

Waccamaw Gridders Look For Improvement In 1961

ASH—Coach Tommy Shutt's 1961 Waccamaw High School Eagles are looking only one way as the opening of the new grid season approaches—upward.

The Eagles can move only upward, since they failed to win a game during the 1960 campaign.

But, they showed improvement last year over the year before, when they failed to score.

Shutt, an East Carolina College graduate, has been working hard with his aspirants since Aug. 15 and feels he is ready for the schedule opener at Bolivia—a non-conference game—Friday at 7:30 p. m.

The Eagles have seven returning lettermen to help in Shutt's quest for a better grid season this year. These include Eugene Inman, a speedy back who is looked to to tote much of the mail for the locals this season. Other offensive stars anticipated are Vernon Hughes, another good back here for his third season; and two letter ends in Ronnie Hughes and Colin Kelly.

All-Border Belt Conference Safetyman Earl Hughes, Guard C. C. Russ and End Don Hughes are looked upon as anchor-men in the Waccamaw defense. Main losses from the 1960 outfit were Jerry Smith, Danny Simmons and Charlie Smith.

Others expected to help the Eagle cause on the gridiron this fall are newcomers Earl Smith, Danny Babson, Milton King, Bobby Babson, Melton Hughes, Sidney Coleman, Bryan Smith and Freddie King.

With The Men In Service

Thomas Johnson and William C. Murdock, Shallotte recently enlisted into the Army according to the local Army Recruiter in Wilmington. They were sworn in the Army at Raleigh and transferred to Ft. Jackson, S. C., to start basic training. Johnson and Murdock both attended Shallotte High School prior to enlistment. They enlisted under the buddy plan which guaranteed them that they would complete basic training together and return home on leave together.

GOOD FISHING

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Idle On II and brought in 1 bonito, 60 dolphin, 1 amberjack, 8 cero mackerel and 2 barracuda.

Coach Shutt's Eagles return home to open their Border Belt Conference card on Sept. 8 against Tar Heel, at 3 p. m., after playing the non-conference game at Bolivia, Friday night.

Coach Frank Hogg's Bolivia Bears are expected to be led by Steve Mintz, a triple-threat quarterback; Fullback Dick Rabon; David Cook and Jackie Potter, halfbacks; and Linemen Tom and Neil Maulsby and Owen Willetts. —(JIGGS POWERS).

Garden Time

Last week I told the story of the Raleigh resident who bought a package of blueberries in an eastern Carolina county marked "Packaged by the New Jersey Blueberry Growers Association." I suggested that there was good reason for this label, that you could also buy blueberries "Packaged by the North Carolina Blueberry Growers Association," and promised to comment further on this problem.

Briefly and objectively, here is the story. The blueberry industry was started in eastern North Carolina by New Jersey growers, who seized the opportunity of growing an "early" crop in this state and a later crop in New Jersey. All berries were marketed through the New Jersey Coop which strictly enforced the rules for grade, quality and packaging. Gale Harrison and H. G. Huntington were two of the pioneers in this field and other New Jersey growers joined in the enterprise.

As our North Carolina growers became established in the industry, some of them marketed their berries through the New Jersey Coop until another group was formed composed of North Caro-

lina growers. The brand name for the North Carolina group is "Bonnie Blue" and for the New Jersey group, "True-Blue."

If you buy the Bonnie Blue brand they will carry the North Carolina label. If you buy the True-Blue brand they will carry the New Jersey label regardless of whether they are grown in North Carolina or New Jersey.

The blueberry industry in eastern North Carolina is a sizeable one, and growing. It would seem a splendid idea for all berries grown in North Carolina to be marketed under one brand name. This would lead to better organized effort from the cooperative buying standpoint and would give greater competitive strength in the market places.

Too, one organization would have a tendency to more adequately promote and control the industry by centralizing thought, effort and attitudes toward a common objective.

The blueberry industry is sure to expand in some of the western counties, if promoted along conservative lines, and there is no reason why one central marketing agency could not handle the entire crop under one brand name. This would be a step forward and set an example for other commodity groups to follow.

Missing Wallet Hurts Vacation

Ernest Barnett, an elderly white man from Brooklyn, N. Y., at Southport for a few days' relaxation with rod and reel, surf and sunshine, ran into a world of

trouble near the close of his stay. Barnett told Police Chief Herman Strong on Tuesday that he had lost his wallet with every penny he had in North Carolina reposing within. Barnett said the wallet contained \$90 in currency, plus a book of Travelers Checks.

Strong reported that following a long-distance phone call to a Northern bank, Barnett was empowered to write a check sizable enough to keep the vacationist in funds during the balance of his stay here, and insure his car expenses home.

Chief Strong appealed to anyone finding the wallet to bring same to the Southport Police Station, where a reward awaits. Strong pointed out that important papers, including driver's license, social security card, etc., are not easily replaced, especially for one a long

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