Roy Boyles of the Odell sextet have been sending their charges through rigorous practices during the first part of the week in preparation for the opener.

Only game time will tell just who Coach Boyles will select as a starting unit. A large number of lasses have been working out in hopes of making the squad. From a beginning of 25 girls, Boyles has around 20 applicants left from which to choose the starting six. In all probability, Boyles will use the few leftovers of last year's team, which was led by Sandy Torrence, with Sandy Torrence being the top talent returning. Torrence, a forward, and guard Drema Walters will be the keys to the success of this year's team.

Over on the boys side of the ledger, Coach Bowman has his entire starting unit returning for duty. These five are expected to carry the major part of the load in the Devils' quest for honor in North Piedmont competition.

Heading up the first five for the boys team are Johnny Barriar, Johnny Cabe, Mike Robinson, Tommy Deal and Tim Roach. Bowman has a host of talent which will add to the depth of the team. As the season moves along it is quite possible some of these boys could well move into a starting position. Today (Thursday) and Friday, the members of the Booster Club will push the sale of tickets to the contest in an attempt to have the teams playing before a full house in this first game.

Recreation Cagers Open Season Friday With Two Games

Carl Baber, Mooreville recreation director, announces the Recreation Church Basketball League will begin play tomorrow (Friday) night. Two games, a girls' contest and boys' contest, will be played on the Civic Center court with the ladies game slated to get underway first, starting at 7 p. m.

Scheduled to meet in the opener are the ladies of Southside and those who make up a team representing both First Baptist and St. Mark's.

The second game of the night will begin about 8:15. Men of Southside and First Baptist will clash in this contest.

A full week of league competition will begin Monday night, December 9, when Prospect and Rocky Mount girls meet at 7 o'clock, to be followed by a match between the Prospect and Second Presbyterian boys.

Tuesday's card pits Berea and St. Mark's boys in the first game, and men of Central and St. Luke's in the second contest.

This will be the fourth year the department has sponsored the league which is to provide basketball recreation for members of the representative churches. To date, eight boys teams and four ladies teams make up the league.

Churches sponsoring a men's team are Southside, First Baptist, St. Mark's, Second Presbyterian, Central Methodist, Prospect, Berea and St. Luke's. Ladies teams

The Boosters, in an attempt to make the attendance at basketball games reach a new high, have agreed to sponsor this contest along with the first wrestling match Friday night, December 13. They have also taken it on themselves to help promote and boost for more backing for the other sports of the local school.

Reserve tomorrow night and attend the opening basketball game.

All Work, No Play For Senior High Wrestling Squad

It has been all work and no play as the local Blue Devil wrestlers continue their hard work in preparation for their opening match against South Mecklenburg Friday, December 13.

Coach Perry Pearson has stepped up the pace of his workouts in quest of getting his team in top shape for the coming schedule, which lists many of the top wrestling teams in the state.

The opening match is being sponsored by the Mooreville Boosters Club and members of the club have tickets available in many business places in town.

Indications are the Blue Devils will have a top notch team which will add a great number of thrills for the many fans who are expected to attend the matches.

Troutman's Novice Grapplers Tangle With W. Rowan Friday

After three weeks of practice, Troutman wrestling coach Bill Mayhew has announced his team ready for its opening match tomorrow (Friday) night. To be exact, when the 7:30 session gets underway at West Rowan it will mark the first time in the history of the county school they have fielded a grapple team.

Of the 27 boys listed on the squad, Mayhew will have to pick 11 to take on competition for the first time. Of his team only one boy, a transfer student from Arizona, has actually had any grapple experience. Roy Kress, in the 185-pound class, was an all-conference selection in his high school in Arizona. He will be the boy to watch for the Bobcats.

Mayhew refuses to give an appraisal of his team and he will wait until they are under fire just to see how good they will be. Quite a few boys have been showing up well in practice. With a little experience, Mayhew expects

them to be able to go against any competition in the conference.

In this first year, Troutman has scheduled most of their matches against other schools of the North Piedmont which also have gone into the sport for the first time. West Rowan is competing in the sport for the second year.

