

FETE BEAR SQUAD WITH A BANQUET

Eighty-Seven Chrisman Football Players Hear Dr. F. C. Allen of K. U. Speak at Auditorium Last Night

"The secret of success is hard work," Dr. F. C. Allen of Kansas University, told the large group of young men present at the 1944 William Chrisman High School football banquet held in the Laurel Club dining room of the L. D. S. Auditorium, Wednesday night.

The banquet honored this year's successful Bear football squad, which chalked up seven victories and one tie out of ten games during the season. In addition to the eighty-seven members of the squad who had worked under Ray French throughout his first season as head coach at Chrisman, many dads of the players and other supporters of Chrisman football were present at the affair.

"There is something in the democratic spirit that makes men fight," Dr. Allen continued. "It is that spirit that is driving the American boys who are smashing forward in the Ruhr and they acquired it on the athletic fields of America."

Dr. Allen also showed how lessons learned in such competition are useful in peacetime activities as well as in time of conflict when he pointed out that "Your mistakes beat you. You learn in athletics not to make mistakes again. This principle applies in business, in society, and in all other activities of life."

Frank W. Rucker presided as toastmaster and presented the guests of honor, which included John W. Luff, president of the Board of Education; W. E. Matthews, superintendent of Independence schools; J. N. Hanthorn, assistant superintendent; Carl D. Gum, Chrisman principal; Homer Clements, superintendent of Jackson County schools, and a number of others.