



## POST-GAME ROWDYISM

# What Makes Basketball Fans Wild?

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Tomorrow night at 8 p.m. undefeated East Mecklenburg High School plays strong Myers Park High School in a basketball game.

Two weeks ago both teams were undefeated and East won the first of a two-game series in a tense, thrilling game. Tomorrow night many of the Police Dept.'s detectives will be on duty at the Myers Park High School gymnasium, plus many uniformed police officers.

Why a large number of police officers at a high school sports event?

Following the first game, two Myers Park students were accosted while en route to their automobiles on the East campus. One young boy needed 15 stitches to sew up the gap in his head.

### Violence Has Flared Before

No one knows who did the dirty work, but it was not the first act of violence and rowdyism in the city this basketball season.

Following one high school game in the city, a riot broke out. Several schools have been marked and painted by vandals.

Basketball officials have, in many cases, asked to be escorted to their cars. . . . Basketball coaches, students, teachers, parents, principals, superintendents, police officers all agree that Charlotte and Mecklenburg has a problem.

How serious is it? On this point they disagree—a problem it is, but some say it is not a big problem at their schools, while others continue to be worried.

Tomorrow night is a big test. Will there be another East-Myers Park incident?

"No," says a man who should know. "I'm not going to have it in the city of Charlotte," says Charlotte Police Chief Frank Littlejohn. "Even if I have to call out the day shift, we are not going to have any more incidents."

### Who Are Police Protecting?

Police protection is most of the concerned agree, one answer. The question arises: Who are the police protecting? Are they protecting the students from other students, students from parents, parents from students, students from alumni?

Principals of the city and county schools don't try to duck the problem, but all of them say the incidents have started by nonstudents. Outsiders—either zealous parents and friends, alumni or drop outs—get the accusing finger.

They agree that some students could be involved, but all maintain they can take the story to the student in his school and get a good, favorable reaction.

J. W. Wilson, superintendent of Mecklenburg County schools, says, "It is something to be worked on at all times." Just this week a letter left his office to principals of county schools pointing to the need for a stepped-up program of citizenship. Mr. Wilson looks at the problem from the point of view of a superintendent now, but past experiences as a coach teacher and principal has given him an insight into the problem.

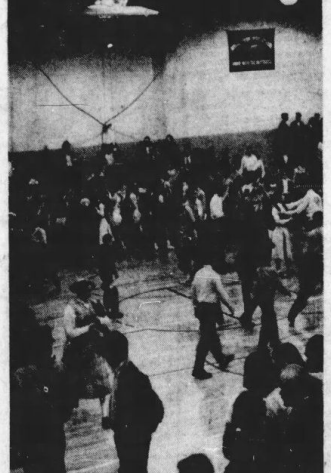
First, he says, tension is high when good basketball is played. Another factor is community attitudes. Some communities react well, others do not. Seating is a problem, he points out. When a crowd is comfortable, it is usually orderly. "This is nothing new," he says.

### Matter Taken More Seriously

However, his schools are taking the matter even more seriously than in the past. He feels, as all school officials told The News, that the students themselves will do a good job in citizenship and sportsmanship when the case is presented to them.

Dr. Elmer H. Garinger, superintendent of the city schools, also notes the problem is not new but adds, "We have had nothing as serious as this."

The problem is "distasteful to the students and principals."



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and the public should know and understand the problem. It is, he says, a matter for public education.

Principals of city and county schools feel certain that most—possibly not all—of the trouble is coming from outside sources.

Principal Ed Sanders at Central says his school has been free of rowdyism in basketball the past few years. The "secret" he believes is two-fold: "A policeman is always on duty, and patrons do not leave the gymnasium during half time.

This, he maintains, keeps down activity within the gymnasium. Outside the building? The school has no control in this area, but Central students are schooled in citizenship.

Another point Mr. Sanders makes is the conduct of basketball players themselves. If they behave in a content, See WHAT on Page 4A

## Thought In Planning Stage

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## Storms, Cold Cover Much Of Country

Heavy Snow Hits East, Midwest  
By The Associated Press  
Mid-winter storms and cold weather plagued broad sections of the country today.

