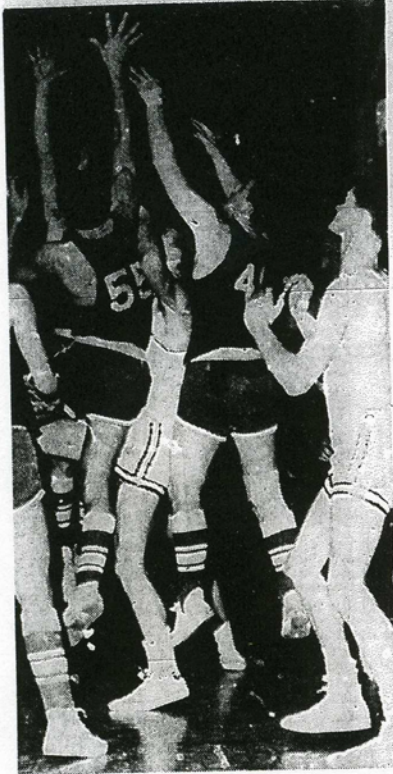


# Bury Ragged Blue Devils

## in Warmup sh Friday

### Where's the Ball?



out of sight but all eyes are on it as Smyrna and Beaufort under the Beaufort basket in Friday night's game. No. 55, and James Meares, No. 41 have Beaufort's Pud (chased as they reach for the elusive ball. Watching the Smyrna's Braxton Piner, No. 54, and Beaufort's Chuck



## Viewing Sports

by  
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### Plan Works Smoothly

Beaufort school officials deserve a lot of praise for their foresightedness in handling ticket sales for the Smyrna and Morehead City basketball games.

Placing only a limited amount of tickets on sale prior to gate time and admitting only those with tickets is a step that had to come with gyms being what they are in the county. It signifies that the rights of the fan and proper conditions for players have been placed above financial gains for the school. Beaufort principal Albert Gainey and coaches McQuaid and Lancaster have set a precedent that should be followed by all other county schools.

There is no doubt that more than the 600 tickets sold for each of the two games could have been sold. But had more been sold, many people would not have been able to witness the game unobstructed and the players would have been hampered by spectators lining the floor.

Neither of these conditions prevailed Friday night. Prior to the game, bleachers were constructed at both ends of the gym. This added an additional 150 seats to the seating capacity. This cut the standing crowd to practically nothing and made the game more enjoyable for all concerned.

The doors of the gym weren't opened until 7 p.m. which also worked well, according to Mr. Gainey. The biggest part of the crowd was seated within 20 minutes after the doors were opened. "It all went smoothly except the first 50 people or so crowded in, trying to get the first seats," said Mr. Gainey.

A special force of ushers and attendants, comprised of both students and faculty members also helped relieve confusion once the doors were opened. During the games, the attendants were on duty at pre-arranged stations throughout the gym. Also provided by the school were parking attendants who guided fans arriving at the game.

Adequate gym facilities is a subject that has received a lot of talk in the county. Evidently that's all it's ever received so far. Very few, if any, counties in North Carolina can boast of the basketball record of Carteret but nowhere in the state will you find five schools with five such equally poor gymnasiums. Where else in the state are schools forced to hold their physical education activities in buildings that have already, or should have been, condemned?

Players can hardly be blamed for the attitude that they expressed to a coach in the county recently. One of the county schools was scheduled to play another school in a game that was sure to draw an overflow crowd into the school's gym. The coach at this school decided to leave it up to the players whether or not an effort should be made to reschedule the game in a gym that could provide adequate seating.

When he put the issue before the players, their answer was, "If the people of this town have no more concern for us than to let us play in a gym like this, then why should we have enough concern for them to play the game where they can watch it in comfort?"

And the funny thing about it all, if the truth could be known, is the fact that those that holler the loudest when they have to sit cramped, or stand at a basketball game, are probably the same ones who voted away a chance for better gyms two years ago.

That's 30 for now.

## Smyrna Too Busy Making Mistakes to Close Gap

By LIONELLE TAYLOR and SARA GERY

Six hundred fans, holding advance tickets, saw the Beaufort Seadogs dispose of their 67th straight victim Friday night as they entered a 57-34 win over the Smyrna Blue Devils in the Seadog ledger.

