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Wm. D. Merritt Termed One Of Greatest Football Players of U. N. C.

Received Large Amount Of Publicity In "On Carolina's Gridiron," A History Of Football At The University Of North Carolina

Two Of His Teams Called Best To Ever Play At U. N. C.

Wm. D. Merritt, prominent attorney of North Carolina and a resident of this city, has been awarded the honor of being named on two of the greatest football teams that the University of North Carolina has ever had. Mr. Merritt was a member of the football team for four years 1892, 93, 94 and 95. The teams of 1892 and 1895 have been awarded the honor of being among the greatest teams that Carolina ever produced.

This information and other that is to follow was taken from the book "On Carolina's Gridiron." This book gives the complete history of football at the University of North Carolina from 1888 to 1936, it was compiled and written by Mr. Smith Barrier and is now on sale at the University.

Mr. Merritt, known as Willie Merritt, in those days played end for four years. He had never played any football before going to Carolina, but he was a man of might and it did not take this Person County lad long to show the boys in Chapel Hill that he could do a few things that they could not do. He made the team his first year and kept his place on it during every year that he was in school. He played the game hard and fair and his opponents always knew when they had been up against Willie Merritt. He generally left them sore and bruised and a little wiser, but no opponent dared say that he had not played fair.

He has been called by some the "Greatest End That Carolina Ever Had" and those who saw him play agree that he rightfully deserves this title.

In the days of 1892, and later, a football team really played football. One sentence in this book "On Carolina's Gridiron" shows how the boys played. Carolina defeated Richmond on Oct. 21, played Virginia the next day. The next game was with Trinity, the team moved to Atlanta on Tuesday and beat Auburn Wednesday, left for Nashville after supper, beat Vanderbilt Thursday and then defeated Virginia Saturday. That was football.

Mr. Merritt with the help of Dr. R. B. Lawson, '00, George Stephens, '96, Roy Homewood, '16, Col. Earl P. Holt, '03, and Walter Murphy, '94 selected the Carolina All-Time Team. Mr. Merritt was accorded this honor because it was thought that he knew as much about football as any man that might be chosen who had seen all the players. He is regarded everywhere as a student of football. Seven of the men that he selected for positions on this All-Time Team were given places on it and four of his choices for the second team also placed.

Another interesting event that happened in his football career is that he played in the game, Georgia vs North Carolina, 1895, in which it has been claimed that the first forward pass was used. One story credits Mr. Merritt with making that pass, the very first in the history of football.

Many honors were received by the Person County youth who played end. He still remembers every game that he played in and can recount incidents in them all. He attends every game that he can possibly get to and is a great Carolina supporter.

Needless to say he is very active in law practice and all civic activities.

CONDITION OF C. G. CHANDLER APPEARS IMPROVED

C. G. Chandler, who has been a patient at Watts Hospital for the past ten days, is reported to be very much improved.

FINAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. WOODY

Death Came After An Illness Of Five Weeks; Interment In Shilo Cemetery

The death of Mrs. Millie I. Woody, 86, of the Providence section of Person County, wife of the late Geo. D. Woody, occurred on October 18th. at 9:30 a. m. Her death was caused by old age and complications after an illness of five weeks.

She is survived by one son, Willie Woody, five daughters, Mrs. Lillian Woody, Mrs. Kinney Brooks, Mrs. Jennie Wright Bumpass, Mrs. Laura Stafford, Mrs. Thelma Fox, 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Elder J. A. Herndon was in charge of the funeral services held at the Shilo Church on October 19th. at 3:00 p. m.

Pall bearers were: Archie Woody, Bradley Stafford, Robert Stafford, Flemming Brooks, Fred Bumpass and R. D. Bumpass. Honorary pall bearers were: Dr. J. H. Merritt, N. H. Street, Clyde Woody, Charlie Pugh, Robert Buchanan, Willie Gentry, George Gentry, George Harris, Ben Evans, Lebie Rhew, Henry Whitt, Sam Dunn, F. D. Long, Jasper Harris, W. D. Yarbrough, Albert Wrenn, S. B. Davis, Gene Fox, and Lex Fox.

