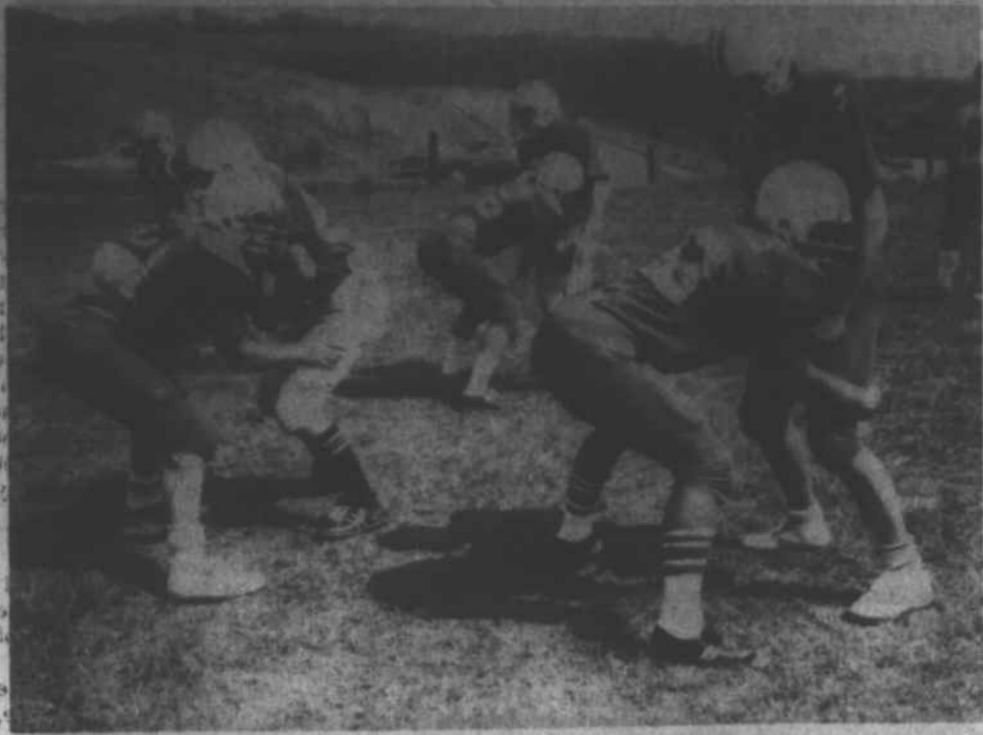


Patriots Prep For Football Season



After a week of light workouts, the Patriots of Madison High put their pads on last Monday and began heavy workouts in preparation for their scrimmage game tonight (Thursday).

Coach McFee stated that "we have a real good positive and optimistic attitude about the season. All of these young men are showing a lot of desire, dedication, and determination. They know what it takes to win."

Coach McFee has also been pleased with the amount of work his assistants are putting into the program. "Coaches Perry Sanderson and Roger Haynie have been doing an excellent job with our line. Both have a lot of enthusiasm and are working very well with the team," stated Coach McFee.

Coach Sanderson and Coach Haynie commented on their charges. "Our interior linemen look very impressive. We have had a lot of hustle during this first week of practice and the team has shown much enthusiasm. We do not have the depth that we would like to have but with a minimum of injuries we feel the players can carry the load."

Presently heading up the offensive unit are Sidney Hunter, Tommy DuVall, Bobby Jack Chandler, David Long, Jackie Bishop, Robert Ponder, Ricky Hoyle, and an asset to any line at 6'5" and 325 pounds, Ricky Ingram.

"Several sophomores are looking very good and we hope to give them a chance to gain game experience this year. Some of them are Dewayne Maxwell, Mike Baldwin, Tim Metcalf, and Jeff Merrill. All in all we have been very pleased with the attitude and determination our boys have shown this past week," McFee said.

Coach McFee was also pleased with the development of the receivers under Coach Gerald Price. "He has had a lot of experience with the defensive secondary and this aids him in showing our receivers how best to run and block against them."

