

## Our Foretaste Of Fall Sparks Seasons Ritual

A delicious foretaste of autumn came into Mooresville for a one-night stand last week. It bathed us in a breath of crisp, cool relief. It wasn't Indian summer, it was nothing more than a fleeting tease of August. Yet, we welcomed the excuse to dig out the sweaters that smelled of cedar. We bundled up the kids in clothing that the really didn't need, and we marveled at the young lady in swimsuit and sweatshirt in the municipal pool.

The first flame of color (Or could we have imagined it?) flashed among the poplars in front of the house. We called the family to watch the squirrels as they (frankly, it seemed) flitted among the hickories in their race against time to prepare for the long siege ahead. And silently to the squirrel we said: You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din. We made reference to the fuel we knew was low and the anti-freeze we knew we had to have.

The Midget baseballers played on that cool night, and as they began the final game of the year, the Midget footballers were straining their young muscles on another part of the same field. The order, change, and a boy's interest is momentarily torn. One youngster split the difference; he left football practice to pinch hit, still wearing his shoulder pads and the rest of that get-up that looked strangely out of place.

For nature, the changeover is casual and even boring, perhaps. She has been doing it for so very long. For people, the seasons, and even the premature announcements of their comings, are always exciting.

## We've Come Full Cycle—And Then Some

The Washington World Series of the demonstrations is over. All that remains is the hot-stove league, the end of the stoking of the flames in which is nowhere in sight.

And if you think that sentence structure is crazy, read on, friend.

A second big push for Negro rights is in the bull pen, and this is a real relief ace, and it goes beyond what we know as civil rights.

It's the "domestic Marshall Plan" for Negroes and their needs. It will enable them, as their leaders put it, "to catch up on the privileges which have been denied."

They say the Marshall Plan helped

## Head Colds And The Eternal Question

Someone last week wanted to know when the "official" cold season started? Cold like in the head, not like weather.

We didn't know at the time there was an off-season for the plugged-up head and leaky nose. There isn't, not at our house anyway.

But we have learned after a thorough study, though, that a cold is when and where you find it—and school is about the best place to look. More people, more breathing, more viruses agitating about.

Because there are a lot of kids in schools now, we officially declare cold season open. And thank heaven for it; we've been playing wipe-your-nose-don't-sneeze-over-your-food all year out of ignorance. Next summer, we will know the kids are sniffing and coughing for meanness, so instead of passing the aspirin we can whale the tar out of them.

We have no doubt that Cold Season will be observed. It will be official for the same reason just about everything, except maybe Christmas and Easter, is official—to drum up business.

In fairness to the army of cold season promoters, who will be harping the miracle-working qualities of all those pills, in-

And for the arrival of fall, this is especially so.

Spring is pure pleasure. It greets us complete with visions of cookout, campouts—all is fun, just so it's outdoors. Through the summer, we get our fill of sun and sweat. By the first of September, our visions are of good coffee and of the family, scattered through the summer, drawn close during the long evenings.

Grandmother would have built a small fire in the spare cook-stove for the same reason we wore too much clothing. As she cooked on the gas range, the warmth of the wood stove would have mingled with the aroma of the coffee she baked and ground herself.

It is the ritual of anticipation. In two months, we will feel the drafts we didn't know had developed in the house. Our windshields will frost over. There will be that inevitable frantic rush early in November to find a service station open late at night, probably after the late weather report, that can provide that all-important anti-freeze you knew you would forget even the squirrel reminded you.

And where we don't find a station open, and when we're covering the engine with quilts and the dog comes up whimpering to go inside, then we'll begin to look forward to the first jonquil.

We won't think then as we do now, that only by having the four seasons can we appreciate each of them. Who wants Florida, we say now? The lucky dogs, we'll say when the late weather gives the Miami Beach temperature.

## Parson Jones' Pulpit

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER:

Wish you could have been with me this past week. I had so much good stuff to eat that I put on 10 pounds. With the size belly I've got now it oughten to be too hard to make arch-bishop. I've got the arch—all I need is the bishop. Wouldn't that sound pretty? Bishop Jones!

The reason I got on this eating spree was cause all my members have fresh garden vegetables. They've got more than they know what to do with. So, instead of giving it to the hogs they invited me. Five times this week I cheated the hogs. You shore learn a lot when you eat with folks.

I found out most a my people get their silverware from the dime store. Course I didn't get to eat out of it cause they've also got some highfalootin silverware that they drag out when visitors come. Ezekiah said the only time he ever got to eat with real silverware was when his wife was trying to impress somebody.

