

# Seadogs End Perfect Season 56-54 With 69-48 Win over Smyrna

## Signs Little League Pact



A. B. Cooper, owner of The Idle Hour, uses a baseball bat pen to sign an agreement to sponsor a Little League baseball team this year. The Idle Hour has sponsored a team every year the league has been in operation. Looking on is league president W. B. Chalk.

## Beaufort Quintet Wins 18th Straight Decision

The Beaufort Seadogs closed the door on a perfect season Friday night as they rolled to their 18th consecutive victory, a 69-48 decision over the Smyrna Blue Devils.

The Seadogs are heavily favored to win the county tournament this week and Beaufort fans are predicting a trip to Winston-Salem for their team. The district tournament will be at Kenansville and the state finals will be in the tobacco city.

Butch and Pud Hassell were the big guns in the Beaufort victory with 24 and 16 points respectively. Sammy Merrill scored nine points and Frank Potter hit for eight.

Other Seadogs to score were Allen Autry, 6, Leon Thomas, 4, and Ray Hassell, 2.

Some sharpshooting by Braxton Piner kept the Blue Devils in the game. He hit 16 points to pace the Smyrna scorers. Carroll Hill added 13 points and Dale Lewis scored 11.

Horace Lawrence and Curtis Nelson scored four each and Paul Wade failed to score.

The Seadogs pulled out front by a 12-8 score in the first quarter and held a 31-18 lead at the half. They had a 50-31 edge at the end of the third period.

The Blue Devils displayed remarkable accuracy at the free

throw line, hitting 16 of 20 shots for 80 per cent. They connected on only 38 per cent of their shots from the floor, scoring on 16 of 42 shots at the basket.

The Seadogs hit 13 of 23 shots from the line for 57 per cent accuracy and scored on 28 of 36 shots from the floor for 50 per cent.

The same teams played last night in the first round of the county tournament.

## Tournament Play Will Continue

County tournament play at the Beaufort gym will continue tomorrow night with the Atlantic and Newport boys and Newport and Beaufort girls pairing off. Last night the Beaufort and Smyrna boys and Smyrna and Atlantic girls played.

Winners of the four first-round games will meet in the finals Friday night. The county champions (boys) will advance to district play-offs at Kenansville.

Tonight's games should prove to be closely contested affairs. During the regular season the Atlantic and Newport boys have divided four games. The Newport girls told a pair of two-point victories over Beaufort's sextet and Beaufort fans say it is time for a change.

## Smyrna Lassies Capture Decision over Beaufort

### MCHS Senior Gets High Rating

One senior at Morehead City High School has been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for his outstanding performances on a nationwide test of educational development, according to principal T. Lenwood Lee.

The senior honored is Clarence E. Styron Jr. He is a North Carolina runner-up in the 1958-59 Merit Scholarship competition.

Clarence has been sent a Letter of Commendation by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. John M. Stalnaker, President of NMSC, believes that the 10,000 students who received the commendation rank in the top two or three per cent in ability of the senior students in their respective states and should be given every encouragement to continue with their education.

The Smyrna lassies won a 45-40 decision over the Beaufort sextet Friday night. A capacity crowd watched the closely contested battle in the Beaufort gym.

The score was tied at 36 all when the third quarter ended. Beaufort coach Jimmy Fodrie instructed his team to hold the ball and play for two points as the final period began.

Beaufort held the ball for four minutes and five seconds before Brenda Willis intercepted a Beaufort pass and got the ball to Smyrna's end of the court.

Jean Willis and Beaufort guard Linda Saiter went after the ball and officials called a foul on Saiter. Willis hit the free throw and followed it up with a field goal that gave Smyrna a 39-36 lead.

Trailing by three, Beaufort was forced to shoot. Lynn Peterson and Pat Lupton scored field goals for Beaufort in the last quarter. Willis hit a field goal and five free throws for Smyrna and Carolyn Phelps added one field goal in the last quarter.

Willis was high scorer for the night with 26 points. Carolyn Phelps scored 13 and Brenda Willis