

Stevens 'Most Valuable' Player At WTHS; 250 Attend Banquet

Two hundred and fifty persons at the annual Jaycee banquet honoring the 1955 Mountaineers Friday night were the victims of an amusing hoax when the principal speaker was introduced as "Coach Bob Fumble of Siwash College."

After entertaining the audience with gridon exploits of athletes who "do or die for dear old Siwash," the alleged college coach was revealed to be Warren Foster, Coca-Cola executive from Atlanta. He had previously been identified as "a successful coach at a Midwestern university."

In a special presentation, Lawrence B. Leatherwood, county school superintendent and former principal of Hazelwood School, awarded his annual trophy to the Waynesville team's "most valuable" player—J. W. Stevens, outstanding fullback, who has been the Mountaineers' leading ground-gainer for the past three years.

Stevens, who was one of two Waynesville players named on the Blue Ridge Conference all-star team this year, was elected by a vote of his teammates.

Mr. Leatherwood praised the Mountaineers, saying that they have always been known by their opponents as one of the cleanest-playing teams in Western North Carolina.

Head Coach C. E. Weatherby called his 1955 squad "the finest group of boys I have ever worked with" and urged his players to be "proud of your letter and proud of your colors." He then presented letters to:

Co-captains Don Jordan and Harold Clark, J. W. Stevens, Jim Gaddis, Harold Turner, Jim Hall, Richard McHaffey, Richard Messer, Roger Bell, Hugh Grasty, Tom Sparks, Jim Byrd, Bobby Hill, Tony Davis, David Kelly, Carroll Rowland, Jack Lewis, Buster Price, Jerry Nichols, Neal Palmer, Carroll Hooper, Ray Moody, Jerry Dewese, Jimmy Fowler, Bruce Davis, Billy Grasty, Joel Medford, Paul Burress, Billy Moore, David Warren, Sam Lane, Charles Robinson, Wayne Pruett, and Tommy Parris.

Coach Weatherby also had his players stand and introduce their parents.

Line Coach Bruce Jaynes predicted that the 1956 Mountaineers will have a better season, explaining that returns next fall have gotten valuable experience this year, especially against the T-formation.

Junior Varsity Coach Bill Swift disclosed that his Jaycees and ninth graders won five out of six games this year, including three victories over Canton, and one over Brevard and Hendersonville.

The speaker was introduced by the Rev. J. W. Fowler, superintendent of the Lake Junaluske Assembly, who acted as co-master of ceremonies along with Lester Burgin of the Jaycees.

In his remarks, Rev. Fowler quoted the well-known words of the late dean of American sports writ-



J. W. STEVENS, one of North Carolina's top high school backs, was awarded a trophy as the "most outstanding" player on the 1955 Mountaineer football squad Friday night at the Jaycee banquet by Lawrence B. Leatherwood, superintendent of county schools. Stevens, top ground gainer for Waynesville for the past three seasons, was named on the Blue Ridge Conference All-Star team and also will play with the "Midwestern" team against Buncombe County at Asheville Thanksgiving. (Mountaineer Photo).

ers, Grantland Rice, who said:

"When the Great Scorer comes to write against your name,

'It matters not if you won or lost, But how you played the game.'"

In his talk, "Coach Fumble" admitted that his team did not have too good a season and added that the only way his squad could have done worse would have been to play a longer schedule.

He also announced that Siwash will not accept bids to play in the Rose Bowl or other bowls.

"Coach Fumble" related the exploits of his star player, Butch, whom he described as a triple-threat. In one day, Butch threatened (1) to punch the coach in the nose, (2) organize a union, and (3) burn down the stadium.

When Butch finally quit the squad, his uniform was cut up for three other players.

Stressing the educational role of colleges and universities, the coach asserted: "If a man ain't got no culture, he ain't got nothing."

Confiding that he had 75 players on the payroll this year, "Coach Fumble" remarked that Siwash this season has switched from the T-formation to the single wing "without batting an eye—or gaining a yard."

Music at the banquet was provided by the Timber Toppers quartet of Waynesville High School—

Big-Game Hunts Open Today In WNC Forests

Fines Creek, Flat Rock Divide Pair

Fines Creek split two games with Flat Rock of Henderson County Thursday night, both being decided by only two points.

The Flat Rock girls edged the Fines Creek Fillies, 43-41, but the Fines Creek boys came back for a 61-59 victory.

