

#1R Newport Fund Raising to Save Gym



Money Raised for Gymnasium

Members of the 1953 class A high school state basketball team, the Newport High School Gremlins, are shown in uniform with their former coach, Wayne Benton. They are, kneeling from the left, James Small, Clarence Hardison, Levy Lilly, Larry Smith, Carlton Lewis, and, standing from the

left, Lloyd Culpepper, Sidney Manning, Roy Dennis, Billy Widgeon, Coach Benton, and Hugh Whaley. The team played an exhibition game Saturday night in the Newport Elementary School gym.

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lly also served as coach. Scoring for the Gremlins were Dennis, 16 points; Widgeon, 16; Culpepper, 10; Smith and Manning, 5 each; Lilly, 4; and Hardison, 2. Scoring for the Challengers were Mann, 25; G. Garner and Mills, 8 each; Small and Chadwick, 4 each; Gillikin, 3; C. Garner and Lilly, 2 each; Hocutt, 1.

THE REFEREES were Jimmy Swann and Durwood Vinston. Durwood Hill and Dick Lockey served as scorekeepers, and the announcer was Billy Graham.

The 1953 girls' team also played an exhibition game. They challenged high school alumnae. Playing on the 1953 team were Edna Mann

and Gracie Small Garner. The coaches were Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Smith.

The girls' game was tied 39 to 39. High scorer for the 1953 team was Mrs. Mann who scored 22 points. Mrs. Brazda scored 19 points for the challenging team.

AS A part of the activities

was an art show in the school library during the afternoon. Newport school students, under the direction of Miss Beth Snoddy, art instructor, exhibited examples of their work.

Following the basketball games, a square dance was held. The callers were Lonnie W. Howard and

Needham W. Garner.

Mrs. Roy Garner states that the festival was successful and on behalf of the bicentennial group she says "thanks to all the citizens for their generous efforts and participation in the benefit activities." The project was the group's first fund-raising endeavor.

