

# Crawfis Wins Basketball Tourney

Many Thrilling Games Please Spectators

**CROWDS ARE LARGE**

Winners Crash Through to Glory Heights

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County athletic cups have no home. They are fickle in their affections, favoring this team and that, and passing from one school to another without warning and with a reckless spirit of vagbondage.

We have a completely new set of champions in basketball in Putnam County, proud heroic athletes who have carried off the palm of victory and are wearing the laurels that the glory of the fifth annual county tournament has bestowed on the winners.

## Crawfis Girls Win

The champion girl team is Crawfis. Fans all over the township are wild with enthusiasm and are heaping honors on their heroines in songs of celebration and throwing feasts and banquets galore for the prize youth of their community.

All the more credit is due this this team, it is claimed, because they fought their way to the top against the strongest opposition that could be mustered, battling steadily toward the goal of ultimate victory and triumph.

They met perhaps their toughest opposition in the first tilt, when they connected with the Ottawa girls, and won out by a single point in an overtime period. A lone foul told the story and the score was changed from a tie at 19 all to twenty for Crawfis and nineteen for Ottawa. No other scoring was done in the overtime period.

The will to win was strong in the mental attitude of the Crawfis players. Determination was an asset to them and they had just enough to set them going right and holding their attention to the object in mind by winning the tournament.

They were not bothered by a feeling of over-confidence and they were properly steeled to the task before them. No matter what any one might say about the relative strength of the teams entered, the Crawfis girl team stood the test of battle and are hailed as county champions.

After Ottawa was out of the way, they took on Pandora Saturday afternoon and disposed of them by a count of 25 to 15.

Vaughnsville was the only team left undefeated, and in a spirited contest Saturday evening, Crawfis put on the finishing touches by edging them out with a three-point margin, 22-19.

## Good Tournament

It would be fitting and proper to go into detail on every game played during the five-session affair, but such a detailed report is not possible. Many payers on defeated teams deserve honorable mention by name. We wish we might do that very thing in these columns.

Putnam County has a group of young people that are a credit to its citizenship. Good sportsmanship prevailed through the tournament. The boys and girls played the game the best they knew how, which is the real test of a human being who is put in a position where he must perform, think, act quickly and correctly, or be blamed for bringing shame to himself and defeat to this team.

If basketball does not add a little to the mental and physical resources of those who take part in the game, it is hardly worth the while. If it does not furnish the background and experience that will be available in other and later situations in life, it is hardly worth the effort.

The tournament was marked by good officiating, good behavior and an attitude on the part of the spectators that meant an unexpressed hope that the best team might win in each of the contests. Large crowds witnessed the games at each session.