

# SPORTS PAGE

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## Rambling With The Sports Editor

**GRAND FINALE . . .** The three football teams of Brevard, the Tornadoes, the Blue Devils and the Midgets, came through in great style last Thursday and ended the season with spectacular victories. One of WNC leading sport writers has this to say of the Tornadoes of Brevard college:

"Early this fall the outlook was pretty bleak at Brevard College. Then through the courtesy of Mr. Harry H. Straus of the Ecusta Paper Mills, Jack Alexander was 'loaned' to Brevard to coach the Tornadoes. Bob Swicegood and Bob Andrews were named assistant coaches and the Tornado became the surprise eleven of the year, gaining momentum as the season progressed.

"As the team gained in experience, Coach Alexander's single-wing offense began to bear fruit with Cliff Riggins, a great half-back, Bam Bam Martin, a high powered fullback, and the brilliant Hersey Hipps, the Tornadoes' 169-pound tailback, paying off in good football. Perhaps the game in which Brevard reached its peak was in its 33-13 triumph over Mars Hill in the last game of the year. The Tornadoes were hard to beat that day.

"Even if the Tornado hadn't won a game all season, coach Alexander's development of Ernest Traynham, sensational tackle, and Frank McGill, a guard with a definite future, was in itself a tribute to his coaching prowess. Next year the Tornado may be hard to handle."

**THE BLUE DEVILS . . .** Just as the Tornadoes improved as the season progressed, so did the Blue Devils of Brevard high. It's quite true that the team lost several games, but the losses were expected ones to larger teams with considerably more experience. Coaches Dail and Ashworth did a magnificent job of rounding a bunch of new recruits into a well-polished grid machine when the season ended. Unquestionably, Co-captain Tommy Mitchell was the sparkplug of the squad and richly deserves the invitation to play in the Optimist bowl Friday at Asheville.

**THE MIDGETS . . .** When Transylvania's two leading industrialists, President Harry Straus, of Ecusta, and President Joseph S. Silversteen, of the Silversteen Industries, take time out to see their first football game of the season here, you know that it must be a big affair . . . the classic of the year . . . and that it was! The Brevard Midgets performed beautifully for the celebrities and the 500 fans attending the Thanksgiving game here last Thursday and completely overwhelmed Canton to the tune of 33-0. The local lads will play a return game with Canton over there on Saturday afternoon, a preliminary contest in the "Paper" bowl which features a contest between Marion and Waynesville. The midget affray has been dubbed the "Paper Cup Game," in which "Choo Choo" Justice and Hosea Rodgers, Carolina's great backs, will serve as officials. Many local fans plan to attend the game.

**FINAL WINNERS . . .** The winners in our last 1948 football contest, prior to the Bowl games, are two boys who have been right in there near the top all fall. B. C. Canup had the high total record of 9 correct predictions out of the 11 games listed last week, while Jack Fenwick came in second place with eight out of 11. Mr. Canup will receive two free theatre tickets with the compliments of Managers Carter and Shiflet of the Clemson and Co-Ed and Mr. Fenwick gets one. Honorable mention goes to Earl Sorrells, Joe Walker and Hubert Callahan. They also had eight winners, but their scores of the Army-Navy game weren't as close as the prediction of Mr. Fenwick. Winners can pick up their tickets at The Times office.

## STRAUS WATCHES MIDGETS TROUNCE CANTON TEAM, 33-0

### Visitors Are Defeated For First Time This Season In Thanksgiving Game

With President Harry H. Straus, of the Ecusta Paper corporation, who provided uniforms for the first organized Midget football team in Brevard on the bench looking on, the Brevard Midgets trounced Canton's eleven 33-0 here last Thursday afternoon in a Thanksgiving Day classic.

More than 500 fans saw the locals give Canton their first defeat of the season. It was a spectacular ball game featuring long runs,

fancy passing and tricky plays. With Randall Bryson carrying the ball for 20 yards around end, Brevard scored early in the first quarter and racked up two more touchdowns before halftime. Three of Brevard's scores were made by "Peanut" McCall, who ran for two and caught a pass for the other.

