

• **THREE ADVENTUROUS** Science Club members come out of the depths of the cave in the background to face the bright sunshine of day again. Ronald Coiner, James Suddreth and Jack Austin were part of the group that made the trip to Marble City, Oklahoma, to explore the cave.

Members of Science Club play cave men for a day

by Rose Anna Valenti

• **WHO KNOWS** what evils lurk in the shadows of caves? Science Club members do—we explored one recently near Marble City, Oklahoma.

Eager with anticipation and loaded down with flashlights and extra batteries, we descended gleefully into the damp darkness

3 intramural teams have chance at title for court supremacy

• **ONLY THREE TEAMS**, the Inkslingers, Tracksters and Footballers, have remained undefeated in the first four weeks of play in the intramural basketball tournament, thus resulting in a three-way tie.

Scores in play during the last three weeks are as follows: second period gym 31, third period gym 12; Footballers 34, Drafters 20; Inkslingers 41, Independents 21; Golfers 33, Key Club 26; Tracksters 49, Termites 38; FBLA 65, first period gym 21; Footballers 2, third period gym 0 (forfeit); Independents 49, Golfers 31; Tracksters 33, Key Club 25; Inkslingers 50, FBLA 21; first period gym 44, third period gym 16.

CAPTAINS of the teams which are in the tie are David Munford, Footballers; Paul Johnson, Inkslingers; and Charles Moss, Tracksters.

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SPORTLIGHTS

by Wendell Nance

• **STATISTICS** always play an important part in any sport, particularly in basketball. Statistics-wise the Grizzlies have an 8 win-3 loss record up to the Conway tilt, and are second in the Big 7. Jim Gattis is first in the conference in field goals and points with 54, as of Saturday. Earl Furlow is fourth in the conference in free throws.

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LEADERS in the Big 7 basketball conference to date are the North Little Rock Wildcats, Fort Smith Grizzlies and Hot Springs Trojans. Pine Bluff, Little Rock and Texarkana are moving up fast, but it looks as if it is shaping up into a battle between Fort Smith and North Little Rock for Big 7 supremacy.

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RUMOR—rumor, we said—has it that Floyd Sagely, a past all-stater for the Van Buren Pointers and all-Southwest end on the 1952 Arkansas Razorback football team, is possible successor to Bruin line coach John Lunney, who is leaving his coaching job for a position at Harding Glass Company. Sagely is now on contract with the San Francisco Forty-niners in the national football league.

Lettermen named by Coach White

• **FOURTEEN** 1954 lettermen as announced by head football coach Steed White are as follows: Tom Cutting, Don DeCamp, Leon Goff and David Munford, seniors; John King, Gary Wisener, Ralph Burton, Larry Reed, Eddie Walker, Joe Paul Alberty, Billy Don Gramlich and Eddie Green, juniors; Roger Lee and Darrell Williams, sophomores.

Dick Haynes and David Norwood are student manager lettermen.

Grizzlies hit winning streak, take 3 big 7 tilts

• **AFTER GETTING** off to a slow start, blowing hot and cold by turns, the Grizzlies have picked up momentum, winning most of their top games since the Christmas holidays.

Friday, the Grizzlies met their third Big 7 foe of the season, the Texarkana Razorbacks, in Ramsey Junior High gym. Jim Gattis led all scorers with 16 points as the Bears came out on the top side of the score 41-31.

THE FAYETTEVILLE BULLDOGS coached by ex-Junior high coach Benny Winborn, were swamped by a much taller Bruin quintet, 43-22. Jim Gattis 6-2 sen-

ior, scored 10 points, Earl Furlow 6-6 senior, 9, and Ronnie Bateman 5-8 senior, scored 7. This tilt was played in Fayetteville January 11.

January 6 and 7 a supposedly strong El Dorado Wildcat team with a 9 win-1 loss record moved into Ramsey gym to meet their match. Proving themselves much stronger, the Bears defeated them 43-34, 46-38. In the first game high scorer was Furlow (wearing glasses for the first time this season) with 17 points, and Gattis in the second game with 15. Big gun for El Dorado in both games was Lamar Drummond.

There was also another "first" during this doubleheader as new zest was put into the fans and team by the appearance of the pep band.

EL DORADO was the winner of the recent Hot Springs tournament, defeating Hot Springs by five points in an overtime period.