The Beaufort girls got in on a share of the victory glory in the opening game by outpacing a favored Smyrna

sixtet 63-60. Beaufort guard Freda Garner put a defensive blitz on Smyrna's Carolyn Phelps that held the towering point-maker to 17 points to account for a large part of the Seadog success in the thrill-packed opener.

In the feature game, the Seadogs took full advantage of numerous Blue Devil mistakes to break the game wide open early in the third quarter. After falling behind by 11 points in the first half, the Blue Devils could hardly make a game of it in the third quarter as they managed only two free throws while Beaufort was collecting 13 tallies.

For their second meeting with the defending state champions, the Blue Devils employed a modified zone defense. The defense worked well for the first eight minutes as they held Beaufort to a sub-par 10 points. The Seadogs solved the alignment in the second quarter though as they pulled away to their 11-point halftime margin.

The Seadogs added insult to injury after the rest period as they held the visitors scoreless from the floor and on several occasions stole the ball from the Blue Devils before they could get it to mid-court. A rash of bad passes also hurt the Down Easters considerably as they tried desperately to ignite an offensive spark.

In the fourth quarter, Braxton Piner, who had gotten in foul trouble in the first half, drew his fifth personal further hindering the usually smooth-functioning Blue Devil attack. Piner was held to only one field goal in the game which is far below his average of 16.3 points.

Eight Seadogs, meanwhile, were getting into the Beaufort scoring picture topped by Pud Hassell's 19 points. Pud, who has had some embarrassing moments at the free throw line this year, showed vast improvement Friday as he hit on nine of 11 attempts from the charity stripe. Chuck Lewis playing his finest game to date, both offensively and defensively, finished with 10 points and Parris Crum tallied 8 playing in only the first half.

High scorer for the losers was Curt Nelson with three field goals and four free throws for 10 points. Genus Jones followed with 7 points and Vaughn Yecomans contributed 6 on three last-quarter field goals.

In the preliminary game, the Beaufort girls gained revenge for an earlier loss to Smyrna but had to come from behind in the last half to do it.

Smyrna sped to a 31-25 lead in the first two periods before Beaufort tightened up defensively in the last half. High-scoring Carolyn Phelps found the going roughest against the Big Green defense as she was held to only 5 points throughout the final two quarters. Brenda Golden took up a little of the slack with a 37-point performance but even this wasn't enough to offset the determined Beaufort sextet.

Lynn Peterson and Lynda Chadwick paced the winners offensively with 26 and 24 points respectively, while Anna Salter scored 13. Rose Arthur followed Golden and Phelps by scoring 6 points for Smyrna.

Only four players saw action in the Beaufort back court as coach

## Knights Register 13th Straight Win

By WILLIAM HYMAN

The Queen Street Knights ran their winning streak to 13 games Friday night showing lots of power in downing Bayboro 77-45 in a game played at Beaufort.

The Knights dropped three games at the start of the season but have been untouchable since, as they have rolled over 13 straight foes to compile a highly respectable 13-3 record.

Eric Teel scored 26 points to pace the winners and Albert Cowan collected 18. Game honors, however, went to Bayboro's Credle who dumped in 30 points.

The preliminary game saw the Queen Street girls suffering their sixth straight setback as they bowed 34-14 to the Bayboro sextet.

Yvonne Teel, with 10 points, and Hilda Reels, with 3, were the high scorers for the Queen Street girls.

This week's action will find the Knights at home Thursday afternoon as they entertain the W. S. King Monarchs in a contest set for 1 p.m. Tuesday of next week the Monarchs travel to Jacksonville for a game with Georgetown high school.

## Police Suspect Chef Of Breaking Ordinance

Tempe, Ariz. (AP) — A Tempe resident was cooking some steaks on an outside grill when police arrived.

The officers said a neighbor had seen the smoke, taken a deep sniff and reported someone was breaking the city ordinance against burning garbage.

Jim Fodrie went along with starters Freda Garner, Judy Pake and Norma Merrill and substitute Mimi Gilchrist. Guards Linda Willis, Becky Brown, Trudy Gillikin, Elizabeth Styron, Alice Chadwick, Diane Willis and Jo Ann Valentine, all saw action for Smyrna.