

Sports Review

By PORTER GRIGGS

Murphy high school's football eleven went through one of the best seasons in many a year, and a lot of credit goes to R. R. Yow, Coach Yow in his first year as coach of the Bulldogs got together a group of 33 small inexperienced boys and wound them so tight that they went through the conference play without defeat. They started the season by holding Franklin, a 21-point favorite, to a 13 to 13 tie

and went on to dispose of Eastonville, Ga., Sylva, Hayesville, Bryson City, Andrews twice, and Robbinsville. While losing only to powerful Everett high of Maryville, Tenn., and Sand Hill and tying Hayesville, for a season's records of 7-2-2. Yow's gridgers scored 186 points the opponents got 96. The Bulldogs captured the championship of the Western Conference. Next year look for Mr.

Yow's babies to start showing that football only comes naturally with them.

The Lions club cooperated in giving local football heroes bleachers for the field and gym, banquet, and mogram footballs. The banquet was held Tuesday of this week.

The basket ball team of one left over from last year is a sensation. The team has one of the most impressive records in the conference. On the Squad is James Hughes, captain and only holdover from last year, and Fred Brendle at forwards, Harold Davidson, third stringer last year, and Frank Alexander at guards, while Sherman holds the hot spot position. Some people say the only difference between Alexander and Tommy Johnson of last year is that Frank plays guard while Tommy played center.

The boys are coached by Porter Raper and when the tournament rolls around we are sure that his boys will be among the first three.

The girls, too, are having a successful season. Under new Coach Knowles the girls are sure of having a spot in the tournament.

We hear that Coach Al Smith has resigned as mentor of the Andrews Wildcats. We thought Mr. Smith was hot stuff at M. H. S. and maybe they can find a spot for him in the Athletic Department again at Murphy. We would be glad to see the Reverend back on the campus.

Grace Taylor, M. H. S. tall forward, injured in the Cherokee game, will be forced to quit basketball for at least three weeks while she has four teeth put in.

Coach Raper and Coach Yow deserve a salute for being able to bring the Western Conference Basketball tournament to Murphy. With both heat and seats in the gym Murphy would make a good permanent spot for the annual affair.

Bulldogs Split Doubleheader With Andrews

The Murphy Bulldogs travelled to Andrews and before approximately 600 thrilled fans handed the Wildcats a fast 25 to 22 defeat. The Murphy boys started slow, trailing one point at the end of the first quarter found the basket to go ahead to stay. Only in the last minutes of play did they have their lead challenged. The game saw many fouls and sometimes unsportsmanship on the part of the fans, particularly when boys were shooting the fouls. Meroney and Hampton were forced to leave the game because of fouls. The scoring honors for Murphy were taken by Hughes with 16 points while Butler collected 11 for the losing Wildcats.

In the first game the Murphy girls, still recuperating from the Christmas holidays, lost for the second time this season. The girls were led by Ledford on defense while Taylor, still suffering from the Indian game managed to take the scoring honors. For Andrews, Holloway with 13 points was the outstanding.

Lineups:

GIRLS:
 Pos. Murphy (12) Andrews (28)
 F. Ledford Holloway (13)
 F. Taylor (5) Bryson (12)
 C. Hall (3) M. Bryson (3)
 G. Stiles Caldwell
 G. Sherperd Thompson
 G. Beal Webb
 Subs—Murphy: Carranger (4)
 Chambers, Melver
 Andrews: Smith

BOYS:
 Pos. Murphy (25) Andrews (22)
 F. Hughes (16) Hawk (3)
 F. Brendle (4) Womack (5)
 C. Hampton Butler (11)
 G. Alexander (4) Bradley
 G. Davidson Christy (3)
 Subs—Murphy: Meroney (1),
 Thompson, Hall,
 Andrews: Talham, Webb, H. Rogers, R. Rogers.

Postell

The Rev. J. Bazie Mull of Knoxville preached to a large congregation at Swanson Church Sunday afternoon.

Baxter Hamilton of Etowah, Tenn. is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. R. Hamilton, who is ill.

Mrs. Sophie Jones attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Magie Holbrooks at Cross Chapel near Turtletown, Tenn., Sunday.

Winfield Martain of Ducktown visited his sister, Mrs. S. G. Montgomery and family the past weekend.

Mrs. Annie Coleman and daughter, Gladys, visited her mother, Mrs. J. R. Hamilton Sunday afternoon.

M. C. Stiles and sons, Parks and M. L., visited his brother, Hershell Stiles at Marble Saturday afternoon.

Burl Brown visited M. C. Stiles Sunday afternoon.

There exists no problem more important in poultry husbandry than that of supplying an ample supply of succulent green feed for as great a portion of the year as possible.

