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## Basketball Gets Started

Basketball began on November 4 and 15 men came out for the team.

The team has five returning lettermen with a nice group of promising material. Men returning are Futch, Misenheimer, Fields, Stuart and Stone.

New and promising material like Blue, Parker, Barber, and Covington, and other players such as Ellerbe, Carter, B. Stuart, P. Stuart, Bethune, Baker, McKoy, and Johnson are showing improvement.

The past several weeks have been spent in offensive tactics with the teams shaping up about like this: first five; Misenheimer and Barber at guards; Stone at center; and Fields and Blue at forward. The second five: Parker and Covington at guard; Futch at center; Ellerbe and McKoy at the forward positions. Five other players are hot in the contest for positions.

PJC has already played two scrimmage games, one with the Alumni and one against Pembroke State College. In both games the first team was strong and played well enough for the coach and the team members to detect their mistakes.

The first official game on Coach Doak's schedule is January 9 at Oak Ridge but he has said that he hopes to get some games before Christmas.

The team needs a lot of work because of the lack of experience but as the weeks progress I believe the team will show vast improvement.

## Chowan Trips Scotties, 13-0

Chowan's heavy team got two first quarter breaks that set up their only scores.

The first score was set up after Misenheimer kick was blocked and Chowan took over on the 18 yard line.

Two plays later Chowan took the lead 6 to nothing.

After the second kick off in four minutes a fumble gave the ball again to Chowan on PJC's 22 yard line. The fullback carried 14 yards the first play and two plays later crashed the remaining yards for a TD.

Never again after these two early breaks did Chowan get past the 15 yard line and the teams appeared to be very evenly matched.

PJC's deepest penetration carried to the 9 yard line after a Chowan fumble was recovered on Chowan's 47 yard line. Misenheimer and McCall combined to make the drive which went over on down to Chowan on the 9 yard line.

Misenheimer was by far the outstanding PJC player as he plunged from his fullback position for an average of 6.5 yards per try.

The teams drove each other very well until they crossed the 20, after that they seemed unable to push for pay dirt.

Misenheimer led the team and McCall played one of his best games. Robertson and Fields were very aggressive in the line for PJC.

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

## The Three R's Of Democracy

John Stevenson

Elias Lieberman said: "Every drop of blood in me holds a heritage of patriotism. THIS declaration should be made by me and every other American because our is truly a great heritage. It is only where freedom rules that the first person singular has any meaning: where the dignity with which God endowed man has any recognition.

Freedom is a precious principle—representing the greatest aspiration of the human race in its struggling search for the truth. The hardest lesson to learn today is how to make good use of this freedom. We Americans need to stop, and think, and act.

Less than a generation ago the tide of freedom seemed to be sweeping all opposition before it. But today the tide of despotism is rising threateningly and democracy is in the defensive everywhere. Mankind is passing through one of the most critical ages of all history. If we in America are to meet the challenge parents, teachers, and schools must unite in the defense of freedom.

The American home is failing to train its children in the principles of democracy, and in the tents of the Christian Religion which lie back of our democracy. Our first defenses must be set up here, for too much responsibility is being delegated to our schools.

It was said recently that the public school is the greatest discovery ever made by man. Certainly every public school should be a bulwark of freedom, but constant vigilance is needed to maintain the quality of our public education and to guard our schools against the vicious attacks of propagandizing pressure groups. Sutile influences an at work to alarm and intimidate us. This is a tie for clear thinking, and to think clearly one must be informed. This demands that we read widely, wisely, and thoughtfully. This is a duty of citizenship in America today.

We must see that our public schools teach the fundamentals and to do this we must know what the fundamentals are and start for them ourselves. We are duty bound to be shareholders and partners in this vast democratic experiment. This and those who say that in our public schools lies the highest hope for preserving the individual freedom for which America stands. Today America must stand firmly in her unenviable role of leadership in this tragic hour. No longer with the three "R's" Suffice in Education. The other three "R's" for which must stand are: Rights, Responsibilities and Relationships.

We hear a lot today about the Declaration of Rights, "Every world citizen must study this and act upon it nationally and internationally. We need, however, to write an accompanying Declaration of Duties." General Eisenhower said a few days ago: "The big word for every American today is 'Duty'."

It is of utmost importance that our schools guard democracy by teaching teamwork among Americans of every color, creed and ancestry. The brown men, and the black men all over the world are watching us, and we dare not

confine this teaching to American schools. To have peace and security, two things longed for by the plain people of all countries, we must have a sympathetic understanding of all peoples. Where else can this be taught successfully except in our public schools.

The Preamble to the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural organization contains these words from the pen of Prime Minister Atlee of England: "Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed." Important and indispensable as that is, we must go deeper than that. Gandhi said: "John Ruskin was content to revolutionize change his life." The life of Gandhi immortalizes him. Our lives, too, must change with our thinking.

The difference between tyranny and freedom is God, and God alone can change men's lives. There must be in America a deep and sustained moral awakening, for today we neither morally nor ethically prepared for our place of leadership. Character and citizenship education are hard—yes, imperative. A sense of world citizenship is also imperative; But these are not enough.

Our system of education needs the three "R's" of Reverence, Righteousness and Religion. From the Bible is read: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. "Thy word is truth." John 17:17. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12.

## Radio Club News

By Bill O. Stevens

There is very little good news from the Radio Club this month, so let's talk about something which is of paramount importance to all of us.

