



—Doug Craver

When the Senior Class of 1948 files out of Lexington High School, among the group will be seven boys who for four years have helped spread Lexington's fame far and wide. Not since the teams of the early 40's has Lexington had such a fine crop of athletes. Two of their comrades preceded them by graduating at the end of the first semester. As they file out all Lexington pays tribute to her warrior sons.

Coaches Maus and Gaddy will watch their first string line from end to end leave, and among them three of his backfield men.

One of these valuable men leaving is PETE CLARK, right end. Pete has played his end on the varsity squad for three years and has played the same number of years on the basketball team, and was a member of the baseball team one year. Pete is bound for the Hickory Hills and Lenoir-Rhyne College.

Right tackle, Benny Walsler was co-captain this year and won many honors. He also played in the Shrine Bowl game. Benny played first string for three years in football, and one year basketball, taking many honors in this sport, too. Benny will be one of Coach Snavelly's men next year and a good one, too.

Right guard was Charles "Peahead" Price. "Peahead" has played for four years, was a starter every year, and was co-captain one year. He was out for basketball three years and played first string for two of them. He has started as the second sacker on the baseball team for two years. "Peahead" plans to follow in his brother's footsteps at Catawba.

Left guard JOHNNY NEWELL came to L.H.S. and played first string football here for three years and was out for basketball for one year. Johnny will be singing, "Oh! Maryland, My Maryland!" at the University of Maryland next year.

Left tackle BILL BLALOCK, better known as "Bull," has played varsity football and tennis at L.H.S. for three years now and has been out for basketball for three years also. Bill is another who plans to go to old U.N.C. next year.

Left end ZACKY TAYLOR was co-captain this year and was one of Coach Maus' starters for one and one-half years. He was out for basketball for two years also. Zack will go to the "Gamecocks" at the University of South Carolina next year.

The backs are: BILL COOK; Bill served one and one-half years on the varsity in football and has one varsity year of baseball to his credit. Cook as yet has no definite plans for the future. And PAUL "JAYBIRD" McCRARY; Jaybird has two years varsity baseball and football behind him and was a member of the basketball team for one year. Like Cook, McCrary has no definite plans for the future.

And last but by no means least, we have the two fellows who left prior to graduation. They are the immortal SAM EVERHART and "STINKY" GIBSON, who have figured in Lexington's football teams for longer than even Mrs. Hedrick can remember. Sam may go to Western Carolina next year, but he has not altogether decided yet; and "Stinky" does not have the privilege to decide because he is in Uncle Sam's Army, and Uncle Sam does his thinking for him.

This does not include the numerous boys who also worked to put this team on the field, such as the sub-

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JACKETS BUMP T'VILLE 10-6

Lexington Hi downed their arch rivals, Thomasville, by a 10-6 score at Thomasville on April 16.

Lexington led until the fourth inning when the Bulldogs pulled ahead by a one-run margin, but the locals came back to triumph 10-6.

Eanes collected two hits for five trips to the plate, while Kinney and Baitly led the losers at the plate.

Score by innings:
Lexington121 102 210—10 11 4
Thomasville100 500 000— 6 10 5

LOCALS TAKE ALBEMARLE AGAIN

Behind the pitching of Tommy Joe Simmerson, who fanned twenty enemy batters, Lexington sank Albemarle here at Holt-Moffitt field by a score of seven to three.

The locals got five runs from four hits and a walk in the bottom of the third frame and two more in the sixth by way of two hits and a walk.

The losers collected two runs for two hits in the seventh and scored again in the eighth, but Simmerson kept them in hand all the way.

Score by innings:
Albemarle000 000 210—3 7 4
Lexington005 002 00x—7 9 1

LEXINGTON BUMPS ROANOKE 4-3

Thomas Jefferson Hi of Roanoke, Va., was edged out in a thrilling 4-3 contest on the Jackets' own "stomping grounds" on April 13 before one of the best crowds yet to witness one of the locals' contests.

Bill Cook led the victors at the platter with a perfect three for three, while Martin had two for two for the visitors.

The score was knotted in the top of the seventh frame, but Lexington came back in the bottom of the inning to hang up three more runs. The visitors threatened in the ninth, but Simmerson fanned Shroder to end the threat.

Score by innings:
Roanoke000 000 102—3 9 0
Lexington100 000 30x—4 8 3

PHILLIPS INJURED BY PITCHED BALL

Blake Phillips, who has played first base for Lexington for the past two seasons, was injured by a pitched ball from the hands of Blackburn, star Kannapolis pitcher.

Phillips was struck in the head in the top of the first inning and was knocked unconscious; however, he was up and took his position at first, but he collapsed and was carried to the hospital during the second inning. He was released from the hospital at noon the following day and was allowed to return home, but he is still suffering from headaches. However, he is back in school.

SPENCER TRIPS LEXINGTON

Behind the two-hit pitching of McCoy, Spencer downed Lexington 9-2. The locals just couldn't seem to get started and the visitors led all the way. Swicegood, Spencer catcher, collected two singles to lead the hitting.

Score by innings:
Lexington000 002 0—2 2 3
Spencer050 130 —9 6 5

T'VILLE TRIUMPHS 12-11

Lexington suffered a defeat at the hands of Thomasville here April 27, twelve to eleven.

