

1950 Grid Season Most Successful Under Maynard

One Of Best Balanced Backfields Ever Play In The Albemarle Conference

While he has had teams from which he expected more, the 1950 Green Wave football team has given the Williamston High School its most successful season since Stuart Maynard reported for work as head of the athletic department here. This is not to say that Maynard underestimated his team this year. He told friends back in September that if things worked out all right he would have an outfit that would be hard to get along with before the season had passed.

The team this year, especially after Wallace Warren joined it, had one of the best balanced backfields ever to play in the Albe-

marle Conference. It had two men who could kick as well as run and pass in Jack Edwards and Wallace Warren. It had a youngster who could run and pass in Watson McKeel and in Russell Rogers and Lindelle Ward had two fellows who could hit outside and inside with speed and drive. Both of these fellows carried the ball a lot against big and small and in their more than 100 carries each picked up enough yardage for a good average. David Davis, a freshman, gave the team good blocking and steady support while the old reliable Billy Spruill who loves to play football better than any other thing unless it is hunting, could carry the ball or catch a pass in his job of filling out the backfield.

While it was shy in veterans, the line came along fast with Jimmy Myers and Norwood Keel steadying the forward wall. Reginald Coltrain came out for end in his senior year and was good enough by late October to make the all-conference squad. Joe Robertson, working some in the backfield last year, moved to the line this fall



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and found he could play a lot of football there. He was a strong man in that spot toward the close of the season.

Gloyd Stewart, the only man with much experience to report for work at end this year, gave a good account of himself and was a steady man at that spot although lacking some of the aggressiveness of some of the others. He carried much of the load on offensive plays. Coming along well after a good showing in the Ahsoskie contest last year, Harrell Everett did well this year while Bobby Goff and Wilbur Edwards provided the bulk of the relief work in the line and drew starting assignments in some of the games. Jack Ross at center and sometimes at tackle on defense, was a steady man this year and one of the most improved of the players toward the end of the season when college representatives began to take an interest in him as well as in big Jimmy Myers. Jack is a 209 pound lad who towers over 6 feet.

Fellows whose playing improved during the season to such an extent that they improve the outlook for next years are such youngsters as Buddy Fussell, Jerry Savage, and Raymond Robertson at ends and Jack Daniels at tackle. Jack Welch, a senior, did not get into some of the tough games at center because of his light weight, but he along with Daniels, Savage, Fussell, Ben Andrews, Jerry Nicholson and others did their part in pushing the first stringers during practice and were a big factor in the training program.

The team went through 13 contests, winning the last 10 straight and making good showings in the first three against top competition. Merely to state this fact is to say they have had to work hard and diligently. With them all the way

Bear Grass Teams Win Opening Tilts

The basketball teams of Bear Grass High School got off to a flying start for the 1950-51 season Tuesday night when they doubled the scores on invading teams from Bath, the boys piling up a 46-18 victory and the girls coming out with a 36-18 decision.

Although the girls' team, coached by Principal H. V. Parker, lost its top point-maker last year when Elsie Taylor graduated, the team still has Nalber Lee who made 12 points Tuesday night, Lib Cherry who scored 10 and Janie Cherry scoring 8. Defensively, the team was also hit by graduation but in this department Louise Moore is back and doing a good job.

High scorer for the night in the girls' game was Elva Woolard of Bath who dropped in 14 points. Best defensive player for the visitors was Naomi Gurganus.

The Bear Grass boys' team which showed much promise late in the season last year under Jas. W. Sawyer, started off stronger this year with a decisive victory over Bath. J. B. Rogerson was the high scorer in this game for Bear Grass with 20 points while Forbes and Sullivan of Bath each had 6. Bath was led on defense by O'Neal while Jimmy Terry and Sammy Biggs were best defensively for Bear Grass. The game was fairly close for the first quarter as it ended 8-6, but in the next two quarters the visitors were unable to score while Bear Grass piled up 13 points in each to pull out of reach. Each team scored 12 points in the final period.

The score by periods for the girls game: Bath—0-0-4-6-18; Bear Grass—7-10-5-14-36.

Farm Life Lists Cage Schedule

The basketball teams of Farm Life High School will open their 1950-51 schedule with a double-header at Robersonville next Tuesday evening, December 12, it was reported today with release of the schedule for the season.

The boys and girls will meet the teams of every high school in the county at least once and goes into other sections for games with Tarboro, Chocowinity, Bath, and Roper. Only one game is scheduled with Williamston at present but there are three with Bear Grass.

