

**Here And There In
Ridgecrest
And
Watauga**

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Gregg Higdon, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Higdon, of Toccoa, Ga., died Sunday at his home after an illness of eight months. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Higdon, of the Ridgecrest community, and had visited his grandparents here quite often.

Shower Held
A stork shower honoring Mrs. Harold Morgan was held Saturday night at the home of Mrs. John Seay. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Seay and Mrs. Jess

Surprise Party

A surprise going-away party was given in honor of Miss Linda Cochran Saturday night at the home of Miss Phyllis Sue Brendle. Miss Cochran left Wednesday of this week for Boone to attend Appalachian State Teachers College. Games were played and refreshments served. The honoree was presented with gifts. Hostesses for the party were Miss Brendle and Miss Wanda Sue McIntyre. Those present were Misses Kate

Almond, Coleen Clouse, Annette Raby, Sopja Brendle, Linda Brendle, Frances McIntyre, Kathy Cochran, Betty Ramey, and Nina Frizzell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berry, Al Klatt, Kenneth Mashburn, Gilmer Ledford, Ralph Morgan, and J. P. Moore.

Personals

J. R. Brendle, of Durham, is home for a week. At the end of the week he will go to Nebraska to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green, of Greenville, S. C., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brendle.

Gene Cassada, who works in Alabama, spent the week end with his family.

Bobby Beeco, of Atlanta, Ga., visited Mrs. R. D. Brendle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas, of Greenville, S. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brendle and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thomas, of Dillard, Ga., Route 1, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walraven, of Calhoun, Ga., spent Sunday night and Monday visiting the Rev. and Mrs. Lee Crawford and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibson, of Doraville, Ga., visited Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gibson, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dryman, of Franklin, over the week end.

Spending the week end with Carol and Claudette Martin were their cousins, Diane and Gay Cox, of Atlanta, Ga.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hopkins one day last week were Charlie Hopkins and son, Steve,

**Macon
Sports
Roundup**

By TODD REECE

An inexperienced but promising crop of Franklin High junior varsity footballers got their first taste of the game last Thursday night and the inexperience offers the best explanation for the 21-0

loss to Murphy. Only a couple of the eighth and ninth graders on Franklin's squad had ever seen any actual play, and then only substituting for a few minutes, while most of Murphy's boys had played midget football for a year or more before graduating to the junior varsity team.

The local team showed a big line that was able to open nice holes through the middle and off tackle. Defensively, the center of Franklin's line was a stone wall. Left guard J. C. Anderson and right end L. T. Gibson were outstanding offensively. Left tackle Butch Mallonee, line backers Alex Corbin, Morris Stockton, Jimmy Dalton, and Max Cunningham at both tackles displayed rugged defensive line play.

Quarterback Joe Hall proved himself a triple-threat man with his adroit ball handling, deceptive running, and cool passing attack. Halfbacks Gene Young and Lawrence Cook both showed good running skill and the promise of some break-away thrills as the season progresses. Fullback Jimmy Simpson drove the ball very well through the line and proved himself capable of getting necessary yardages on first downs. Alex Corbin also got off several nice punts in the face of a hard charging Murphy line.

Other linemen who were in on the action were Bobby Dalton, L. E. Arlen Evtit, R. G. Ronnie Barnes, C. Tommy Fagg, RT, and Don Fisher, defensive end. Coach "Ike" Olson cleared his bench before the game ended and every boy on the squad gained valuable and much needed experience.

Franklin's most obvious weak spots defensively were around the ends and pass plays. On several occasions, Murphy had ends behind Franklin's defensive backs, wide open, but luckily for the home team, the quarterback either overshot his man or the ends were unable to hold onto the slippery pigskin. The field was soaked by a late afternoon shower.

In the first quarter, the ball changed hands only twice. Franklin won the toss and elected to receive. Lawrence Cook made a seven yard runback and on the first play from scrimmage Franklin fumbled for a four-yard loss. Then the lads got hold of themselves and put on their best drive of the night. The next play went for 12 yards around right end, then the middle for no gain, then to the left end for eight more yards. With third and two, Hall hit Cook with a perfect 14-yard pass and Franklin moved on up the field, picking up four first downs in all before having to punt and turn the ball over to Murphy.

Murphy was able to get off only three plays before the quarter ended, scoreless. In the second quarter Murphy put on a sustained drive, sticking to the ground, picking up five first downs. Franklin's line finally slowed this drive on their own 15 with three minutes left in the second quarter.

On a third down pass play Murphy had an end wide open in the end zone, but the quarterback

overshot. But on the next play, Murphy went around left end to score, then ran the extra point to take the lead, 7-0.

Franklin returned the kickoff to the 38, ran two plays, then had a pass intercepted. As the minutes ticked out in the first half, Murphy tried passes, unsuccessfully, then Franklin intercepted and was able to get one play off before the half ended.

In the third quarter, Murphy took the kickoff and drove the length of the field to score and run the extra point and up their lead to 14-0.

Murphy then kicked off to Franklin, who couldn't get going, and was forced to punt. A fleet Murphy back returned this punt 65 yards to the Franklin 5. Murphy then fumbled and lost six yards as the quarter ended.

On the second play of the final quarter, Murphy passed for their third and final touchdown and made it unanimous by running their third extra point. Neither team was able to move successfully for the remainder of the period until the closing minutes when Franklin put on a drive

with charges through the middle, picking up one first, before the game ended.

Rushing yardage for the game was close, with unofficial counts of 95 for Murphy against 81 for Franklin. Murphy got eight first downs versus six for Franklin. Penalties were few and the wet field conditions kept passing yardage low.

The J-V's meet Cherokee tonight (Thursday) in Cherokee and the experience gained in a losing cause against Murphy should be the silver lining in the cloud.

Any football fan who misses these J-V games is missing some of the most exciting and rewarding games of the year. Turn out to see these boys and you'll be watching the varsity stars of tomorrow and see some mighty fine football while you're there.



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Mr. and Mrs. Reld Rogers, of Silver Springs, Md., visited Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Sellers a while Sunday afternoon.

The Wilbur Picklesimers, of Atlanta, Ga., spent the holiday week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mincey.

Going visiting in Canton one day last week were Mrs. Leona Sanders, Mrs. Jim Sanders and daughter, Kathy, and Pfc. and Mrs. James Saunders. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sanders, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Bailey there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Shuford and family attended a Shuford family reunion at Coldman's Boundary at Asheville Sunday. Accompanying them was Delores Cabe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dalton, of Cullowhee, visited Mrs. Jim Sanders one day last week.

Pfc. and Mrs. James Saunders left Friday night for Pontiac, Mich., after a visit here. Mrs. Saunders will remain in Pontiac with her parents while Pfc. Saunders will go to Korea for a 13 months' tour of duty with the U.S. Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bailey, of Waynesville, visited the Frank Baileys Monday.

Fred Willis, of Greenville, S. C., visited the Harvey Cabes Sunday. Dennis Mehaffey entered Western Carolina College in Cullowhee Monday.

Mrs. Jess Thompson spent last week in Angel Hospital. She returned home Friday. Visiting her from Detroit, Mich., were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson and family and Bob Serling. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cabe on the Georgia road.

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