



LENOIR HIGH BAND HERE FOR HOMECOMING GAME TONIGHT

Homecoming is always a great time at Lexington High School, not only for the Alumni and Alumnae of the high school, but because it usually brings a great football game for the Lexington fans as well. This year will be no exception, and the team from Barium Springs gives every promise of a battle royal with the locals. However, this year an added attraction has been secured in the Lenoir High School Band, which will parade this afternoon and do exhibition marching at half time in the game tonight at Holt-Moffitt Field.

Lexington football fans will need little explanation in regard to the band from Lenoir since it is an old tradition at the games of all the larger colleges in North Carolina. Especially at the annual Virginia-Carolina games in Chapel Hill or Charlottesville the event simply would be incomplete without the band from Lenoir.

Today will not be the first time that the Lenoir Band has played for a Lexington-Barium Springs game, but it will be the first time they have done so in Lexington. The appearance of the Lenoir band in Lexington is being sponsored by the Lexington High School Band, and the two bands will have a dinner together this evening at the club.

For those readers who go less often to attend the college football games

in North Carolina, it might be well to state that the Lenoir High School Band is the oldest school band in North Carolina, being established in 1925 under the principalship of Woodley C. Merritt (incidentally, he is the brother of Mrs. Otis M. Hedrick), and the same director has been in charge of the band for nearly twenty-five years. It has played for the inauguration of the last five Governors of North Carolina and for more than one President of the United States. It has had part in such events as the New York World's Fair, the Asheville Rhododendron Festival, the automobile races in Charlotte, the convention of Kiwanis International, in Washington, D. C., and the National Band Contests in cities like Richmond, Virginia, West Palm Beach, Florida, and others.

The Lenoir Band has about eighty-five members, about two-thirds of whom are girls. Its graduates are scattered all over the world, and many of them achieved great success in various departments of the war effort. Some of them have made notable records as professional musicians after graduation from high school. The Lenoir Band has its own three-story band building and its own fleet of buses for travel.

It is an old hand in putting on top flight shows for football games, and the game here with Barium Springs will be no exception.

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