

Macon Sports Roundup



SPOTLIGHT ON THE SENIORS: This week's column winds up the 1960 Panther football season with a roundup of thumbnail biographies of seniors who have hung up their helmets after playing a part in a successful season which saw Franklin remain in the top ranks of grid squads in Western North Carolina throughout the year.

James Clarence "Red" Seay, 17, finished his senior year rated as one of the outstanding performers of the squad. A leader both on and off the field, "Red" was co-captain of the team and president of the student body. Playing at fullback, "Red" was one of the leading

ground gainers on the squad and he drove back opponents with his precision punting all year long.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary W. Seay and the late Avery Seay, of Route 5. He has been a member of the Student Council during all four years in high school, vice-president in his junior year, and president this year. One of the few dark moments as president came this year when he was called on to make a speech to Swain High's student body presenting Swain the "Smoky Mountain Bear" trophy following their win over the Panthers. He was president of his class his sophomore and junior years and is a member of the monogram club. "Red" plans to enter college next year.

Emerson G. "Gary" Crawford, 17, is one of the somewhat unsung heroes of this year's team. He has played his left tackle position with hardly a breather all year, turning in consistently good performances. The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Crawford, of 27 West Rogers Street, he also is a scholastic whiz. Along with football this year, he is a member of the Students International Club and the Math Club. Gary's hobbies include boats, water skiing, swimming, and ice skating—keeping him in or on the water year round. This year Gary and his father launched

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Bill "Willy" Crawford, first cousin to Gary, practically grew up with a football in his hands. His father, W. G. Crawford, is a former Franklin High coach, who produced some of the Panther's finest teams and is now principal at East Franklin School and one of the team's staunchest supporters. Playing at the other tackle opposite his cousin, Bill has reason to be proud of four years of successful footballing at FHS, overcoming a near-sightedness handicap to play near-faultless football. With astronomy as a hobby, Bill belongs to the Students Discussion Club, the Math Club, Library Club, and Chess Club. He plans to enter college next fall.

Douglas Delano "Doug" Seay is an 18-year-old Franklin lad who plans to "go West" after a final year of football and studies at Franklin High and later to carry on his education in college. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seay, of the Higdonville community, Doug is a four-year letterman at his tackle position. This year he somehow managed, along with five other Panthers, to keep from developing a mental complex in spite of four other voices forming a chorus of reply each time Coach Dick Stott yelled his name. Doug belongs to the Spanish Club and Monogram Club at FHS as well as the Safety Patrol. Hobbies include hunting and fishing and all sports.

Another of the five "Dougs" on this year's team, Douglas Eugene Ledford, 18, has managed to survive the quintuple answering by picking up the nickname, "Pretty."

Doug Ledford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ledford, of Route 2, and has played his Panther role as a halfback. Doug has been a sparkplug for this year's team, a player with a double case of spirit and wit. School activities besides football include memberships in the 4-H Club, Chess Club, and Monogram Club. Doug plans a stint in the armed service following graduation.

Supplying another name mixup for the squad this year, Kenneth Vance Holden is the innocent victim of the potentially dangerous nickname, "Referee," or "Ref" for short. As reported in this column earlier this season, a game referee almost pulled his red bandana in one game when a teammate yelled at "Ref." Kenneth, has turned in a good, consistent performance this year while standing on his head... playing center. He is a four-year letterman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Coburn Holden, of Depot Street. Other school activities include the Monogram Club. He is undecided about future plans after graduation.

A workhorse in the Panther defensive wall this year has been Mac "McBryant" Bryant. Opposing teams have quickly discovered that plans routed through the middle of the line were near futile with "McBryant" in as defensive center. Mac is 17, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bryant, and a four-year letterman. Mac also belongs to the Library Club, the Math Club, the Chess Club, and the International Discussion Club. Hobbies range from airplanes to cameras. He plans college next fall.

Managing the Panthers this year were seniors Hoyt Potts, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Potts, and Charles Slagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Slagle. These two young men, like most managers, are due a goodly amount of credit and recognition for keeping the Panther locker room shipshape and the players equipped and bandaged. Charles Slagle also has been handling the reporting of all home games for the sports page

of the ASHEVILLE CITIZEN.

And, to close out this final football column for 1960 without a hearty and sincere note of appreciation and congratulation to Coach Dick Stott and his assistant, Grady Corbin, would leave the most important story of the year untold. These two men have done themselves and the school proud by their work this year, producing not only a successful team, but by heading up a squad which has done Macon County honor by their strict obedience to the code of good sportsmanship. These two men know the full scope of coaching and Franklin is lucky to have men of their calibre working with a group of the leaders of tomorrow. Here's hoping for many

Larry Burch Advanced To Life Rank Monday

Larry Burch, of Troop 221, was advanced to Life rank Monday night at a Boy Scout court of honor at Otto School. Scouts of 221, 202, and 218 received advancements and merit badges.

In addition to Larry, boys of 221 receiving advancements were John Pohlenz, First Class, and Gary Palmer and Buddy Hogsed, Second Class. Getting merit badges were Elbert Angel, Jr., Machinery and Fishing; more such years of fun and success with the Franklin Panthers.

Paul Vinson, Public Health and Citizenship in the Home; Lee McGlamery, First Aid; Larry Burch, World Brotherhood, Firemanship, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the Community; and Jim Matin, Citizenship in the Home, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the Community.

Tenderfoot ranks went to Richard M. Woodlee and Ronald C. Owens, both of Troop 202. William Dewey Gunnin, Addie T. Hollman, William B. Garrison, Jr., and Clarence C. Clark all received the merit badges of Citizenship in the Home, Citizenship in the Nation, and Citizenship in the Community. Benny Swafford received Public Speaking, Marksmanship, and Surveying; Thomas R. Crawford, Camping, Public Speaking, and Personal Fitness; and William G. Jamison, Camping and Home Repair.

Troop 218 had Conley Shope,

James McConnell, Larry Beeny, and Tommy Thomas getting Tenderfoot; James McConnell, George Bradley, and Conley Shope, Second Class; and Ralph Henson, Charles Henson, Terry Bradley, and Joey Bell, merit badges.

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