

MAKIN' MACON Sports Rounds

By J. F. BRADY

What a rip-snorter that one was—we refer, of course, to Friday night's cleat clash here between our beloved Panthers and the powerful Waynesville Mountaineers.

It was, if you'll pardon the expression, a lulu!

When it comes to down-to-earth, hard football, this column thinks it was the best performance turned in by the Pawin' Panthers this year, and that includes the Bryson City game too.

In the Bryson tilt, the lads

figured they had a good chance to win—which they did—but the Waynesville game, a non-conference one, was doped as "sheer maddness" by a lot of Panther fans and the lads were pulled into the downhill column before the visiting team even arrived here.

But, that wasn't the case, for the Panthers knocked down a little of the old rock 'em-sock 'em and toed the line with the Mountaineers right up the last four minutes of the game when the Waynesville crew flared up and pushed over two TD's faster than a three-year-old can sip a bottle of pop.

For a while it looked as if the Panthers would hold out and keep the ball game in the goose-egg ranks. But, when "Steady George" Brown went out of the game, and eventually out of the stadium still flat of his back, the tide started turning.

Now it isn't that we feel the game would have turned out differently if Brown hadn't been hurt, its just that the Panthers are so shallow in strength that Brown's guard slot was a hard one for Coach McConnell to plug up on the spur of the moment. George usually is one of those 48-minute men and his position to one of the boys on the bench is like a new shoe.

As this column jokingly (almost) told a visiting newspaperman, who inquired as to the Panther reserve power, "We've got a 40-foot bench on the field and when the team is playing 38 feet of it is used for blankets and equipment."

We admit that the situation might not be as bad as all that, but it is pretty close to it.

That's one reason why we think the Panthers turned in their best performance of the year—they faced overwhelming odds straight in the eye and still emerged as the heroes of the game.

As the Waynesville announcer, who was broadcasting the game from the new public address booth, told his radio audience, "This is one of the best high school games I've seen all year." That, we second—and third, if necessary.

STILL MORE

Well, tomorrow (Friday) night closes out the 1952-53 football season for Coach McConnell and his Panthers, but there is a possibility that a couple of the lads will carry their ball playing talents to the annual Smoky Mountain Bowl in Bryson City on Thanksgiving Day. At the present time, bowl officials are shaping plans for the classic and by next week we should have the full details on the game, including the names of the players and coaches.

This much we do know. This year the bowl game will be for seniors in the whole Smoky Mountain conference, kind of an east-west affair like the annual Optimist Bowl in Asheville.

And since the subject of the Optimist bowl has been broached, we might as well warn you fans who plan to attend it and the Smoky Mountain Bowl: YOU CAN'T TAKE IN BOTH THIS YEAR.

Both games are slated for Thanksgiving Day, so you'll have to take your pick.

For our money we'll take in the Smoky deal since it hits

closer to home and will star (we hope) a couple of our Franklin lads. Of course, the Optimist Bowl, in all probability, will want a couple of Franklin players as in past years, so maybe the whole Panther pack will eventually wind up playing in one of the two bowl games.

SCOREBOARD

Dr. Furman Angel, who generally is the first to arrive and the last to leave any sporting event in the county, briefed this scribe via the telephone on the progress of raising enough of that long green stuff to purchase an electric football scoreboard at the Franklin stadium.

To date, Dr. Angel, who is heading up the campaign, said \$205 has been given to the fund. A scoreboard, completely installed, will cost \$1,267. So, the drive so far is still in the infant stages.

But, we have a good start on the board for the 1953-54 season and our guess is the board will be up and blinking with the opening game next season.

How about you good folks with money looking for a worthy cause, chipping in on this deal and making the Franklin stadium something of which to be proud.

The new public address booth (and our hat is still off to the Lions club for getting the bull by the horns and putting that project over the hump in toot-sweet time) is a big step toward bringing the stadium up-to-date and the electric scoreboard will be one more hop in the right direction.

Contributors to the board include, Dr. Angel, Lake Shope, Miss Kate McGee, John M. Archer, Jr., E. W. Renshaw, Harley Stewart, Parker Norton, Marie Rogers, Dr. Ben P. Grant, Grace White Allan, Norman Blaine, and W. N. Sloan.

Let's make this list grow!

Mitchell, Native Of Haywood, Dies Here On Saturday

J. C. Mitchell, a native of Haywood county and Macon resident for the past 14 years, died here Saturday at the age of 92.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Dillard (Ga.) Methodist church and burial was in the Rabun Gap cemetery.

Born in Haywood on March 17, 1860, Mr. Mitchell lived in Rabun County, Ga., prior to moving here in 1938.

He is survived by his wife and a number of nieces and nephews.

Bryant Funeral home was in charge of arrangements here.

Interdenominational Thanksgiving Service Planned In Highlands

A Thanksgiving service is planned at the Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. The service to be interdenominational.

Preaching the service, which will begin at 10 a. m., will be the Rev. Robert M. Hart, pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian church. He will use as his theme, "It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks Unto The Lord."

Otto School Carnival Brings Gross Of \$516

Otto school's annual Halloween carnival on October 31 grossed \$516, according to E. G. Crawford, principal.

Expenses, he said, will reduce the total amount about \$150. Selected as king and queen

were George Dowdle and Margaret Howard. They were crowned by the prince and princess, Jackie Carpenter and Joan Holden.

More than 500 attended the carnival.

Ellijay

Lloyd Taylor, of Sedro Woolley, Wash., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, of Mountain Grove.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hobart Rogers and family, of Gastonia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rogers, Sunday.

The Ellijay Baptist church has begun a Bible study each Sunday night; also a study course of the book, "The Place of the Sunday School in Evan-

gellism", each Wednesday and Saturday night for 10 lessons. The public is invited to attend both classes.

Jerry Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Young, spent a few days last week in Angel hospital, taking treatment for a

Benning, Ga., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Moses.

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