Fescue Is Rich In Milk-Yielding Element Cope Finds

By BILL BORING

Atlanta Constitution Staff Writer
 CUMMING, Ga.—Farmers in these red Chattahoochee hills believe they have found the answer to a cheaper bottle of milk in the new grass, Kentucky 31 Fescue, which Channing Cope, Constitution columnist, introduced into Georgia three years ago, and has promoted ever since.

Rich in what makes milk and puts meat on steers, Fescue grass is a perennial which grows as green in December as it does in May. It is the first grass ever found that will grow the year around in Georgia.

That's why agronomists are predicting it will revolutionize the milking industry in the State. For the first time since the cow, they have discovered a grass that you not only have to plant but once, but one which remains green and grows high every month, every day in the year.

Farmers who have given it the 12-month test in this section—and there are but two—say that it cuts the cattle feeding bill in half. In simple logic, this means that once Fescue is widespread in the dairying sections, the cost of a bottle of milk is bound to drop.

Moreover, Georgia always has suffered dairy-wise from the fact that her cows come in fresh during the Spring months, when traditional grasses grow tender and green—and so there has always been plenty of milk during the early months and throughout the Summer. But when Winter comes, it's something else again. The bare cold hills and drab pastures mean less milk. In order to supply the consumer demand during this period, distributors have had to import milk.

Not so with Kentucky 31 Fescue. It is as tender and rich and plentiful in Winter as in Spring. Moreover, it grows equally well in lowlands and uplands. It will grow on good land, poor land, hard land or alluvial.

"It's revolutionary," declares T. O. Galloway, U. S. District Soil Conservationist, who has been helping to blanket Forsyth, Hall, Lumpkin, Dawson, White and Habersham Counties with the grass.

This section has taken the lead in Fescue production. Three years ago, after The Constitution's Cope had returned from Kentucky with a noggin full of information on the value of Fescue and a sackful of the grass' seed, he planted the seed in an acre patch and, in his

column, started preaching the merits of Fescue to Georgia farmers.

Farmers in this section have been particularly interested in the new grass since James T. Coots, U. S. Soil Conservationist for Forsyth County, a native Kentuckian, had a brother who was an agricultural agent in Kentucky, where the new grass was developed.

The University of Kentucky began experimenting with Fescue in 1931 and that is how the "31" in its name came about. The experiments proved the grass to be perennial in most any type of terrain; proved its nutritional value for cattle; proved its power to cut cattle-feeding costs.

About three years ago, the Kentucky specialists completed their Fescue tests. They then recommended it to Kentucky farmers. That's when Cope went to Kentucky—to learn the facts, bring back precious seed to start Fescue in Georgia.

Cope planted his patch, harvested seed and then planted additional acres. Today, he's still growing Fescue for grazing seed purposes. W. J. Orr, a Forsyth County farmer, was one of Cope's converts. He had been hearing about Fescue from both Cope and Coots and so he decided to visit Cope's Yellow River Farm to observe Fescue in the growing stage.

In the meantime, Coots had gone to Kentucky to secure Fescue seed. He was able to get only 20 pounds, so great was the demand. He reported that farmers from throughout the United States were scouring Kentucky hill-sides, offering premium prices for Fescue seed.

Coots divided his 20 pounds of seed, giving ten pounds to Farmer Orr and ten to Howard M. Holland, another Forsyth County farmer. These men planted their seed in patches of an acre apiece. This was in September of 1945. From these two patches, they have harvested 7,500 pounds of seed—enough to get Fescue acreages

into cultivation on 1,000 farms of this section.

These farmers have organized into the Kentucky 31 Fescue Association of North Georgia for the purpose of promoting the growing of the grass for pasture and seed production. Fred B. Wilson, of Duluth, is President of the organization. Orr is Vice President and D. E. Nally, of Cumming, is Secretary-Treasurer.

"What we want to do is to get this entire section into Fescue production," declares Galloway. "Then we want to help furnish seed for the rest of the State. This grass is so good we want everybody to profit from it."

Galloway, being a soil conservationist, is particularly interested in Fescue since it nails down the soil, preventing erosion. "There's

not a chance of erosion as long as the ground is covered with Fescue," he declares.

As a companion crop for Fescue the farmers are turning to Ladino clover, itself comparatively new to Georgia. Grass is the cattle's bread, clover its meat. Both are necessary. So Ladino clover, itself a perennial, is the "meat" which farmers of this section are providing their cattle.

With Fescue and Ladino clover, the agriculturalists point out, there is necessary for the cattle only a minimum of grain feeding.

War on rats in every rural community in the United States, to protect the food and feed supplies on farms from costly ravages, has been declared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.



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