Another thing I found out Mr. Publisher, was that none a my folks are starving to death. Every year when we go to ask folks for Church contributions you'd think they was right on the verge of the pore house. If the Church had all the food that members waste we could send missionaries to the moon. And, if we had what they overeat we could send a few to Mars.

One thing I'll have to give my folks credit for is their manners. Every house I went to had their forks and knives laid out just right. They even had napkins to wipe your mouth on. Rufe was the only fella that drunk his coffee out of his saucer.

Yes sir, my folks are right mannered, that is, except when it comes to God. Two houses I went in, just flew right in to eating without giving thanks to the Almighty. Big Slim asked all his youngins if they'd washed their hands and then proudly announced that everybody should fly right in and eat. It reminded me of my hogs. At least my hogs grunt, which might be considered an expression of gratitude.

The other places I ate had me to ask the blessing, which I thought was pretty nice, till one o' two younguns notified me that the only time thanks was returned was when the preacher showed up.

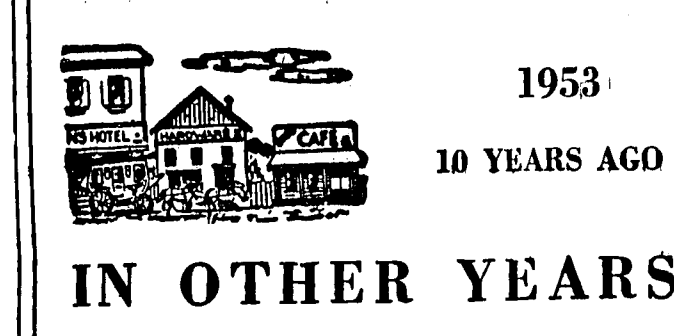
Mr. Publisher, don't all this seem a little inconsistent to you—that folks try so hard to be mannerly before people while they're acting so greedy toward God? Personally I'd rather see a fella eat with his fingers and thank the good Lord, than to act like Miss Test and forget the giver.

I read somewhere, Sir, that only half the Church members give thanks at mealtime. From what I've seen I doubt if it's that high. And, I'll tell you one thing, if folks don't pray at mealtime they're not likely to pray anytime.

Well, I've gotta be going now, Mr. Publisher. I'm gonna speak over at the Grange tonight. I'm gonna talk on the subject, "Man may have sprung from monkeys, but he's going to the hogs." Right after that I've gotta visit big Slim. He's sick. He's been grunting with a bad stomach all week.

Yours Truly,  
Parson Jones

## OUR COMMUNITY



10 YEARS AGO

## IN OTHER YEARS

Dry weather, which for the past few months has covered most of the nation, continues to grip Iredell county.

The situation in this county is most serious, according to Farm Agent Roger Murdoch, who, along with other agencies and individuals, has been working "night and day" to have the county designated as a drought disaster area.

All possible means of getting the county listed among those eligible to receive drought aid through the United States Department of Agriculture are being taken, according to John T. Alexander, chairman of the Iredell County Commissioners.

Mr. Alexander has been working with Mr. Murdoch, and both are very much upset over the fact Iredell has not been listed as a drought disaster area.

Folkart & Lawrence, Inc., one of the oldest importers of English wools in America, has been appointed selling agents for the entire southern production of Mooresville Mills. The announcement was made Tuesday from New York by John F. Matheson, president of Mooresville Mills.

One new case of polio has been reported to the Iredell County Health Department during the past week, bringing the total cases of polio in the county to six.

The latest victim is Michael Richard Brotherton, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brotherton of Mooresville, near Charles P. Matt returned home Saturday from a three-month visit with his sister, Mrs. Sarah Butler, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beaver and son, John, of Augusta, Ga., spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gilleland and Mrs. Sloan Beaver. They came especially to attend the marriage of Mr. Beaver's brother, Harold, to Miss Betty Allison. The wedding was solemnized Sunday at 12 o'clock noon at the Second Presbyterian Church.

Judge J. C. Rudisill of the Superior Court last Wednesday signed a restraining order forbidding the Town of Mooresville to cut off the water supply of those affected by a recent hydrant ordinance until the matter could be heard in the Iredell Superior Court.

Dr. William Eugene Spears, Jr., of Union, South Carolina, has accepted the pastoral call extended to him by the First Baptist Church. It was announced today by Ralph Barker, chairman of the church's pulpit committee.