The visitors had a big inning in the top of the first inning which gave them a margin of five runs. Lexington rallied in the fifth but they fell two runs short.

SIMMER PITCHES ONE HITTER BUT LOSES, 3-2

Tommy Joe Simmerson hurled a one hit ball game against the Statesville Greyhounds but was beaten on errors, 3-2, on the Greyhound field on May 18.

Grey, second sacker for the Greyhounds, pounded out a single to spoil a perfect day for Simmerson in the fourth frame.

The Jackets made four errors and Statesville cashed in on them to triumph 3-2.

Simmerson crossed the plate twice almost to win his ball game, but ending the ninth inning one run behind.

Score by innings:
Lexington001 010 000— 9 2 4
Statesville000 100 011— 1 3 3

REYNOLDS BEATS LEXINGTON

Reynolds High of Winston-Salem dropped the locals' diamond crew in Winston-Salem on May 7 in a seven-inning contest six to three.

Bill Cook led the losers at the plate with two successful trips for three tries. Alexander had the same average for Reynolds to lead the winners.

Reynolds scored four runs for three hits in the fifth and two runs off one hit, a walk and an error. Winning pitcher, Robbins; losing pitcher, Simmerson.

BLACKBURN BEATS LOCALS, 11-1

Behind the rifle-pitching arm of Blackburn, on the night of May 11, the Kannapolis Towelers downed the locals 11-1 at the Towel City ball park.

Blackburn cut down twenty-two batters and allowed only four hits. Everhart, with two for four, led the locals, while Mowles, with three for five, paced the victors at bat. Winning pitcher, Blackburn; losing pitcher, Smith.

Score by innings:
Lexington000 100 000— 4 1 4
Kannapolis300 212 034—11 11 2

REYNOLDS DOWNS JACKETS BY 6-3 MARGIN ONCE MORE

May 19—Reynolds High School once again downed Lexington by the same six to three margin, this time on the Jackets' own field.

Lexington never was able to catch up with the visitors and trailed throughout the contest.

Everhart, with three for four, led the field in hitting.

Score by innings:
Reynolds200 400 000—7 6 2
Lexington102 000 000—9 3 3

ROANOKE RALLIES TO DEFEAT LEXINGTON 8-1

April 28, Lexington High baseball team traveled to the Old Dominion State only to drop an eight to one contest to the hard-hitting Thomas Jefferson nine of Roanoke.

Crotts came home to score the local's only run in the top of the first inning.

Lexington was able to maintain the slight margin, however, until the seventh frame. The Roanoke nine cashed in on two hits and two charity trips to score three runs and pull ahead. The Jackets were unable to get going when they took their turn at bat, and the victors came back to rack up five more runs before Peeler, who relieved Simmerson in the eighth, was able to put out the fire.

Winning pitcher: Turnbull.
Losing Pitcher: Simmerson.

Lexington				
AB	H	R	E	
Crotts, s.s.	4	1	1	0
P. McCrary, 3b	4	2	0	1
C. McCrary, 2b	3	0	0	0
Phillips, 1b	3	1	0	0
Everhart, lf	4	0	0	0
D. Leonard, rf	4	1	0	0
Cook, cf	3	0	0	2
Thompson, c	3	0	0	1
Simmerson, p	3	0	0	1
*R. Leonard	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	1	4

Roanoke				
AB	H	R	E	
Mawyer, lf	5	1	1	0
Foutz 2b	5	1	0	0
Martin 1b	2	0	2	0
Shrader 3b	5	1	0	0
Coffey, ss	5	0	0	1
Howze cf	5	1	0	0
Booth rf	4	0	1	0
Ramsey c	2	2	2	0
Turnbull p	4	3	2	0
Totals	37	9	8	1

*Replaced C. McCrary in sixth.

SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE HALTED

Due to the exceedingly warm weather, and what seemed to be lack of interest on the part of lower classmen, Coach Jimmy Maus called a halt to spring football drills after a three weeks' session. Though lack of recruits slowed down things considerably, those who reported were given work-outs daily in light equipment.

South Piedmont Conference rulings do not allow heavy equipment drills in these practices, but much was accomplished by the light workouts. New recruits were taught fundamentals by Coach Maus and non-returning veterans of the 1947 team. Throughout the period class-room drills, which included moving pictures stressing blocking and defensive play, figured prominently.

NO GOLF; NO TENNIS

Though a tennis team in Lexington High School's sports has figured prominently for a number of years, it was abandoned this year due to the lack of a coach, players and scheduled games.

Golf, though dropped for a number of years, was resumed once more last year under the coaching of Mr. Hazel Gilstrap, who did not return to the L.H.S. faculty. As in tennis, golf was canceled due to the lack of a coach. However, it was not due to lack of interest or would-be players.

Young Dunlop White, eighth grader, was presented a huge trophy in assembly on Wednesday, May 19, as winner of the Junior Champion contest of the Municipal Golf Course here in Lexington. Gaither Walsler, who is also an eighth grader in Lexington High, was presented the runner-up trophy.

Dugan Aycock, local pro, expressed his desire that more high school students would participate in the tournament next year.

Surely two eighth graders taking the championship over so many upper-classmen is a challenge to all the "would-be" golfers in the school. Reports are that there are many!