Flower bearers: Mesdames J. M. O'Briant, A. P. Clayton, W. D. Yarbrough, Lebie Rhew, Edgar Blacklock, King Day, Earlie Brooks, F. D. Long, Scoggins, J. T. Bradsher, Will Frederick, Suzie Tillman, Della Brooks, S. B. Davis, Jasper Harris, and George Harris.

Interment was held in the Shilo Church Cemetery.

C. N. RUSSELL DIED MONDAY AFTERNOON

Death Caused By Stroke Of Paralysis 18 Hours Prior To Death

Mr. Charlie N. Russell, 80, husband of late Mary Russell, died at his home in the Allensville section of Person County on October 17th. at 11 a. m. He had been ill for only 18 hours. Death was caused by paralysis.

Surviving him are his two sons, C. R. Russell and J. A. Russell, one sister, Mrs. S. L. Bumpass, of Cumberland, Okla. and one sister-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Russell of Durham.

Funeral services were held on October 18 at 3 p. m. at the Mt. Harmony Church with Rev. L. J. Rainey, assisted by Rev. Joe B. Curran, in charge.

Interment was held in the Mt. Harmony Church Cemetery.

RAMBLERS HIT BY HARD LUCK

Injuries Hit Ramblers; Fred Woods Out Remainder Of Season

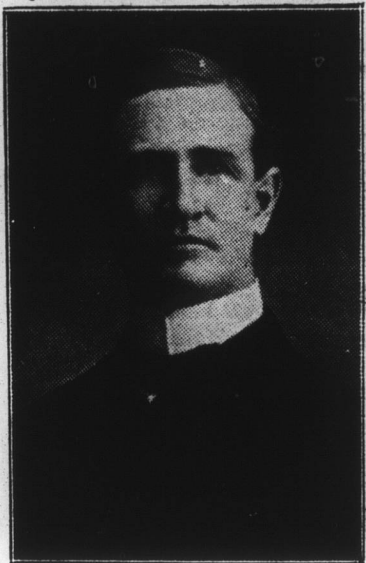
Friday, October 22, Henderson brings a powerful eleven to battle Roxboro on the local gridiron, the first home game of the season to be dedicated as Home Coming.

Injuries visit the locals; leaving C. C. Garrett with a sore knee, Basil Riley suffering from boils, and full-back Fred Woods out with an injured arm.

As the outcome of the Henderson game the coach informed only with, "We've a chance to win."

Drill on timing, running plays, passing and kicking will keep the local boys busy. As an outcome of the team, the club shows improvement and look forward to a hard game with the boys from Henderson.

GREAT FOOTBALL PLAYER IN HIS DAY



William D. Merritt, attorney of Roxboro, has been called one of the best ends that Carolina football teams ever produced, he played in 1892 - 93 - 94 - 95.

WORK PROGRESSING ON ROXBORO'S NEW HOSPITAL

Many Letters Of Praise Concerning Dr. Williams Have Been Received By Dr. G. W. Gentry

Building Should Be ready Within few Weeks

Work is progressing at a rapid rate on the new hospital building on Depot Street and if nothing happens work on this building should be completed within a few weeks. The building will be most complete in every detail and people of this county will have every right to be proud of the new hospital. There will be ample room to take care of a large number of patients and the hospital will have modern equipment throughout.

The hospital is being sponsored by Dr. G. W. Gentry and Dr. W. C. Williams, both of Roxboro. They are very anxious to give the people of this city a hospital and they have received much encouragement in their undertaking.

Dr. Gentry has practiced in Person County since he finished medicine and Dr. Williams, who has recently located here, is fast making a reputation for himself. Dr. Gentry stated that he has received many letters from physicians over the state praising Dr. Williams. Below we give one from among the many. This one is typical. It was written by Dr. J. H. Boyles, physician and surgeon of Greensboro. Dr. Boyles is known to many residents of this county. The letter was written on Oct. 19th, 1937.

Dear Dr. Gentry: I have known Dr. W. C. Williams for several years and was associated with him here at the Clinic Hospital for one year.

