

**PUNTS and PASSES**  
By BILL




Last week and Texas and Duke fell from the unbeaten ranks, while Georgia Tech continued on a bowl road. Most of the games turned out as predicted in this column except for Wake Forest's defeat by William and Mary and Southern Methodist's one point victory over the Texas Longhorns. Scrappy Davidson showed increased strength to tie a favored VMI.

This week will see some more hard fought games within the State as well as among some state teams travelling to distant points.

**State vs. U. N. C.**  
Being renewed again is this family contest between State and Carolina on Saturday, at Chapel Hill. This was originally scheduled for Raleigh, but was switched to Chapel Hill to take care of the larger crowd clamoring for tickets. This game will renew an old rivalry that was interrupted by the war. With State being rated as one of the South's best defensive teams and Carolina very much on the offensive, judging from the brilliant playing in their defeat of Tennessee, last week, the game is expected to be one of the best in North Carolina this season. We will string along with U. N. C. however!

**Duke - Missouri**  
Over in Durham, Saturday afternoon will be another good game, when those lads from President Truman's state, that have to be shown, will see what the Blue Devils have to offer. The visitors have a strong team and it is believed that due to injuries sustained in the Ga. Tech game, Duke will be without the brilliant Folger or Center Fletcher Wall.

This was the game to which President Truman was invited; but matters of international concern are expected to keep him in Washington.

We believe Missouri has the edge on the Duke Blue Devils.

**Away From Home**  
Wake Forest Demon Deacons will be "on the road" again this week, invading Boston, Mass., to tackle Boston College's powerful Eagles. Wake Forest tripped the Eagles last season, 12-6, and "Peahead" Walker will seek another triumph over the Eastern school in the intersectional game.

Davidson moves into Virginia to tangle with the University of Richmond in a Southern Conference contest.

Davidson tripped the Spiders last year, 26-6, but the teams are expected to snow on about even terms this season.

**Appalachian vs. W. C.**  
Local fans that were rained out last Saturday, when Appalachian defeated Emory and Henry 19-0, will have another chance to see the Mountaineers in action this coming Saturday night, when they play Western Carolina Teachers College. We'll take Johnny Hollars and the Mountaineers again.

Another game in the North State Conference that should be an interesting one will be Lenoir Rhyne and Guilford, to be played in Greensboro, Saturday night.

**Picking Winners**  
Here are our selection of winners this week, barring upsets, injuries, and of course luck:  
Carolina over State  
Missouri over Duke  
Davidson over Richmond  
Wake Forest over B. C.  
ASTC over W. C.  
Clemson over Furman  
Georgia Tech over Navy  
Georgia over Florida  
William and Mary over VMI  
Texas over Baylor  
Notre Dame over Army—  
This is a toss up, but we personally favor the Irish.

**At Home On The Farm With The City Cousin**

With nearly everyone suffering from a mild case of "cost-of-living nerves," it is encouraging to see so many people coming to the defense of the farmer. L. C. Laney, assistant Mecklenburg county farm agent for the State College Agricultural Experiment Station, recently visited a bicycle wreck.

Mrs. L. B. Rutherford and daughter, Mrs. B. Andrews and Tom Parsons spent last Saturday shopping in Sparta. Mrs. Charles Parsons is slowly improving from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Parsons and children were guests of Miss Maxine Parsons, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Baldwin and children recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parsons.

**Stratford News**

Elder John Williams of Furches, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Carey Edwards. He also visited his sister, Mrs. J. M. Estep and his niece, Mrs. R. M. Taylor and returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Buck) Osborne, of Salisbury, who were recently married, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Richardson one day last week. "Buck" is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osborne formerly of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Jones have moved to their home here, known as the L. E. Edwards home place.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCED**


Mr. and Mrs. Russell Armentrout, of Sparta and Staunton, Va., announce the birth of an eight and one half pound son on October 30th at Martins Memorial Hospital in Mt. Airy.

World corn production in 1947 is forecast at about 4.8 billion bushels.

As harvest of North Carolina's corn crop progresses, a production of 63,278,000 bushels is indicated to be in prospect. This is 7 percent larger than the previous record crop of 58,924,000 bushels harvested in 1946.

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**It's time Uncle Sam thought about his arteries**

Most of the great life stream that keeps you and your country alive — food, fuel, goods, services — flows through your railroads.

The continuing ability of this life line to do its job and do it well depends upon a continuing, vigorous program of research and invention, replacement and improvement in plant, equipment, and service.

**This takes dollars**—lots of dollars. Dollars that railroads must get either from their earnings or by borrowing — and to borrow money at reasonable rates railroads must have adequate earnings. But today the earnings that sustain your railroads are dangerously low.

This year railroads expect to average less than 3% on their investment. But even this will not be clear profit. Out of it railroads must pay interest on borrowed money, rentals of property and equipment, and must provide for needed improvements. Most people think a return of 6% would be no more than fair — and experience has shown that railroads need 6% to keep their plants and equipment abreast of the times.

**Why** are railroads faced with this situation? Here's why. Since 1939 railroad wage rates are up more than 67% . . . costs of materials and supplies are up 87%. But increases in freight and passenger charges authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission have not come anywhere near offsetting these skyrocketing costs.

So, in spite of handling a record-breaking peacetime traffic with an efficiency which has set new transportation records, railroads are faced with the grim reality that their earnings are far short of their needs.

The plain fact is that in order to continue to give the nation the transportation service it demands, railroads must be allowed to charge enough for their freight and passenger services to enable them to earn a return comparable to that earned by other progressive, self-supporting private enterprises.

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