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# BASEBALL PRACTICE

## APPROXIMATELY 35 PLAYERS ANSWER FIRST CALL MON.

### Full Team Of Veterans On Hand; 3 Pitchers

The Roanoke Rapids High School baseball season got underway Monday of this week when about 35 boys, varsity and juniors, met Coach Hoyle and his assistant, Joe Tally, for preliminary conditioning practice. Fielding and hitting followed later in the week as the weather permitted.

With about 12 games already contracted for and with six more on the tentative schedule for the varsity, and about 10 for the juniors, who will be handled by Coaches Carter and Page, the local boys have plenty of hard work ahead of them before the first game sometime the latter part of March. The majority of the games scheduled thus far are with the conference teams in the eastern part of the State. The Juniors will meet other junior teams and some of the smaller high schools nearby.

A full team and a number of reserves will be back from the 1939 team to give Coach Hoyle a nucleus to work with. Three pitchers from the roster of the last year and the American Legion will be ready to take the mound for the Jax, with another veteran for the past two years ready to step in and take over when the going gets tough.

Those pitchers are Buffalo, varsity pitcher last year and American Legion hurler of last summer; Hall, from the American Legion team, and Boyd, varsity veteran and American Legion pitcher of two summers ago. Byrd, veteran of the past two seasons, is expected to play first base and pitch in some of the games.

For the infield Wright, big and hefty veteran of the past three years, will hold down the job behind the bat, with Maurice and Hoggard as understudies. Byrd and Acree will be polished for the first base position, Acree having substituted there last year and during the Legion campaign. At second will be two veterans of high school and Legion ball, Simms and Riggan. At short a new man will have to be groomed, with Moseley or Howell taking over. Both boys played at third last year. The two positions will be left to those boys at the beginning of the season.

In the outfield will be the veterans Waters, Brown, and Reynolds. Waters is recognized as one of the best outfielders that the school has had in the past several years. Brown has played several positions on the team but was shifted to the outer garden last season. Reynolds, a new comer last year, is a heavy hitter, but a bit weak in the field. Another year's experience will probably be sufficient to enable him to hold one of the positions down.

Several junior players of last year are expected to make the grade this year. Among them are Johnson, Hockaday, and Jenkins.

The junior and varsity will work together for the first week or so. Then the squads will be divided, with Carter and Page taking over the juniors.

## Jax Let Up To E. City For Defeat

After administering a sound licking to the conference leader on Monday night, the Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets let up Tuesday night and went down to an inglorious defeat at the hands of the fast breaking Elizabeth City team. Only for a brief period at the beginning of the second half did the Jax show the spark that carried them to victory over Kinston the night before. The final score was 28 to 18.

Fred Cooper, center and pivot man for Coach Carter's team, continued to lead his teammates by piling up the highest score for the night. He tallied ten times. Lee and Fearing led the Elizabeth City lads with 9 and 8 respectively.

The visitors jumped into the lead from the beginning, the score being 12 to 6 at half time, and 17 to 15 at the end of the third quarter.

The game proved to be one of the roughest seen on the local court in some time. Two of the Jax were fouled out in the fourth quarter. One of the visitors went out via the foul route.

Tuesday night's game was the last game for the locals on the home court.

### Hawkins - Lucas

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vaughan announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Mary Lucas, to Clifton Hawkins on Saturday, February 17, 1940, at Emporia, Va.

## To Play In Tournament

The Roanoke Rapids basketball teams, boys and girls, have accepted an invitation to participate in the Golden Belt High School Basketball Tournament to be held in Henderson March 4-8. The tournament is an invitational one with schools from Halifax, Person, Granville, Warren, Franklin, and Vance counties represented.

Winners of the tournament will receive gold basketballs, both boys and girls, while the runners-up will be awarded silver basketballs.

Each team will receive five dollars for each game played toward defraying expenses.

The games will be played in the new and modern Henderson High School gymnasium. It is equipped with excellent dressing rooms and the necessary accessories. The seating capacity is approximately 2000.

## Girls Basketball Team Divide Pair

The Roanoke Rapids girls basketball team split a double bill here Tuesday night when they met the Weldon and Elizabeth City teams.

The locals met the Elizabeth City lassies for the first encounter and went down to defeat in a hard

fought struggle 17 to 9.

In the second game of the night, the home girls won a low scoring contest from the Weldon girls by a 10 to 5 margin.

## Dr. Young To Talk S. Rosemary PTA

South Rosemary P.T.A. will hold the regular meeting Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, at 7:30 in the school building.

Dr. Robert F. Young, County Health Doctor, will be the guest speaker. All members of P.T.A. are urged to be present and the public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

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