Heaviest snow falls of the season were reported in many areas of the Midwest and the East. A belt of freezing rain and sleet from Oklahoma to the Tennessee Valley and the Carolina mountains shifted northward during the night.

Ice and snow-covered highways made driving conditions hazardous in much of the storm belt.

Precipitation during the night and early morning spread over most areas from Pennsylvania to Florida and from eastern Minnesota southwest over New Mexico.

The Weather Bureau didn't think the ground hog would see his shadow in the eastern half of the country today—Ground Hog Day.

Winter's worst storm struck the Albuquerque, N. M., area. An elementary school in an outlying section was snowbound, and four pupils and 20 adults, including teachers and parents, remained in the school overnight. Twenty-six other pupils were saved by residents living across the street from the school. A score of automobiles were stranded in the drifted snow in front of the school.

The stormy weather forced the closing of many schools in Iowa and Missouri yesterday.

Snow falls in the storm-swept mid-continent areas measured up to 10 inches in some places. Snow piled up to more than 20 inches, the season's heaviest fall, at Oswego, N. Y. The wet belt extended southeastward from Lake Ontario.

Rain was locally heavy in some of the southern states. Nearly one inch of rain fell at Little Rock, Ark., and nearly one inch at Louisville. Snow in some of the northern Indiana, southern Michigan and northern Ohio persisted around one to two inches.

Old weather persisted in the northern tier of states from Minnesota westward to Washington and Oregon, with below zero readings in many areas. It was nine above and snowing in Amarillo, Tex., today.

the driest December in Charlotte's history.

Last month was little better. Just 1.4 inches fell in the Weather Bureau's rain gauge at Municipal Airport.

But if it was dry last month it was also cold. There were 25 days when the temperature fell below freezing. The average temperature was 41 degrees, 1.3 degrees below normal.

The highest temperature of the month was the 68 on Jan. 15. The lowest was the 19 on Jan. 15.

There were 11 clear days in the month, 10 partly cloudy and 10 cloudy.

It will also be cloudy tomorrow, and occasionally cold. Low, 4. A low of 36 is predicted for morning.

It was also cold here today. The low was 33 and the temperature is not likely to go over 40.

### Private Show

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., (AP)—Deputy Sheriff Noah Carter figured thieves who looted a toy exhibit on U.S. highway A1A near here had something beside larceny on their minds.

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### CHURCHES BURGLARIZED

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—Two youths told police they burglarized 24 Catholic churches. An estimated \$200 was stolen from offering boxes after they were priest on their minds.

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### Our Weather

Cloudy and moderately cold with rain today and tonight. Rather cloudy and cold Friday.

Low this morning—33.

Low tomorrow morning—25.

High yesterday—47.

High today—42.

High tomorrow—43.

Sunrise, 7:21 a. m.; sunset, 5:33 p. m.

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HERE'S A SIGHT you don't see often: A game of baseball in the middle of W. 4th St., only two blocks from the "crossroads of the Carolinas," Independence Square. The boys got out there yesterday afternoon, just before the rains came, to demonstrate the best use of the barricaded street while workmen dug ditches for 12,000-volt power lines. You can see the barricade and the piles of dirt just behind the boys.

## Worried Over Burglaries, Man Finds Safe Cracked

The owner of a Commonwealth Ave. store was the victim of safe crackers during the night, only hours after he had talked with a detective about a recent series of safe robberies.

Officers said thieves ripped open the bottom of a safe at Commonwealth Sundries Store, 3336 Commonwealth Ave., and escaped with at least \$386 in cash and an undetermined amount of checks.

By coincidence, the owner-operator of the store, Bruce Mauney had been talking with Detective I. Neal Forey early last night.

Mauney told Forey that thieves hadn't hit my place in about three years," Mr. Mauney told a reporter this morning. "And now, look what's happened."

The break-in about three years ago netted thieves only cigarettes.

Mr. Mauney told Detectives E. T. Haney and J. W. Porter, besides cash from the safe, the intruders took several fountain pens, a flashlight and other articles off the side of a frameslices still undetermined.

## Change In Beer Ads Opposed

RALEIGH (AP)—State ABC Chairman Tom Allen says the Allied Church League has indicated it will oppose liberalizing beer advertising regulations.