He is very active and capable and I feel that you will be fortunate indeed to be associated with him. He was well liked in Greensboro and I am sure that will be the case in Roxboro.

Yours very truly,
J. H. Boyles.
M. D.

JHB/W

City Manager At Convention

Mr. James C. Harris, City Manager, is attending the American City Managers Convention in New Orleans. He is expected to return tomorrow.

HOWARD HALL BETTER

Howard Hall, popular citizen of Roxboro, is much better after being confined to Watts Hospital for the past two weeks. Mr. Hall fell from a truck sometime ago and fractured his skull.

He is expected home in a few days.

ROXBORO MAR'T MAY REACH 2,000,000 POUNDS BY FRIDAY NIGHT

Market Has Sold To Date About One Half Of What Was Sold Here During Entire Time Last Year.

Led State In Sept. Price Average

The Roxboro Tobacco Market should reach the two million pound mark by Friday night. This will be close to half the amount that was sold on this market during the entire season last year and it looks like this market has just started selling.

Tobacco prices are holding up, the poundage is holding up and the buyers are doing everything possible to give Roxboro one of its best years. The six million pound mark will probably be reached by Christmas if sales continue as they have started.

A trip over this section of the country will convince you that farmers are sold on Roxboro for this season. All have been pleased with the prices that they have received and state that they are coming back.

It cannot be truthfully said that no tags are being turned, but very few prices are not accepted. Roxboro has had fewer rejected prices this year than in a long time. Every market has some.

Roxboro led the state during September in price average and the same might be true for October.

At the present time farmers are busy stripping their tobacco. They are anxious to get it to market as early as possible and heavy sales will probably continue to result.

Although this market has had a large number of all-day sales this year the market has not blocked yet. Farmers can sell here the same day that they bring their tobacco and they are assured of a good snappy sale.

Officer Watson Recovers Tobacco

Tobacco Stolen From Granville County And Sold On Roxboro Market

Officer A. L. Watson of the Roxboro police force was on the job last Wednesday when he recovered a quantity of stolen tobacco and arrested three negroes in connection with the event.

The tobacco had been stolen from G. G. Ragland who lives near Oxford in Granville County and was brought to a local warehouse for sale. The sale was made in the name of John Pettiford, colored, and John was calling for the check when he was arrested for questioning. Later he admitted that he and two other negroes had stolen the tobacco and placed it on sale here. He gave Officer Watson a description of his two partners who had left the city, but were expected back that afternoon. When they returned Mr. Watson, who was watching for them, made the second arrest of the day. The others were Charlie Robertson and Hubert Harris, colored.

Officer Watson had not been informed about the theft, but became suspicious of the negroes as soon as he saw them on the warehouse floor.

The tobacco sold for \$97.00.

IRVIN O'BRIANT NEAR TOP

Irvin O'Briant, popular young insurance salesman of this county, needs only a few more life insurance applications to win a splendid trip to Atlanta. If you have been thinking about buying any life insurance why not see this young man today. He will appreciate your business and you will help him to get a nice free trip.

Knights Insurance Agency, Roxboro, N. C.

Ryland Ramsey May Know His Fate By Late Today or Tonight

TEACHERS MEETING WITH ROTARIANS TONIGHT AT 6:30

Approximately Forty-Five Have Been Invited To Enjoy Meal And Program

The teachers of the Roxboro school system have been invited to meet with the Rotary Club tonight in their regular meeting and approximately forty-three men and women, are expected to be present.

This teachers' night is an annual affair with the Rotary Club and is always looked forward to with keen interest by both the Rotarians and teachers. Every one enjoys a good meal and a splendid program.

The program tonight is in charge of Cris Waggoner and those who know Chris have a good idea that the program will be well taken care of.

There will probably be a few very short talks on the program by members of the Rotary Club and J. W. Gaddy, principal of the Roxboro schools, will be given a few minutes of time.

DISTRICT PRIZE WON BY MISS WALTERS

Continued Interest Shown In Electrical Dealers' Contest

The prize winners in the third week of the Electrical Dealers' Missing Word Contest were announced yesterday by the judges at the contest headquarters in Raleigh. The prizes for this district went to Mary Jane Walters, North Main Street for supplying the missing words and submitting the best statement regarding electric water heating.

