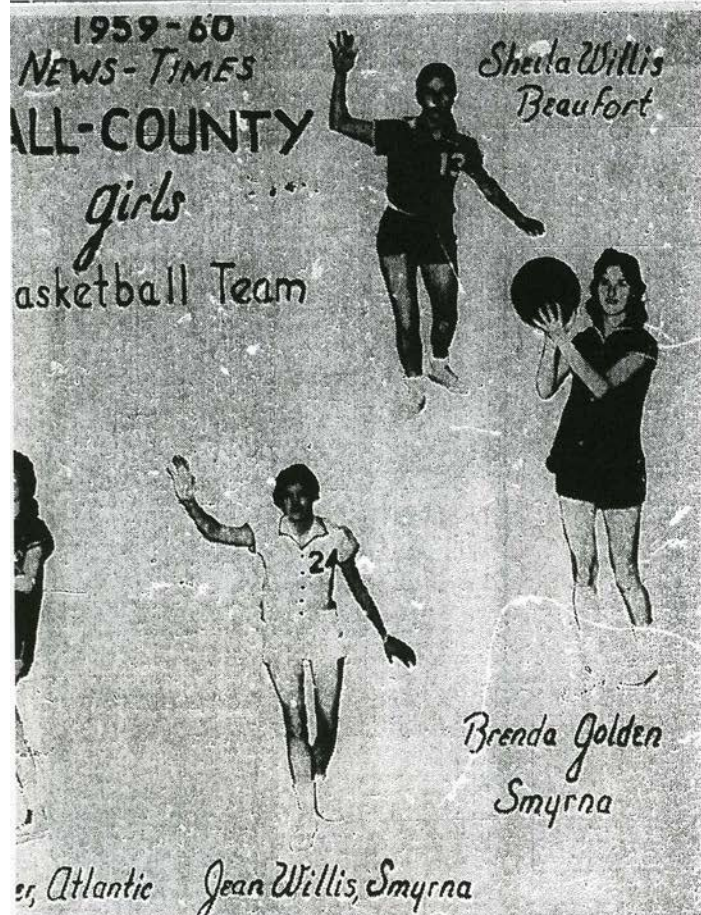


Grabs County Title, 79-50



Three on All-County Sextet

County Tournament Winners



Victory smiles are on the faces of these Beaufort Seadogs as they pose with the county championship trophy in Newport Friday night after they had defeated Smyrna 79-50 to advance to the district playoffs at Kenansville. Kneeling, left to right, are Ray Hassell, Butch Hassell, Pud Hassell and Doug Swain. Standing in the rear, left to right, are Harry Gillikin, Alton Hill, Johnnie Hassell, Chuck Lewis, David Jones, Jeff Salter and Cary Kirk.

Smyrna Cools Off in 2nd Half After Trailing by 3 Points

By GEORGE HUNTLEY JR.

The undefeated Beaufort Seadogs Friday night gained the right to represent Carteret County in the district playoffs in Kenansville next week when they downed the Smyrna Blue Devils 79-50 in the finals of the county tournament at Newport.

Beaufort was matched basket for basket by the Blue Devils in the first half but after the intermission the Parkinmen couldn't have been colder if there had been a lid clamped over the basket. In the two final periods Smyrna managed to score only 17 points, slightly better than half of their first half output.

By winning the county title the Seadogs will now be pitted against the Sampson County runner-up in district play at Kenansville Saturday afternoon. Smyrna, by losing, concluded its basketball season. Their record for the year, including post season play, was 16 wins and six losses.

The game started off slowly with both teams playing cautious ball. Beaufort scored first and built up a 4-0 lead before the Blue Devils got their first field goal on a jump shot by Carroll Hill. The lead changed hands several times during the first quarter as neither team was able to build up a substantial lead.

At one point in the quarter Smyrna held a 12-8 edge over the defending state champions. Beaufort quickly countered to retake the lead early in the second quarter

after a Smyrna basket at the end of the quarter saw them trailing the Blue Devils by one point at 18-17.

Braxton Piner, Carroll Hill and Dale Lewis sparked a second quarter rally by Smyrna that saw the Blue Devils pull up even again with the Seadogs. After sinking two quick field goals Braxton Piner drew his fourth foul of the game and was quickly replaced in the lineup by Genus Jones.

As the two teams went into the dressing room at halftime, Beaufort was enjoying a slim three-point advantage at 36-33.

After the rest period the go-go Seadogs ran their three-point lead to 18 points and then coasted to the final 29-point margin. With Butch and Pud Hassell doing most of the damage on offense, the Seadogs scored 20 and 23 points in the final two frames to outdistance Smyrna.

