

APPALACHIAN IS INVITED TO HOLD WRESTLING MEET

Coach Robert Watkins Appointed Chairman of Wrestling Division of Athletic Union

Robert "Red" Watkins, wrestling coach of Appalachian, reports that plans are pending for the convention of the American Athletic Union at the college sometime in March. He says that Appalachian State will be the scene of this tournament of Duke, Davidson and Carolina. At present he is working through the president of the association, Mr. W. F. Bailey of High Point, who is helping to make these preparations.

This is especially interesting in that Appalachian is the first school in the Little Six Conference to be invited to act as host to this aggregation of wrestlers. Always before the Big Five has had the honor, last year the meeting being held on the Davidson College campus. However, the president of the union has stated that Appalachian is first in line as host college.

Recent reports from the Associated Press reveal that Coach Watkins has been made chairman of the wrestling division of the A. A. U. This is probably due to the fact that last year his team here was champion to the Southwestern Wrestling championship.

Six championship events will be sponsored by the association, namely: boxing, which will be held in Charlotte; swimming, scheduled for High Point; wrestling, plans pending for Appalachian; and handball and track, the games for which have not been selected.

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political hatchet has been buried at least temporarily. It would be hardly accurate to say that the signs point to another such "era of good feeling" as characterized President Monroe's second administration, but there are many evidences that political differences are being submerged in the effort of all sorts and conditions of men to lend a hand in the complete restoration of prosperity.

The chamber of commerce of the United States has officially called upon its members to co-operate with the administration and congress for recovery. The chamber of commerce has for three years past been the most outspoken and vigorous critic of Mr. Roosevelt's policies. It is the feeling here that the tendency is more to constructive criticism and co-operation than to denunciation and opposition, on the part of many of the important interests which were violently opposing the President before election.

A SALUTE TO WATAUGA

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my thirst from the great spring which is the head of the Yadkin river and before I would complete my task of carrying for some golf player I would drink from the spring which is the head of the great New river, one flowing in one direction, the other in another.

Watauga county is chiefly an agricultural county and as such does not boast of any particular mining activities. We are told that our soil is too rich to contain any minerals and judging from the fat cattle on a "thousand hills," the endless fields of Irish potatoes and the bright acres of cabbage grown by every farmer, one would not dare dispute the assertion. In 1934 there were approximately 2,600 farms, most of which were owned and worked by their owners who lived on their own property. Each year there are from three to four thousand acres of potatoes with a total yield of some 500,000 bushels. There are some 12,000 beef cattle owned by the farmers of Watauga county and around 5,000 cows on the farms. Truck crops, tobacco, feed crops, poultry, sheep raising and all kinds of farming suitable to this section of the country are carried on.

The educational facilities of Boone and Watauga county are an achievement of which we are all justly proud. Under the able and courageous leadership of the Dougherty brothers, who founded a small academy which has grown to an enormous four-year college, training thousands of teachers each year. Starting with two teachers and practically no equipment or financial backing, it not only has a faculty which has received training in 37 leading colleges and universities throughout the country, but it has buildings and equipment running into millions of dollars. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, one of the founders of the school, has been the president for these many years and his ability and tireless effort not only for the college but for the welfare of his people in general, have made his achievements enviable by those throughout the state and country. The outstanding record of the football team has turned the eyes of the nation on this college. Out of eight games played this season, they have scored 294 points to their opponents 23 points. Len Wilson, one of the players, has scored 85 points, the highest score of any player in the south and the sec-

ond highest in the nation to date, according to latest information.

In the process of construction at the present time are four new and thoroughly modern school buildings in the county being constructed of native stone. At Valle Crucis is the Mission School which has been doing outstanding work for girls over a period of years. Watauga county is said to have more students in high school per capita than any other county in North Carolina. At Blowing Rock through the summer months the School of English has established itself as a permanent institution. It is a school for writers and those who wish to do special graduate work through the summer months. It has attracted many famous authors and writers, among them being Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind," Herschel Brickell, literary editor of the New York Evening Post, and many others of note.

There are numerous camps, riding academies and other things of educational value and sport taking place throughout the summer season. A modern hospital plant is being completed in Boone within the near future that will be capable of caring for the sick of this section. Boone and Watauga county are blessed with numerous churches and the inhabitants are considered far above the average in church membership and attendance.

From the cabbage grown on many farms throughout the county is made the famous Watauga sauerkraut which has received wide praise from specialists throughout the nation and is enjoyed by thousands of families far and wide. Also manufactured in Boone are the Daniel Boone rings as well as other native and rustic souvenirs. All the novelties are made from native wood and are shipped to all parts of the country and many other nations. Rustic furniture for the porch and lawn are also manufactured by the Woodcraft Novelty company.

In the remainder of the time left for this discussion of my native county, I would like to remind you of a few of the interesting characteristics and noble achievements in which we feel you might have a special interest. In addition to the beauty and grandeur already mentioned, there is the Grandfather mountain, said by eminent geologists to be the oldest stone formation, dating back, according to their study, to more than two million years. Its rugged sides and abrupt ascent give it the appearance of being an extremely high mountain and until the actual high was determined with relation to the other mountains, it was said to be the highest mountain in North America. It is without question one of the most interesting and important peaks in the whole Appalachian system, because of its unusual rock formations and its wealth of floral display. Another thing of note, that has aroused the curiosity of thousands and has never had a satisfactory explanation of its existence is the famous Brown Mountain light. This is a strange light seen at varied intervals hovering over Brown mountain some 20 miles distant from Blowing Rock. Noted scientists have studied the phenomenon as well as representatives from the National Geographic Society and no one has yet given an explanation that is conclusive as to the cause of the light. It can only be seen from the Blowing Rock section, and is known to have been seen for the past fifty years or longer.