A hearing on relaxing the regulations had been scheduled for yesterday. However, it was postponed because of the ABC board's agenda. A new hearing date will be announced.

The U. S. Brewers' Foundation and the State Assn. of Beer Distributors have asked that more beer signs be allowed to be displayed in beer taverns.

During its action yesterday the board revoked the beer permit of Emma Frances Manning, operator of the Gridle, New Bern, R. I., for being drunk on the premises.

It also heard first affidavits in support of C. M. Kontos, operator of Charlotte's Piccadilly Grill, a drive-in where beer permit was taken up last July after beer inspectors saw sales made to minors by a carhop.

Allen said the board plans to do some investigating and will decide the case in a week or two. Letters were filed from State Rep. Arthur Goodman, Asst. Police Chief John S. Ford, and a dozen others in support of Kontos, who said he has been losing \$3,000 worth of business a month since his permit was taken away.

## Evening Prayer

O God, help us not to trust in anything that we ourselves have done, but to put all our trust in Thy mercy through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Empty our hearts of all that we consider our own, that Thou mayest fill them with Thy salvation. In His name. Amen.

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## DURHAM MAKES BOLD BID FOR PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL

RALEIGH (AP)—"You tell us what you need and we will accept the challenge." This, in effect, is what representatives of Durham today told trustees of the consolidated Presbyterian College who are seeking a site for the proposed new college.

A Durham delegation went to the board hearing on what 17 eastern cities and towns have to offer the new school.

J. F. Willy, chairman of the Durham committee and a bank vice president, led the Durham delegation.

Frank A. Pierson, executive vice president of the Durham Chamber of Commerce, said the group gave "a synopsis of Durham, our successful pattern in health, education, recreation, finance, industry and business."

"We set forth what we have done over the years for Duke University, and Trinity College before it," he added. "On the basis of our past performance, we put it this way: If the board finds that Durham meets its requisites as to site, tells us what is needed and we will accept the challenge."

## Tigers, Elephants, Sea Lions

By HAL COOPER  
LONDON (AP)—The Lord's come to grips with one of the burning questions of our time—Is a cow elephant wholly happy riding in a jalopy in a feathered headdress?

Somewhere along the line four sea lions got into the act, too. "The Eton Boating Song" (on automobile horns); a number of bears sped around on oversized bicycles, and the late Joseph Goebbels took a brief bow as an animal lover.

At the end, the issue was in doubt. But for what it's worth, the Bishop of Norwich once patted a full-grown lion on the head and got his arm back, complete with a hand and five fingers.

REAL CRAZY For a day in the Lords, man, it was real crazy. Instigator of all the roaring and smashing of teeth was 41-year-old Lord Strabolgi, a peer with few peers in his compassion for dumb beasts. Strabolgi strongly suspects that most performing animals are trained by cruel methods, and he wanted a government investigation.

He particularly objected to making bears ride around on 10-foot bicycles, and dressing an elephant up in ostrich plumes and cramming her into the driver's seat of a small car. Said Strabolgi:

"These acts are degrading—not only to the gradings, but cruel as well, particularly the act where a lion or tiger is made to jump through a flaming hoop. It seems a most repugnant way to treat a noble and particularly one such as a lion, which is the symbol of our great country."

Strabolgi said a French trainer was so mean to his lions and tigers that he shocked Dr. Goebbels, who told the manager of the Berlin Wintergarten, "He's too brutal with his animals."

Dr. P. M. Herbert, the Bishop of Norwich, said he had personal reason to doubt that such things happen in Britain.

"I," he said, "was once photographed with my hand on a circus lion's head. I cannot imagine that this amazingly docile creature had ever been subjected to cruelty. He was just like an overgrown dog."

Lord Dowding couldn't see what all the fuss was about. After all, he remarked, the British people hunt foxes and course rabbits with greyhounds.

Strabolgi's motion was defeated, 19-12, but not before an old Wylkehamist named Lord Mancroft got in a sly dig at Eton. Old Wylkehamist is a nickname for graduates of Eton, Winchester College, and Manchester College.

"I once derived a certain quiet pleasure from watching four sea lions learning to play 'The Eton Boating Song' on motor horns."