

**1955 Georgetown Panthers Football Team** were the first State Champions in Onslow County. The team was made up of phenomenal talent like Halfback Roy "Kill" Hurst, Samuel Hines, Quarterback Lander "Red" Green, Adolf "Shaky" Humphrey and Van Fonville. They started the season with many new members to the starting line but this didn't hold them back, because they had only two losses and played with such tenacity that you wouldn't have known they were such a young team. In 1955, they began their season with losing two of their games but came back to win against Trenton 26-0, Edenton 28-0, J.T. Barber 27-13, Beaufort 12-6 and Snow Hill. During their game against Edenton they had one of the most remarkable runs of the season, Odell Fonville ran 70 yards for the score and helped put Georgetown ahead 28-0. They won the District A title by winning over Beaufort on November 8<sup>th</sup> 1955. The game was tied up until the final minutes of the game when halfback Roy Hurst took to the air with a pass to Aldoph Humphrey which was almost intercepted by Beaufort but the ball tipped off his hands and fell into Humphrey which gave the Panthers the win. They began to their trip to the State 2-A Championship with a 34-20 victory over Tarboro which was tied with 8 minutes left in the game. The Panthers were backed up against their own goal line when Hurst got off a short pass to Green who ran the ball 90 yards down the field to put them ahead 27-20. In the closing minutes the Panthers were able to secure another touchdown pass made by Green to Humphrey which brought them the win at 34-20. Then on November 23 they defeated Chapel Hill 33-19 in the Eastern Championship. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> they faced the Western Champion the Jones High Indians at Georgetown High School for the State 2-A Championship. The game was led by Roy Hurst according the Daily News article on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1955 with the combination of quarterback Lander Green and Shake Humphrey. Hurst scored both of the touchdowns and extra points while Sam Hines led the power packed Georgetown line and Bobby Shepard, B.J. Polluck, Captain Brown, Albert Humphrey and John Chadwick led the defense line. Together this team was a powerhouse that couldn't be stopped which earned them the title of State 2-A Champions; the first state champions in Onslow County.