

First Army Makes Slight, Hard Won Gains

TWO BULLDOGS PLACED ON ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS; VOTE GIVES FIVE BOYS HONORABLE MENTION

Coach Martin Enthusiastic Over Prospects For 1945 If All Eligible Boys Of This Year Return Next Year

Though the Ranger high school Bulldogs ended the season in a tie for fourth place in District 9-AA football schedule, individually they scored in the coaches' 1944 selection for the all district teams and runner-ups.

The coaches placed Bailey Woods on the first all-district team's backfield and Leonard Arterburn left end on the all-district second team and honorable mention was given Frankie Ford, Ronald Pruet, Pete Dawn, Bob Franklin and Mace Oylar.

Coach Don Martin of the Bulldogs beamed with pride over the selection of his boys and stated that Bulldogs have the brightest prospects to be district winners next year if the boys who are eligible to do so return to play next year.

Every boy on the squad will be eligible to return with the exception of Leonard Arterburn, Lillburn Baker and Jack Townsen.

Coach Martin discusses with enthusiasm the possibility of a team composed of such boys as Pete Dawn, Howard Frasier, and Junior Arterburn as ends; Ronald Pruet, Wesley Walker and Bob Oylar as tackles; Bob Franklin, A. N. Richards, and Don Ford, as guards; Worth Carlin, center, and such backs as Bailey Woods, Frankie Ford, Mace Oylar, Frank Warner, Bobbie Gray and Sam Elder.

Then he says there are the other good players to fill in such as Jimmie Kelly, Paul MacDonald, Jackie Littlefield, Kenneth Reynolds, Billie Griffin and Dick Kelly.

Following is the complete set-up for the all-district places:

FIRST TEAM:
Left end, Bill Lambert, Brownwood, weight 160, senior class, points 70; Left tackle Wayland Loudermilk, Brownwood, weight 179, senior class, points 45; Left guard, Charles Gallagher, Breckenridge, weight 150, senior class, points 65; Center, Richard Rowan, Breckenridge, weight 175, senior class, points 70; Right guard, Danny Wolfe, Stephenville, weight 170, junior class, points 50; Right tackle, Harold Hartman, Breckenridge, weight 235, senior class, points 40; Right end, Dan Collins, Cisco, weight 153, senior class, points 35; Back, Bailey Woods, Ranger, weight 170, senior class, points 60; Back, Bobby Adair, Breckenridge, weight 145, senior class, points 60; Back, Bill de Leu, Weatherford, weight 160, senior class, points 55; Back, Poy Dickinson, Brownwood, weight 157, senior class, points 45.

SECOND TEAM:
Left end, Leonard Arterburn, Ranger, weight 138, senior class, points 20; Left tackle, Melvin Nobles, Cisco, weight 163, senior class, points 30; Left guard, Milburn Haydon, Weatherford, weight 160, junior class, points 45; Center, Jerry Hamrick, Brownwood, weight 140, junior class, points 35; Right guard, Billy Reves, Brownwood, weight 144, senior class, points 20; Right tackle, Paul Stone, Breckenridge, weight 177, senior class, points 30; Right end, Wayland Reid, Breckenridge, weight 160, senior class, points 20; Back, Dock Moon, Breckenridge, weight 176, junior class, points 35; Back, Mitford Johnson, Cisco, weight 144, senior class, points 35; Back, Homer Tompkins, Cisco, weight 155, senior class, points 25; Back, Wayne Teacaster, Stephenville, weight 140, senior class, points 20.

HONORABLE MENTION:
Ends—Mr. Wlop; 78905 (Number of points in parenthesis).

