

## Sophs of '40 Session . . . . .

Making a fine showing this year as sophomore quarterback, J. V. (John Van Buren) Pruitt, of Wilson, now with the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest, has taken many honors during his first session of varsity play and hopes to be in better shape when the '41 season comes around.

At present Pruitt stands 5 feet, 11 inches, weighs 177 and still growing. When Red Mayberry sustained a broken arm early in September this young fellow took over first string duties and has started in every game.

In the Deacon's 12-0 win over Carolina, J. V. was outstanding in every department and won wide acclaim for his feats. On that memorable occasion for Wake Forest Long John Jett took a beautiful pass from Pruitt and tallied the Deacon's first marker. During the encounter the young sophomore also average five yards every time he ran and his punts, averaging 40 yards per kick, were beautiful. Six went out of bounds within UNC's 12 yard line, on the 3, 6, 12, 12, 12, 12.

Other sophomores were Bob Whitten, of this city, who was rated at the University of North Carolina as "the most improved man on the squad," deserves a lot of credit. Bob did some fine work in several important contests and they'll be looking to him for a lot more help in '41 and '42, and Pat Preston, also of Wake Forest, was a sophomore flash in his department.

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## High School Champs . . . . .

On Thursday (Turkey Day) the high school state championships games for football honors were held in Kenan stadium at the University of North Carolina and the Western teams of Greensboro and Reidsville took Classes A and B laurels respectively.

From all four cities came plenty of fine material and these boys put on exhibitions that were well worth the money for admission.

On the sidelines in the form of a scouting party rather than on duty were Head Coach Raymond Wolf, of the University of North Carolina; Dan Hill, of the Duke athletic department, and "Nig" Waller, of N. C. State college. In our opinion, these men saw what they came looking for, and that several of the high school players will get some encouraging talk soon.

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## The Mighty Man, Ace . . . . .

Ace Parker, one of this state's most valuable contributions to the pro-football world, is truly living up to the name given him while attending Duke university and playing with the Blue Devils.

Last Sunday after receiving several gifts from some of his admirers, he went into a game in which his team, the Brooklyn Dodgers, was competing with those tough Washington Redskins and took for himself a 14-9 win. During the first half of the contest the Redskins led with 9 points, but the third quarter came and Ace started to work. On an 18-yard run he picked up 6 points, then secured another with his toe. A few minutes later he made a 25-yard pass to Schartz for the second touchdown, and again was successful with his toe.

When you put a man like Ace Parker under the direction of a good old mentor like Dr. Jock Sutherland, you've got a ball club right there, and I'm betting Pitt will wish for Sutherland, their former coach, when they go against the Duke Blue Devils in Durham Saturday.

## Noted Golfers Compete for Crown



Many nationally famous golfers will compete in the seventeenth annual Miami \$10,000 Golf Open Tournament in Florida December 12-15. Chief contenders, shown above, are (L. to R.): Vic Ghezzi, Ralph Guldahl, Jimmy Hines, Dick Metz, Harold McSpaden, Paul Runyan, Horton Smith and Sammy Snead, the defending champion. Lower left: the spacious Miami Springs Country club, scene of the tournament.

## Aggies Can't Figure It Out

Austin, Texas, Nov. 29.—Numb, driven into silence by defeat, the once invincible Texas Aggies weren't certain today whether they would just call it quits for the 1940 season or play in a New Year's Day post-season game.

The one foot they had in the Rose Bowl was jarred from its mooring yesterday by a gallant University of Texas team that simply gave them a country lick, 7-0, before the largest throng in all Southwest college football history—45,000.

The Cotton Bowl classic in Dallas is probably theirs for the taking, despite their defeat. The Texas Aggies still are a great football team, one that had won 19 successive games before Texas reared up and preserved an 18-year-old hex that has kept the Aggies from winning in Austin since 1922.

The Aggies wanted no part of bowl talk today, but Coach Horn

er Norton said that after a holiday the players would gather on the campus down at College Station and "think it all out." The Aggies still haven't given up the idea of playing in a bowl game, as was evidenced by the fact that they still planned to scout Tennessee and Fordham in Saturday games, there was considerable talk of a Fordham-Aggie game in the Dallas Cotton Bowl.

Norton emphasized, however, that it was entirely up to the players themselves as to whether they would play a post-season game. The matter was not mentioned after yesterday's defeat.

The Aggie team that stood on the threshold of football immortality—the team that was on the verge of clinching an undisputed Southwest Conference title for the second straight year, weren't as good as Texas University—for the day.