Paul Baynard took a short Bryson pass for the final tally late in the fourth. Starring on defense for the locals were Bobby Cox, Harry Sellers, Jr., Charlie Weiss, Fred and Roy McCall and Teddy Keller.

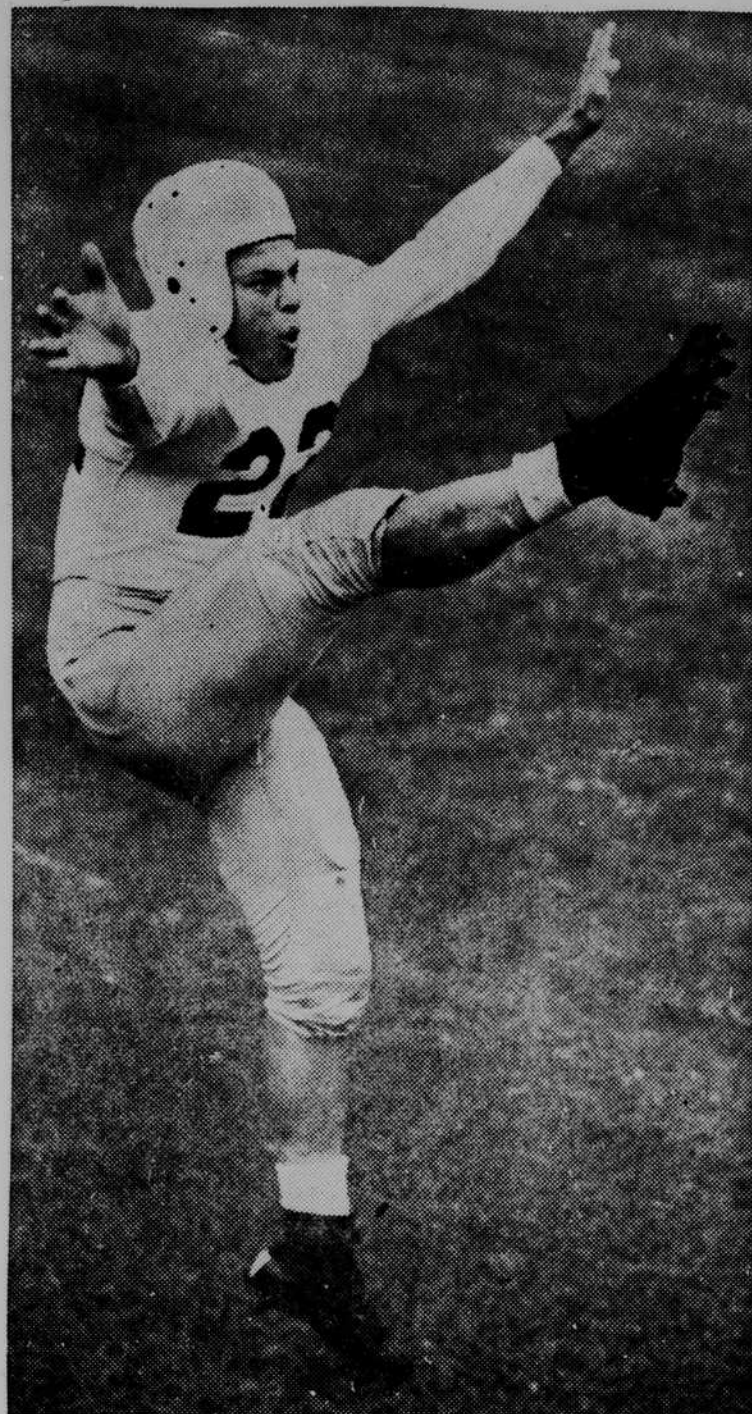
Mitch: "It's great speeding along like this. Don't you feel glad you're alive?"

Buck: "Glad isn't the word, I'm amazed."

