

A HOMECOMING SPECIAL

PIRATE PUSHER

OCTOBER 27, 1972

MATHIS HIGH SCHOOL

It all began

in **1920**

when Mathis sent 11 men
out on the football field.

They were:

(TOP ROW)

E. Wright
O. W. Sweasey
Coach Fry
McCanaly
G. Walker

(MIDDLE ROW)

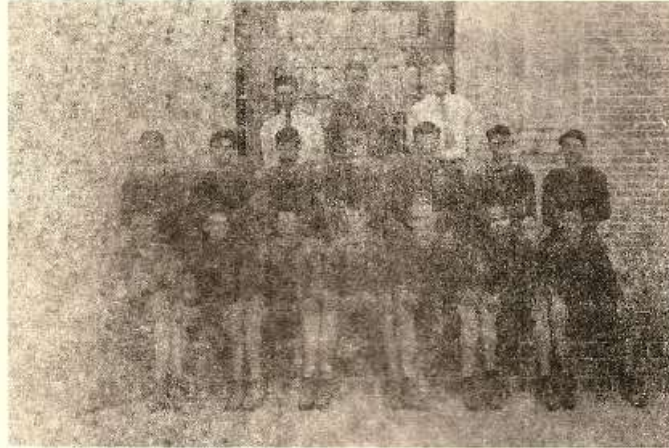
B. Ramey
Beall
Schmidt
W. Miller

(BOTTOM ROW)

A. Hayes
F. Stone
J. Stone



1931



1st ROW: Unidentified, Morgan Edwards, Basil Boatwright, Don Williamson, Harold Adams, Harry Hinton, Gentry Neubauer.

2nd ROW: Bill Coffin, E. Caffall, Jimmy Jones, Ernest Hayes, R. A. Beall, Unidentified, Sidney Stone.

3rd ROW: Coaches Merse Blackman, Alton Jones, Jack Deviney.

1941



FRONT ROW: J. H. Whitfield, Claude White, Kereth Stone, W. F. Koepsel, James Porter, James Leroy Richardson, Leonard Luther, Dee Wilson, Leo Dickie.

BACK ROW: James Allen House, Coach Bob Wehmeyer, Mack Lewis, Bob Coffin, John C. Stone, Pete Mussman, Alton Adams, Frank Lasater, Leslie Bauch, Howard Finke.

1972

Head Coach Dan Gandy put it all together in '72 when he fielded this twenty-eight-member team of district title contenders.



Bottom Row - Aguilar, Keyes, Crenshaw, Powell, Tobin, Stapp
Second Row - Galloway, Hollon, Morin, Huddleston, Munoz
Third Row - Myles, Edmonds, Daley, Porter, McCraw, Munoz
Fourth Row - Torres, Benavides, Laechelin, Lerma, Nelson, Miller
Fifth Row - Delgado, Sanchez, Moreno, Gonzales, Porter
Top Row - Coaches Harris, Gandy, Bowden

RECOLLECTIONS FROM THE PAST

1913 The top salary for any of the five teachers employed was \$125. The janitor's salary was \$12.50.

1914 Students got a break during this time because the school semester ended April 17.

1930 Teacher contracts during this period stipulated that teachers would promise to be home by 11 p.m. on any night preceding a school day.

In 1936-37 the first married teachers were hired for the system...All out of district students had to pay a

\$5.00 transfer fee...A fee of \$1.00 per night was charged by the school if the electric lights were used for commercial purposes...Karen Sue Dorris was the mascot of the third organized football team...Sweaters

were bought for the first time for the football team...Coach Rogers

was hired as head coach for 12 months at \$125.00 per month...Orange Grove took over the payments on the football uniforms because Mathis couldn't keep up the payments... There were only two basketballs, two volleyballs, and four play ground balls in use...The first football field extended from what is now the back playground of Jr.

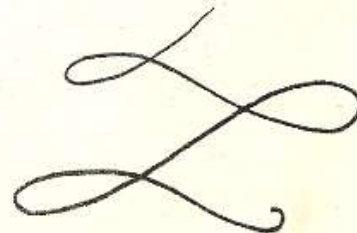
High to near the corner of where the Weber Elementary stands...There were 15-18 boys on the first organized football team...The first organized team lost all its games...Blackie Blackman was the first football coach.

1940 During this period, folks decided it was time to sit down at football games. At a school board meeting on September 26, 1940, a motion was made by Van Nelson and seconded by E.L. Caffall that bleachers be built on one side of the football

field. The cost was not to exceed the sum of \$40.00. Mr. B.C. Banks, superintendent, was allowed to hire a coach and the coach's salary at this period was in the \$1600 range...In 1948 there were only 88 students in high school...When the enrollment finally reached the hundred count, a special celebration was held...The school didn't have a gym or a basketball court...All basketball games were played out of town because Mathis didn't have a gym...When the Mathis cagers took to the court, they played on hard ground...Bonfires were held behind the elementary school... A special board meeting was called to see if the school board would allow the use of a bus to carry the band to Victoria...The board agreed and even voted to supply the driver and buy the gas...A "band master" was to be hired for a ten month term with a salary of \$1500...In 1948 Mathis held the district football championship title.

