

Mountaineers Face Murphy In Opener Tonight

MURPHY IS CHOICE OF BLUE DEVIL PLAYERS, LOOKS GOOD TO WADE

Local Coach Weatherby

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He returned home to be discharged, and this summer kept in shape by playing softball and baseball (both teams were pennant winners). A few weeks ago he re-enrolled at Duke to complete his education.

Ted Mann, Duke's "drum beater," like Wallace Wade, has been off to war the past few years. They, hoping that Milner will live up to all they hear of him, call Bill "the greatest guard they have ever seen in action in a grid contest."

Milner's praises are sung by the assistant coaches, by the Duke football faithfuls who throng the practice field every day and even by University of North Carolina supporters, writes Mann.

Coach Wade, says he, who has a life-time reputation of putting praise where praise belongs, thinks that Milner has looked mighty good this fall in practices. They hear such statements from their various

Murphy Coach



"AL" SMITH has had charge of the Murphy High school's football team for several years, and is expected to have produced one of his best yet this season. They'll perform against Waynesville tonight.

Haywood Foxhunters To Meet Saturday Afternoon

All members of the Haywood County Foxhunters association are urged to attend the meeting Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Waynesville armory. J. W. Killian, president of the group, announces that the annual election of officers will be held at this time, and plans will be made for future activities of the group. The county unit now has 140 members.

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Where illumination is necessary in the vicinity of the place where gas or inflammable liquids are used or handled, only flashlights in good repair or electric light extension cords and lamp guards of approved type should be used. No lights of any kind should be lowered into a tank or container for the purpose of measuring the contents.

sideline coaches as "Milner's the best blanket-blank football player in the world," or "Just wait 'till he gets a crack at that Blanchard. He'll think he's been hit by a tank."

Coach Weatherby, who usually is reticent about the ability of his proteges, remembers Bill not only as an excellent athlete but as a good student in classes. On the gridiron for Waynesville, one of Bill's greatest moments was leading the team to their 13-0 victory over Canton on 39. Coach Weatherby gives Milner's punting as the highlight of that match. Later in the season, he adds, Bill was taken with pneumonia, and in their second game with Canton the Black Bears won 25-20 with Milner absent.

Now six feet, two inches, weighing 200 pounds, he carries on for Duke. The spotlight will burn bright on this husky lad from Waynesville when the Devils open their season Sept. 28 with N. C. State, and meets such powers as Army, Tennessee, Ga. Tech and Carolina as the weeks roll by.

Kick-Off At 8 P.M. Will Open Grid Season Here

Locals Ready After Weeks Of Practice, Starting Line-up Announced

At 8:00 o'clock tonight the 1946 edition of Waynesville Township High School's Mountaineers meet their first opponent of the season, Murphy, a traditional rival who should be an excellent test of how good the Weatherby-Ratchiff coached team will be this season.

Weeks of practice have passed since the Mountaineer candidates gathered on the Mountaineer gridiron, and the squad has been showing a spirit and polish in ball handling this past week that will fit well in the eleven week-end coming. They were issued numbered jerseys Tuesday afternoon prior to intra-squad scrimmage, and the first and second teams went through a variety of offensive maneuvers against the third string.

Wednesday night the squad went to the field to get oriented to playing under lights in another practice tilt. Few spectators who have seen them perform in practice but aren't looking to a greatly improved eleven to represent the local school this season.

Practically nothing has been heard from the Bulldog training camp, but Murphy has always brought out a good fighting team. Coach "Al" Smith is expected to bring over a combination that will call for the best the Mountaineers can offer.

Coach Weatherby's starting line-up tonight included Erwin Shook at quarterback, Lawrence Robinson and Bob Milner in halfback spots, and Cyril Minett at fullback; Butly Morrison and Leonard Mosser, ends; Hugh Caldwell and Tom Medford, tackles; Raymond Phillips

Have Mountaineers Ready



Head Coach C. E. Weatherby and Assistant Coach Carl Ratchiff have been tutoring the High school griders since August 20th to get them prepared for their eleven-game schedule, which opens tonight on the local field.

Swannanoa Gridders At Canton Saturday Night For 2nd Black Bear Contest

and Richard Underwood, guards. Most of the other "white shirt" can expect to see action during the opening traces, and performance in the opening game will help the coaches determine a regular "first team." There will be the full four-team squad on hand for the Murphy tilt, and if the favored locals have enough power some of the third stringers may get that important nod.

Murphy's line-up has not yet been announced. Charles Isley's 57-piece band will take over the field during halftime intermission, and play tumblers all during the game.