The "clean up or close up" campaign was launched in North Carolina in May, 1939, and has resulted in the elimination of 135 undesirable beer outlets.

## Greensboro And Reidsville Win High School Titles

Chapel Hill, Niv. 29.—By virtue of a lone touchdown Greensboro won the Class A high school state football championship outright. This is the first time that such has happened. On two previous occasions, however, once in 1934 and again in 1938, Greensboro shared the title with Durham due to two ties.

Greensboro took possession of the title by beating Rocky Mount here yesterday 7-0. The lone touchdown, climaxing a 37-yard drive, came midway the fourth quarter. Hallock Winner ploughed over and Wolfe placekicked the extra point.

Rocky Mount threatened in the last minutes of the game but we e held at the five-yard stripe.

Two perfect placements by O. Sacinty were the margin by which Reidsville beat Elizabeth City 14-12 for the Class B title. The teams battled on even terms. It was the sixth championship in seven appearances here since 1930 for the Golden Lions.

## Deacons Top Birds 7 to 6

Extra Point Proves Margin of Victory.

Charlotte, Nov. 29.—An extra point placement kick by Tony Gallovich provided the narrow margin of Wake Forest's 7-6 victory over a fighting South Carolina team here yesterday.

The Deacons scored in the second period on a five yard pass from J. B. V. Pruitt to End John Jett, after which Gallovich converted. John Polanski led the 45 yard march that set up the touchdown.

South Carolina tallied in the third when Halfback Al Grygo slanted 10 yards off tackle to score after his pass to Blouin had been good for 40 yards. Arrow-smith's try for point was wide. In the final period South Carolina staved off another Wake Forest attack.

## Boston College, Vols Considered

Pasadena, Calif., Nov. 29.—Texas A. & M.'s first football defeat in 20 games threw the Rose Bowl field wide open today.

The Aggies, boomed loudly last year but passed up by Southern California in favor of Tennessee, were the choice of most Pacific Coast fans for this year's bid to the New Year's classic here.

Whether they were definitely eliminated was problematical. Defeated teams have been invited, and a movement is gaining headway in behalf of Nebraska, Big Six champion beaten by Minnesota in the season's opener.

But the biggest clamor was set up by supporters of Tennessee and Boston College, both with clear records. The Vols lost to U. S. C. 14-0 last January and their backers say they deserve another chance. Although Boston College is a definite possibility the general impression here is that the Eagles are already set for a Sugar Bowl appearance.

What Stanford University—considered a certain western choice—thinks about it remained to be seen. The Indians still have their traditional finale against California coming up Saturday and are not committing themselves until it's over. The Coast Conference vote will be taken immediately after that game. Stanford so far is undefeated.

All Al Masters, Stanford graduate manager, would admit last night was that Texas Aggies' loss to Texas University, 7-0, "complicates matters."

## Schools To Have Identical Holidays

Returning Monday to classes after Thanksgiving vacations which began last Thursday, pupils in Person County and Roxboro public schools will count the few short weeks before December 20, when Christmas holidays last year, will begin. Announcement of these dates for the oncoming holiday was made two weeks ago by County Superintendent of Schools, R. B. Griffin.

## State Grid Team Has Good Record

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—The N. C. State Wolfpack though dubbed the "country boys" and said by pre-season dopesters not to have a chance at a good record, this season racked up its best offensive record in 12 years, in addition to scoring in all of its nine games.

The squad's total of 120 points was the best since the 1928 team ran up 216 points in 10 games. Last year's Wolfpack accounted for only 49. The 1928 team was coached by Gus Tebell, basketball coach at the University of Virginia, Dr. Ray Sermon, recently retired to private practice here, and Butch Slaughter, also now at Virginia.

Not since 1917 has a State team scored in every game of the season.

## Marshall Gridders Sets Scoring Mark; 27 Touchdowns

Huntington, W. Va., Nov. 25.—Jackie Hunt of Marshall scored four touchdowns against West Virginia Wesleyan last week to set a new all-time college record of 27 for a single season. Marshall won, 67 to 0.

Hunt's beat broke the 20-year mark of James C. Leach, who scored 26 touchdowns while playing for Virginia Military Institute in 1920.

Leach, however, had 48 extra points and two field goals for a point total of 210 to Hunt's 162, scored on touchdowns alone.

## PROJECTS

All 4-H clubs in Onslow county have shown more interest in project work this year, and indications are that a larger percentage of projects will be completed and reported, says Assistant Farm Agent Jack Kelly.

fin and his announcement was followed last week by a similar statement from Roxboro Supervisor H. C. Gaddy, who said that City schools will observe the same schedule as that fixed by the county school heads.

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