

Sedan's R. L. Jewell Nears End Of Brilliant Prep Cage Career

(By a Member of The Journal's Staff)

Sedan, Mar. 4.—Basketball fans in this county seat town will tell you that R. L. Jewell, jr., is as fine a player as the South-Central Kansas league ever produced.

Son of Sedan's superintendent of schools, R. L. is nearing the close of his high school cage career after setting the pace for the Blue Devils three seasons.

He's scored 719 points during his tenure with the Demons and still has a regularly scheduled game with Altamont tomorrow night and appearances at the Independence regional next week.

Going Good This Year

Jewell has tallied that gob of points in 65 games to average 11.1 a contest through his sophomore, junior and senior years.

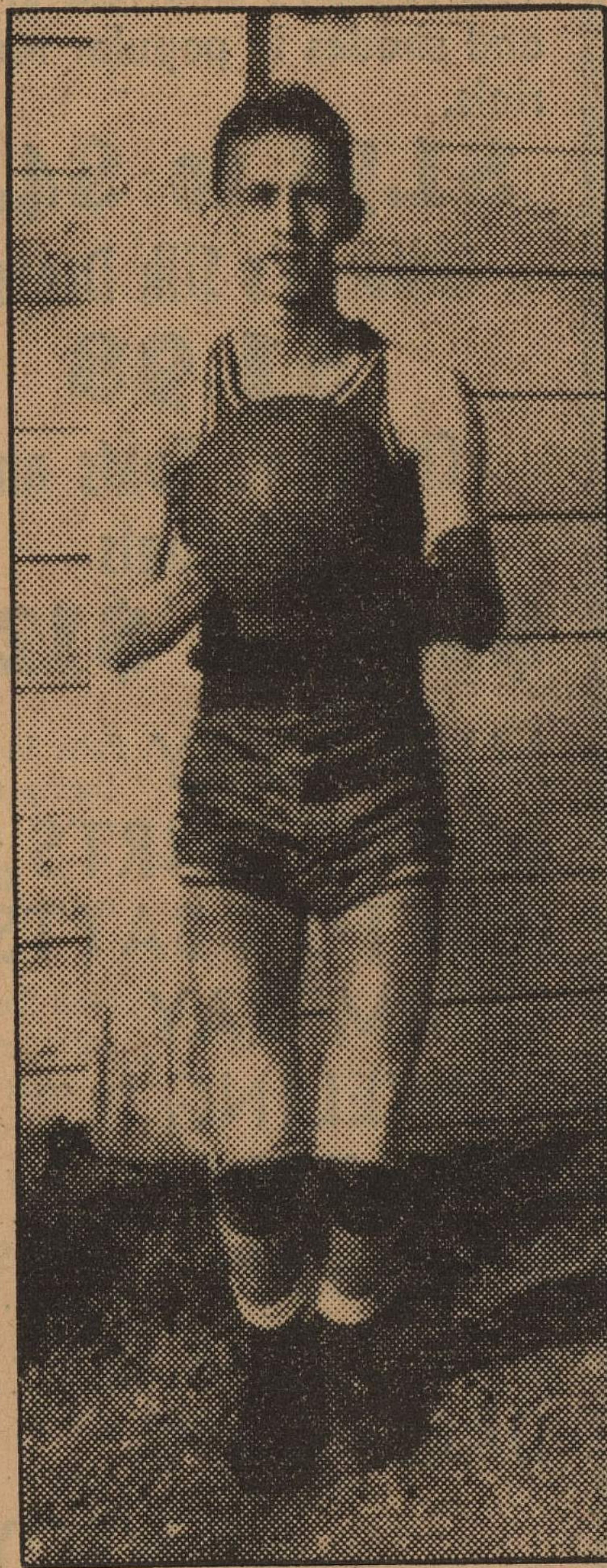
He's been swishing the nets at a considerably higher clip this year, pouring through 317 markers in 20 games for a 15.8 mark. In his 12 South-Central league showings this campaign, the lithe forward has rung the bell for an even 200 points and a 16.7 average.

R. L. broke into high school basketball under Lee "Chig" Ames, but this season played for Merton Wisler after Ames took a position with the Border patrol.

Seven times this season the 5-11, 155-pound cager has fairly sizzled the strings by counting 22 points or more. He bagged 25 against Howard, 24 against Caney, Peru and Cedar Pale, 23 against Elgin and 22 off both Peru and Chautauqua.

His worst nights were opposite Elgin when he was held to two lone fielders and against Cedar Vale, which limited him to five free throws and no 2-pointers.

In his sophomore year, R. L. totaled 79 field goals and 45 char-



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ity tosses for a 23-game aggregate of 203 points—an 8.8 average. In 12 SCK contests he collected 120 markers for an even

10 point clip.

R. L. Isn't Hefty

Last year as a junior he added 199 to his total in 22 fracas. In 11 league battles he counted 105 times, an average of 9.6.

Jewell isn't the "big, dumb" type of athlete. He appears rather lean and awkward, but when that starting whistle blows he starts moving as gracefully as a deer.

Accurate? Figures taken from a recent game show that R. L. shot 21 times and made 12 baskets. He just doesn't miss from close in.

R. L.'s jersey bears the number "00." And that's about all the fans can say when he gets in gear.

His ability hasn't gone to his head, either. Coach Wisler stated, "You couldn't hope to find a more clean-cut or popular kid." He's president of the school band, secretary of his class, plays in the orchestra and sings in the glee club. His freshman and sophomore years, Jewell played football, but a knee injury forced him to the sidelines and he's concentrating on the indoor game now.

Good Student, Too

R. L. holds his own in classwork, too, pulling down A's and B's all the way through. Anyone who plays ball like he does has to be smart.

He hasn't made any definite plans for college but—this should sound good to Kansans—he wants to stay in his home state. As you might expect, quite a number of schools are interested.

R. L., jr., has a brother, Maurice, following in R. L., sr.'s footsteps at Baker university. R. L., sr. ("Buck") was quite a tennis player in his day (1920-22) and Maurice is one of the outstanding members of Baker's present tennis team.