

# SPORTS

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## CHILDREN'S HOME, WILKESBORO STATE'S TOP OFFENSIVE TEAMS, PLAY HERE MONDAY NIGHT, 7:30

Children's Home and Wilkesboro, the two highest scoring teams in North Carolina high school football, will meet Monday night, 7:30 o'clock, in Memorial Park here in one of the state's outstanding sports events for the week.

At least three of the top candidates for all-state high school honors will be in this battle of offensive football. Ray Triplett, Wilkesboro's ace backfield man who has a record for numerous backs to shoot at, will be Wilkesboro's candidate for all-state.

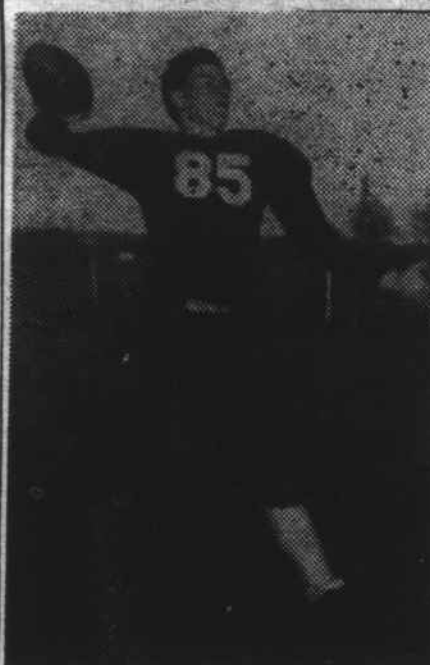
On the Children's Home team are two backs who have been mentioned week after week for their gridiron exploits. One is Red Smith, the near incomparable competitive player who will be sought by practically every college football organization. The other is Bill Proctor, who is rapidly catching up with Smith in Children's Home overwhelming

touchdown parade this year. Children's Home this year has breezed through the South Piedmont conference with decisive victories and big scores in every game. They defeated the Raleigh Caps AA team by a big margin. In addition they have knocked off other powerful teams supposed to have been out of their class.

Wilkesboro's only loss this season was to Wilmington early in the season—the Ramblers' first game—and since that loss Wilkesboro has overwhelmed just about all opposition in the Highland conference, having a close game only in the contest with Appalachian on a sloppy field. One of Wilkesboro's major accomplishments was a comparatively easy 28 to 7 triumph over previously unbeaten Elkin.

Monday night's game should draw a record crowd for a football game in North Wilkesboro.

### Will Play Here



Bill Whittington, former Wilkesboro star, will play for Appalachian's Baby Mountaineers when Appalachian and Catawba B teams clash in Memorial Park here Thursday night, November 10. Bill is back in action again after several weeks absence from the squad because of a knee injury.

### Whittington And Groce To Play In College Tilt Here

Appalachian And Catawba B Teams Play In This City On Nov. 10

College football will make its debut in North Wilkesboro Thursday night, November 10, when Appalachian and Catawba B teams clash. Kickoff time will be eight p. m.

The game will be played in Memorial Park, which has seating capacity of about 3,000 and standing room for more.

Sponsoring the game is the North Wilkesboro Quarterback Club, which is expecting a record breaking crowd from all parts of northwestern North Carolina.

Of special interest to football fans in the Wilkes area is the announcement that Jack Groce,

## BLUE RIDGE MAY INCREASE TO EIGHT TEAMS; SPIERS WILL BE PRESIDENT NEXT SEASON

Blue Ridge baseball league may increase to eight teams in 1950 and will be in much strong position, was the consensus of opinion expressed by directors following the league meeting in Galax Sunday.

John B. Spiers Radford attorney, was re-elected president for the coming year. Spiers succeeded Judge Bivins, of Mt. Airy, during the 1949 season. Harvey Laffon, Elkin publisher and president of the Elkin club, was elected vice president, succeeding Hubert White, of Galax. C. R. Williams was named assistant to the president, with work with the umpiring staff being his specific duty.

The meeting showed clearly that rumors of the league breaking up to form a new league in Virginia were without foundation, and the present six clubs are expected to be ready to go when they iron out their individual financial problems.

The Blue Ridge league is seeking addition of two clubs to form an eight-club circuit. One of the possibilities eyed by the league is Martinsville, Va., which may or may not withdraw from the class B Carolina league. Leaksville, N.

the stellar freshman from Wilkesboro, will play in the game for Appalachian. Jack was originally a member of the "Baby Mountaineers" this season, but was drafted for varsity duty, aiding greatly in pulling Appalachian from early season doldrums into a conference power.

Another former Wilkesboro high school player to see action for Appalachian will be Bill Whittington, who at Wilkesboro proved to be one of the state's outstanding high school quarterbacks in T formation play. A knee injury kept Whittington out of action for weeks this season but he has been pronounced ready and is expected to play much of the game here.

Catawba is reported to have a B team made up principally of fast and powerful freshmen who are calculated to help Catawba's effort to get back on top of the heap in the North State conference.

The quarterback club has already placed tickets on sale at \$1.00 each for adults and 50 cents each for students.

Success of the B game here may aid the Quarterback Club in efforts to schedule a college varsity game in North Wilkesboro.

C., Marion and Abingdon, Va., are other communities definitely interested in pro ball.

Directors in annual meeting set the player limit for next season at 17, allowing eight rookies, two class men and seven limited service men (less than three years of pro ball).

The North Wilkesboro club was represented at the league meeting by Larry S. Moore, business manager.

### Polio Epidemic Fund \$466.75 In Wilkes County

Wilkes county citizens contributed \$466.75 to the Polio Epidemic Emergency fund, it was announced today by the Wilkes County Polio Chapter. Chapter officials feel that in view of the large amount of money contributed in Wilkes County last January during the regular March of Dimes campaign that the response to the Epidemic Drive was excellent.

In announcing the results of the Drive, Sam R. Ogilvie, chapter chairman, expressed the appreciation of the chapter to Radio Station WKBC and to the Journal-Patriot for handling the publicity of the Drive and to everyone who made a contribution.

### Mulberry Skating Club Is Formed

Several skaters met on Thursday, October 27, at the Mulberry Roller Rink and formed a skating club. Officers were elected as follows: president, Ben F. Blakewood; vice president, Kemp Elledge; secretary, Mrs. Edd Bumgarner; treasurer, Lottie McNeill. The club will meet each Thursday night.

Clarence Painter, owner of the rink, has been trying for some time to form a club to promote the healthful sport of skating, and to provide clean recreation for those who are willing to stress and comply with rules and regulations of the club.

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