

Waccamaw Grid Clubs Fared Well Against Outside Foes

By JIGGS POWERS (Waccamaw AA Publicist)

The Waccamaw Athletic Association's six football teams fared fairly good against outside competition, on an overall basis during the 1961 season, which has just closed.

Class AA clubs in the loop showed that they won 16 games over outside foes, lost 11 and tied one. Altogether, the WAA teams scored a total of 588 points against out-of-conference competition, while their non-league foes counted 389.

talled some 1,006 points and gave up 813 to competition. Elizabethtown's champion Yellow Jackets, with an unbeaten, untied and unscored-on regular season, had much to do with the good average compiled by the WAA gridders against outside foes. The Jackets had a 5-0 mark against such competition and a 10-0 season record before losing to Morehead City, 12-7 in a regional playoff.

Tabor City's runners-up had a 3-1 mark against outside foes, Chadbourne's Panthers had a 4-1 mark; Bladenboro was 1-3, Whiteville was 1-4; and Shallotte was 2-2 and a tie.

Point-wise, ETown tallied 166 points to none for non-loopers; Chadbourne was 159-43; Tabor City, 66-13; Shallotte, 80-66; Whiteville, 71-144; and Bladenboro, 43-123.

Overall, including its post-season playoff, Champion Elizabethtown racked up 311 points to 12 for its opposition; Runner-up Tabor City had 127 to 52 for its opponents; and other WAA clubs did thus against opposition: Whiteville, 151-209; Chadbourne, 217-112; Bladenboro, 88-297; and Shallotte, 112-130.

Riley D. Clemmons

SUPPLY—Riley Davis Clemmons, 60, died at his home here Wednesday morning after a short illness.

A native of Brunswick County, he was a member of Prospect Baptist Church, from which final rites were held Thursday at 3 p. m. by the Revs. Leon McKeithan, Harry Lackey and Odell Blanton, with burial in the church cemetery.

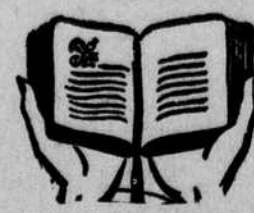
Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ruby Clemmons; a daughter, Mrs. Albert Parker of Supply; a brother, Elwood Clemmons of Bolivia; a sister, Mrs. Pphelia Smith, Wilmington; a half-sister, Mrs. Alvie Lewis of Bolivia; and two grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Steward and Earnest Clemmons, Fred Parker, J. D. Milligan, Harlee Sellers and Alton Hewett.

As early as A.D. 80, oysters were exported from the Thames estuary to Rome. The historian Sallust commented, "The poor Britons, there is some good in them after all—they produce an oyster."

Brunswick Between Bookends

By Eugene Fallon



THE DRAM TREE. By Hamilton Cochran. The Bobbs-Merrill Co., New York. 286 pp.

Here's a strictly-fictional account of Blockade-running during the War Between the States. Calculated to give no one brain-strain, Dram Tree is, in this reviewer's opinion, a short beer, brewed in Philadelphia.

The author is somewhat on the prolific side—what with some ten novels behind him and innumerable magazine stories, some of which made the Saturday Evening Post big league. All of this unfortunately proves that Americans love second-rate literature, I fear.

In dedicatory the author strikes a wistful—almost poetic—note, with the following message for "Clare and Bob Taylor":

"Who live not far from where the Dram Tree used to be."

With this commendable effort, Cochran relaxes, and no more wistful or poetic notes are achieved in the book.

If the book is, indeed, a palpable "potboiler" its lone recommendation to readers in this locale is that the pot boils along in the Cape Fear River; its steam obscuring, at times, that delightful saline settlement known as Smithville.

And there was, of course, a dram tree. Like that tree which grew in Brooklyn, a sentimental marker, and a silent witness to the tears with which travelers leaving Wilmington, Southport and way stations, passed from beloved territory. So fainthearted did this separation make them, indeed, that it became imperative to take a dram from the cup (or barrel) that (supposedly) cheered. Thus the name.

The story begins with an unbelievably uncouth hero called Jeff Ryall, sailing up the Cape Fear on a freighter named BRUNSWICK. The Brunswick sails serenely past Brunswick County, to dock at Wilmington. But on-and-off, Jeff is in-and-out of Smithville. Jeff wears out several ships in this shifting-process, but does very little to aid the cause of the Confederacy.

It grieves me to state that Jeff Ryall's mentality is none of the

best, and even his true patriotism is questionable, as witness the following quote:

His "Uncle Roger" (a Cape Fear Pilot) is astounded when Jeff makes known his desire to join the Cape Fear Light Infantry. Roger remonstrates with Jeff, telling him he is a "seafaring soul, by birth and tradition". Roger counsels the Navy. Says jittery Jeff:

"I want to wear one of those handsome (Army) uniforms."

But Uncle Roger wins out, and Jeff sails to amorous adventure with Carolina belles, one after the other, and prolonged bouts with the drams—be they under a tree

or over a hotel table. If all Confederate fighting men were like Jefferson Ryall, the wonder is not that the South went down to defeat, but rather that it fought on for four bloody years.

The writing is less than sensational, and smacks strongly of the Rover Boys fallen from grace. If you like much ribaldry and small doses of history, The Dram Tree will be meat and drink for you. Its choice of locale saves the novel from being one of the worst published in 1961.

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utility centers. Some of the empty space designed for emergencies is now being leased for parking, auto exhibits, and other peace-time purposes.

Sweden's underground manufacturers produce aircraft, engineering equipment, and precision tools. They explain that they have chosen their quarters for economy and efficiency as well as protection.

With modern drilling equipment, Swedish engineers have

found that carving a plant from rock costs little more, sometimes less, than building a surface factory. There is no upkeep for exterior painting, repairs, and window washing, and winter-fuel savings are considerable because of the deep interior's constant temperature of 50 to 60 degrees.

In the Kansas City area, a number of manufacturers of assorted goods have either drilled caves for themselves or rented space prepared by enterprising underground realtors.



OKLAHOMA

The Capitol building at Oklahoma City is remarkable for two reasons. (1) because it has no dome and (2) it is built right over a huge petroleum pool. Oil is pumped from directly underneath the building. The State Historical Building is nearby and houses Indian archives second only to ticularly interesting to visit, and oil derricks can be seen those in the Smithsonian Institution. Oklahoma City is par-crowding the domeless Capitol.

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Underground facilities for military production and civilian defense were developed by most of the nations involved in World War II, says the National Geographic Society.

Germany, on the verge of de-

feat, had almost finished a giant jet-plane factory under a pine forest near Munich. Now, new war threats, pressure for space, and high maintenance costs have accelerated a world-wide movement.

Sweden Led Way Neutral Sweden, which led even the combatants in blasting out mountain hideaways, has created since the war the most elaborate system of subterranean structures known to exist.

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