The Blue Devils lost the services of both Braxton Piner and Genus Jones in the last quarter. Piner drew his fifth personal shortly after coming off the bench in the period and Jones followed minutes later.

The pair were replaced by James Mears and Vaughn Yomans.

Scoring honors for the game went to Seadog ace Butch Hassell who was credited with 32 points that came on 10 field goals and 12 free throws. Pud Hassell was the only other Seadog finishing in double figures as he threw in 11 field goals and three free throws for 25 big points. Braxton Piner, with 15 points, was high for Smyrna while Dale Lewis had 11 points and Curt Nelson contributed 10.

Free throw statistics on the game showed both teams to be hot from the charity stripe. Beaufort attempted 36 gift shots and made 27 of them for an even percentage of 75 while the Blue Devils were earning 24 of 29 for a very respectable 81.4 per cent.

BOX SCORE				
Beaufort	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Jones, C.	0	5	4	5
Jones, D.	2	2	3	6
Hassell, P.	11	3	4	25
Hassell, R.	2	5	4	9
Hassell, B.	10	12	2	32
Lewis	1	0	1	2
Totals	26	27	18	79
Smyrna	FG	FT	PF	PTS
Piner	4	7	5	13
Hill	3	2	3	8
Lawrence	1	0	2	2
Jones	1	2	5	4
Lewis	2	7	4	11
Nelson	2	6	4	10
Totals	13	24	23	50

Beaufort Girls Cop County Title With 71-65 Triumph Over Smyrna

By SARA GERY

The Beaufort girls' basketball team, which came on fast at the close of the season, Friday night won the county championship by downing Smyrna 71-65. The win marked the first time this year that Beaufort had been able to beat Smyrna as the Blue Devils scored victories in each of the two teams' regular season contests.

For the second time in the tournament all three of the Beaufort forwards scored better than 20 points to carry Beaufort to the win. Pat Lupton, who hit eleven straight field goal attempts in the second and third quarters paced the winners by dropping in 29 points.

Pat, whose specialty is an overhead two-hand set shot, wrecked the Smyrna defense in the second quarter to give Beaufort a 36-31 halftime edge after Smyrna had posted a 19-17 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

The two teams fought on almost even terms throughout the last half as Beaufort scored 35 points in the two quarters to 34 for Smyrna. Carolyn Phelps sparked a last quarter rally by Smyrna but her scoring wasn't enough to offset the well balanced attack of Beaufort.

Phelps was the game's high scorer with her total of 40 points while Brenda Golden accounted for 23 of the Blue Devil points. Rose Arthur added two points to round out the Smyrna scoring.

Behind Lupton in scoring for the winners were Lynda Chadwick and Lynn Peterson who each tallied 21 points. Coach Jim Fodrin's guard trio of Sheila Willis, Fredita Kay

Garner and Lois Jeanne Pigott went all the way in the back court for Beaufort.

Smyrna started Jean Willis, Claudia Brown and Sally Hooper at guards and Diane Willis and Gaye Styron also saw action.

The county championship trophy was presented to Beaufort following the game by county school superintendent H. L. Joslyn. Mr. Joslyn also presented the runnerup trophy to the Smyrna sextet.

Station Wagon Tire Blows, Pole Knocked Down

A 1958 Ford station wagon driven by Charles Salter, route 1 Morehead City, was damaged in an accident at 12:30 p.m. yesterday in front of the Fresh Air Produce market four miles east of Beaufort on highway 70.

Patrolman W. E. Pickard said that Salter, with his wife and baby in the car, was headed west when a tire blew out. Mr. Salter lost control of the car. It knocked down an iron pole on which floodlights were mounted in front of the produce market.

Damage to the station wagon was estimated at \$500. No one was hurt.

Raiders Score 13th City League Win

In Thursday night's City League play at New Bern the Fry Raiders rolled to their 13th league win by downing Sealtast 82-52. The Raiders have only one loss in league play and close out their slate this week.

In Thursday's game Gehrman Holland and Jim Fodrin paced the Raider scoring attack by getting 37 and 23 points respectively.

This high scoring pair were followed by Dickson Willis and Craig Horne with nine points each, Louis Thomas and Dallas Arthur, with five apiece, and Crawford Pigott and Wilson Davis, both with two points.

After regular season play, the Raiders will enter the City League tournament to be played again this year in New Bern.

Shirt off His Back

Perkins, Okla. (AP) — A grass fire erupted behind a shop and Darrell Porter, a passerby, was equal to the emergency. He pulled off his shirt and beat out the flames. The volunteer fire department bought him another one.