What has happened to the school spirit at PJC? There is absolutely no school spirit among the new students and very little among the older students. Why can't everyone realize that association, fellowship and wholesome recreation are very important to everyone? I know that a few teachers are very busy in their torture chambers, after our own blood, but even then you do have some free time during which you can do some club work or work for the comfort and recreation of the student body.

In the Radio Club there are a very few who are to be commended for their work, and their attempts to get more interest in the Radio Club. So orchids to: "Pop" Paden, Buck Carter, Worth Dees, Richard Feagin, and "Mama" Clark.

So far the students in the club have yet to present a program over WEWO in Laurinburg. This program is very important to every member of the club because it gives him actual experience in radio production and in whatever capacity he chooses.

Do you have a solution for this problem of school spirit? If you do have a solution please bring it to the attention of the student body immediately. How about it? Let's get the ball rolling.

## P. J. C. Wins Final Game In Robbins Park

The PJC Scotties finished up their schedule by edging out Edwards Military Institute by a score of 27 to 26 in Robbins Park in Red Springs. PJC got an early start in the first period with three quick touchdowns.

Chuch Mayers took the opening kickoff from his own twenty up to the midfield. From there Guy Misenheimer, Jim McCall and Mayers took the ball to the two yard line. Mayers scored and McCall kicked the extra point.

After the kickoff EMI fumbled and Myatt recovered for the Scotties on the twelve yard line. Misenheimer went over left tackle for the score. The kick was wide and the Scotties took the lead 13-0.

On the next kick off Bill Myatt suffered a broken nose when he tackled Bennett of EMS. Then the visitors threw a long pass from their own forty-five which was intercepted by Jim McKoy and returned it to the mid-stripe. McCall took the ball on the next play and ran for a touchdown only to have it called back on a clipping penalty. After an exchange of punts, EMI recovered a PJC fumble on the Scotties thirty and on the next couple of plays John Bulling scored on a twenty yard run. The kick was no good and the Scotties still led 13 to 6.

The Scotties took the ball on the Ram's forty and Mayers raced for another TD. McCall's kick was good and PJC led 20 to 6.

Late in the second quarter EMI made their second score of the game. The kick was good and the half ended 20 to 13.

Early in the third period the Rams drove deep into the Scottie territory. Bennett went over for the score and the extra point was good. The score was now tied 20 to 20. But on the following kickoff Misenheimer took the ball on the thirty and dashed seventy yards for a touchdown. McCall's kick was good and the score became 27-20 in favor of the Scotties.

The Rams scored again late in the third quarter. But the try for the extra point failed and EMI missed their chance to tie up the game. The final quarter saw both teams fighting hard, but were unable to score. The final score of the game was 27 for PJC and 26 for EMI.

Our boys played a swell game and a lot of credit should go to the boys in the line, who fought so hard to open the holes for our backfield. Credit is also due to the speedy backs that sped around the field behind those linemen.

Most of all I would like to bring out one of the boys that credit is most due. He is one famous quarterback John Sloan. Johnny has led us through every game and he has done a good job, so lets give him a big hand.

We also have a hard luck story! Jim McCall had his first touchdown called back in the EMI game so lets all bear with him. But again lets give him a big hand on his kicking ability. His "true-toe" gave us the needed extra point for victory.

## Homecoming Is Big Success

On the seventeenth of November the hallowed halls of Dear Old Presbyterian Junior College welcomed its students of years past once again. Yes, the alumni had returned to meet old friends and make new ones.

This Homecoming will be remembered as one of the most successful in the history of P. J. C. Much of the credit for this success goes to Foster Edwards, President of the Student Activity Board, who began decorating on the fourteenth for the dance. Well-made plans resulted in success.

I would like to mention a few of the attending alumni who were here as students last year, and here they are: Jim Holeman, ex-president of the Student Body, D. C. North, ex-editor of The Sandspur, Murray Barefoot, Bob Hughes, John Jones, Rudy Lee, Clyde Parrish, and Hal Sharpe.

Included in the activities of the afternoon was the basketball game between the team of the alumni and the Scotties which the alumni won by a score of 58 to 49. During the halftime period, pretty and petite Amogene Head of Alma, Georgia, was crowned Queen of Homecoming. Amogene was sponsored by The Sandspur and elected by the present student body.

At five o'clock the faculty, the alumni, and the students attended a delightful barbecue dinner. By this time everyone was feeling happy and gay and all were impatiently waiting for the big dance to get underway.

Hal Gore and his band were proudly featured at the dance. With Hal's fine music, and a nip in the air, the night was ideal for dancing. After several hours of dancing and merriment the festivities slowed down, came to a halt, and Homecoming 1951 was over. Yes, the dance came to a successful close at 11:30 Saturday night and the dormitory became quiet and livable at 11:30 Monday night.

May all future Homecomings be as successful as this one, and until another, we will not forget Homecoming of 1951.

## PJC To Examine College Draftees

Presbyterian Junior College has been notified that its student personnel office has been designated as a testing center for the December 13, 1951, Selective Service College Qualification Test by Selective Service Examining Section, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

Students at PJC and at some nearby colleges will be assigned to this testing center for their tests.

## Basketball Schedule

January 9 Oak Ridge, there; 11 Chowan, here; 14 Campbell, there; 16 Pfeiffer, here; 32 EMI, here; 26 Wilmington, there; 30 Pfeiffer, there.

February 2 Louisburg, here; 4 Wingate, here; 11 Pembroke, here; 13 EMI, there; 16 Louisburg, there; 18 Pembroke, there; 21 Wingate, here.