

Costs \$100 Per Man On Roster for High School Grid Team

Takes Lot Of Money For Sports And Burden Is On Football Receipts

It takes a lot of money nowadays to put a football team on the field and this expensive job is further aggravated when it is found that baseball is almost total expense and basketball has to be outstanding to pay its own way.

Announcing plans to add eight more sections of bleachers to the seating capacity of the Williamston Athletic Park, Principal B. G. Stewart released some figures on the income and outgo of the athletic department of the school in the past two scholastic years.

Right now it takes about \$100 for every man on the football roster to put a team on the field. As to game equipment it takes \$82.20 per player. This includes: Helmet, \$15.95; jersey, \$7.25; pants, \$9.45; shoes, \$11.95; shoulder pads, \$15.45; hip pads, \$12.85; rib pads, \$6.35; thigh guards, \$2.95. The equipment used in practice adds up to the rest of the \$100 cost.

Total receipts in 1949-50 were \$2,985.70 and disbursements \$3,369.74 while in 1950-51 receipts were \$4,624.33 and disbursements, \$4,626.06. Outstanding bills at the beginning of this season amounted to \$463.48. While the income

for 1950-51 was high because of the district, sectional and state games, the expense kept pace as a lot of travel was necessary.

Items of expense listed in the report covered equipment, transportation, game officials, guarantees to visiting teams, entrance fees for conference and state association memberships, laundry and cleaning, lights, oil for heating the gymnasium, painting the interior of the gymnasium, coal for the hot water heater, lumber for goal posts, tickets, lime for marking the field, grass seed for the field, scoreboard for the gymnasium, refinishing the gymnasium floors, insurance on players, \$200 contribution on the tennis courts, \$250 stock in lights at the park, \$100 for treating the bleachers at the park, over \$140 for lumber for eight bleacher sections after seven had been donated by local lumber firms.

Sources of income for the high school athletic association include gate receipts, guarantees from other teams on out-of-town contests, rentals on gymnasium and benefit programs.

The equipment of the Williamston teams is now regarded as tops and the athletic department intends to keep it that way for the protection of the boys who take part in the schools athletic contests. Cost of the equipment has risen by quite a good margin in the past several years. Meeting teams from larger schools as it does, Williamston has to have good equipment to give its team equal standing with the other fel-

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By Uncle Sam

HAPPY DAYS

The sun was shining. It had risen above the trees and tallest buildings. The streets were deserted. Not many places of business were open for patrons and customers. The thousands of city dwellers were not yet awakened and aware of the coming of another day. They had not yet munched their breakfast and gulped their colas and lit their cigarettes.

How different the one time happy days when all arose with the dawn. What a breakfast was served. Ham and red ham gravy from a hog that had the feed and time to put real flavor into that ham. Eggs laid by hens that had time to lay a real country egg then cackle and rest and scratch and get ready to lay another real country egg. Today the hens are hurried and shoved until they do not have time to lay an old fashioned country egg. If they have time to cackle they have to do it in high gear getting ready to lay another modern egg. What a morning as you walked down the low on the field.

Purchase of a school activity bus has helped a great deal in solving team transportation this year but does not eliminate the cost of travel because it is necessary to set up a fixed per mile charge for all those who use the bus so that insurance, repairs and depreciation can be taken care of to some extent.

Basketball has paid its own way for most of the time in recent years and on good seasons has netted a small margin but baseball is a sport which is maintained to round out the athletic program and its expenses have to come largely from football receipts.

It is expected that the additional sections of bleachers will be in place before the next home game which brings the strong Hertford Indians here for one of the season's most important conference games. Hertford, playing here on Friday, October 19, is being established in many quarters as the conference favorite.

Williamston fans have been extremely loyal to their teams and have helped the athletic programs of other conference schools by following the Green Wave away from home, sometimes providing more Williamston fans than the home team could muster.

path before sun up smoking, not a cigarette as sissies smoke, but an old corn cob pipe, a real man's smoke.

There was never a better drink for the Lord never made a better drink than a gourd of pure water out of a spring in the heat of the day. No pops, no sodas or anything else shoved across a bar could ever equal it. Who would swap that spring and gourd for just common branch water that has to be pumped, filtered, allumined and chlorinated and ice still remains just common branch water.

Then that good old fashioned country supper, dinner, not lunch. With vegetables, bacon, pies and preserves and milk just out of the spring house, milk that did not have to be tested, treated and pasteurized for the cows had already pasteurized it. Then the melons with the dew still on their rinds. Days of happy living. Not only are those days gone but the country is just about gone with them.

Sometimes I think what a mess the modern city chaps have gotten themselves into but don't even know it.

More Churches In The Open Country

That North Carolina is still rural is graphically illustrated in the fact that of the 2,950 Baptist churches in the State, 1,858 of them are located in open country and 441 in villages of less than 500 population. This means that 2,299 of the Baptist churches in the entire State are classified as rural.

Of the 2,950 churches in North Carolina as listed in the 1951 Southern Baptist Handbook for the year 1950, only 53 churches have as many as 1,000 members, and only 187 churches have more than 500 members, and 643 churches in this State have as many as 300 members. This means that less than 700 Baptist Churches in all North Carolina are located outside of rural areas, and also less than 700 of them as have 300 or more members. The largest percentage of all Baptist churches in the State have fewer than 300 members, and are located in communities that are definitely rural.

In a recent meeting of the Eastern Group of the Rural Church Development Program, held at New Sandy Creek Church in the Tar River Association on September 7, 1951, it was pointed out that the life blood of our nation flows from the country, and that the great hope is to purify the rural life of our people by a more intensive, Christ-centered program working in local rural churches.

Among the existing weaknesses of the average rural church, attention was called to the following: Need for more training on the part of leaders; inadequate space, such as exists in many one-room church buildings with no room for Sunday school classes and for expansion; too many non-resident pastors; lack of sufficient courses and training the seminaries for rural church work; the lack of teaching and practice of Christian stewardship; lack of any sort of recreational program in the rural churches; and lack of fervent evangelism for reaching out to win more people to build up the churches in numbers and strength.

Among the three greatest needs

today for rural churches were listed: More and closer pastoral ministry; more long-range planning, and more adequate church buildings and equipment.

THE HEADLESS SHAVER
(Camden Chronicle)
Seeing where an oculist had said that many men hurt their eyes shaving before any sort of a makeshift of a mirror, brought to mind a story we read a few days ago about a man who was to be released as cured after 20 years in a mental institution. On the morning he was to be released, he was allowed to shave himself, instead of having to submit to the attentions of the barber in the

home. Turning to address a remark to one of the attendants who had come to bid him goodbye, his razor caught the string which supported the shaving mirror and it fell to the ground. When the patient tried to go on with his shave he looked at the blank wall. "Well," he said with a sigh, "if that isn't just my luck. After 20 years in this place, on the very day I'm going to be out, I've cut my head off."

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