

Gale Sayers on SPORTS

Careers and Football

You often hear the word "career" used to describe a professional football player's time in the NFL. But professional football isn't a career at all. It's really what I call a "stopping off place."

I see a career as something that spans 25 to 40 years and allows a person to grow. That's my definition of a career. Not professional football, where a player can go in at age 21 and be through at 22 or 23! The average life of a pro player in the NFL these days is three years—that's all. I don't call that a career.

So it's a stopping off place. You stop off for a little while and play and you smell the roses. Before long, better players come along, or you get hurt. Now you've got to go out into that real world for the career you should have prepared for in college.

Unfortunately, many of the fellows who are playing football, or for that matter basketball or baseball, don't prepare for life after sports and they wind up as failures. That's why I think the most important thing for athletes to remember is that as you prepare to play, you must prepare to quit. And not only in pro ball. In high school you prepare to quit by getting your diploma. In college you prepare to quit by getting your degree. In pro ball you prepare by getting off-season employment to be ready for that day when you have to quit.

Of course football can be an important part of that preparation. I learned a couple of things through football that have carried over into the real world and helped me throughout my life. One is the value of teamwork, working together and depending on teammates. When you go into a job, you're going to have to work with other people, so that's very important.

The other most important thing you learn is hard work. You learn that nothing comes easy in sports, that it takes a lot of hard work to succeed. And once you're in the real world of work, nothing comes easy out there. You have to compete against other companies, and you may have to compete against individuals who want your job.

I prepared for my career after football by going back to school and getting not only the degree I didn't finish before I was drafted by the Bears but also a master's degree. Now in my business I get just as excited about beating out another company for a \$100,000 order as I did about making a 15-yard run where I had to run over somebody. It's a little different, but it's still the same type of thing—a feeling of true accomplishment. **ll**

Gale Sayers is considered one of the greatest running backs of all time. The former Chicago Bear is a member of the National Football League's Hall of Fame.
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Obituaries

Bonnie L. Waters

Bonnie Lester Waters, 71, of Rt. 1, Pinetown, died Saturday at Beaufort County Hospital.

Services were Monday at 11 a.m. at Paul Funeral Home. The Rev. Maynard Waters officiated. Burial was the Waters family cemetery.

A native of Beaufort County, Waters was the son of the late James E. and Nancy Waters. He was a retired construction worker. Waters was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of Washington Masonic Lodge No. 675 A.F. & A.M. and of the Christian Voice Ministry.

Paul Carrow, Wiley Walker, William Earl Woolard, Mark Bowen Jr., Mark Woolard and Ronnie Godley served as pallbearers.

Waters is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith Helen Waters; a daughter, Mrs. Peggy W. Boyd of Rt. 1, Pinetown; three brothers, John E. Waters of Vanceboro, Marvin P. Waters of New Bern and Josh Reed Waters of Greenville; three sisters, Mrs. Irene W. Waters of Bridgeton, Mrs. Doris W. Woolard and Mrs. Dorothy W. Walker, both of Rt. 4, Washington, and a grandchild.

Charles R. Nicely

GOLDSBORO — Charles Ray Nicely, 56, of Goldsboro died last Wednesday at his home.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday at Seymour Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Charlie Stutz and the Rev. McDonald Bennett officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Williamson Nicely; a son, Charles David Nicely of the home; two daughters, Terri Jamieson of Vanceboro, Catherine Norbury of Honolulu; two brothers, Joe Nicely of Grove, Okla., George Nicely of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, Nell McDowell of Yukon, Okla.; and three granddaughters.

A retired master sergeant with the U.S. Air Force, he was a charter member of the Sunrise Kiwanis Club and on the board of directors, a member of the VFW and the Goldsboro Board of Realtors.

Neva P. Laughinghouse

Neva Peed Laughinghouse, 75, a former resident of Vanceboro, died last Wednesday in the West

ley Pines Retirement Home in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church of Vanceboro with the Rev. Claude Wilson officiating. Burial was in Celestial Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry Laughinghouse of Rock Hill, S.C., John "Jack" Laughinghouse of Reelsboro; a sisters, Mattie P. Purcell of New Bern; and two grandchildren.

