

# One For The Birdie

The first thing asked of Jim Hickey when he took over the head coaching duties at Carolina was to smile for the shutter snappers.

"How 'bout a big smile, Coach?" the photographer asked.

"Gladly," was Hickey's reply, "It may be a long time before I'll be able to smile big again."

# 'I'll Try To Be Worthy' --Grid Boss Jim Hickey

By WAYNE THOMPSON

Jim Hickey first met Jim Tatum on the day he reported for work as a Tar Heel football assistant.

It turned out to be the most important meeting of Hickey's life.

It all started in a Richmond, Va., restaurant. Hickey, who had just resigned as head coach at Hampden-Sydney after five successful years there, was having coffee with Randolph Macon Coach Paul Severin, a childhood friend.

"Why don't you go with Tatum?" Severin asked.

"Don't know him," Hickey replied.

"Well I do," Severin answered, "I'll call him and set up an interview if you like?"

"Sounds fine with me," was Hickey's casual answer.

No sooner had Hickey driven 60 miles to his Virginia home when he got a phone call from his buddy Severin.

"You're supposed to call Tatum in Chapel Hill tonight. Everything's set," Severin told his friend.

Hickey did and got the job with the late Sunny Jim. He came to Chapel Hill and has been here ever since — first as a scout and then as a backfield coach — both offensively and defensively.

Now that the former William & Mary backfield flash is in the big man's shoes, how does he feel?

"My goal and the goal of any coach is to be a big time college head coach. Tere'll never be another Jim Tatum and his shoes are impossible to fill. I'll just try to do my job the way he'd want me to do it.

"We won't make any drastic changes. Our plans for this year are pretty well set up. I think we have the finest team we've had since I've been here.

"I confess I lean to the

kicking game and will emphasize a sound overall defense. With these two ingredients I feel a team has a good chance of winning most of its games.

"The only sad note of the whole thing is the circumstances that led to it. Coach Tatum was a great guy to work for and we all learned a lot of football from him . . . and a lot of other things too.

"I am grateful for the opportunity and only hope that I will be a worthy successor to the team that was built by one of the greatest men I've ever known."

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## SUNNY JIM TATUM

# His Kinda People Came

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zenith, James Moore Tatum found eternal peace in the little plot of ground that he had reserved for himself and his family several years ago.

A man who came from a large family in the little town of Me-

Coll, S. C. and rose to superlative heights as a coach was ready to meet his maker.

Somewhere, Sunny Jim is smiling — his kinda people had come to say farewell — on his kinda day . . . a sunny Saturday.

# Sports Shorts

Buddy Payne, star end on the 1957 Carolina football team, is back at the Hill preparing to enter Law School in the fall.

Payne, who played football in the Canadian Pro League last year until an injury forced him to the sidelines, plans to help out with the coaching at UNC this year.

Ottawa still has an option on Buddy's contract, but the 6-2, 210-pound flanker will be forced to sit this season out. He is planning surgery on his injured knee.

Payne hopes to return to pro football next year if he is sound physically. His objective is to win a job with the Washington Redskins of the National Football League.

Wedding bells are beginning to ring out in the Carolina athletic world.

Tackle Ralph Steele, who should be starting for the Tar Heels this fall, was married last Sunday at his North Wilkesboro home.

Ray Stanley, a forward on Carolina's renown basketball team, stopped by the other day and announced wedding plans for Sept. 12. Stanley, who is working in Asheville this summer, will wed Ann Durham in Chapel Hill.

Members of the Tar Heel football team, who are enrolled in summer school, are already beginning to work out on the cinders. Object: To get trim for fall practices which start on August 31.

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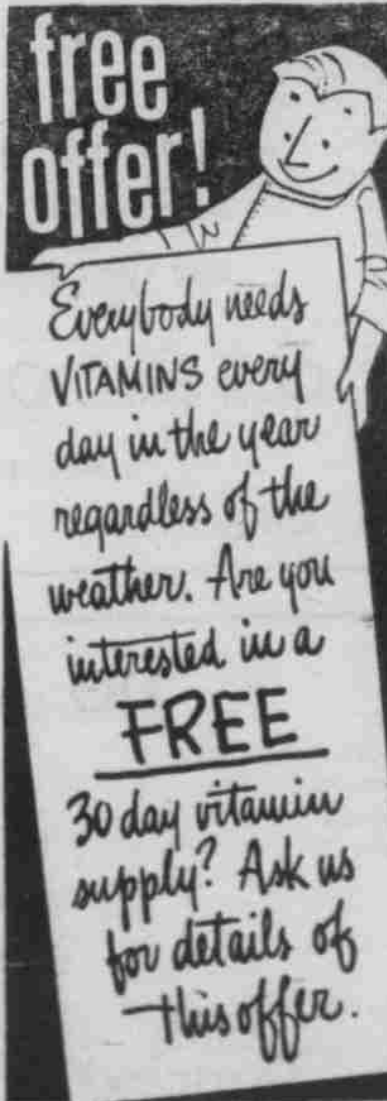
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