

Hillsboro Hi Notes

By HILDA STRAYHORN

Last Wednesday started another school year at H.H.S. There have been quite a few changes since school was out last May. The rooms have been floored and painted and we aren't as crowded.

We have two new high school teachers. Mrs. Sam Gattis is replacing Mrs. Paul Hodul in the English Department and Mrs. James Miller is replacing Mrs. South in the Science Department. Mrs. Miller is from Albermarle and this is her first year in Hillsboro. We welcome Mrs. Gattis back.

Mrs. Fred Cates is a new eighth grade teacher and Mrs. Rue Wesley is a new sixth grade teacher. We

are glad to have Mrs. Helen Warren back, teaching a seventh grade.

We extend a hearty welcome to all new students—some of these come to Orange County for the first time this year. We couldn't begin to name the Freshmen, but some of the upper classmen are: Nancy Hayden, Barney Hayden, Wanda Loman, Meredith Kitchens, Patricia Dunn, Doris Dunn, Larry Guyton, Alene Collins and Priscilla Rich.

Mrs. Forrest has been absent for a few days because of an operation. Mrs. Van Kenyon is teaching for her until she returns. We wish her a speedy recovery.

HHS Sports Corner

By EDDIE BALLENGER

The Hillsboro High Wildcats opened the football season in the Eastern AA Conference by defeating the Southern Rebels of Durham County 14-0. Ray Barnes started out at quarterback and played a good game. Barnes carried across the first Hillsboro TD in the second quarter. In the third quarter Garland Spangler received a long pass from Monroe Knight for the second and last Wildcat touchdown of the game.

Mr. Auman and Mr. Claytor had 27 boys to come out for football this season, the smallest number ever. Nevertheless these boys have worked hard and are sure to make a great showing in the future games.

We were proud of the large number of people at the game last Friday night. Hillsboro jaunts over to Clements Fields this coming Friday night to meet the Northern Knights. Last week Northern defeated Cary High in a thriller, 14-10.

sure, because Cary hasn't lost one in its last 40 games.

One Of Every Four Students Is Veteran

Freshmen who have recently shed a uniform of the Armed Forces will soon learn that veterans on the UNC campus are far from rare.

One of every four students seen in the classroom this fall will be a former serviceman.

The UNC veteran's advisor, Gen. Carlye Shepard, expects 1,700 ex-servicemen to claim their GI benefits this fall. This will be an increase of 200 over the number enrolled last year.

All but six of this year's veterans will be receiving benefits under the Korean War Bill (Public Law 550).

Korean veterans that are newcomers to UNC should report to the Women's Gymnasium (behind Woollen gym) September 18 or 19 to make application with the UNC veterans' office for their benefits.

RESIGNS ASC POST
Mrs. Betty Chance Powell has submitted her resignation as Agricultural Conservation Program clerk in the County ASC office. She will be replaced by Mrs. Katherine T. Wilkerson.

From A Room At Gravely . . .

Buzzy The Clown Is Turning Painter; Says 'End Of Big Top Was Best, Really'

By ROBIN FINE

Buzzy Potts, famous former Ringling Brothers clown, looked up from the picture he was painting in his quiet hospital room at Gravely Sanatorium, and raised bushy eyebrows.

An 'Air' Radiating
Even without the two big front teeth, baggy pants and the dog, Daisy, that identified him to millions of circus-goers as a "happy-go-lucky-stupid" clown for almost 20 years, there is still such an air of fun and humor radiating from this friendly middle-aged man, that one feels like laughing for no reason at all.

Buzzy the clown, is visibly affected when he speaks of the end of an era none of us will ever forget, the wonderful days of "THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!"—Although, it was best really. Travelling was so expensive and lots of times we were overcharged," he says.

Buzzy Potts, as he is known to his many fans, was born Delbert Curtis Rhaney on August 9, 1903. He lost both parents before he was two weeks old and spent the first seven years of his life in an orphanage.

"When I was seven," Buzzy recalls, "they started to farm me out and one day, when I was about 12, a small circus came to town and I went to see it. After the show, I thought, 'That's for me!' and that night I ran away. I spent most of the night in a big pipe that went under the highway and about two in the morning, I heard the rumble of wheels as the circus moved out. I joined up."

No Questions Asked
Asked if circus folk wondered about the sudden appearance of a strange young boy in their midst, Buzzy just laughed. "Nope," he said. "Things were different back



BUZZY—IN THE OLD DAYS

then." The ex-clown says the happiest day of his life was his wedding day and the saddest was the day his wife died.

Regarding the most dramatic day: "I guess," says Buzzy, "that was the day a midget named Paul Hurumpo, and six other midgets were getting ready to go on and a tiger got loose! That tiger came slinking right up behind Paul and several of us yelled, 'Look out, Paul!' The midget was so startled that he spun around and dropped the miniature pickaxe he was holding, smack on that tiger's nose! The tiger was so surprised that all he could do was back away and keep shaking his head. That gave the keepers time to get ropes on him." Buzzy does not plan to return to

circus life when he is well enough to leave the hospital. "I did," he says with a sad shake of his head, "but my doctor changed my mind."

Won't Go Back
He was silent for a long moment. Then, remembering that the most "exciting" day of his life was last week, when the doctor permitted him to go outside for the first time since he's been at Gravely Sanatorium, his smile returned.

Picking up one of the paint brushes nearby, Buzzy made a few idle strokes on the picture before him. Observing the vivid colors and his obvious talent, it is easy to see why he has already sold a number of his canvases. He plans to make painting his full time occupation from now on.



CLOWN TURNS ARTIST—Buzzy Potts, former Ringling Circus clown now a patient at Gravely Sanatorium, shows one of his paintings to Robin Fine, News Leader teenage columnist.