The schedule as handed The Enterprise follows:

December 12—Robersonville at Robersonville; 15—Jamesville at Farm Life; 18—Bath at Bath; Jan. 2—Williamston at Williamston; 5—Bear Grass at Bear Grass; 9—Robersonville at Farm Life; 12—Jamesville at Farm Life; 16—Tarboro at Tarboro; 19—Roper at Roper; 23—Bath at Farm Life; 30—Chocowinity at Farm Life; Feb. 2—Bear Grass at Farm Life; 6—Jamesville at Jamesville; 9—Oak City at Farm Life; 16—Oak City at Oak City; 20—Chocowinity at Farm Life; 23—Bear Grass at Bear Grass; February 27—Tarboro at Farm Life.

was "Peahead" Maynard who kept a tight rein on them and worked them hard but was just as proud of them as he could be. Maynard has never had a losing season in Williamston in any of the three sports, football, basketball and baseball.

The team placed four men on the all-conference team this year: Coltrain at end, Keel and Myers in the line and Rogers in the backfield. While there may be those who disagree with the selections, it is an honor for a team to place so many on an all-star team and the boys and the town are proud of them.

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Sidelights On Bessemer City Football Adventure

Sometimes the sidelights of an adventure are just as interesting as the main event itself. Such is the case with the Bessemer City trip. For instance:

Hack Gaylor, Connie B. Clark, Bill Glover and others working up plans for chartering a bus. Mrs. Joe Robertson, Mrs. Ruth Thrower and other first-year football fans making the long trip on the chartered bus along with a group of youngsters and the dyed-in-the-wool male fans. Mrs. Robertson worried about Joseph getting hurt or doing something wrong. The taking time out to watch the majorette do cartwheels across the field. Harvey Ross holding his pipe so he could light his pipe. Jerry Forehand traveling as press agent for the team and getting nice writeups in the Gastonia Gazette and other papers. Answering the phone at the Gazette when a Williamston fan called to see if the team did all right. Rushing to get word in to the state paper. Following the boys as they wandered around the halls of the Armington Hotel. Principal B. G. Stewart and Coach Stu Maynard playing canasta "for blood" in 218 against Joe Blythe

and Assistant Coach A. J. Abdalla. Principal and Coach doing the better job of playing against their determined opponents. Two cars of fans driving past a detour sign and going off the end of a road under construction. John Henry Edwards staying in the hill country for the whole show. Eating doughnuts with Hildreth Mobley at midnight after the game. The cordial reception the bus got as it "traveled" homeward. Police escort part way through Tarboro and a cordial wave on at the Tar River bridge. The slow drive home from Robersonville with patrol escort. The big welcome home and the impromptu speeches of the players and friends over the public address system of Roanoke Realty. The mingling of the Bessemer City players with the new state champions and the cordial treatment all the way. The broadcast of the game with spotting by George Harris of Williams-ton who had to quit the team after a shoulder injury. The way Jack Ross kept on with his winning ways. Wallace Warren's reluctance to cat except at stated times. Any time somebody offered something to eat. Catching the bus at Rocky Mount after everybody up state thought it was already home. The trouble Ray

Thompson had in getting his FM hook-up hooked up and keeping it hooked up. The Hertford County Herald running an editorial saying its proud to have a championship team in its neck of the woods. No, the cabins never did warm up enough to turn

the fire down. The bass drum that Mr. Butler agreed to let the students burn if they won was bought by Haywood Wynne for a dime as a token of victory. Senior girls "buying" diamond rings and the boys leopard skin hats.

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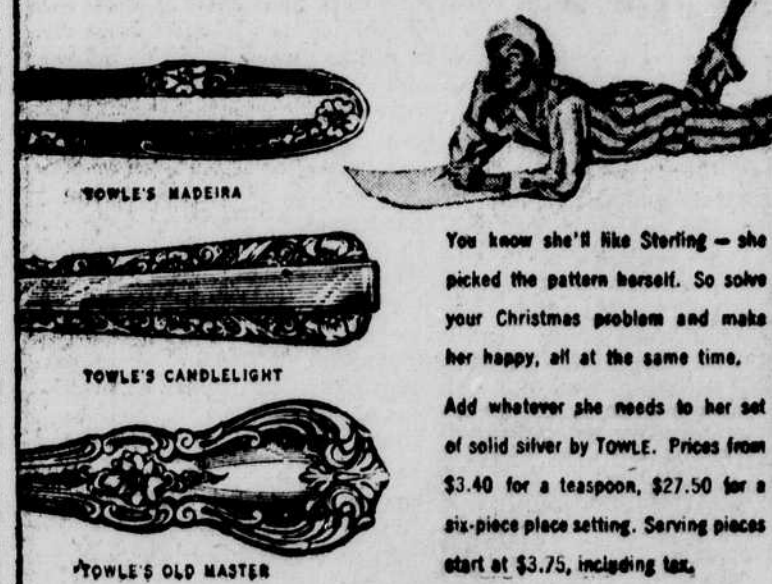
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