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FEATHERS NAMED HEAD COACH AT APPALACHIAN

Succeeds R. W. Watkins Who Returns to Teaching Post at Local College; Canipe Retained as Line Mentor in Shake-up of Mountaineer Staff

The athletic council of Appalachian State College last Thursday elected Beattie Feathers, one-time All-American back at the University of Tennessee, as head football coach of the Mountaineers in a shakeup of the coaching staff, and further discussed plans to extend the physical education activities because of the war situation.

Mr. Feathers, who joined the Appalachian staff last February as backfield coach, succeeds R. W. Watkins, who will retire from football coaching to return to full time teaching in the physical education department at the college.

Mr. Watkins became head coach of the Mountaineers in 1940, succeeding Flucie Stewart, who took a job as head mentor at the University of Delaware. During the last two years the Appalachian machine has had lean seasons. Watkins will continue to coach the wrestling team as he has done for the past several years.

It was also announced that Clyde Canipe will be retained as line coach of the football team and will continue to direct the Appalachian basketball squad. Canipe has tutored the Mountaineer quintet in successful seasons since Stewart's departure and the team is now vying for its second consecutive North State conference championship.

Prof. E. E. Garbee, head of the physical education department, will supervise the addition of several new activities in that department.

Coach Feathers announces that spring practice for the grid squad will start late this week regardless of the weather. If inclement weather prevails, as is usually the case this time of year, the squad will take its drills in the college gym. Almost a dozen lettermen of the 1941 squad will be lost and Feathers said that he does not want to lose any time getting things in line for next year. The majority of the gridgers will be lost through graduation, the army and defense jobs.

Feathers is 32 years old. He came to Appalachian after a span as salesman with the Southern Athletic company. He sparkled for the Tennessee Vols in 1931-33, being named All-American in his last year. He played in the National pro football league, 1934-1940 with the Chicago Bears, Brooklyn Dodgers and Green Bay Packers. He coached and played with the Kenocaha, Wis., pro eleven in 1940 before taking his position with the Southern Athletic Company.

The new mentor also played professional baseball with Knoxville in the Southern Association, Jackson, Miss., in the Southeastern League, Palatka, Fla., in the Florida State League, and Pennington Gap in the Appalachian League. Last year he played with Lenoir of the Blue Ridge League and batted .415 to lead the loop.

The new coach states that he plans to make some changes in the Mountaineer system. He will use the "T" formation next year, he said, and will combine plays under the order of the Tennessee system. The team will likely use a balanced line. Eight games have been scheduled for the 1942 grid season, Feathers said. Catawba, Lenoir Rhyne, Western Carolina, Davis-Elkins, Naval Apprentice, King, Elon and High Point have booked games but the complete schedule will not be ready for publication for another month. One or two games with army teams are in the making, he said.

Fair Association Meeting Postponed

The meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Blue Ridge Fair Association has been postponed until Thursday, March 5, at 8 p. m., when it will be held in the Junior Order hall in Boone.

The announcement comes from H. M. Hamilton, president, and Roy Ellison, secretary, of the association, who say that the change in date was made necessary by a conflict with another meeting being held in the county.

Prof. E. E. Garbee and Mrs. Garbee are on the program of the annual convention of the Southeastern section of the American Camping Association meeting at Montreat February 26 through March 1.

Bad News for Japs



Somewhere on the Pacific coast, deep underground in a dugout beside an anti-aircraft battery, U. S. artillerymen pass along shells to serve their gun. These men are anxious to get a crack at the Japs.

FIRST AID CLASS STARTS TUESDAY

Men and Women Eligible to Receive Standard Graduation Certificates

A Red Cross first aid course, sponsored jointly by the Watauga Chapter American Red Cross and the local civilian defense council, will start at the girl's gymnasium, Appalachian College, Monday, March 3, at 7:15. The classes will be held at the same hour on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Thursa Steed will be the instructor and both men and women are asked to take the courses. Twenty hours of instruction is provided, which merits the standard Red Cross first aid certificate. Those desiring to receive the first aid instruction must be there for the first class and participate in each succeeding class to be awarded the certificate. The classes will be held strictly on time, it is said.