A new visitor to the Fort Smith basketball courts, the Joplin Eagles, went away unhappy December 21 as they fell at the hands of the Grizzlies 43-38. This game was a toss-up, for only a short time before, the Eagles had eeked by a traditionally powerful Van Buren team in an overtime period 61-59. High scorer for the Grizzlies was Furlow with 17 points. Gary Smith swished the nets with 22 points for the opposition.

THE NIGHT before, visiting Conway Wampus Cats also were thumped 37-24 by a Grizzly team that had suddenly turned to the winning side of the column. A return bout of these two teams was held in Conway Tuesday night.

But before this, the Bruins seemed unable to connect with this column on the road, losing their first Big 7 game to the Pine Bluff Zebras by a heartbreaking one point 57-56. Charles Dawson and Charles Gibbs were the big guns for the Zebras, while Furlow was high point man for the Bears with 20 points.

AFTER WINNING over the

Bruins again play Zebras, meet Van Buren Tuesday

• **A RETURN** Big 7 tilt between two top-rated teams, the Pine Bluff Zebras and the Grizzlies, will be staged in Ramsey Junior High gym at 8 p. m. tomorrow. The Grizzlies' three top players, Earl Furlow, Jim Gattis and Ronnie Bateman, will be matched by Rex Hardister, Charles Dawson and Charley Gibbs.

But the Bruins will be out to seek sweet revenge for an earlier season loss to the Zebras by one point. This, and their ratings in both the conference and the state, will be uppermost in Grizzly thinking.

AFTER FINISHING this game, which promises to be a bitter one, the Grizzlies will still have to face the Van Buren Pointers, a perennial powerhouse and traditional big rival of the Bruins, in Ramsey gym.

AFTER the Pointer tilt, the Grizzlies will once again move to the road and take on the Little Rock Tigers, a bitter rival in any sport. If the game is anything like the one played here last year, it will be a thriller. This might be the game, along with the North Little Rock contest, that gauges the Grizzlies' true Big 7 strength. This game will be played January 28.

One of the most surprising teams in the Big 7, the Hot Springs Trojans, will be the next foe on the Grizzlies' agenda, February 1 in Ramsey gym. Although they lost the Hot Springs tournament by five points in an overtime period to El Dorado, the Trojans turned in an outstanding performance, surging into recognition with one of the best teams they've laid claim to in years.

FSHS claims 2 soph boxers in Golden Gloves tourney

• **THRILLS APLENTY** can still be afforded to both boxers and boxing fans alike as the annual Golden Gloves tournament swings into the finals in the next two weeks.

Special weights, those between 50 pounds and 115 pounds, have dominated the first week of play, which began last Saturday with 11 teams competing.

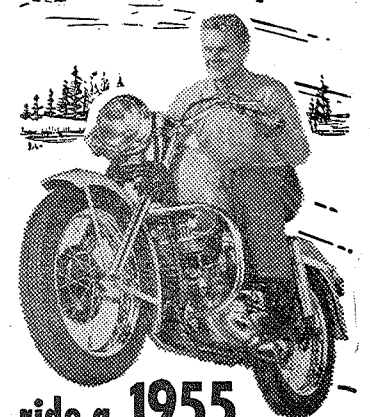
ORVAL BURRIS and Ben Simpson, FSHS sophomores, are wearing Boy's Club colors in the tournament, and both are considered very good boxers by many. Orval, a talented and ring-wise boxer will fight in the 105-pound open bracket. Early predictions show he is a heavy favorite to win the finals as he has won all his previous matches, two of which were knock-outs.

Ben, a newcomer to the ring,

has come up quickly in the 115-pound novice department and will be battling for a finalist cup in this heavier division which begins January 28.

FOUR FINALISTS of the Fort Smith meet will go to the Kansas City Intersectional Golden Gloves tournament, where boxers from surrounding states compete. After the Kansas City meet, the winners in their respective weight brackets in the tournament will be eligible to fight in the national tourney to be held in Chicago, Illinois.

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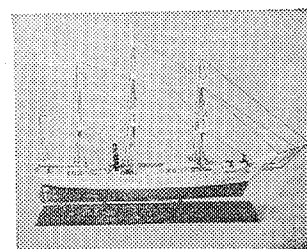
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