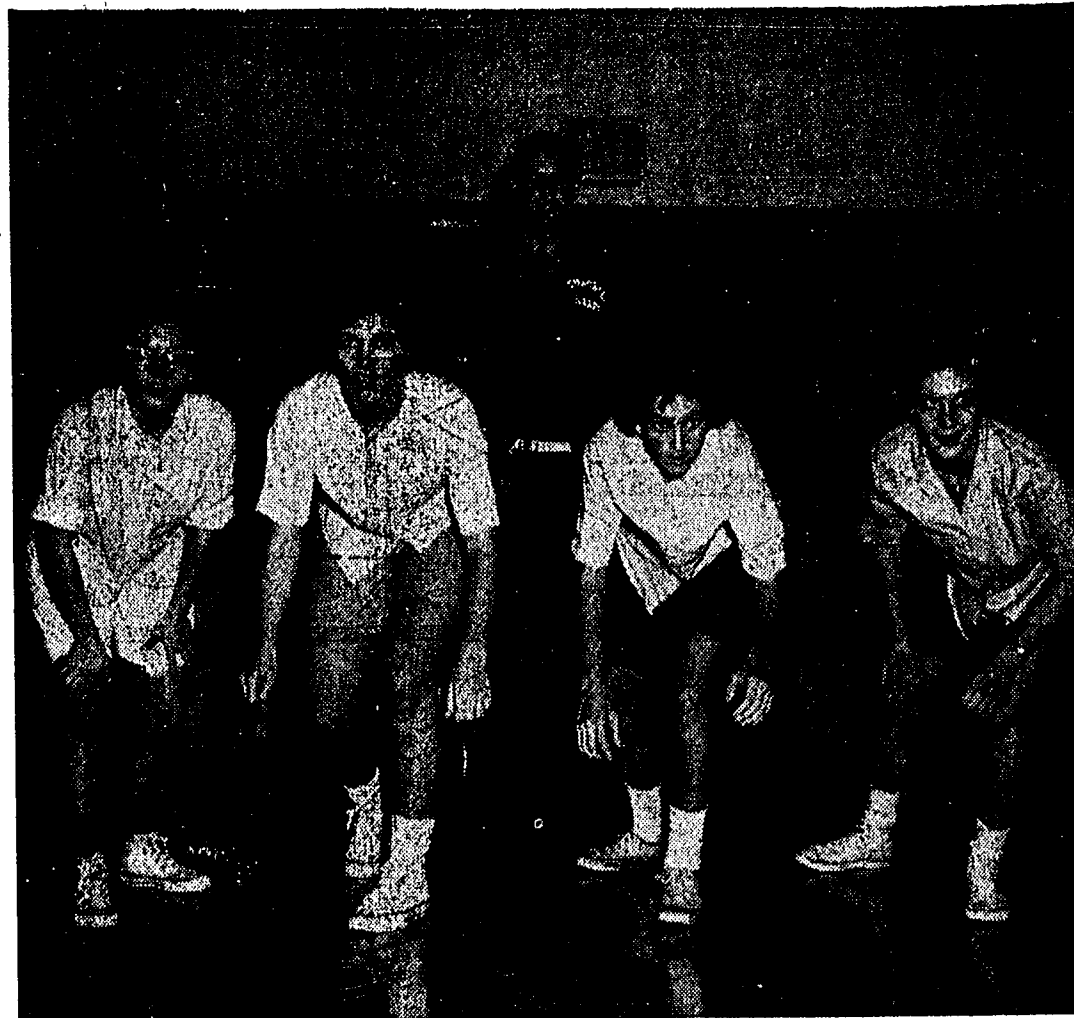
The other schools are North Rowan, East Rowan and South Rowan. Troutman will wrestle each of these schools at least two times during the year.

Some of the boys who are expected to see action for Troutman are Roy Kress, Ron Kress, Don Hager, Larry Wilkins, Tony Miller, Al Blake, Larry Edwards, Dean Moore, Charles Hyde, Johnny Hoover and Ricky Mayhew.

Mooreville area grapple fans will be able to have their look at the Troutman team when the Bobcats come to Mooreville for a practice match against the Blue Devils the first of January.

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 Have any of you hunters wondered about the age of the ducks you kill?
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If the tip of a feather is pointed or rounded, the bird is an adult. If the tail feather is V-notched or square-ended, the bird is a young one.