Bruce O. Brantley, an employee of an operation on his back at the VA Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina, earlier in the month, returned to his home on West Moore avenue last Friday. His condition is reported to be very much improved. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Brantley is a member of the local post office staff, working as city mail carrier.

Donald Hager Morrow received one of the 497 undergraduate scholarships which have just been awarded by the University. It was announced today by Earl W. Porter, director of the university's Bureau of Public Information.

Gillespie Electric, located for the past several years in the former George C. Goodman home on South Main street, this week is moving to a location on North Main street. The concern will locate in the Mrs. E. B. Brown building, next door to the Citizens Building and Loan Association office building.

Smith Alexander Lytle, an employee of the Trans-Continental Gas Pipe Line Company of Houston, Texas, died at his home, 300 West McNeely avenue, Sunday morning at 10:40 o'clock. He was 72 years of age.

In falling health for the past two years, Mr. Lytle had been seriously ill for several months, undergoing two major operations since last April.

The Mooresville Little League is anxious to get started this afternoon with their first game of the 1953 tournament. All-Star coach E. Y. Howard is also very anxious; he says he has a winning team with power hitting.

The Rev. James Bryan Griswold, Jr., assumed the duties of Deacon in charge of St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Mooresville and St. James Episcopal Church at Shinnock on Sunday, June 21. He will make his home in Mooresville.

Fred Holt, director of recreation for Mooresville Mills for the past five years, has submitted his resignation effective September 1st. C. W. Davidson, Personnel Director, announced today.



**MIGHTIEST MIDGETS** — Recreation Director Carl Baber awards trophies to the youngsters who won or were voted top honors in the Midget baseball league conducted by the recreation department. From left are Kelly Compton, who was voted the league's best sports; batting champion Joe Dingler, who wound up the year with a hefty .500 average; and Dennis Talbert, selected by the players as the most valuable player in the league.



**John Mack & Son To Sponsor Player Of Week Again In '43** — Again, John Mack & Son will sponsor the Blue Devil griddier of the week. Mitchell Mack, co-owner of the local department store, made the announcement Monday.

The procedure will be the same as last year. After each game, members of the football team will take a vote to determine who, in their judgment, was the most outstanding player in the game. The winner will be awarded a \$5 gift certificate and his picture will be displayed in the window of the store during the football season.

The store also will have an advertisement in the Tribune each week with a picture of the chosen player.

No player can receive the honor twice, thus at least 10 weekly selections will be made. From these 10, a player of the year will be selected who will receive a trophy and a suit of clothes from the store.

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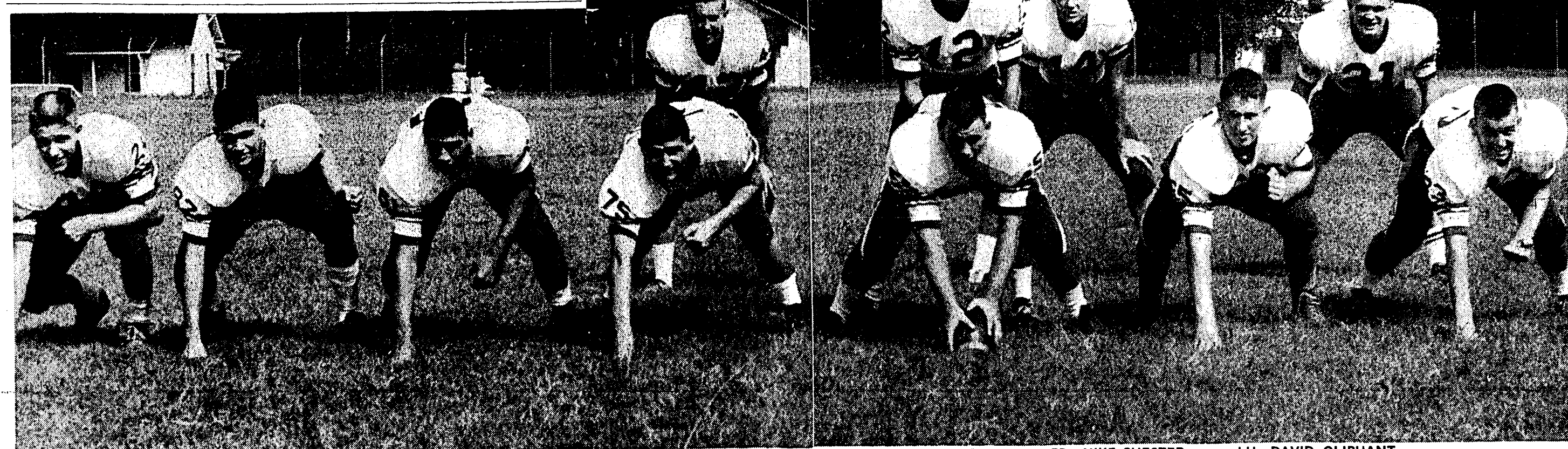
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# MSHS Offensive "11" Ready For Statesville Battle