The first grand prize was awarded to Mrs. L. C. Wallace, Carthage, N. C., and the second grand prize to Alma C. Hutchinson, Rockingham, N. C.

The contest was planned for six weeks duration with a complete set of prizes offered for each week. Interest is growing by leaps and bounds as folks discover how easy the contest really is, according to the electrical dealers who are participating in Roxboro. Entry blanks are available without charge at electrical dealer's stores and on the salesfloor of the Carolina Power & Light Company. Those in charge here emphasized the fact that entrants are not required to make a purchase of any kind nor are they required to collect or save any sort of items. Different entry blanks are designated for each weekly contest and contain the complete set of simple rules as well as the list of weekly prizes.

High School To Sell Season Tickets For Football Games

Students of Roxboro High school will sell season tickets at \$1.00 for all high school football games this year.

The home game schedule includes Henderson, Schoolfield, Norlina, Oxford and Chapel Hill. Students pay 50c for the ticket.

W. M. S. MEETS MONDAY

W. M. S. Circles of First Baptist Church will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock as follows:

Circle No. 1 - Mrs. Breta Clary.
Circle No. 2 - Mrs. H. H. Masten.
Circle No. 3 - Mrs. G. C. Duncan.
Circle No. 4 - Mrs. J. W. Noell.

It is said that too sudden a change from very high heels to low is liable to cause a nervous breakdown.

Case Expected To Be Given To Jury Around Five This Afternoon, But May Be Either Later Or Earlier.

Ramsey Took Witness Stand Today

A special venire of 75 jurors was summoned Tuesday by Judge Walter J. Boone to try Ryland Ramsey on a charge of first degree murder. Early Wed. morning names were drawn for the jury and it was around one o'clock before the jury was complete. One extra juror was impaneled by Judge Boone in case something should happen to any one of the twelve.

The charge of first degree murder against Ramsey came as a result of the shooting of his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Ramsey, at the entrance of Collins and Aikman grounds on Sept. 23rd. about 3:00 p. m. Ramsey was arrested by local officers shortly after the shooting. He was at the home of his sister about two miles from Collins and Aikman. Mrs. Ramsey died instantly.

Solicitor Leo Carr is prosecuting this case and all others during this term of court. A number of witnesses were placed on the stand yesterday by the state, but only a few character witnesses by the defense.

There were a number of people present at the mill entrance as the shooting took place about the time the 2nd shift went on at the mill. Mrs. Ramsey, it is understood, was accompanied by two women as she attempted to enter the mill grounds and was shot.

The jury was locked up for the night.

Thursday p. m.—Ryland Ramsey took the stand today in his own behalf and testified that he went to the mill to see his wife and not for the purpose of shooting her. Several other witnesses were called to the stand including Mr. Ramsey, father of Ryland.

At one o'clock, court took a recess until two o'clock and immediately upon coming back into the court room the lawyers started their plea to the jury. It is thought that the case will be given to the jury around five o'clock this afternoon. A verdict may be reached before night or it may be much later.

Many Present To Hear Dr. Myers

Addressed Members Of Roxboro P. T. A. And Many Others Tuesday Night At Central School

A large number of Roxboro people were present Tuesday night at Central School to hear Dr. Harold Myers address the members of the Roxboro P. T. A. Dr. Myers is head of the Sociology Department of the University of North Carolina. He was introduced by Mrs. E. V. Boatwright, president of the Roxboro P. T. A.

Dr. Myers impressed all who heard him as he talked about conditions in the South and the need for many improvements. He stated that it was time for the South to wake up and get away from many standards that have been observed and followed here for years. He spoke of conditions in the mills, among the tenants and among negroes. Particular attention was also paid the educational position of this section.

Rev. Thos. Hamilton, accompanied by Mrs. Wallace Woods, rendered a beautiful violin solo prior to the address.

Besides the space utilized for coastwise and ocean shipping, considerable waterfront space in the Port of New York is used for garbage dumps, ferry slip recreation space, and public piers for sand, gravel, iron, steel etc.