Erwin, Tenn. Cancels Scheduled Game In Protest Over Players

Swannanoa High school will meet the Canton High football team in the Black Bears' second tilt of the season beginning at 8 o'clock Saturday night on the Canton field.

Swannanoa was secured to replace Erwin, Tenn., who was originally scheduled. The Erwin team refused to play the game due to Canton's policy of allowing veterans to play on their team, some of whom are more than 20 years of age, when the eligibility rules in Tennessee do not permit a boy to play if he becomes 20 years of age on or before September 1.

Canton High officials assert that their policy conforms to rules of North Carolina. When Erwin decided to cancel their game, Canton offered to not use members of the Black Bear squad over 20 years old during the game, but the Tennessee team would not change its mind.

Meanwhile the Bears have been getting in some good practice for Swannanoa, with Coach C. C. Ponder emphasizing punting and blocking. James Bentley, the Canton guard whose knee was twisted during the opening game against Greenville, is reported back in shape to be used Saturday night.

hunters are always careful about not doing anything to start forest fires, in fact, very few fires in Haywood county have ever been started by the man with dog and gun. Only one or two, relates a county fire warden, were known to have been from a camp fire built by hunters. This is a record sportsmen can justly be proud of, and along about November when all but the evergreens dry up for the winter, can remember these rules of fire prevention that are so important in these days when our forests are dwindling to their lowest ebb in history.

SPEARHEADING

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SPORTS

By ED SPEARS



FOOTBALL fever is in the air, and tonight is the night to see just how good that Waynesville team is. Like Coach Weatherby, we'll "wait and see," without putting the Mountaineers on a limb by giving them a big edge over Murphy, a team about which practically nothing is known. But it's hard to conceal the fact that the locals do look good in practice, and though no one is so optimistic as to expect them to win all their games this season, we know they'll give a good account of themselves. All that can be done is being provided by the coaches and other helpers to have the fans enjoy the home games as much as possible. Big signs to mark the yard lines have been placed opposite the concrete stadium, on a wire about up in the air, which is something new. The field is in excellent condition, and the weather man seems in a dry mood. Play-by-play announcing over the public address system is arranged for. The high school band has been practicing for some time. So fans will have as much color as normally can be expected at a collegiate game. With a large crowd expected, it will be a good idea to come early and be sure of a good seat.

THERE are five veterans on the Mountaineer squad this year: James Brackett, Carl Grahl, Raymond Phillips, Tom Medford and Herbert Caldwell. None of the players on the squad have reached their 21st birthday, although a few boys in school over that age have wanted to go out for the team.

HAZELWOOD is about of wind up its baseball season, and Manager Bud Blalock will soon find another league trophy on his hands. When his Boosters won the softball championship, the cup was given to the Hazelwood Boosters club to rest in their meeting room—at the Presbyterian church. He is hoping that

the baseball team will get together next summer, and so do the rest of us. Tom Lee is one person who appreciates them in a practical way; he's giving them a free bus ride to Biltmore next week-end when they play the last game of the season.

From the records, the only "first" held by North Carolina in some fishing records we looked over recently was in the salt water division. A channel bass, 75 lbs. 8 oz., 64 1/2 inches long was caught off Cape Hatteras Nov. 29, 1941, by Capt. B. R. Ballance.

HUNTERS have a stake in our forests, for whether they are owners of woodlands or not, they get pleasure each year out of going through them in search of squirrel and other game. As a rule

Hazelwood Tangles With Beacon Nine Saturday As Season End Nears

Hazelwood journeys this week-end to Swannanoa for their next-to-last game of the season against Beacon Mills, one of the top teams in the W.N.C. Industrial league. The game is slated to start at 3:30 Saturday afternoon.

Beacon now stands second from the top in the loop, with 13 wins to 6 losses, compared to Hazelwood's 16 and 2. They will entertain a local team minus several of its regular players who fell at the hands of Champion Y last week, while Beacon got hot at Sayles Bleachery and trimmed them 15-1 in last Saturday's game.

In their two previous encounters this summer Beacon was a hard number for Hazelwood to handle.

On June 8th on the Beacon field Hazelwood took a 6-5 win, and when the two met here July 27th the locals took a 3-2 victory.

Manager Bud Blalock very likely will start on the mound for Hazelwood. Last week he used Billy Griffin at short stop and Ray Whitener and Kenneth Troutman in left field, the first time these three men have played with the team. They did well on defense, but were not too strong at the plate in their first game.

Other Industrial league games Saturday are Green River at Canton, Ecusta at Martel Mills, and Sayles at Enka. Next week Hazelwood closes the season playing at Sayles.

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