The first known Christmas card was designed in 1842 in London, England, by a 16-year-old engraver's apprentice. It is now preserved in the British Museum there.

# MIDGETS TO PLAY IN PAPER BOWL SAT.

## To Officiate Brevard-Canton Midget Game



**CHARLIE "CHOO CHOO" JUSTICE**, Carolina's great All-American, with All-Southern Hosea Rodgers, will officiate at the preliminary contest between Brevard and Canton in the Paper bowl at Canton Saturday afternoon. Kick-off is at 1 o'clock and a large delegation of local people is expected to attend the game. Waynesville meets Marion in the feature game at 2 p.m.

## Blue Devils End Season With 25-0 Victory Over Swannanoa

### Co-captain Tommy Mitchell Stars. To Play In Optimist Bowl

The Blue Devils of Brevard high school brought the curtain down on the 1948 season in a blaze of glory last Thursday afternoon by defeating Swannanoa on the loser's field by the score of 25-0. A large Thanksgiving crowd saw the Homecoming game on the muddy field.

Co-captain Tommy Mitchell personally sparked the Blue Devils in their most impressive victory of the season and rightfully earned himself an invitation to play in the Optimist bowl in Asheville Friday afternoon.

Mitchell tallied two touchdowns and passed for the third in addition to turning in several pretty runs. He scored on runs of 10 and 12 yards respectively, tallying one in the first and another in the second, while passing for an assist in the third.

Early in the third period Brevard initiated a drive which carried nearly 55 yards climaxed by Mitchell's 20-yard aerial to Dusty Erwin in the end zone for a touchdown.

Brevard's final tally also came at the end of a 73-yard march which terminated by Co-captain Bob Parris' drive over from the three.

## ECUSTA ATHLETES TO BE FETED AT BANQUET FRIDAY

### Brissie And Coan Will Participate On Program In Cafeteria

All Ecustans who participated in summer sports will be entertained at a banquet in the plant cafeteria Friday night, Dec. 3, at 7:00 o'clock, Jack Alexander, athletic director announces today.

Lou Brissie, of Ware Shoals, S. C., and the player who was voted the "rookie pitcher of the big leagues in 1948", will be the principal speaker at the banquet. Last year with a farm club team at Savannah, Ga., Brissie had a record of 23 victories and five losses. With the Athletics this past summer, he pitched sensational ball for his first year in the majors. During World War II, he was a Marine; was wounded on several occasions and has suffered 27 major operations.

Gil Coan, another big league baseball player and a former member of the Ecusta team, will also be on the program and award the trophies to the winners in the departmental league. Hank Newbury, safety director at Ecusta, will introduce the speaker, and Alexander will act as toastmaster. Other guests of the banquet will be "Boss Stamey and Noah Goode, former Ecustans now with the Philly farm club at Americus, Ga., and the officials of the Ecusta plant.

Following the banquet, a movie of the 1948 World Series will be shown.

## Pisgah, Champion Still On Top In WNC Bowling Loop

The Pisgah Motor court bowlers and the Champion "Y" team are still tied for first place in the WNC ten pin league, with Ecusta in a close second place.

Results of matches during the past week are as follows: Pisgah 2, Allen Transfer 1; Ecusta 2, Reed and Abbe 1; Enka 2, Standard Sup-

## Tornadoes Climax Successful Season With 33-13 Win Over Mars Hill On Thanksgiving

### Locals Make Impressive Showing. Hipps plays Best Game

Jack Alexander's Tornadoes at Brevard college climaxed the 1948 grid season with a 33-13 resounding victory over their old rival, Mars Hill, in a Thanksgiving classic last Thursday at Mars Hill.

Coach Alexander and his assistants, Bob Andrews and Bob Swicegood, were high in their praise of the entire Tornado squad, which completed one of the most successful Brevard college seasons last Thursday.

Led by Hershey Hipps, who played one of the most sensational games of his junior college career, Brevard lost little time in scoring.