Coach Price commented on the receivers. "At tight end seniors Mike Cody and Kevin Kent are working remarkably well. Junior John Chandler also promises to give extra strength to this position. Working at split end are senior John Deaver and sophomore Harvey Franklin. All have

been working hard, but Deaver's experience gives him some edge at the split end. Tight End Mike Cody has so far shown the determination and effort that indicate he may give an excellent performance this season."

The backs are being coached by Jack Brown who is doing a fine job with them. He, along with the whole staff, wants the kids to win very much.

Coach Brown had this to say about the ball carriers. "At quarterback, Steve Wood is the number one prospect, but Scotty Proffitt and Holden Nix

are improving. He has the moves, the throwing ability, and the intelligence needed at this position. Scotty started late but is coming on quickly as is sophomore Holden Nix." He also stated, "The team will be strong in running backs. No one has a position sown up at this time. There are six backs who have a chance at starting. At fullback, David Carter and Jerry Ramsey are neck and neck. Both run hard, with David ahead in blocking and Jerry in open field running."

Both Randy Hodge and Ricky Ingle have a chance to

start at tailback. Randy seems to be running harder at this time. Roger Ball may also find work at this position.

Gene Clark and Alan English are running for the L-Back position. Both are powerful ball carriers and each has his own style.

According to Coach McFee things are beginning to shape up. He is expecting around 10 to 20 more young men to try out for football this week. Coach McFee concluded, "We are going to take each day as it comes and work on the fundamentals and techniques. We are working slowly but surely

to improve with each practice."

Dennis Hefner Joins Staff At Tuscola

Dennis Hefner, head football coach last year of the Madison High School Patriots, has joined the coaching staff of Tuscola High School, Waynesville, as backfield coach, it was reported this week.



RAY FISHER, son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Fisher, of Route 1, Marshall, has been named to "Who's Who Among High School Students." Ray, a senior at Madison High School, is active in FFA and has attained many honors locally and statewide.

River Improvement Discussed

James T. Ledford, chairman of the Madison County Board of Commissioners, was among the officials of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council who attended

a meeting in Knoxville, Tenn., recently with the board of directors of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). The purpose of the meeting was to enable the officials of four WNC counties to explain the status of the River Improvement Program involving the French Broad River. Points discussed included problems, solutions, etc., as flood and erosion prevention, clean-up activities and recreation development.

and exciting partnership between our region and the Tennessee Valley Authority, which offers the opportunity to jointly demonstrate how a unique natural resource like the French Broad River can be protected and improved so as to realize its maximum potential. I look forward to this undertaking and to a continued harmonious working relationship with the TVA board and staff."

Hayes Run 4-H Club Holds Meet

By MARK RECTOR Reporter

The Hayes Run 4-H Club held its regular monthly meeting Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Earl Wise.

Warren Wise presided over the meeting in the absence of the president. The first order of old business was discussion of the 4-H Congress. This year the club had seven out of the eight delegates attending from Madison County.

Billy Duvall gave the club a report on the 4-H County Picnic, held recently. Plans were made for our club picnic to Sliding Rock and also for the county fair. Also discussed was how the 4-H'ers who did demonstrations could raise money for a trip to Carowinds.

The following letter to Aubrey Wagner, chairman, board of directors, TVA, from William M. Ives, chairman Land-of-Sky Regional Council, is self-explanatory:

I take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council, its member governments and staff for the time and hospitality which was extended to our delegation by the TVA board and staff on Aug. 6. I feel that our objectives of informing the TVA board of our River Improvement Program and demonstrating our commitment to the program were realized. In addition, those who attended the meeting from Region B enjoyed the opportunity to see the TVA perspective on the program.

I believe the Aug. 6 meeting marks the beginning of a new

Revival

A revival is being held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Oak Hill Baptist Church. Services begin nightly at 7:30.

The Rev. Worth Emory is the visiting preacher and the Rev. Manson Warren is pastor.

The public is invited.



FORM TACKLING — Above pictures taken Monday afternoon show part of the Madison High School Patriots learning the techniques of form tackling as the squad got down to serious drills for the coming football season. (Photos by Jim Story)

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