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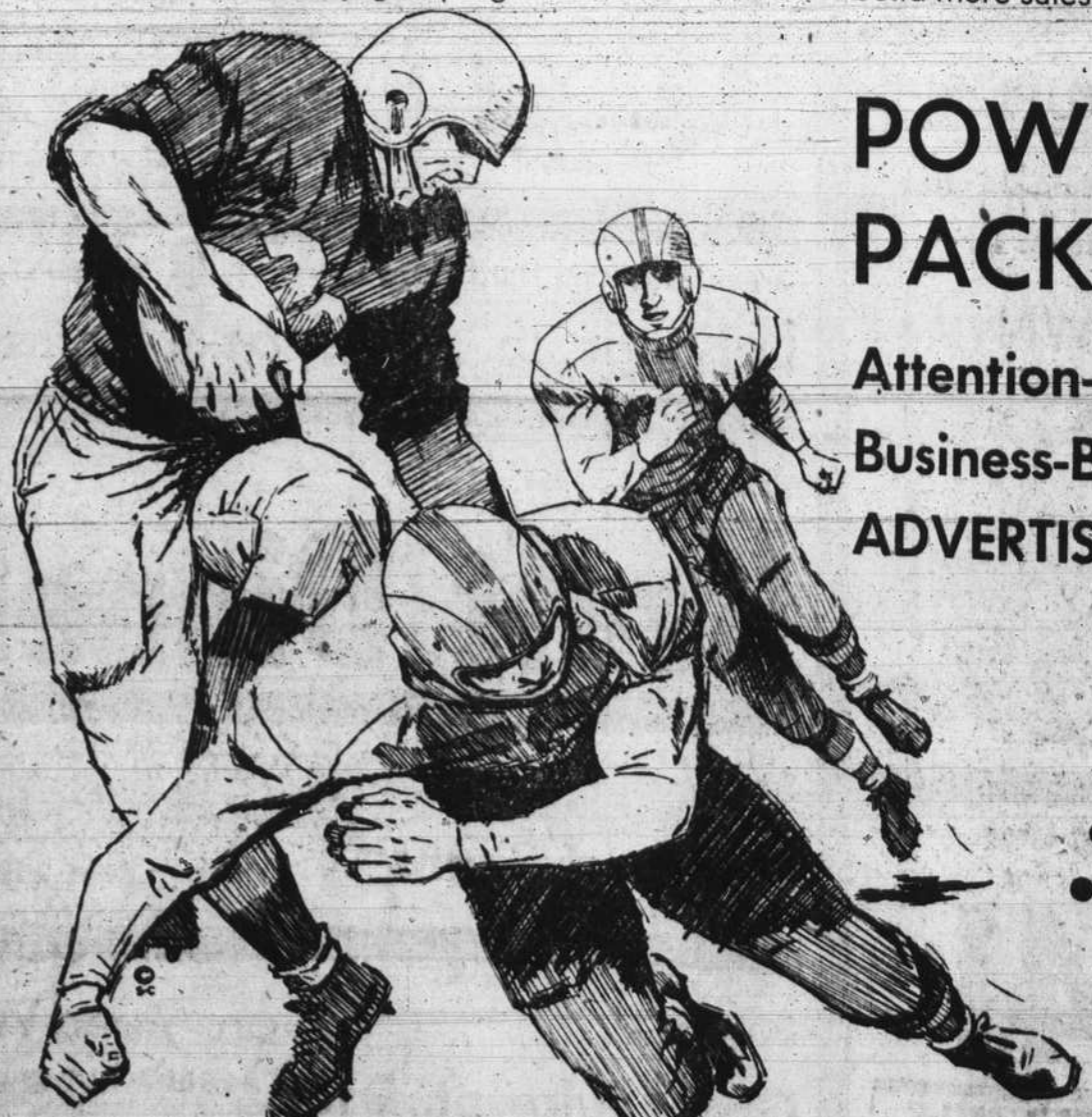
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Washington Report . . .
A New Parkway?
By BILL WHITLEY
PILOT PROGRAM. The U. S. Department of Agriculture is expanding its Rural Development program that is designed to increase farm income in some of the Nation's lowest farm income areas.
The present undertaking, which includes three North Carolina counties, is a pilot program that is intended to find ways and means to lift many rural areas out of the economic doldrums.
The three counties in North Carolina included in the experimental program are Bertie, Anson and Watuga. A total of 55 counties in 4 states have been selected to carry out the experiment.

PARKWAY. A Kentucky Congressman has started a move to build a new national parkway from the Great Smoky Mountain National Park in North Carolina, northeastern Tennessee, to Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky.
The Congressman, Rep. Eugene Filer, introduced a bill in the closing days of Congress that would set aside \$175,000 for a survey of the proposed project. No formal action was taken, but Rep. Filer is expected to push his plan in the next Congress.

APPROACH. Under the program, the Federal government, through the various state extension services, sends experts in soil conservation, agricultural economics and other specialized fields into the pilot counties to determine what is needed to increase farm income.
By working with individual farm families, these experts will determine what is needed in depressed farm communities to lift up the general rural economic level.
CHANGES. The Farmers Home Administration has announced that three part-time FHA local offices in North Carolina will be put on a full-time basis.
The sub-office at Winton will be put on a full-time basis to serve Hertford and Gates Counties.
The part-time office at Wadesboro will become a full-time office to serve Anson County, which has previously been served by the office at Monroe.
In the future, Clay County will have a full-time office at Hayesville. In the past, Clay has been served by the office at Murphy.

SOIL BANK CHECKS
Government checks for 1956 crops placed in the Soil Bank program earlier this year will be issued on September 24, or as soon thereafter as measuring is completed, according to A. K. McAdams, ASC administrative officer. Measuring is already underway.

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