

In Sportdom

With Charlie Roberts

FIGHTIN' CHRISTIANS LOOK GOOD

Three months of taking it easy does not seem to have had a bad effect on very many of Coach Walker's men of the cleated shoe, for they all seem to be in exceptionally good condition for this early in the season.

A great many of last year's so-called letter men are back in the camp of the Elowites, and still a greater number of newcomers can be seen out on Dr. Harper's newly-fenced athletic field fighting for positions on the Maroon and Gold eleven. Captain Roland Smith, Zach Walker, Foster Hughes, Ural Watson "Country" Rollins and Pete Williams make up the list of last year's first team footballers who are back to fight for Elon another year. George Kelly and Paul Wagoner, are returning for another try after being out of school for a year.

The team that seems likely to start against Davidson in the first tilt of the season is P. Wagoner and Rollins, ends; Smith and Holmes, tackles; Watson and Hughes, guards; Lankford, center; Walker, Wagoner, Kelly, and Williams, backs. Rollins and Wagoner are both letter men and experienced flankmen. No one at Elon needs to be told that Roland Smith is a mighty good tackler and that he outpunted every opposing punter faced during last season. Holmes is a newcomer from Dunn high school, but seems to be the best of the Freshie candidates. Watson and Hughes were both regulars on last year's eleven, and both of them are hard working men who will bear the brunt of the burden in the line this year.

Monk Walker will be barking the signals for his third straight year here, and believe us he's one more mean ball totter and a sure tackler. George Kelly at one-half is exceptionally fast and should get away for some good gains this year. Jabo Wagoner playing the wing half is a good all-around man with more than his share of pass snagging ability. The red head will probably give quite a few opposing backs the well-known proverbial fits chasing him down before the sunset takes place on next Thanksgiving afternoon. Peter Williams, the West Point Flash needs no introduction. He is a line plunger of no mean ability and is the hardest tackler on the team. He'll loom up mightily big backing up that line, and he will stop many a would-be long runs this year as he did last. Lankford, who will probably get the call over Shrimp Morphis at the pivot position, has shown a great deal of grit and the other essentials which make up a real football player. He is an unknown quantity; but we are expecting him to be a tower of strength against Davidson. He has the size and strength. Now let's see you get in there, Big Boy.

There seems to be much more reserve material this year than last, and the team will not be at such a great loss if one or two of the regulars are forced out of the game. Morphis and Thompson are both good centers and could be put in at that position without materially weakening the team. Womble and Fogleman are practically as good at the guard positions as the two regulars, and Gresham and Brown are also good linesmen. Dick Caddell is an excellent pass receiver and may make some end or tackle do some tall steppin' for his position before the season is over. Cap Clark, a regular end last year, and Zeb Harrington are ends, possessing great capability, and both of them will see service before the season is over. The second team also boasts a strong backfield, and its members will all no doubt be seen in action before the season is over. Dofflemyer, the fullback, is an exceptionally hard worker and played in several games last year. Branner, a husky half-back from Delaware, is showing up well, as is Coggins, the other half. Roberts, who was on the squad last year, is calling signals on the second eleven.

Each of the boys is working his hardest in order to be in shape for the Davidson tussle this Saturday. The Wildcats will truly be tough nuts to crack, but the bigger they are, the harder they fall, so we are planning to give the Davidsonians a real scrap for their money.

After Davidson comes Catawba. Let's turn the table on the Indians this year. Last year Elon journeyed to the Salisbury's camp to come out on the short

end of a 13-12 score after leading 12-0 at the half. Elon had the ball on Catawba's three yard line with four downs to go when the referee's whistle ended the heart-breaking encounter. So let's all plan to be on hand to see Elon get its revenge. It is sure to be that way this time. Every one of you be at Comer Field on September 28th with your best pair of lungs to help win that old game.

WHY AN EDUCATION?

"Statistics show that a college education is worth seventy-two thousand dollars," according to Dean Savage, who called attention to some phases of our present-day civilization.

"We frequently hear the slogan, 'earn more and learn more,' continued Dean Savage, 'but in our struggle for quantity and speed have we lost sight of the worth-while things of life?'"

"Truly this is an age of speed. It took Magellan three years and twenty-eight days to circle the globe, a distance recently covered by the Graf Zeppelin in twenty-one days. Surely the Literary Digest was not far wrong when it said that the world was moving too fast for us to take a census.

"Think, too, of our present-day means of communication. The radio flashes to millions the scientific facts that it previously took hundreds of years to spread among a much smaller group.

"And, is bigness always greatness? There are over three hundred men in the United States, each of whom has an income of over a million dollars a year. There are also eleven men whose combined annual income is over fifty-five million dollars."

In other words, Dean Savage has touched on one of the most vital principles of Christian and secular education; namely, that of building character to which greatness will tanch itself. Yes, it can be done, even in this so-called "age of speed."