BUILDING STAMINA — As everyone knows, the first rule in sports is physical conditioning. A pooped player is a burden to his team. With this axiom in mind, Senior High Coach Roy Boyles was hard at work last week keeping his girls harder at work. Wind sprints are a coach's favorite brand of torture, as this scene suggests. Boyles is set to whistle the start of another dash down the gym, the girls poised instants before flight and the jittery cameraman is most concerned with avoiding the stampede. These candidates for the squad are, from left, Sherry Sherrill, Rene Gibson, Linda Torrence and Linda Sholar. The lassies open against Odell Friday night.

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In Congo, Education Has Stirred A Sleeping Giant

★ ★ ★ Says Miss Lorena Kelly, Who Has Served In Africa 27 Years As Missionary

On a farm near Mount Mourne, a little girl was delighting in the feel of a swing in her backyard.

As she sailed out into space, then back again toward the ground, a thought flashed through her mind—one day she would become a missionary to Africa!

"I don't know why I had that thought," said Miss Lorena Kelly last week, "but it stayed with me until I got to Africa."

Today she is one of the Methodist Church's veteran missionaries to the Congo, having worked there since January 9, 1936.

She speaks with pride of the African people she has come to know... of the neat dress of many of them, their desire for education, and an ability to handle their own affairs when that education has been achieved.

Miss Kelly is presently residing at her childhood farm home in the Centre Church community while on furlough. She currently is busy with several speaking engagements in the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. She will study in a college prior to returning to the Congo.

The veteran missionary's brother, Henry Moore Kelly, and his family live at the old homeplace. Miss Kelly is making her home with them during her furlough. Among her speaking engagements this week was an appearance Tuesday before members of the Central Methodist Church Women's Society of Christian Service.

She was dean of the Home Economics Department of Congo Polytechnic Institute in Leopoldville prior to returning to the U. S. The Institute was organized, when trouble erupted in the Congo in 1960, as a crash program to train men and women for various responsibilities. Miss Kelly said the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church gave a substantial financial grant to the Institute.

Miss Kelly feels the Methodist Church today has "an unprecedented opportunity" in the Congo. "There never has been a time when education has been at a premium such as it is now," she said. "All the boys and girls are eager for education," she said. "Some want Christian education, but they all want education."

"If the church can meet the challenge of the day, then it will have an open door to Christian education, and through this avenue of Christian education, particularly higher education, the church can make a great impact on the future of the Congo," she said.

Miss Kelly worked in the Kasai Province where Wembo Nyama is the best known Methodist station—"our first and our largest," she said.

The war disrupted some of the church work in the Congo, and Miss Kelly pointed to the example of the Lodja Station, which was in 1962 reduced from about 600 to about 20 people. At this station, in addition to a primary school and a home economics school, training was given in Bible, and here also teachers were trained.

But the church is following those who fled and is continuing its work among them, Miss Kelly said.

The war has also greatly disrupted the economy of the nation, Miss Kelly said. For example, at one time, an area where rice and peanuts were raised could not get the product to areas wanting this food because of lack of transportation.

"The people burned the first crop of rice to have room to store the second crop," she said.

Miss Kelly said the United Nations and the Congo Protestant Council have helped ease this situation by supplying food in the areas of distress.

Talking about the important role of the church in the field of education in the Congo, Miss Kelly said that until a few years ago, anyone who had any education in the nation had been trained in a school—Protestant or Roman Catholic, and thus the majority of the government leaders today are church-trained.

"The president of the Senate in the Congo is a Protestant," she said, "and until a year ago the vice president of the Senate was a

Methodist, and one of the former vice prime ministers was also a Methodist."

The Congolese have taken over leadership positions in most of the businesses and industry today, Miss Kelly said. "In a bank, for example, you will seldom see a white face."

"The trend and custom in the Congo today," she said, "is to put the administration of businesses in the hands of Congolese. Those in authority wear their coats; they look fine, and they are courteous."

The Congo, Miss Kelly explained, is composed of people of many opinions—"just as in the U. S."

She spoke of a Congolese graduate of Paine College (in Augusta, Ga.) who told her: "Yes, you have racial discrimination in the U. S., but we have it here (in the Congo) among the tribes. We want to take the best of your culture and the best of ours. We both have good things in our culture."

"The Congolese," Miss Kelly said, "must be taken as individuals. They are smart, and can quickly read your character."