Beautiful estates and summer homes dot the mountain sides. The mountain breezes, the cool streams and the grandeur of the mountains in general make an ideal spot for the lovers of nature. One of the best golf courses in eastern America is found amid the hills and among the mountains only a few hundred yards from the rock itself. The sportsman need not confine his activity to golfing only, but fishing and hunting are at their best among the mountains of Watauga county. One of the five state fish hatcheries is located near Boone and from it come thousands of fish each season to replenish the streams and small lakes.

Watauga county is not without a newspaper of its own. The Watauga Democrat, published in Boone, has been a prominent independent weekly newspaper since 1888. Hand weaving has developed into an industry among the women of the county to such an extent that as far back as President Wilson's administration, some of the hand weaving of Watauga county's most beloved old lady was chosen to adorn the rooms of the White House.

Watauga county has been called a part of the "Lost Province," but if it is so designated today it is either done so in jest or by someone who is unaware of the easy accessibility of this county. Six leading national highways lead out from the county. Numerous buses traverse them daily, and hundreds of travelers from every state in the union travel them annually. The little train from Johnson City comes puffing into Boone each day.

In a word, Watauga county, the land of "Beautiful Rivers," is a land in which we love to dwell, its beauty is unsurpassed, and there is no reason why the great and the would-be great cannot find all in Watauga county that it takes to make a happy and contented place in which to spend one's earthly existence, and to make their final resting place in the mountains that have withstood the

Doughton's Exact Majority is 27,564

The state board of elections Friday completed compilations which showed that Representative John H. Kerr of Warrenton, won re-election to congress by a 20 to 1 majority and that Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia, got the highest vote given a candidate for national representative in the state, 81,059.

The total congressional district vote was 800,884, up 94,000 from 1932, but some 39,000 below the presidential vote for President Roosevelt and Governor Landon.

The vote by districts, the re-elected Democrat being listed first, included:

- Ninth: Robert L. Doughton 69,223; Watt H. Gray, 32,659.
- Tenth: A. L. Bulwinkle, 81,059; Calvin R. Edney, 42,650.

EXPLAINS TWO METHODS TO CURE PORK AT HOME

The many methods of curing pork are mostly variations of the two principal methods: the brine cure and the dry salt cure.

Common salt is the basis of all meat curing, says R. E. Nance, professor of animal husbandry at State College.

Sugar is sometimes added to give a better flavor and to counteract the tendency of the salt to harden the meat. Salt peter may be used also to give the meat a natural red color. It has one preservative effect, too.

In curing pork, be sure that all the animal heat has dissipated and that the meat has not frozen. Do the curing in a cool, well ventilated place and, if possible, in a temperature of 34 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Nance says:

In the brine cure, for each 100 pounds of meat use 12 pounds of salt, two ounces of salt peter, and six gallons of water. Boil the water and allow it to cool. If desired, add three cups of sugar to this formula.

Thoroughly mix the salt, salt peter, and sugar and rub some of the mixture into the hams, shoulders and sides. Pack all meat in the same vessel, skin side down, except the top layer should be skin side up. Weight the meat down with clean hard wood or bricks.

Dissolve the rest of the salt and other ingredients in the six gallons of water, before the water is cooled. After the solution is cool, pour it over the meat in the vessel until all meat is covered. Repack the meat on the seventh and 21st days.

When the meat is cured, wash it first in hot water and then in cold water and hang it in the smokehouse to drip for 24 hours before smoking.

For the dry cure, use for each 100 pounds of meat, eight pounds of salt, three ounces of salt peter, and three pounds of sugar (brown preferred).

Mix the ingredients thoroughly and rub half the mixture on the meat, then pack it as for the brine cure. In seven days repack the meat and rub on the other half. The meat should cure three days for each pound of weight of each piece. Then wash it and hang it in the smokehouse.

Smoke the meat with hickory, oak or corn cobs to suit the taste. If the smokehouse is fly-proof and well ventilated, meat may be left in it until used. Otherwise, it should be wrapped in heavy paper.

WELL MANAGED FLOCKS LAY WELL ALL WINTER

The December and January slump in egg production experienced by most North Carolina poultry flocks cut heavily into the profits that should be made during the winter.

This abnormal slump is not found in good flocks that receive the proper care and management, said C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist at State College.

In making a study of North Carolina flocks, the extension poultry department found reason to believe that much of the slump is due to poor housing conditions and to errors in feeding and management.

Two of the most common mistakes in housing are: failure to provide adequate space for the birds and failure to protect them from cold and drafts, Parrish pointed out.

There should be at least four square feet of floor space for each bird to be housed, he continued. Houses may be kept warm by making them draft-proof, and providing means of closing the fronts on cold days and nights.

The most common mistake in feeding is that of trying to economize, Parrish stated. Many growers feed no mash or only small amounts of mash, with the result that egg production is cut in half.

Birds should be fed liberally on a balanced ration consisting of mash and grains, or on an all-mash ration. Keep the feed before the birds at all times in waste-proof hoppers.

The birds should also have plenty of fresh, warm water. It will also help to give them a supplementary feed of young, tender green feed when this is available.

Another common mistake is that of trying to make inferior birds produce a profitable number of eggs. It just can't be done, Parrish declared. Get rid of cull birds and concentrate on good ones.

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