Smith led the Flat Rock girls with 25 points. Ethel Ferguson was high for Fines Creek with 19 points, while Catherine Ferguson added another 14.

Flat Rock led at the half, 20-18. In the boys' game, Fines Creek had to come from behind a 28-21 halftime deficit.

Dale Fish and Charles Haynes sparked Fines Creek with 17 and 16 points, respectively.

After the game, Coach Joe Turner of Fines Creek said his girls' chances of winning were lessened in the third quarter when Catherine Ferguson fouled out.

Concerning the boys' game, Coach Turner called it "the best of the year" and praised the offensive performances of Dale Fish and Charles Haynes. He also lauded Jerry Ferguson for his work in slowing up Flat Rock's high scorer in the second half.

Coach Turner pointed out, however, that his boys' weakness at the foul line against Flat Rock could have cost them the game. The Hornets meshed only 10 fouls in 33 attempts.

Fines Creek's next game will be Wednesday night at home against Valley Springs.

Girls' lineup: (41) Fines Creek Flat Rock (43) F—C. Ferguson (14) Smith (25) F—E. Ferguson (19) Moss F—B. Ferguson (3) Anders (12) G—Perkins Hardin G—Trantham Justice G—Rogers Vaughn

Subs: Fines Creek — Hunter, Price 5, Ledford, Bradshaw, Flat Rock—Lockaby 2, C. Osteen 2, McGaha 2, H. Osteen. Half time score: 20-18, Flat Rock.

Boys' lineup: (61) Fines Creek Flat Rock (59) F—Fish (17) Drake (2) F—Hayes (16) P. Hoxit (6) C—J. Ferguson (8) Ward (19) G—Evans (10) H. Hoxit (24) G—Bramlett (7) Cox (6)

Subs: Fines Creek—Jerry Ferguson 3, Flat Rock—Bell, McCarron, Henderson 2. Half time score: 28-21, Flat Rock.

Officials: Sides and Colagerakis.

Canton Lions To Hear Judge Cathey

Judge Sam Cathey, of Asheville, will address the Canton Lions Club as they meet Tuesday, 7 p.m. Judge Cathey is winner of the Handicapped Man of the Year Award.

Harry Cabe announced that all details of the annual Christmas party for the blind in Haywood are being worked out, and the date will be announced in a few days.

In 1950 Michigan State held Pittsburgh to a minus of 11 yards offensively. The Spartans won 19-0.

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Crabtree-ID Splits With Mills River

Crabtree-Iron Duff split its third game of the new season Friday night in action against Mills River, as the Crabtree girls nosed out the visiting sextet, 49-47, while the Mills River males finished in front 37-25.

In the girls' game, Mills River dominated first-half play and for an edge of 24-14 at the intermission, but a rally by Crabtree saved the night for the Blue Eagles.

Louise Presnell paced the C-ID girls with 24 points, while Cook was tops for Mills River with 18 markers.

Mills River led all the way in the boys' game and was ahead, 16-7, at the half.

McCarson was high for the winners with 15, while Bobby Clark led Crabtree with seven.

made up of Milton Massie, Jimmy Fowler, Joe Walker and George Wilson.

The cafeteria was decorated in gold and black by art students of Mrs. Cowan at WTHS, the meal was served by home ec students of the high school, and prepared by the cafeteria staff, under the direction of Mrs. Rufus Siler.

Bill Burgin was chairman of the Jaycee committee in charge of arrangement for the banquet. Also on the committee were Walter Jones and Arnold Robinson.

North Carolina and Wake Forest have been playing football since 1888 when the Deacons beat N. C., 6-4.

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MOUNTAINEER CO-CAPTAINS Don Jordan and Harold Clark were among eight seniors awarded their final "W" at the annual football banquet Friday night, sponsored by the Jaycees. Jordan will play with the "Midwestern" senior all-stars at Asheville Memorial Stadium Thanksgiving Day, while Clark will perform with North Carolina against South Carolina at the annual Shrine Bowl game at Charlotte. (Mountaineer Photo).

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Episcopal Minister Preaches In New Orleans

The Rev. James Y. Perry, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, was the guest minister at morning service in Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, yesterday.

Mr. Perry will return the week of and will deliver Thanksgiving sermon at the First Church for the union next week.

J. R. BLANTON SELLS ANIMALS
J. R. Blanton of Waynesville recently sold seven purebred, deer-Angus cows to J. M. Meade of Canton.

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