Headlines of racial troubles in the U. S. appear in the Congolese newspapers, Miss Kelly said, but the "good things churches are doing in race relations in the U. S. just as in the American press, are seldom published in Congolese newspapers."

When she returns to the Congo in 1964, Miss Kelly will be working with girls and women in the Central Congo Conference.

Miss Kelly is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and has done work at the University of Chicago, Scarritt and Peabody Colleges, Hartford (Conn.) School of Missions and also has had a year of special study in Belgium. She received her master's degree from Scarritt College.

She attended school as a child in Mount Mourne and finished high school in North Wilkesboro. She taught biology in Mount Airy High School, and then worked in Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem.

She applied for mission work in Africa while at Winston-Salem's Centenary Church, but it was not until 1935 that she was sent to the Congo, arriving in 1936. The Methodist Church had been established in the Congo only 22 years when she arrived.

"I found that this part of the world was no different than the one I had come from," she said. "There were birds, and people. We had flowers on the table, and we lived in whitewashed mud houses which glowed white in the tropical sun."

She was evacuated to Southern Rhodesia in 1960 during the war, then returned to the Congo when the fighting subsided. She is anxious to get back to her work as a teacher among the Congolese.

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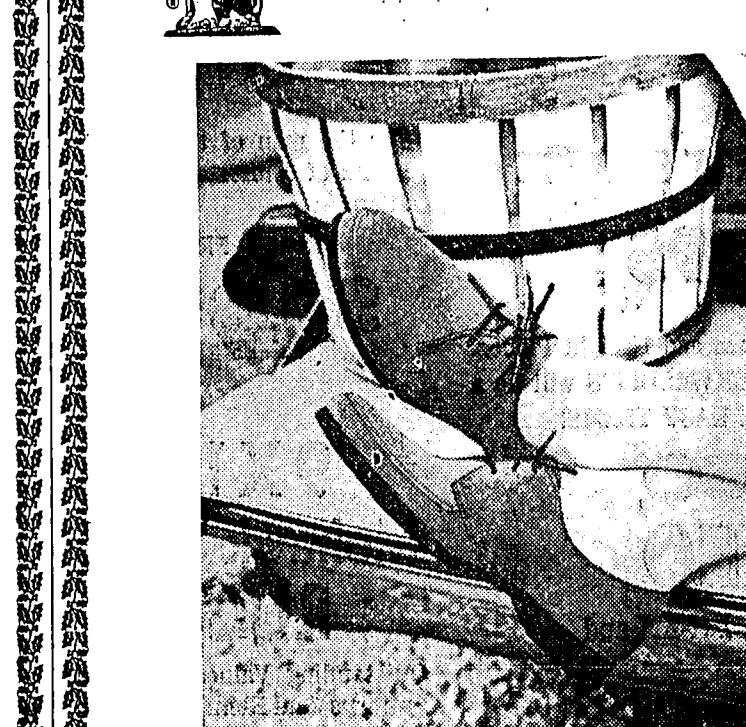
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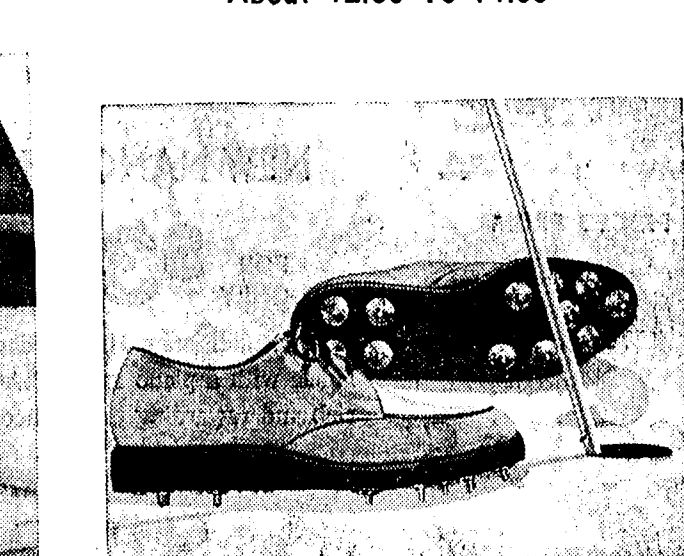
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