Ethel B. Cowan

Ethel Boyd Cowan, 55, of Ernul died last Tuesday.

The funeral was held Friday at 2 p.m. at Cotten Funeral Home in New Bern. Burial was in Greenleaf Memorial Park.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas Cowan; four sons, Billy Cowan, Tommy Cowan, Robert Cowan and Douglas Cowan, all of Ernul; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Khoury of New Bern; two brothers, Sammy Boyd of Ernul, Jimmy Boyd of New Bern; a sister, Mrs. Phyllis Sharp of New Bern; four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Kitt Swamp Christian Church.

Sarah L.L. Jones

Sarah Lewis Lancaster Jones, 82, of Vanceboro died Saturday in Craven Regional Medical Center in New Bern.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Paul's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Kenneth R. Townsend and the Rev. C. Edward Sharp officiating. Interment was in New Bern Memorial Cemetery.

She is survived by a sister, Edwina McMillan of Vanceboro; a brother, John Laws of Vanceboro; two stepchildren, Hayden Jones of New Bern, Kenneth Raynor Jones III of Garner; two nephews; one niece.

She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, served as church treasurer and was president of St. Paul's Episcopal Church Women. She was a retired postmaster, past president of N.C. Postmasters, past worthy matron of the Vanceboro Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a former chairman of Craven County Hospital Board of Trustees.

Contributions may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

AT ISSUE

English As Our Official Language?

Congresswoman Virginia Smith (R-Neb.) is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and is a ranking member of its Agriculture and Related Agencies Subcommittee.



YES

Why do you support a constitutional amendment designating English the official language of the United States?

By custom for more than 200 years, English has been recognized as the common language of the United States, and it has served to unite the most diverse nation on earth.

The English Language Amendment I support does not seek to make English our exclusive language, but only the official language of government. The amendment in no way seeks to deny the inherent right of people to retain and speak the language of their ancestors. The amendment would reverse the two-to-three-decade-old trends in government policies—bilingual ballots and licensing exams, misdirected bilingual education programs, and such—that promote official bilingualism and, thus, biculturalism and isolate immigrants from the economic, social and political mainstream of American society.

Is a common language needed for this to be a unified nation?

Yes! We are a nation of immigrants, coming together from every ancestry, every race, every religion, culture and language. Despite their fiercely diverse heritages, immigrants of past years found a common bond—the English language—through which they communicated and worked side by side as Americans to build this great country. They treasured their heritage, allowing it to enrich their lives without estranging them from the greater society. Only if we retain and reinforce this fundamental bond of a common language for today's immigrants will this country remain united as "one nation . . . indivisible."

Would such an amendment constitute prejudice against non-English speaking Americans?

Exactly the opposite! It is the fragmentation of society along language lines that will drive a wedge between English and non-English speaking Americans and foster discrimination. It is through a common language that we exchange ideas and learn about one another, peacefully resolve our differences, and shape the rich traditions of our diverse religions and cultures.



Marcelo Fernandez-Zayas is a nationally noted journalist specializing in social and economic issues.

NO

Why do you oppose a constitutional amendment designating English the official language of the United States?

The United States has always been a multilingual, multicultural nation. Publications in more than 100 different languages appear regularly in our country, adding to the knowledge of our society. On the other hand, the English language is recognized as the de facto national vehicle of expression in this country. The English language is very secure and does not need the Constitution to continue its existence. There is a popular saying that advises us not to fix something that is not broken. The amendment creates more resentment than benefits. Let's not try to mandate through the Constitution what is already accepted as a fact of life.

Is a common language necessary for this to be a unified nation?

Our national unity is intact, and members of all ethnic groups are working together toward common goals. The effort to pass this amendment will create xenophobic feelings and emphasize differences more than similarities. This proposed amendment definitely will divide more than unite.

Would such an amendment constitute prejudice against non-English speaking Americans?