1950 This is the decade of Mathis' last district championship.

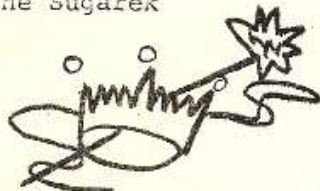
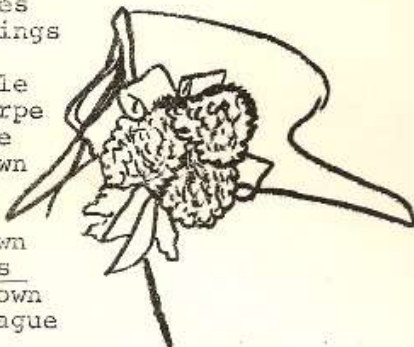
In 1951 we were district co-champs with Ingleside... In '52 16 seniors graduated. This was the last small graduating class. They took their senior trip in one day when they traveled to New Braunfels and San Antonio...Western Day started to replace Play Day in '56...Reeves Brown and Maedene Maedgen were selected as most typically Western dressed...The parade consisted of horses and Mrs. Lola Caffall and Mrs. Howard Salge in a buckboard.



SWEETHEARTS

Since 1949, the Varsity members of the Pirate football team have elected a young lady as their sweetheart to reign as Football Sweetheart. The Lassies were:

1949-Mary Jo Hollon
 1951-Jo Ann Guynes
 1954-Jo Ann Jennings
 1955-Mazie Wren
 1957-Louise Knolle
 1958-Skipper Sharpe
 1959-Kathy Knolle
 1960-Burnley Brown
 1961-Gail Mahony
 1962-Joyce Leber
 1963-Carolyn Brown
 1964-Kathy Holmes
 1965-Charleen Brown
 1966-Carolynn Teague
 1967-Mel Layton
 1968-Deby Porter
 1969-Darlene Sugarek



Through a combined effort the students of MHS have done everything possible to bring spirit to a peak this week for the Homecoming game with Woodsboro. The activities began with class competition. Classes competed by decorating designated parts of the halls, leading spirit walks in the halls, collecting wood for the bonfire and participating at the bonfire. The winner will be selected by anonymous judges and will be awarded the Spirit Stick!

The Student Council "painted the town" Monday and sold green and white "Eagle cookies" Thursday. They will also mark the route the Woodsboro team will take into Mathis Friday with moroon and white streamers to let the eagles know when they are in Pirate territory.

One of the highlights of the week will be the bonfire and coronation of the Football Sweetheart Thursday night. The bonfire will begin at 8:00 p.m. and will be in the high school football parking lot.

BAND



(THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT)

The evolution of the band actually began in 1939 with the aid of Mr. Short. His daughter, Jeanetta, was musically inclined, but Mathis did not have a band. He took it upon himself to organize the students into the band. They did not meet regularly and the instruments were paid for strictly by parents.

The band was interrupted in 1941 by World War II. The next man to raise the baton for the band was Mr. Long. He was hired in 1948, but the band was unable to actually appear until '49 because this set of students did not know how to play their instruments. The Mathis Pirate Band, which was composed of 49 members, made its first appearance in Georgetown at a baseball game. This band used the same uniforms that Mr. Short's band had acquired before the war as new uniforms were not purchased until 1950. Because of the building shortages this band practiced in an old army barrack.

Despite the shortcomings that the first band suffered they were picked "band of the day" when they performed at the University of Texas. Of the 162 bands performing that day, Mathis was awarded a first place award and given a trophy to commemorate the event.



Did you know that our Mrs. Tobin was a Mathis High Football Queen?

Mrs. Tobin received her title in 1949. She wore an off-white formal trimmed with black lace. Charles Rich, football captain, who is now a psychiatrist, presented her with a bouquet of roses.

Mrs. Tobin remarked that she thought the most exciting part of the homecoming activities was the bonfire. She feels that it is symbolic of a joint effort on the students' part which is vital in producing unity.

CONGRATULATIONS to the '72 nominees for Football Sweetheart. They are Diana C. Moreno, Julie Tobin, Gilda Miller, and Mary Longoria.



**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

That Norma Wagnon was the first drum majorette?

That the first football team played in Miller's cow pasture, and that there were no stands and they had to quit when the Miller's found out that the boys had left the gate open and some of the cows got out?

That Tommy Sutherland named the Pirate Pusher in 1931 and won a candy bar for doing so?

That one of the football players during the '30's was nicknamed "Suie" by the football team because he claimed he would commit suicide if his parents would not buy him a car; he took chicken blood and dripped it through his house to intimate to his parents that he had committed suicide.

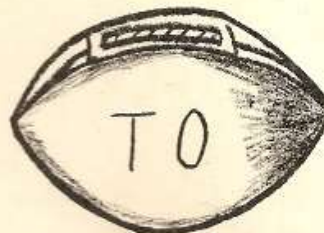


WE APPRECIATE-

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rich of Corpus Christi for being such avid fans of Mathis High School. Mr. Rich coached in Mathis for many years and is remembered with much fondness. Though retired he and his wife support all Mathis Inter-Scholastic League competition such as football, basketball, baseball, and track.

The student body expresses sincere gratitude toward Mr. and Mrs. Rich.

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