RANDOM IDEAS

Love at first sight; divorce at first sight.

The dove brings peace and the stork tax exemptions. Protect the birds.

Baking a smaller loaf enables the baker to make a larger roll.

The home with the largest car parked out front may have the largest mortgage.

Experience is a dear teacher. Others are underpaid.

More boys would stay down on the farm if prices wouldn't.

No coward is small enough to hide behind a woman's skirt these days.

If more mothers were strappers we'd have fewer flappers.

One way to keep your friends is not to give them away.

Divorce suits are always pressed with the seamy side out.

The rising generation is all too fond of sitting.

The only nation capable of licking America is stagnation.

Say needle to a modern girl and she thinks of a phonograph.

Presents—not absence—make the heart grow fonder.

There was a young fellow named Twister,

Who called on his gal, and he kissed her;

But he found to his fright

When he turned up the light

That it wasn't his gal but her sister.

There was an old man with a beard

Who said "It is just as I feared."

Two owls and a wren,

Three bats and a hen,

Have all made their nests in my beard."

A flea and a fly in a flue

Were imprisoned, so what could they do?

"Let us flee," said the fly

"Let us fly," said the flea

So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

Bold, erect, upright, perpendicular,

He sat in the taxi vehicular.

"Where to?" growled the chauffeur.

Responded the loafer,

"Oh anywhere; I'm not particular."

"Sadie," said her mother, "Why is it that you and your little brother are always quarreling?"

"I don't know," replied Sadie,

"unless I take after you and he takes after papa."

HOW IT CAME TO BE WRITTEN

Whenever the song "Dixie" is played or sung the performer is greeted with cheers and applause. This famous war song of the Confederacy is the center of much romance. It was generally believed that a patriotic Southerner had composed the song, but this is not so. The composer was Daniel Deatur Emmett, a black-face comedian who was a member of a famous minstrel troupe which opened their season of minstrelsy on September just before the outbreak of the Civil War. The show was a very good one as minstrel shows go, but alas, and alack, the grand finale which should have been the gem of the performance, fell as flat as a pancake. Now you know that the last impression is usually the lasting one, and to have an audience leave the theatre remembering a flat finale would never do. So the manager called upon Mr. Emmett and instructed him to write something that would serve as a rousing ending, for the minstrel show and "pep it up." He was allowed one day for the job. It was a sorry kind of a day, too. The first chill winds of autumn blew, the penetrating rain fell upon the streets. No inspiration here for a cheerful song. What was he to think of on a day like this? An old negro was passing along the street below, singing as he shuffled along. The inspiration came! Sunny skies and cotton bales and negroes singing on the wharves of the Southern waterfronts. Like a flash the words formed themselves in his mind: "I wish I was in Dixie!" By six o'clock the song was finished. That night Emmett wrote the music. The manager of the Minstrel Show liked the song, and that the audience did too, was evidenced by the twenty curtain calls that greeted it on the night of its first presentation. Within a week every boy on the streets and hundreds of men and women were singing the catchy song. Its popularity was immediately assured.

After it was published it spread like wild fire over the country. It was sung everywhere. When the Civil War broke the South adopted it as its anthem and the long gray lines marched to the battlefields with Dixie on their lips and the memories of it stirred up in their hearts. As soon as that became known the North cast it aside and it was many years before it regained its popularity in that section. Emmett, the composer, enjoyed much fame and popularity through the success of his song. He died in 1904 when he was nearly ninety years old.—Presbyterian Standard.

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ORGANIZES

J. Howard Smith was chosen as President of the Junior Sunday School Class for this scholastic year at their first meeting Sunday morning.

The other officers are K. B. Hook, vice-president; Sam B. Wilson, secretary.

The class has decided to use the quarterly and also to use half of the class period for discussion of practical problems.

Professors VanCleave and O. W. Johnson are the teachers of the class.

LIVING AND PRAYING

I knelt to pray when day was done,

And prayed, "O Lord, bless every one;

Lift from each saddened heart the pain,

And let the sick be well again."

And then I awoke another day

And carelessly went on my way.

The whole day long I did not try

To wipe a tear from any eye;

I did not try to share the load

Of any brother on my road;

I did not even go to see

The sick man just next door to me.

Yet once again when day was gone

I prayed, "O Lord, bless every one."

But as I prayed, into my ear

There came a voice that whispered clear:

"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray,

Whom have you tried to bless today?

God's sweetest blessings always go

By hands that serve him here below."

And then I hid my face, and cried,

"Forgive me, God, for I have lied;

Let me but see another day

And I will live the way I pray."

—Whitney Montgomery.

Mrs. Emily Gerrand of Chicago, was granted a divorce after testifying that for 20 years she had lived in daily terror of her life.

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