Mountaineers, Catamounts To Play Thursday

High Point, Feb. 24—The High Point College Panthers, tourney favorites, will meet the Lenoir Rhyne Mountain Bears in the first round of the second annual North State conference basketball tournament opening here Thursday.

Third-seeded Elon will meet Atlantic Christian in the other top bracket game.

Appalachian State, defending champions and second-seeded, drew Western Carolina Teachers in the second bracket of the first round, and Catawba's Indians will meet the Guilford Quakers in the remaining opening game.

The semi-finals will be played Friday night and the finals Saturday night.

High Point closed the season with 13 wins and one loss in loop contests and Appalachian had a record of 10 wins and three losses.

Sunday School Meet To Be Held Monday

An associational Sunday School meeting for the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held at the Boone Baptist church Monday evening, March 2, at 7 o'clock.

This gathering is being held for the benefit of the Sunday Schools of the entire association, and all superintendents, Sunday School officers, pastors and other interested persons are invited to attend. Sunday School workers from the Baptist State convention will be present and take part in the program.

LULL IN BATTLE CONTINUES ON THE BATAAN FRONT

Washington, Feb. 24—A continued lull in the battle of the Philippines was reported today by the war department which noted, however, that Japanese planes again have shown incendiary bombs behind Gen. Douglas MacArthur's lines in Bataan.

The second successive day of all quiet—most protracted lull this far in the 12-week campaign—was recorded in an army communique which said army and navy forces are prowling the shores of California for the Japanese submarine which shelled an area near Santa Barbara.

Uruguay is the smallest republic in South America, with an area of only 72,153 square miles.

DRIVE TO HELP LOCAL BAND GETS OFF TO GOOD START

Band Boosters Club Reports Raising of \$121.50 in Initial Effort to Provide Adequate Support for Appalachian High School Band

The newly organized Band Boosters Club, under the leadership of Rev. E. F. Troutman, is making a drive for financial aid for the Appalachian High School Band, and although the campaign is just starting \$121.50 of the needed \$500 to \$600 has been paid in.

The money received, it is explained, is to be spent for uniforms, debts contracted last year and new instruments which are too expensive for individuals to purchase. Seven new uniforms are needed to complete uniforming of the band, and these would cost about \$150.00. Debts contracted last year amounted to \$200.00. New instruments which should be added to the band are French horns, which cost around \$150.00 each, and at least two are desired.

The itemized list of money needed at this time for band purposes: Seven new uniforms, \$150; debt to Brodt Music Co., and high school for instruments purchased two years ago, \$200; new instruments, \$150 to \$250. Total funds required \$500 to \$600.

The Contributors	
The initial report of Clyde R. Greene, treasurer of the fund, shows the following contributors:	
J. H. Council	\$ 5.00
W. G. Hartzog	5.00
Clyde R. Greene	5.00
Dr. D. J. Whitener	5.00
Austin E. South	5.00
Dr. Busted	5.00
Mrs. F. E. Warman	5.00
Ralph Greer	1.00
Mrs. Mattie Hardin	1.00
I. T. Barnett	2.50
L. T. Tatum	2.50
Rev. E. F. Troutman	5.00
H. W. Wilcox	2.50
Lee Stout	5.00
Mrs. W. R. Lovell	5.00
Mrs. J. C. McConnell	5.00
Mrs. Elsie Hagaman	2.00
Farmers Hdwe. Co.	50.00
Rob Rivers	5.00
Total	\$121.50

All those interested in the further development and progress of the community's excellent band organization are invited to make their contributions through either of the following organizations: Band Boosters Club, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce.

NAVY REPORTS ELK PARK MAN AMONG MISSING

Elk Park, Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ray of Elk Park, Avery county, received notice Sunday that their son, Pat Ray, has been reported missing while in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country.

The message, received from the navy department in Washington, did not give details other than to say he was reported missing on February 18.

Ray enlisted in the navy about a year ago. He was on furlough at Christmas time and spent several weeks here with his parents. While here he was honored in a program given at Elk Park school where he studied as a boy.

The telegram received by the parents said that if the body is recovered they would be notified.

Many Renewals Being Received Pending Revision of Democrat Mailing Lists

Subscribers to The Democrat are rapidly renewing their subscriptions as a result of the notices sent out last week, and the publisher is grateful for the exceptionally fine response thus far.

