

# Gurley Gloomy Over Game Here Saturday

## Freshmen Cannot Play In P. C. Game Yet Bears Will Put Up Strong Fight Here

Will Shove Fast Backfield Into Shelby's First College Game.

(By CHARLIE PEGRAM.)  
Hickory.—S. I. A. Rules may prove the undoing of Coach Dick Gurley and his Lenoir Rhyne Mountain Bears when the bruins grow into action against Presbyterian college at the Cleveland County fair this week.

The frosh, prides of the Bear den, won't get a smell of action in the big battle of religions. Presbyterian plays only upperclassmen while the Lutherans use frosh on the varsity. For this reason the Due West boys are due victory.

Dick Gurley has added another gray hair or so in his mop because of that ruling. Early this season it looked like the Lutherans would run away with decisions over the whole schedule. Then Presbyterian was added. That was anything but honey to the Bears.

But apparently the veteran mentor isn't half so worried as the casual observer would believe. He has a world of material at hand and graduation took as its toll only one varsity man, Captain Steelman. But when diplomas are dishied out next June the biggest crop of grid talent in recent years will file through the portals of the Lutheran college.

Captain Jack Kiser, of Lincoln-ton, able and courageous youngster, who has a mania for grabbing off baby dirigibles from the ether and

## County League Winners



Above is the baseball outfit which won the Cleveland county league baseball pennant. The victorious club, the Cleveland cloth mill outfit, did not lose a game during the league schedule, although dropping the city title here last week to Eastside, the runner-up club in the county loop.

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### Sport Shorts In Shelby

Shelby's Best Gridiron Products.

It is along about this time of year, as the football season is trying to get off on both feet, that fans hereabouts begin talking bygone days and the great gridgers who have played in and about Shelby. As is customary with humans, very few of the fans can agree on their picks. That being the case there will be those who will disagree with the writer in naming, as he sees it, the two most valuable football players ever produced here.

For year after year, for something like a decade or more, Shelby high has produced one or two performers each season who have attracted state-wide attention, while last year a Shelby pigskin carrier was named on the All-Southern eleven for the first time. And from all that collection of good football players, just as good as any other one town in North Carolina has produced, we're willing to go on record with the belief that two ends, Hugh Arrowood and Melvin Peeler—were the best gridiron artists ever produced here.

Both boys never knew what it was to play to the grandstand. Had they been of the grandstand type they perhaps would have been better known today, and, likely, would enjoy a higher rating with football fans. But it isn't likely that they would have been worth any more to the teams upon which they played.

Dick Gurley, a veteran coach now, readily says that he never trained or handled a harder-working, more dependable football player than Hugh Arrowood. Down at Davidson college, where Arrowood sought higher education after leaving Shelby high, Monk Younger and Tex Tilton will tell you the same thing today. Arrowood's consistent play with the Wild-cats, usually against larger and better elevens, landed him on the All-State team picked from the Big Five. No coach, insofar as we recall, ever left Arrowood off his All-State pick while the Shelby youth was in college. Some of the sportswriters and fans overlooked the plugging youngster who never pulled anything flashy, but not the coaches—those old fellows, who watch every play and know why it worked or did not work, pick their stars from the worth of those stars to the team, not according to how many thrills they give the grandstand.

When Melvin Peeler was at Shelby high he was no flash. No one ever expected him to be a Grange or an Oberlander. Yet every Shelby high fan knew that in every game there was one place in the Shelby line which did not leak. By his last year here Peeler came to be about the most valuable cog on the eleven. When he entered Duke university, where practically every candidate for the varsity eleven was heavier and bigger, Casey Morris said "Sure he'll make the team. If they ever get an eleven there which they can keep that boy from making, I want to see it."

Then the football dope began to pour out of Duke this year about the remarkable talent coming up from the fresh eleven. This dope had it that such stars as Jankowski and Buie would have a hard time holding their jobs. The former Shelby boy wasn't even mentioned in

## Morris Has Team Ready For Opening Battle On Friday

Shelby Coach Unable To Tell Just How Green Eleven Will Work.

"We'll just have to wait until Friday and see how good, or bad, they look when most of them play in their first real game." Coach "Casey" Morris declared today while putting the finishing touches on the Shelby high eleven which will play its first game at the city park Friday afternoon.

The strong Belmont Abbey prep school eleven, with a new coach and some new material, will battle the rebuilt Shelby eleven in its initial contest of the year.

About the only cheer the Shelby coaches can get out of their thoughts about the first game is that the local eleven will be about the heaviest Shelby has sent on the field in several years. But it is so green, for the most part, that the local mentors are afraid that the weight may do more harm than good.

Much of the success of the game will depend upon the performance of three players—Wilson, veteran line player; Eskridge and Rippey, backs. Of course these three cannot battle the Irish boys alone, but they may make a good job of it by helping the new players on the eleven keep their signals straight and their head reasonably cool under fire.

The game will more than likely draw a good crowd despite the fair, because football fans are getting in the humor to see some gridiron play.

The early dispatches, although there was gobs of gushing stuff about a sensational new end who could catch forward passes better than Rogers Hornsby can snag baseballs. Not a word about Peeler. The sport dopsters were doing the talking then.

This week there came a sport story out of Durham in which Coach Jimmy DeHart gave the probable lineup of the Duke eleven, which has the South sitting back wondering what a point-making machine it must be. And one of the ends on the team the coach said would play Pittsburgh was Melvin Peeler, the young fellow the sportwriters could not see for watching the sensational boys catch forward passes. Put it down, you folks who are going to the Pitt-Duke game for the opening of the billionaire stadium, that Peeler will give Pitt a lot of trouble.

And put it down, also, that Shelby has yet to produce better gridgers than Arrowood and Peeler. It takes more than ability to make a real star, a star the coaches consider valuable; it takes the innards to keep battling and scrapping until that ability is recognized. Those two have it—or, rather, Arrowood had it, and Peeler has it. Of course, as we say, there will be those who differ, but, for our part, we'll leave it to any coach who has handled the two above-named luminaries, any coach against whose eleven they have performed.

This ought to be a big week for Shelby and Cleveland county football fans. The Shelby highs start the year off Friday in a game here with Belmont Abbey. The Irishers may win, but it will be no easy task. Then on Saturday this section will have its first collegiate clash when the Mountain Bears of Lenoir-Rhyne clash with P. C. at the county fair.

If you're interested in football, you should miss neither game. And remember that the interest shown in the college game Saturday will determine whether or not Shelby will have a "Big Five" college game for the fair next year.

## Belmont Abbey Is Ready For Shelby Highs

Coach Wheeler To Send Hefty Eleven To Shelby For First Game Friday.

Belmont.—The Irishmen of Belmont Abbey will launch upon probably the hardest schedule ever faced by a Belmont eleven next Friday when Casey Morris' Shelbyites are to be encountered.

Coach Wheeler began a new policy by keeping the football lineup a secret until the opening clash at Shelby. However, he has the following men to contend with: center, Angell; guards, Lanche, Rogers, Albright; tackles, Funch, Whittaker; ends, O'Connell, Manley, Doris, Dooley; Half-backs, McDonoh, Eiserhardt, Madigan, G. Campbell; full-backs, Mooney, Howard; quarterbacks, R. H. Howard, Fine.

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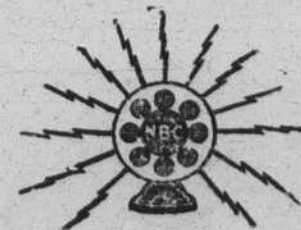
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