



**BILL CURRIE**

# Mouth of the South

## Baptist Bottom

Anyone who has met and listened even briefly to Cal Stoll knows that the Wake Forest football team is being tutored by a man of exceptional personality and ultimate dedication.

He is the latest, and possibly the last, in a line of men holding impressive credentials, and who have guzzled the gall of defeat with appalling consistency. Stoll has not been able to win in his brief tenure at Baptist Bottom, and the likelihood is that he never will.

Bill Tate could not. Paul Amen achieved only modest success. Billy Hildebrand bombed out in flames, and Tom Rogers almost went off the end of his limb in frustration. Only Peahead Walker could win at Wake Forest, and that was a long time ago.

There are many reasons why a winning football team is not compatible with the Deacon athletic program. First, and overwhelmingly so, is the money problem. Wake Forest, with all its academic excellence, and its rich traditions, is with other institutions of similar constitution, simply unable to finance big time winning football.

## Small Crowds, Donations

The crowds are not big enough, and the alumni donations fall short. In a gasping effort to overcome these shortcomings, the Deacons schedule behemoths of the gridiron who are able to recruit, feed and educate many more ball players, and are correspondingly stronger.

The outcome of the overscheduling is to keep the coffers just above the panic level, but to lose many games, and often injure key players.

It is very like being caught in a two-way suction. Leave off the Nebraskas and the Florida States and you won't have enough money to operate. Play 'em and get your brains beat out.

Of course, Wake Forest suffers from the same Atlantic Coast Conference rules as to athletic grants-in-aid which plague the other members of the league. In the case of the Deacons, however, the problem is magnified in the light of the money difficulties.

By nature a coach must be a man of eternal optimism. If he did not believe he could win doubtless he would slash his throat or hurl himself into some fate worse than death such as selling cemetery plots or magazines door to door. The failure of one coach or a dozen does not deter some other man from rushing into an impossible breach with his head and colors up.

## Assistants Eye Jobs

All assistant coaches worth their salt eye a head job with slaving desire. When a guy gets in his middle years, teetering about on the precipice of forty, he really begins to get desperate. He will accept a head job in a place unlikely to win because he believes he can do it. All he needs is a chance.

So as great as Cal Stoll is as a person, and as hard as he works as a coach, the losses which he is suffering were predictable, and the future holds little promise of improvement. What then is the future for Wake Forest football?

In time, as unpalatable as it may be to the Deacon alumni and students, in all probability Wake Forest along with Furman, VMI, and countless other small, privately endowed schools, will quit. Many excellent collegiate athletic programs are running deep in the black all over the country without football.

Emphasis on basketball will bring national prestige and favorable press from sea to sea at a fraction of the cost of football. What's more, in the years ahead, only the heartiest of the college football teams will keep the public interest. The pro game has grown into a formidable monster.

Frankly I long for the good old days when college football ruled the roost and Wake Forest had as good a chance to get a player as anybody. But these days are gone, and with them went the possibility of any coach, regardless of his ability or dedication, to win at Baptist Bottom.

## Eagles Beat N. Iredell

# Davie Scores First Win, Faces North Mecklenburg



**John Munday**

## Senior Citizen News

By MARY DUNCAN

Senior Citizens met Monday Sept. 28th with 80 present including two visitors. The meeting was called to order by the retiring president, Mr. Fred Murphy. Mr. Frank Miller held the devotionals.

The Sunshine Committee reported get well cards sent to Mrs. Sadie Stroud and Mrs. Mollie House. Sympathy cards to Mr. Rob Winecuff, Mr. Taylor Call and Mrs. Maude Nichols.

Membership cards were given to each member showing that you are a Senior Citizen of North Carolina. On the back of the card is a special invitation from Governor Robert Scott for as many members as possible to attend the State fair in Raleigh on Oct. 19th. All those wishing to attend, try to be present at the next meeting on Oct. 15th.

Plans were made to go to the fair in Winston-Salem on Oct. 8th. All those who are planning to go please be at the First Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8th.

New officers were installed for the coming year with Mr. June Jarvis acting as emcee. Those sworn in were Mr. Sidney Benson, president; Mr. Granville Spry, vice president; Mrs. Rosanna Swink, secretary; Mrs. McClamrock, assistant secretary; Mr. William Owens, treasurer; Mr. Frank

Miller, assistant chaplain to Mr. C. W. Shepherd who because of illness could not be present.

We want to take this opportunity to express our thanks to our retiring president and his wife, Fred and Betty Murphy for the fine, untiring work and efforts they have put into the club this past year. Also to thank Mrs. Rosanna Swink and Mr. William Owens for their years of service to the club. And their willingness to continue as our most able secretary and treasurer.

At the close of the meeting Happy Birthday was sung to Mrs. Carrie Jordan, Mrs. Angel, Mrs. Brinegar, and Mr. M. H. Hoyle.

Thanks also to the ladies who brought in birthday cakes.

Davie County scored its first football win of the season last Friday, 14-8, over North Iredell and Former Head Coach Jim Conger, and the War Eagles are getting ready for a non-conference test against North Mecklenburg at home Friday.

The Eagles got touchdowns from John Munday and Paul Beaver as well as a two-point conversion from Beaver in their win last week.

It was Beaver's 25-yard run in the fourth quarter that snapped an 8-8 tie and put the Eagles to top for keeps.

Munday's touchdown run went for 14-yards in the second quarter, and Beaver added the two-point conversion, but the Raiders tied the score on a pass and a two-point run.

Davie is now 1-3 for the season and 1-2 in the North Piedmont Conference. North Iredell is winless in five starts so far, three of which are NPC games.

Davie will probably open with Jerry Goodlett and Walter Ridenhour at ends against North Mecklenburg. Richard Crotts and Buck Hall will be at tackles, John Cartner and Ronnie Beauchamp at guards and Paul Andrews at center.

Craig Ward will be at quarterback for Davie, and Bob Koontz, Munday, Beaver, Arny Riddle and David Poplin will all be in the backfield.

## Emily Howell Student Teaching

BOONE — Emily Patricia Howell, the daughter of V. L. Howell of Cooleemee, is one of the 318 Appalachian State University students who are student teaching during this fall quarter.

Emily, a senior majoring in Spanish at Appalachian has been assigned to Boyden High School in Salisbury.

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