However, many have not yet heeded the notices. It is repeated that due to the mounting costs of publication, the county paper will no longer be sent to those whose subscription account remains unpaid. This rule will apply to ALL SUBSCRIBERS and will be enforced impartially.

If you are not among the large number who have already renewed their subscriptions, do so today, so that you won't miss a single issue of your county newspaper. Incidentally, if costs continue to mount, subscription rates must of necessity eventually be advanced. Prompt action will save you from the immediate effect of such an eventuality.

If your subscription notice has been mislaid, look now at the label on your paper. It indicates the expiration date. Renew promptly, for all subscriptions not renewed MUST BE CANCELLED.

TWO SONS . . . TWO GENERALS



Mrs. Madeline Harmon looks the part of a proud mother as she poses with her two sons, both generals serving Uncle Sam. Major General Millard F. Harmon, Jr., chief of air staff, Washington, D. C., is at left, and Brig. Gen. Hubert P. Harmon, commanding general of the gulf coast air corps training center at Randolph Field, Texas, is at the right.

COUNTY VISITED BY HEAVY SNOW

Nine and One-half Inches Falls Tuesday in Heaviest Snowfall of Winter

Boone and the entire mountain region were visited by the winter's heaviest snow Tuesday when nine and one-half inches fell. The snow which began in the early morning hours continued unabated throughout the day, with low temperatures and without wind, but ceased at evening tide.

Shortly after dark a brisk wind arose and drifted the snow to some extent, impeding motor traffic slightly. Wednesday came with moderate temperatures, and town workers and other citizens busied themselves with cleaning the sidewalks.

The snow was general over the state, 25 inches having fallen at Mount Mitchell. Six inches fell in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, and Wilmington was covered with snow by nightfall.

JAP SUB CAUSED LITTLE DAMAGE ON WEST COAST

Santa Barbara, Calif., Feb. 24—The enemy submarine which poured shells into an oil field last night in the first attack upon United States soil in the present war caused damage of only \$500.

Oil field officials estimated the loss today as land, sea and air forces kept sharp vigil for a possible appearance of the undersea craft, described by eye-witnesses as monstrous. The attack occurred during President Roosevelt's fireside war chat. Afterwards the submarine disappeared in the darkness.

GOES TO AIR SERVICE

Paul Lavietes, a partner with his father, Mr. D. P. Lavietes, in the D. & P. Pipe Works, since the establishment of the local enterprise, left Wednesday morning for Atlanta, Ga., where he will enter pilot training with the U. S. naval air service. The D. & P. Pipe Company was host at a going away party for young Mr. Lavietes at the Carolina Cafe Tuesday evening, at which about 40 friends were entertained.

BOONE WINS CLASS 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP

Swept Into Western Class 'B' Finals by Defeating Paw Creek 52 to 39

Appalachian high, one of the state's finest high school teams, swept into the western class "B" finals of the state race by defeating a fighting Paw Creek high quint here last Thursday night by the score of 52 to 39.

Boone will meet the Hanes high team, winner over Bryson City, in the west finals in the Hanes gym in Winston-Salem tonight (Wednesday).

The Wey-coached machine clicked at top speed Thursday night, hitting for a 27-11 lead in the first half. Coach Wey used ten men in the victory.

Beach, Coffey and C. Greene paced the victory parade for Boone, while Underwood, Paw Creek center, was one of the big stars of the battle, finding the range for 20 points in the losing fight for his team. Beach and Coffey scored 12 points each, while Greene followed closely with 10.

Boone moved into a quick lead and had command of things throughout despite a spirited second half rally by Paw Creek.

14 Tires Are Rationed For Number of Vehicles

Following is a list of the truck and automobile owners granted permission to buy tires and tubes, by the local rationing board this week:

- Trucks: Fred Yates, Vilas, 2 tires and 2 tubes, hauling produce.
- T. M. Shore, 1 tube, hauling coal and fertilizer.
- A. B. Hodges, 1 tire and 1 tube, hauling cattle.
- John R. Horton, 2 tires, hauling coal.
- Walter Hampton, 2 tires and 2 tubes, hauling milk.
- Clarence Watson, hauling coal, fertilizer and lime.
- Walter Greene, 2 tires and 2 tubes, repair service.
- Vance Harman, hauling milk.
- Two tires and tubes were approved for W. B. Estes, a U. S. mail carrier.

