



Punts and passes were very much in evidence this past week end and more gridiron history was written. Inspite of the fact that the rains came, so did the fans, along with raincoats, blankets and other means of keeping dry.

The weather put the skids under the hopes of some of the teams, but most any one could have slipped up in all of that rain and mud. Most of the teams came through to victory as predicted in this column. One of the exceptions was State's victory over Virginia, which we were happily surprised over. Having once attended the former university, our sentiment, perhaps led us to overestimate the Cavaliers.

It appeared to have been a perfect week end for all of the five teams in North Carolina with the exception of Duke. But every team can't win and few in the nation could have defeated Carolina at the rate the Tar Heels played last Saturday. Even such setbacks of 35 yard penalties all in one dose did not phase Snavely's defensive and offensive teams. Neither did the rain bother the crowd. With 56,500 fans inside there were those standing outside at the half that would have paid double price for admission. The 21-0 victory of the Tar Heels, brought joy to thousands of fans as well as sadness to others. But everyone, who witnessed the game was confident that the best team won.

Davidson, Wake Forest and N. C. State, all chalked up victories that called attention to the fact that North Carolina has many teams to be proud of. More Bowl Talk With the season nearing an end and plans for post-season games in the various bowls, Southern California came through

to win the Pacific coast championship and the right to play the mighty Michigan in the Rose Bowl game, New Years.

Down south, Alabama defeated LSU and won the right to play host in the Sugar Bowl.

And here in North Carolina there was talk that the Tar Heels, provided they defeat Virginia next week, might get a bid to one of the southern bowls!

N. C. Teams to End Season This week the regular season for N. C. teams will end, bowls excepted, with four major contests today and Saturday. Last Saturday ended Duke's season, but the four other members of the State's Big Five will see action.

Wake Forest's Demon Deacons, victors over Duquesne here Friday night, will meet a smooth-rolling University of South Carolina team at Charlotte in the annual Turkey Day meeting of the old rivals.

Davidson's scrappy Wildcats will also ring down the curtain Thursday by invading Greenville, S. C., to tangle with Furman University in a Southern Conference game.

The annual meeting at Charlotte is expected to be played before a jammed Memorial Stadium.

North Carolina's Tar Heels will polish off the regular season by meeting Virginia's steam-rollers at Chapel Hill in the oldest Dixie gridiron rivalry.

N. C. State also will hang up uniforms after Saturday when it tackles the University of Maryland at College Park.

Three North State Conference games will be on slate for Thursday as highlights of Turkey Day.

Va. Vs. N. C. North Carolina, with the annu-

Christmas With the Pioneers Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitude, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this Night and you sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang

or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama" go to sleep and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slata pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

IN THE isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobbed ride or perhaps a square



songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skinned over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling and accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads

dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But withal these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.

Scottville News

The Scottville H. D. club met this month at the home of Mrs. Delia Joines.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. H. Huffman, Mrs. W. F. Shepherd presided. The subject for discussion was "Cookies and Christmas Decorations." Miss Ella Mae Crosby, home agent, demonstrated the making of two kinds of cookies, which were very delicious. She also demonstrated the making of a Christmas wreath from sage grass and winter greens.

Members present were Messdames Delia Joines, E. B. Shepherd, Ed Cox, H. L. Austin, Curran Dixon, Raymond Pappas, J. L. Atwood, Jr., W. H. Perkins and W. F. Shepherd.

At the close of the meeting the hostess served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. B. Shepherd.

The Brethren church held their weekly prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Reed with fifty six people attending.

The Rev. Eldreth is holding a series of meetings in the store building of Mrs. Delia Joines. A large crowd has been attending, considering the rainy weather.

The Rev. Grace Jones and her assistant, Miss Barbara Arnold have returned home from a two weeks vacation in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goings, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goings and small daughter, Sandra, were recent visitors at the home of W. F. Shepherd.

Mrs. W. H. Perkins was in Galax, Va., shopping last Friday.

Mr. Billie Johnson, Jr., of Maryland, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Shepherd.

Mrs. John Atwood, Sr., and Mrs. John Atwood, Jr., and children, Carol and Bobby, visited Mrs.

Cherry Lane News

Last week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miles were Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Wooten and sons, Dorman and Don; also Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hanes and children, all of Sparta.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spicer had as their recent dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Left Royall, of Devotion.

Misses Peggy Jean and Patsy Miles spent last Saturday night with Tootsie Todd, of Roaring Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Royall, Howard Royall of Devotion; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spencer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Spicer recently.

Mrs. Lester Todd is improving after a lingering illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brooks had as their last Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Odell Evans, Mrs. Ethel Brooks and children.

Miss Lois Caudle spent the past week end with Miss Juanita Higgins, of Sparta.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McKnight and children visited Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McKnight last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffith and daughter, Linda, spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bennett and family. Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bennett during the week end included Mr. and Mrs. Arma Edwards and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bennett and Mr. John L. Joines, of Sparta.

Messrs. Colonel Brown and Frank Delp, of Rising Sun, Md., spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown.

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Mrs. Cleo McMillan and Mrs. Ruth Loggins spent Saturday shopping in Sparta.

Messrs. Wayne and Walter Vanhoy made a business trip to North Wilkesboro, Monday.

Tobacco should be hung at least 4 1/2 feet above the ground level in the tobacco barn.

Piney Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Miller and son, Billy, spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. Jim Garvey.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weaver, Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Everette Miller, Mrs. Paul Kennedy and daughter, Eleanor also Miss Mint Hash.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weaver had as their guests during the week end Mr. and Mrs. Noland Taylor, Mrs. Grace Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Worley, all of Rock Port, Washington also Mrs. Frank Phipps.

Miss Beulah Cox spent Tuesday night with Miss Virginia Hill.

Mr. Joe Halsey visited Mr. Howard Halsey and family, Sunday.

Miss Helen Delp spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Delp.

Miss Edna Musgrove was a guest of Miss Hattie Halsey, Saturday night.

Mr. Lonnie Musgrove made a business trip to Galax, Va., last Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Hill had as her dinner guests on Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. Vent Hill and daughter, Wanda Dare and Mr. and Mrs. Cam Hill and daughter, Mary Ruth.

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