Ends—Slaughter, Brownwood (10); Johnson, Weatherford (5); Spurgeon, Mineral Wells (5); Ford, Breckenridge (10); Jones, Stephenville (5); Dawn, Ranger (5); Peters, Weatherford (10);

DAILY BIBLE READING

Friday, Ephesians 6

Win All-District Places; Honorable Mention



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LEONARD ARTERBURN



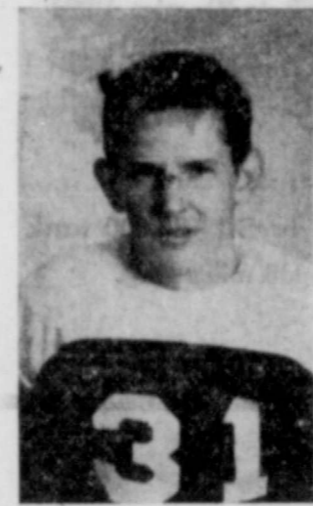
BAILEY WOODS



BOB FRANKLIN



PETE DAWN



RONALD PRUET



MACE OYLAR

PFC. MATTHEWS AGAIN INJURED IN WAR ACTION

For the second time since their son, Pfc. Marcus Matthews, has been on duty with the Armed Forces in the European theatre, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews of route 3, Ranger have received the dreaded war department message informing them that their son has been wounded in action.

The second message came to the parents Thursday and stated that Pfc. Matthews was slightly wounded in action in Germany on November 25. It was stated that reports of his condition would be forwarded to the parents as they were received by the war department.

Pfc. Matthews was seriously wounded in the invasion of France on July 5 and word of his being wounded was received on July 25. On September 25 the parents were informed by telegram that the son had been returned to duty on September 2.

He had been in service almost three years and has been in foreign duty since March of this year. He first was stationed in England and was in the invasion of France on June 6. He was rearmed with the infantry in the 90th division which is with the First Army.

He is a native of Eastland county and was reared at Morton Valley. Before going into service he was employed by the A. J. Ratliff Feed Store.

OIL ACTIVITIES INCREASE IN NEAR RANGER

Interest in further development of oil properties in and near Ranger is showing considerable increase and at present there are a number of wells being drilled in this area.

According to David D. Pickrell, superintendent of the Premier Oil Refining company, the Taylor No. 1, south of Gunsight, being drilled by the Premier and the Woodley Petroleum Company of Houston, struck oil at 3130 feet Wednesday and fluid was standing 200 feet in the hole and estimated to be about 50 feet of water and 150 feet of oil. The show in the Caddo which was topped at 3116. Some gas was showing along with the oil.

The two companies have drilled a total of six wells in this area and have two oil producers and one gas well.

In the Sibley pool southeast of Ranger, The Lone Star Producing Company's Mark Williamson No. 1 was drilling ahead after encountering a good show of oil in 17 feet of the Mississippi lime and it is planned to drill to the Ellenburger. McCamey and Ice have the contract.

H. M. Reed of Austin who is drilling a well 2100 feet east of The Lone Star's Sibley No. 10 in the same area is drilling ahead after encountering a good show of oil in the Ranger sand.

L. R. Pearson's Cotton west of Ranger which is being drilled on a lease which is already producing, was drilling around a thousand feet and will test the Olden sand for production.

Wednesday night the North American Oil Consolidated's J. M. Gholson Estate No. 1, drilling in the east edge of the Ranger townsite had reached a depth of 975 feet.

SGT. J. S. PUGH BACK ON DUTY AFTER INJURIES

Interesting the succession of brief bearing messages to Ranger families of men in service, was a message received Wednesday by Mrs. Mittie Pugh stating that her son, Sgt. John S. Pugh, who had been reported injured in a foreign theatre of war has recovered and returned to duty on December 9.

Word of his injuries was received by the mother and his wife, Mrs. Madeline Pugh, on December 1 and stated that Sgt. Pugh had been wounded in an aircraft accident in a foreign theatre of war on that date.

The message today said that the flier had been dismissed from a hospital on December 9 and returned to duty that day.

Basketball Queen To Be Revealed At Games Tonight

The Ranger Junior College girls' basketball team and the Ranger high school girls' team and the Ranger Junior College boys' team and Hillsboro Junior College boys' team will play double header games at the Recreation building tonight beginning at 8 o'clock and the public has been invited to attend the games.