Plenty of Game Is Reported in County

Walter Edmisten, county game warden, states that hunters of the county enjoyed a most successful season, and that indications are there is plenty of game left for the start of the hunting season next fall.

Mr. Edmisten urges farmers, sportsmen and others to co-operate in the protection of all kinds of game during the closed season, so that the supply may be increased each succeeding year.

933 ARE REGISTERED

The total registration on February 16, under the selective service act, is 933, advices from the local board indicated Wednesday. To the previous figure of 933, 43 have been added, they consisting of persons who are residents of Watauga county, but who complied with the law at other points. The local board expects to get quite a few more of these outside registration cards.

CITY SEWAGE PLANT PLACED IN OPERATION

\$50,000 WPA Project Designed to Serve Town of 6,000 Inhabitants; Carson Keys Construction Engineer on Model Sewage Disposal Project

Boone's new \$50,000 sewage disposal plant was placed in operation last Saturday, and Carson Keys, construction engineer, who has been on the job since it was started in November, 1940, states that the plant will serve the town for many years to come and can easily take care of the needs of a community of 6,000 population.

The disposal plant, which was constructed jointly by the city and the WPA, will be entirely finished with two weeks working time, says Mr. Keys, who explains that a considerable amount of back filling is to be done, and finishing touches to be added here and there to the job.

The plant consists of an Imhoff tank, which has a measurement of 22x45 feet inside and which extends 32 feet and two inches into the ground, only four feet of the structure being above the surface of the ground. The filter beds are 50x80 feet and have a depth of two feet. Both structures are of reinforced concrete.

The disposal plant is located on the Rev. W. L. Trivette farm and is 5,700 feet from the present sewer outlet on Winkler's Creek; 1,786 feet of this distance is of metal pipe on concrete piers.

Project Costs
The plant was to have cost \$50,000, and up to last Friday \$44,542.33 had been expended. According to Mr. Keys, the final cost will be considerably lower than the initial figures. As an indication of the size of the project the following figures will be of interest:

The WPA payroll up to February 20 was \$24,141.41; city payroll \$732.72. Materials furnished by WPA amounted to \$6,327.97; materials by town and equipment rentals, \$13,340.51.

Of further interest is figures indicating the cost of some of the principal items in the construction as taken from the records of Mr. Keys: 502 yards of reinforced concrete were poured at a cost of \$5,416.67; 4,005 yards of earth was excavated for \$5,709.26; 1,598 yards of rock excavation, \$8,399.16; 4,050 feet of 15-inch terra cotta pipe, \$4,456.94; 1,786 feet corrugated metal pipe, \$2,595.40; 38,470 pounds of reinforced steel, \$3,228.10; 22,552 square feet of forms for concrete, \$6,649.18; 13 manholes, \$828.31; cast iron piping and valves, \$914.37.

The sewage plant was built from plans drawn by the WPA, approved by the state board of health, and altered in some instances by Mr. Keys to suit the location. The plant is said to be one of the finest to be constructed anywhere in the state, and is a tribute to the engineering genius of Mr. Keys.

Sewing Room to Be Open Each Week Day

The Red Cross sewing room in Boone is to be open each week day from 1 to 5, to accommodate those who could not sew on the days the room has previously been open. New goods have arrived for spring quotas of garments for war relief, and a number of workers are needed to complete the work before the busy spring season.

Those in charge of the sewing room thank each one who has aided in getting the winter quota finished, but it is still to be borne in mind that the war is still raging and as long as there is war the Red Cross will be called upon for garments to clothe the families who are torn from their homes.

North Carolina Is Allotted 2,077 Rationed Autos

North Carolina will be allowed to sell 2,077 automobiles during the three-month rationing period beginning March 2, the region office of price administration in Richmond announced yesterday.

The quota of the western North Carolina counties follows:
Ashe 6, Avery 3, Buncombe 73, Caldwell 19, Catawba 40, Cherokee 7, Clay 1, Cleveland 35, Graham 1, Haywood 15, Henderson 17, Jackson 4, McDowell 10, Macon 4, Madison 5, Mitchell 4, Polk 5, Rutherford 24, Swain 3, Transylvania 6, Watauga 6, Wilkes 17, and Yancey 3.