Following the Tornadoes' kickoff to Mars Hill, Hipps intercepted a Myers' pass on the Mars Hill 43. With Hipps passing to J. McCauley for a couple of first downs, and then carrying himself for eight yards, the ball moved to Mars Hill's seven yard line. W. Martin drove over for the score. Hipps' attempted conversion was blocked but the Tornadoes had a 6-0 lead.

A few minutes later in the same period end Sid Curren blocked a Lion punt on the Mars Hill 22 which was recovered by Brevard. Riggins immediately passed to Bill Barton an end, who carried to the three. Fullback John McKissick took it over for the touchdown. Hipps again missed the point but

ply 1; and, Champion 2, Army Stores 1.

The secretary reports that every man in the league now has a 200 game to his credit, and there are 11 men who have had 600 or better sets so far this season. Sharp, of Champion, has the top average with 186, and Luper, of Reed and Abbe, and Suttles, of Enka, have 181 each.

Coach Alexander's boys led by 12-0 count.

Midway in the second period Brevard again threatened after Riggins intercepted a Mars Hill aerial and was downed on the Lions' 47. Then with Hipps, Thomas, and McKissick doing most of the carrying, the ball moved to the Lion's three. Big Bill Christopher bulled his way over for Brevard's third score of the game. Hipps kick was good making the score 19-0.

At this point Mars Hill began to click and scored following a pass interception by Myers. The touchdown came on a pass from Myers to Baskett. The try for the extra point was no good and the half ended with Mars Hill trailing Brevard by a 6-19 count.

Brevard took the second half kickoff and with Hipps and McKissick carrying the Tornadoes brought the ball down to Mars Hill's two yard marker. Hipps went over for the score. Hipps kicked the point to make the score board read 26-6 in Brevard's favor.

Again in the same period Hipps raced 38 yards for touchdown in a pretty piece of broken field running. Hipps kick was good.

Late in the fourth quarter Mars Hill initiated its second drive of the game, again featuring Myers' brilliant passing. A series of Myers' passes to Joe Compton and Baskett, aided by a Bennett to Baskett aerial, brought the ball down to Brevard's ten-yard line. Carl Brinkley, on a fake reverse outraced the Tornadoes into the end zone for the Lion's second score of the game. Baskett kicked the point.

Americans will spend more than \$50,000,000 this year for stamps to mail their Christmas cards. This provides about one-twentieth of the Post Office Department's total annual stamp revenue.

## TO MEET JUSTICE TEAM AT CANTON KICK-OFF AT 1 P.M.

### Carolina's All-American "Choo Choo" Will Officiate The Game

The Brevard Midgets will play a post season game Saturday in the "Paper" bowl at Canton, it is announced today.

The contest will be a preliminary game with the Canton YMCA Midgets, with kick-off set at 1:00 o'clock. The featured attraction of the afternoon will be the clash of Waynesville's Mountaineers with Marion's Rippers. The two elevens are not only top powers in their respective conferences, but also feature a wide-open style of play that guarantees a thrill-a-minute for the fans.

Brevard will send 25 scrapping Midgets to Canton to seek another victory over Jack Justice's team in the prelim game.

Carolina's All-American, "Choo Choo" Justice, and All-Southern Hosea Rodgers will participate in the Paper bowl classic, and will serve as officials for the Midget game between Brevard and Canton.

Coaches "Slim" Bullock and Charlie Russell are expected to use the two team system, and the line-ups are as follows:

Offensive team:— Ends — Teddy Keller and Bobby Cox.

Tackles — Fred McCall and Harry Sellers

Guards — Jack Alexander and Stanley Scruggs

Center — Charlie Weiss

Backs — "Peanut" McCall, Paul Baynard, Randall Bryson and "Choo Choo" Grant

Defensive team:— Ends — J. C. Morris and Bobby Allison

Tackles — Heyward Ramsey and Fred Gaither

Guards — Doug Poteet and Roy McCall

Center — Lowell Bryson

Backs — Kenneth Byrd, Jim Kimzey, Howard Morris and Bobby Byrd.

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