The Hillsboro and Ranger game is a return engagement, the visiting boys having defeated the Ranger team in a game at Hillsboro last week.

It was announced today that the identity of the Sweetheart of the Ranger Junior College Rangers will be revealed between games this evening and the favored young lady will be introduced by Melvin Harbin, captain of the team and Mike Gholson, co-captain.

PARENTS STILL IN DARK AS TO SON'S SAFETY

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Weaver gained little comfort with reference to the safety of their son, Staff Sgt. Pickens Weaver reported missing over France, when they talked long distance to the father of the pilot of Sgt. Weaver's bomber, Tuesday night.

The parents had received a letter from the government listing the names of the men who were on the plane with their son when he was reported missing over France on August 13, 1944. In an effort to relieve their anxiety, Mr. Weaver called the father of the pilot, Lt. Ralph H. Bond, at Henrietta, and the only Texas except Sgt. Weaver on the crew.

Mr. Bond explained that his son had returned to the States and so far as is known is the only crew member that survived the accident. His escape he regards as miraculous. The bomber had dropped its load and had turned to return to its base when it was hit by a bomb from another American plane. The pilot was knocked from the plane by the explosion of the bomb and by some miracle his parachute opened and he landed safely. He had told his father that he had not heard from any of the other boys and it is his belief that none of them escaped the explosion.

The report has not been officially confirmed to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver by the war department but coming from the pilot of the ship they have little cause to doubt its truth. Lt. Bond is now stationed at Dodge City, Kansas.

PFC. HALL GETS PURPLE HEART FOR WOUNDS

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hall have received word that their son, Pfc. Jack Hall has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in the war in France.

The medal has been sent to his wife, the former Miss Minnie Lee Shirley of Ranger, now of Dallas.

Pfc. Hall was serving with a tank company at the time he was wounded and it has been learned that the tank in which he was serving was hit and Jc. Hall thrown from the tank. A blow on his head caused temporary blindness. He was wounded Nov. 11, and is now in a hospital somewhere in the European Theatre.

Pfc. Hall entered the service in March 1944 and received his training at Camp Hood before going overseas. He is a graduate of Ranger High school and was employed in Dallas just prior to entering service.

Robert Dawn In Navy Back From War In Pacific

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dawn received a wire today from their son, Robert Dawn, who has just arrived in the states after serving 22 months overseas.

His leave will begin Dec. 16, and he is expected in Ranger shortly after that.

ATTACKS CHURCHILL

LONDON — H. G. Wells, writing in the left wing weekly, The Tribune, violently attacked Prime Minister Winston Churchill today as a "would-be fuhrer" and demanded that he resign immediately.

REACH OUTSKIRTS OF DUREN; SEVENTH ARMY ADVANCES THREE MILES THROUGH MAGINOT LINE

Russians Tighten Ring Around Burning Budapest As They Meet Increasing Resistance Which Caused Many Casualties

The American First Army hammered out further hard won gains of almost two miles to the western outskirts of the Roer river stronghold of Duren today. The Seventh Army in the south advanced as much as three miles through the Maginot line defenses along Germany's Palatinate border, but progress on most parts of the western front was slow in the face of extremely stiff opposition.

The Russians tightened their ring around burning Budapest as they fought through the inner belt of fortifications in the suburbs east of the Danube, meeting increased resistance which resulted in heavy casualties on both sides.

On the Italian front, a communiqué said Eighth Army troops considerably enlarged their bridgehead over the Lamone river northeast of Faenza, while the Fifth Army, southwest of Imola fought into two more villages.

Street fighting in Athens died down during the night under an undeclared truce pending results of compromise talks between the Leftists and Papandreu government.

In the war against Japan, a considerable force of B-29 Superfortresses bombed military targets in Thailand and Rangoon in Burma and the Tokyo radio reported another B-29 over the capital.

Gen. MacArthur's communique on the Leyte fighting said the American 77th Division pushed northward up the Ormoc corridor, feeling out the enemy lines in preparation for a general attack on the 20,000 or more Japanese pocketed between the 77th and 32nd Divisions.