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1953 — THE MOORESVILLE (N.C.) TRIBUNE—3



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## Blue Devil Footballers Wind Up Work For Opener At Statesville Friday

With three weeks of practice gone, the Senior High footballers are set for their opening game at Statesville Friday night. Coach Boyles will send the team through a light workout this afternoon (Thursday) as they taper off training and wait for kick-off time in the North Iredell city.

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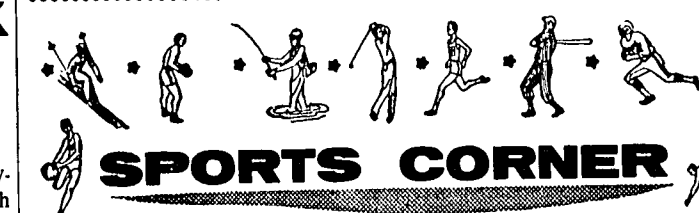
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It just could be the conference title will be determined in the final game of the season when Mooresville plays Children's Home here November 8.

Every team in the North Piedmont goes into action Friday night. Seven are on tap with all but one facing non-conference foes.

The only conference game at North Rowan playing at West Rowan.



## SIDELINE COMMENTS

### Tension Grows As Grid Campaign Nears K-Hour

All summer long we waited for the day of the week our team was scheduled to play in the football league. Don't know what's the trouble, but softball has now become secondary in our thoughts. We haven't found a new love, in fact, I've been

going steady for over 12 years now. Still there's something different, don't know what it is. . . . I guess some few people in town will be going to Statesville to the football game tomorrow night. I'll be there, too.

This year, as in the past, we'll try to give a few thoughts of football. Mooresville football in particular. Just to set the record straight, this writer has sole responsibility for the contents of this column, whether they be right or wrong, they reflect no opinions of this newspaper as a whole.

In our writing, we attempt to give a rundown on the North Piedmont scene, make a few predictions, and once in a while a little advice as to how to play the football campaign. This year we continue the same trend.

Folks ask us what is our opinion of the football team. Our answer: It's the best in the world, we back it all the way, win, lose or draw, we like to win, and this year we feel the Blue Devils can.

Other folks have asked us how we think the conference will end up. After studying the matter closely we have decided to make a prediction on the upcoming race for the NPC championship.

Here is the way we feel it should end:

1. MOORESVILLE  
2. Children's Home  
3. David County  
4. North Rowan  
5. East Rowan  
6. Troutman

Just clip that out and keep it until the season ends. See how close we really are. We got out on a limb and picked the Blue Devils. Their top spot depends on many things, how hard they play, how they really want to win, how the injuries work out during the season.

The low-scoring contest had the Pirates scoring two runs in the third inning. The Yankees battled back to tie the score in the sixth and their three tallies in the eighth gave them the crown.

Leftfielder James Miller aided Wells at the plate, also getting two hits. Wells actually gave the Yankees the victory when he led off the eighth frame with a home run.

In reaching the finals of the tournament, the Yankees defeated the Braves 6-2 in the first round. The Pirates earned their chance at the title by upending the Giants 14-10 in the opening game at West Rowan.

## Booster Club Sets 300 As Goal In Membership Drive

"Just As Good, Or A Little Better." That's the goal of the Booster Club's 1953 membership drive that opened last week. A membership kickoff dinner held at the Townhouse Restaurant last week was attended by about 40 Boosters. It was unanimously agreed that 300 members could be enrolled during the campaign.

The club enjoyed a very prosperous year during the past 12 months and newly-installed President Buford Compton expects the coming year to be even better.

In a report to the club, Treasurer Walter Moss issued a financial statement. During the past year, Moss said, the club had a total income of \$2,063.38, and disbursements of \$2,058.30, leaving a balance of \$5.08 with which to start the new year.

Of this total, \$1,800 was derived from dues from about 250 members of the organization. With an expanded program for the new year, it will take many memberships if the club is to carry out the planned program.

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