



BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYERS

First row—Jacky Wallace. Second row, left to right—Martha Pittman, Cathren Willis. Third row, left to right—Martha Whitley, Carolyn Taylor, Rachel Brock. Fourth row, left to right—Carolyn Fulcher, Mary Lou Norris, Ruth Macy. Fifth row, left to right—Ann Mills, Jean Stallings.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Each year as soon as school opens the high school girls begin to think and talk basketball. This year everyone had rather a lost feeling, because several of the best members of the team had graduated in the spring and Mr. Talbert, the coach, had been drafted. The feeling soon passed, though, as practice began and Mr. Pat Crawford (Capt'n Pat), the new coach, took over. Although about twenty girls came out for the first few days' practice, for one reason or another the number dwindled to twelve or fourteen. These remained faithful through the year. After several weeks of practice "Capt'n Pat" announced it was time to have a game. This being the winter of '42-'43, long to be remembered for tire and gasoline rationing, the problem was to find an opponent. Finally the town team offered their services. Several games were played with them in the next few weeks. Having the advantage of being able to practice, we succeeded in building up a higher score at each game. As time went on and everyone became accustomed to rationing, we found games with other schools could be scheduled by using the train and bus transportation.

The next game was quite a high light. From Newport came an invitation to play them at Newport. Since the only way to get there was by train and it left Morehead at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. They also included an invitation for supper. Everything was perfect except the score. Yes, Newport won. The following week a return game was played in Morehead. Even though we were told we had improved, the Newport girls were still better and the victory again went to them.

The next game was with the Smyrna girls. Smyrna's past record being quite a tradition in Cartaret County basketball, we went into the game rather fearful of the outcome, but to our joy we won. At the return game in Smyrna, the tradition held and Smyrna triumphed.

The time for the county tournament began to draw near. It was the year for Smyrna to be hostesses and as they had a new gym it was rather nice they could have the tournament.

The Morehead girls drew the Beaufort girls in the first line up. The score was 20 to 12 in favor of Morehead. This matched Morehead with Smyrna. The winning team would play in the finals. Our girls played as if inspired, took the lead early in the game and kept it.

This brought Morehead up against their Waterloo, Newport. The game was a fast one and several times the odds changed sides, but Newport's unbeaten girls came out in the end by three points.

Though transportation this year has not allowed us to play the games of previous years, we have had our basketball and enjoyed every minute of it. We missed first place but are glad we were able to bring the cup of second place to M. C. H. S.