Three Jap transports were sunk by Ormoc shore batteries Tuesday night, while American airmen again pounded enemy shipping and airfields throughout the Philippines, sinking one freighter and sinking or damaging five coastal vessels off Borneo.

Tokyo Announces Deaths of Five More Admirals

Five more admirals have been crossed off Japan's shrinking list of flag officers, bringing to 78 the number of admirals reported dead by Tokyo since last May 17, a dispatch from the Japanese Domei News Agency reported today.

Domei said the Yokosuka Naval station, largest Japanese home base, announced yesterday that the five additional victims had "died in action," without indicating the dates or circumstances of their deaths.

Senate Committee Approves All Six State Nominees

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved all six of the top state department nominations by divided votes that included last minute switches.

The nomination of Archibald MacLish to be assistant secretary in charge of public and cultural relations won tentative approval when Sen. Guffey, D., Pa., changed his vote to the author-poet's side.

Spar Ensign Never Knows What Next

BOSTON (UP)—Spar Ensign Gertrude Emerson of Cambridge, Boston University alumna, thinks she may hold a record for the greatest variety of jobs while in the service.

WASHINGTON — The Navy, unfolding for the first time many details of its growing arsenal of rocket weapons, revealed today it has developed a small rocket-carrying ship with two and a half times the fire power of a 45,000 ton Battleship.

ROME — For the last two days strong infantry reinforcements and hundreds of tons of supplies have been flown to Athens by the Royal Air Force. Allied authorities in Italy revealed today.

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After returning from Olean, N. Y., where he viewed a demonstration of a new process to convert methane into gasoline, Thompson was asked what "methane" was. "Methane is what is left after all the liquid hydrocarbons like butane, propane, etc. have been extracted from the natural gas," he replied, but he added: "It is said that the meat packer gets everything out of the pig but the squeal. Methane is like the squeal

of the pig. This process uses the squeal of the gas—the skim milk."

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It is one of the wartime contributions of the 14,000 men and women of Humble—scientists, drillers, roustabouts, stenographers, pipeliners, technologists, truck drivers, geologists, glassblowers, stillmen and those working in hundreds of other occupations.

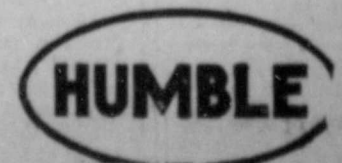
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SOCIETY
CAMP FIRE GIRLS TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The Cheekchammy Group of Camp Fire Girls will meet Friday at 7 p. m. at the home of Sue Ann Wyatt. All members are urged to attend.

Ranger Rebekah Lodge Has Meeting Tuesday

Members of Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 met at the IOOF Hall Tuesday evening for a business session which was presided over by the noble grand, Edith Hicks.

Communications were read and committee reports were made. Plans were made to hold a covered dish luncheon and Christmas social jointly with the Happy

Hour Club at the home of Mrs. Edith Hicks on Wednesday, December 20. Co-hostesses will be Miss Josephine Rodgers, Cora Arrendale, and Louie Calder. Gifts will be exchanged among those present.

The penny prize was furnished by Mabel Souther and won by Birtie Shipman. Seventeen members were present.

MORRIS GEORGE IN ACC FRENCH CLUB

L'Alliance Francaise, campus French Club of Abilene Christian College, numbers among its members Morris George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin George Jr., 319 Hunt Street, Ranger, for the 1944-45 session of ACC, located at Abilene, Texas.

A graduate of Ranger High school in 1944, Morris is majoring in Engineering.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Helen Larry of Shreveport, Louisiana is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Fred Yonker and Mr. Yonker.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ambrose of Ada, Oklahoma, formerly of Ranger, were in Ranger for a brief visit with friends Wednesday while enroute to Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Newnam of Longview are here for a visit with relatives and friends. Their son, Ensign Morris Newnam is now serving on a destroyer in the Pacific Theatre of War.

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