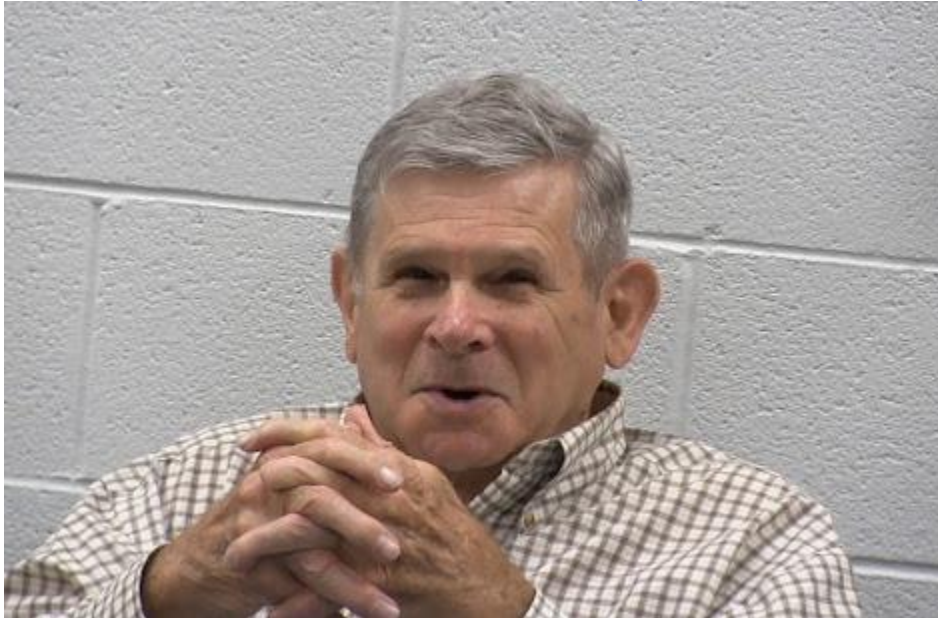


1954 Model High School Class "B" Football State Champions



THE INITIATOR - MR. JACK DICKEY

Mr. Jack Dickey, Executive Board member and current President of the Watters District Council for Historical Preservation and graduate of Model High School commissioned this project in February of 2017 in an effort to bridge the gap between the school, the Shannon community, and history. Mr. Dickey provided the DVD made from the original film of the game that started the project. Jack served as the unofficial CEO of the project, setting meetings, contacting members of the team, and serving as liaison between the community and the school. We at Model High School are very thankful to Mr. Dickey for getting us involved in this project, and for his continued efforts to preserve our local heritage.

"Without The Heritage Of The Past, There's Little Foundation For The Future." ... JD



THE VOICE - MR. RANDY DAVIS

Local radio legend, long-time owner of WLAQ, and member of the Rome - Floyd Sports Hall-of-Fame, Randy Davis lent his incredible knowledge, professionalism, golden voice, and skills to the project. He was involved in the initial planning of the project, and interviewed for the player, coach, cheerleader, and game commentary portions of the project. It was Randy who expanded the original scope of this project by suggesting that we reveal the essence of the 1954 season by interviewing the players and cheerleaders. Randy helped keep the project moving forward at every step of the way.



THE CHEERLEADERS

In early April 2017, four of the original seven Model High School cheerleaders were interviewed by Randy Davis. Present at the meeting were Jack Dickey, Nevin Jones, Bill Hosmer, Austin Wynn, Annelle Garrison Hamilton, Barbara Gray Blankenship, Arlette Dean Drummond, and Doris Duke Keith. The interview resulted in the cheerleaders portion of the film. While the cheerleaders were being interviewed, several of the players from the 1954 team viewed the game film to add details to the play by play analysis used in the final commentary of the championship game.



THE PLAYERS

The players who contributed to the project include: Mr. Bill Crumbley, Mr. J. H. Dyer, Mr. Mody Hamilton, Mr. Pete O' Dillon, Mr. Wayne Shellnut, and Mr. Jerome Webb. Jerome was instrumental in locating the original newspaper articles that served as the basis for "The Season" portion of the project, for verifying information, and for providing "The Game" commentary along with Randy Davis.





THE STUDENTS

Three Model High School students played a large part in the project. Austin Wynn - left (Sophomore at time) helped with technical aspects of audio and video. He setup the XLR microphones and ZOOM recording equipment and manned one of the cameras during interviewing. Jordan Worfford (Class of 2017) helped considerably with synchronizing audio and video assets, editing, and adding transitions using Adobe After Effects. Hunter Hays (Class of 2017) interviewed players for "The Season" portion of the project and assisted in editing "The Season" portion of the project. Hunter also coordinated the play by play game analysis along with Jerome Webb. Hunter and Jordan were both starters on the 2016 Model High School football team.



THE COACHES

Coach Nevin Jones participated in the project and shared a great deal of history about the start of the football program at Model High School in 1945. He also tells of Model's early dominance over Calhoun and about how the Blue Devils were nearly called the "Redskins." Coach Jones coached the Blue Devils during the 1954 season along with Coach N. S. Woodard and Coach Ralph Tuggle. Nevin's brother, Bobby Jones was the starting quarterback for Model in 1954.



THE WIZARD

Mr. William "Bill" Hosmer, also known as "The Wizard of Hoz", served as the Executive Producer for the project. He helped capture and synchronize audio and video files, secured equipment, arranged meetings, researched the 1954 season, captured and organized project assets, scripted "The Season" portion of the project, provided the initial play by play analysis of the game, edited all portions of the project audio and video sequences, backed up files, promoted the project, created the web site, exported and uploaded files and pressed DVD's. Hosmer says, "I'm very pleased that Jack Dickey got us involved with this project. It's been a privilege meeting Blue Devil ladies and gentlemen associated with the 1954 championship football team, and an honor to play a small part in preserving a proud moment in Model Blue Devil heritage."