Most members of the Hispanic communities oppose the intention and actions of the proponents of this amendment, specifically members of the U.S. English organization. Recently, Linda Chavez and Walter Cronkite resigned their positions in this organization when confronted with a memorandum signed by one prominent member of the group. The memorandum is, by itself, an exercise in ethnic and religious prejudice. The resignations of Chavez and Cronkite were not motivated by their personal opposition to the amendment, but rather by the hidden agenda of many behind this initiative. What needs to be attended is the way of thinking of those who see in the ethnic, cultural and religious diversity of this nation a threat rather than a blessing. **ll**

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Up By 17.9 Percent

Flue-Cured Leaf Marketing Quota Increased To 890.4 Million Pounds

The 1989 national marketing quota for flue-cured tobacco will be 890.4 million pounds. This is a 17.9 percent increase—135.4 million pounds—over the 1988 quota.

The level of price support for the 1989 crop has been set at \$1.468 per pound, which is 2.6 cents more than the 1988 support level of \$1.442. Notices showing the 1989 crop quotas and allotments for individual farmers will be mailed from the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in January.

There will be a referendum Jan. 9 through 12 to determine whether marketing quotas on an acreage poundage basis will con-

tinue for the next three years.

In other ASCS news:

—The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the 1989 peanut national poundage quota will be 1.44 million short tons (2.88 billion pounds). The quota is 37,800 short tons higher than last year's quota.

The 1989 quota will be allocated to each state based on the states share of the 1988 quota. In a 1986 referendum, peanut growers approved poundage quotas for the 1986 through 1990 crops.

—The 1989 wheat and feed grain program signup began Dec. 19 and will continue through April 14. The projected deficiency payments are 89 cents for corn and 50 cents for wheat.

The 0/92 provision is available and the deficiency rates will apply as guaranteed payment under the 0/92 provision. There is a 10 percent acreage reduction requirement for both the wheat and feed grain programs.

There is also a 10 to 25 percent provision offered. It allows a producer to plant 10 to 25 percent of his program permitted acreage in soybeans and get base history credit. No deficiency payments are available for this portion of land.

No crop will be allowed for harvest on ACR-set aside land in 1989. Producers may receive 20 cents per bushel advance payment for wheat and 35.8 cents per bushel advance for corn program.

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Customers To Make Selections

With the equal access balloting process just months away, telephone customers served by several county exchanges will begin seeing publicity from long-distance companies.

Equal access gives competing long-distance companies equal connections to the local telephone network, allowing customers to choose the long-distance company with the rates and services they like best, and to make calls through that company by dialing 1, plus the area code if necessary, and the telephone number. In areas which do not have equal access, customers have had to dial as many as 20 digits to use certain long-distance companies.

Betsy Newton, district community relations manager for Carolina Telephone, said, "Some of these companies may send customers sign-up cards for long-distance service before the equal access balloting begins. However, these cards should not be confused with the official equal access ballot, which will be mailed by Carolina Telephone."

Mrs. Newton said, "The official ballot will list all the companies offering one-plus long-distance service in these areas. Customers will be asked to choose one of these companies for their one-plus calls that cross state borders or the customer's Carolina Telephone calling zone (called a LATA).

"Long-distance calls within the customer's Carolina Telephone calling zone are not affected by this balloting and will be provided as they have been in the past. LATAs are shown and explained in Call Guide 9 in the front of Carolina Telephone directories."

She said customers will have ample time to choose their long-distance company before equal access is implemented in May.

After receiving the equal access ballot, customers will have about a month to make their choice and return their completed ballot, she said. Those who fail to return the ballot before the deadline and who have not signed up with a long-distance company directly will be assigned a long-distance company through a random selection process ordered by the Federal Communications Commission. A second ballot, signifying the assignment, will then be mailed. If customers want to change their assigned long-distance company, they simply mark their preferred company on the ballot and return it.

Mrs. Newton said customers with questions about long-distance service should call the long-distance company. Telephone numbers for each company will be listed on the equal access ballot.

Carolina Telephone offers a program about equal access to civic groups, clubs, and other organizations through the company's speakers bureau. Programs, for which there is no charge, may be arranged by calling 1-800-222-4469, or the company's business office.

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